Day 1

Don't Give Up

“God is always on the alert, constantly on the lookout for people who are totally committed to Him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9 MSG)

When God gives you an assignment, you can be sure that issues may arise - delays, difficulties, detours, and dead ends along the way. They are a natural part of life. But you can be ready for them. For example, if anybody had a right to be discouraged, it was Noah. Do you know how long it took Noah to build the ark? 120 years. Could you go 120 years on a project without one word of encouragement from anybody else in society?

Noah trusted God. I bet there were many days that Noah didn't feel like going to work, but for 43,800 days, he went to the same place, and he worked. He never gave up. He heard the Spirit. Don't give up on your dream, either. Don't give up on your marriage. Don't give up on your health. Don't, don't, don't give up. God is in control. You haven't read the final chapter of your life. God's already written it, but you haven't read it yet.

Day 2

Don't Live An Unexamined Life

“Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me, get a clear picture of what I’m about” Psalm 139:23 (MSG)

When you live an unexamined life, it will shows. If disciples of Christ don't grow, it is because they don't make a habit of evaluating their lives. I realised a long time ago, that, I was always on the go, never looking deeply inside. I never did the kind of reflection that leads to growth, and I was paying the price, by committing the same sins over and over, living with the same heavy load of guilt. So I made a difficult decision: I decided that each day I would try to honestly assess my soul's condition. I would look inside myself and write down what I saw. There are key benefits to keeping a spiritual diary of your walk with God that you can't get any other way. It helps you get closer to God, it helps you trust God the more. The list is endless.

Day 3
Wait On God, Period!!

“And the Master, God, stays right there and helps me, so I’m not disgraced. Therefore I set my face like flint, confident that I’ll never regret this.” Isaiah 50:7 (MSG)

When you pray, expect to hear from God. it cannot be said in any way simpler than that. Expect that God will answer your prayers. This is where faith comes in. You wait expectantly on God. Waiting on God is never a waste of time. In fact, it is time well invested in your life. It keeps you to trust and focused on God. One reason you may not hear God speak to you is that you don’t wait long enough. He wants you to care enough to listen. Learn to hear The Spirit, it pays a lot of dividends at the end..

Day 4

God’s Compassion Is Endless

“God’s loyal love couldn’t have run dried up, They’re created new every morning. How great your faithfulness” Lamentations 3:22–23 (MSG)

God supplies more and more and more of his love today, tomorrow, and forever. The prophet Jeremiah says God’s merciful love never fails. His love is like a bottomless cup of coffee served fresh every morning. Since God’s compassion is created fresh every morning, you will never reach a point where His love runs out. This means you can never blow it so bad that God will abandon you. He is the God-of-second-chance. If you are uncertain that God can (or has) forgiven you for things you did in the past, ask him to help you replace your fears with faith. He will respond.

Day 5

Trusting God Is Good For Your Health

“I said to myself, “relax and rest, God has showered you with blessings” Psalm 116:7 (MSG)

God has given you the gift of your body, and it comes with an owner’s manual — the Bible. In it are all the instructions you need to take care of yourself and live a long life. You already know the basics: proper nutrition, exercise, a good night’s rest. Let us look at the first of some health factors you may not have thought of for living long and well. Trusting God is good for your health. “Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don’t try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He’s the one who will keep you on track” Proverbs 3:5-6 (MSG). Why is trusting in God good for your health? Because when you trust him, you don’t worry. And when you don’t worry, stress is greatly reduced and your life cycle is greatly enhanced too.

Day 6
Effective Leadership

“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourself cared for” Matt. 5:7 (MSG)

A cartoon shows an executive sitting forlornly behind a big desk. Standing meekly on the other side of the desk is a man dressed in work clothes who says, ‘If it's any comfort to you, it's lonely at the bottom too.’ The truth is, you'll meet lonely people at the top, on the bottom, and in the middle. Loneliness is not a positional problem, it’s a relational one. The Bible says, ‘Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family’ Proverbs 18:24 (MSG). The saying, ‘It's lonely at the top,’ was never made by a great leader. Stop for a moment and think about that. If you're all alone, nobody is following you. And if nobody is following you, you're not really leading. What kind of leader would leave everyone behind? An ineffective one. An insecure one. A dysfunctional one. Effective leadership is about lifting people, not elevating yourself. And to lift people you must get close to them.

Day 7

Playing The Lesser Part

“Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead” Philippians 2:3

Being a believer in Jesus compels us to stop being selfish and self-centered. The ideal is to want to push your way all to the front. However, Jesus asks that you consider others too. Consider them to the point of helping them get along for ‘free’ - no conditions, no demands, no strings-attached. Just because, God wants you to. There are always opportunity to give help. Do your best to be a partner with God in helping others get ahead.

Day 8

Only Jesus Can Do It

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life.” (Matthew 11:28 MSG)

Do you remember the Parable of the Lost Coin that Jesus shares in Luke 15? The woman has 10 coins; she loses one and turns the house upside down to find the missing coin. That’s what Jesus came to do for you and I. Whether you’ve lost your confidence, your hope, your reputation, or your innocence recently, Jesus came to earth as a little baby so He could recover you like that woman recovered her coin. “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life” (Matthew 11:28 MSG). Only Jesus can do that. You can’t depend on the government, your family, or yourself to recover what you’ve lost. Your saviour can’t be the person we put in the White House. Your Saviour is who we put on the cross. Never look to anyone else for your recovery other than Jesus.
Day 9

Its About Jesus, Not You

“....This work had been done with the help of our God” Nehemiah 6:16 (NIV)

On November 8, 2015, Nigeria won Soccer’s FIFA U17 World Cup held in Chile. It was jubilations all over the nation of Nigeria. Many citizens attributed the feat to the skills of the players and their coaches. However, the Captain of the side, told the whole world that, “God did it for us” What a declaration? Now meet another team player, Nehemiah, the king's royal cup bearer. When he heard about Jerusalem's broken-down walls, he set aside his own problems and focused on the nation’s. Nehemiah was so burdened for the city where his forefathers were buried that he '....wept...mourned...and prayed before...God...' (Nehemiah 1:4 NIV). He remembered his roots, and reminded God of His covenant with His people by, in essence, praying: God honoured Nehemiah's prayers and Jerusalem's walls were rebuilt in fifty-two days, causing the enemy nations who heard to lose 'their self-confidence, because they realised this work had been done with the help of our God'. The question is, do they know who you are following? And that it's about Him and not you?

Day 10

Defensive Praise

“He laid hands on her and suddenly she was standing straight and tall, giving glory to God” Luke 13:13 (MSG)

One day Jesus healed a woman in the synagogue who'd been crippled for 18 years. As a result, two things happened: First, she rejoiced like anybody would who'd been set free from an 18 year illness. Second, some church folks condemned Jesus for healing her on the Sabbath day. What a scene; while she was glorifying God over here, they were arguing the fine points of doctrine over there. So what did she do? She just kept praising God! She didn't stop to explain herself or try to convince her critics, because she knew their minds were already made up and weren't open to change. You don't have to defend yourself because the Lord is your defender. Plus, when you've been through difficult times you can't afford to mess around with people's moods and attitudes. If you do, your defensiveness can make you vulnerable to the enemy. This woman protected herself by entering into defensive praise, and you must do that too!

Day 11

God Turns Failure Into Success

“...... But if you say so, I'll let out the nets....” Luke 5:5 (MSG)

Jesus said to Simon: "Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch" Simon answered, "Master, we've been fishing all night and haven't caught a minnow. But if you say so,....." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their
nets began to break' (4-6 MSG). Notice two principles in this story: 1) God will use failure to get your attention. Peter was tired, empty-handed and disappointed when Jesus spoke to him. And He will speak to you through a rocky marriage, a child you're about to give up on, or a job that seems too hard. He doesn't want you to run from your problems, He wants you to learn from them; to discover the difference He can make in your situation when you invite Him into it. 2) God can take you back to the place of failure and give you success. We assume that because we weren't successful at something, it wasn't God's will. But often the truth is that we failed because we relied on our own strength instead of His. God's only limited by your unbelief. When you obey Him, you'll discover He has a level of abundance in mind that will exceed all your expectations.

Day 12

Unhealthy Comparison 1

“We each carried out our servant assignment. I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plants, but God made you grow” 1 Corinthians 3:6 (MSG)

Unhealthy comparison is a sign of spiritual immaturity. Understanding your gifts and your God-given purpose frees you from the need to measure yourself by the runner in the next lane, or someone playing a different position on the team. When you understand this, your sense of inadequacy will be healed and you'll be able to enjoy and complement others. You'll also be able to help liberate your children from sibling rivalry and show them that success is not about being like somebody else, but about being the best you can be, and all God made you to be.

Day 13

Unhealthy Comparison 2

“God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit” ! Corinthians 12:4 (MSG)

No matter how good you are, you'll never be good at being somebody else. Don't fall into the trap of trying to live up to the reputation of another person. The new husband says to his wife, 'My mother makes better fried chicken than this.' The wife retorts, 'Then tell your mother to come over here and cook you some.' If you want your wife to shine in the kitchen, compliment her. Don't compare her with somebody else. Unhealthy comparisons hurt relationships! When you understand who you are and what God created you to be—being yourself brings glory to God! You can say, 'Lord, I'm thankful for who You made me; I've finished complaining or wishing I could be somebody else.'

Day 14

Fulfilling Your Vows
“When you tell God you’ll do something, do it - now. God takes no pleasure in foolish gabble. Vow it, then do it” Ecclesiastes 5:4 (MSG)

Have you ever had a business relationship with someone who made a commitment but later said, "Well, things changed, so I cannot honor our original agreement." Sometimes this may be the case, but often it is simply an opportunity to avoid fulfilling an agreement. God is big on fulfilling vows. God's nature is righteousness and truth. You will always see God honor His Word. He expects the same of His people. God says there are consequences when we do not fulfill our vows. It can be very dangerous to make vows to God and fail to fulfill it. You might just be shooting yourself in the leg and the consequences can be grave. Keep your promise to God TODAY.

Day 15

Giving is An Investment, Not An Expense

“Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop” 2 Corinthians 9:6 (MSG)

God often compares giving to sowing seeds. Like a farmer, if you go out and sow a bunch of seeds, you'll get a bunch of plants. If you only sow a few seeds, you'll only get a few plants. And if you sow no seeds, you'll get no plants. No farmer considers sowing seeds an expense. He sees it as an investment. He knows that if you don't buy seed, you won't have a farm. Here are three things the Bible says about sowing and reaping: 1. Whatever you sow, you are going to reap. 2. You will reap more than you sow every time. 3. You always reap in a different season than you sowed. As a Chartered Professional Accountant, I understand the principles of debit and credit. Give to God and credit you account in heaven.

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