Monday
Prayer at Work

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (Jer 33:3-4).

I run a firm of chartered accountants and consultants. At the beginning of every year, just like every other business does, we sit to set an agenda for the new year. By agenda we mean, we set out our plans for the year. As you very much know, there is no individual or business that does not want to achieve a movement from where they are at the beginning of the year to where they want to be at the end.

One sure way of achieving such an agenda is to involve God. God knows the beginning from the end, and the end from the beginning. Today’s Scripture clearly proclaims the willingness of God to reveal Himself to us if we ask Him. He knows what we need and He can deliver same to us. Ask Him and see for yourself, that the Lord is good.

Tuesday
The Need To Forgive

“The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.” (Matthew 18:27 NIV)

Many folks find it very difficult to forgive when offended. Hurt can be very painful, especially, if committed by trusted allies and family members. When a spouse betrays the trust of the other partner, it can be very devastating - like committing adultery. A number of believers have also been duped or defrauded by supposed believers too and it hurts.

God’s Word gives us three reasons why we have to let go of our hurt and resentment and forgive. We’ve got to release it instead of rehearsing it. a) God forgives you - Jesus took your rap. He paid for your jail time and sin. b) Resentment is self-torture - It is a self-inflicted wound. Whenever you’re resentful, it always hurts you more than the person you’re bitter against. c) You need forgiveness every day - Bible teaches very clearly that we cannot receive what we are unwilling to give. Do you want to be forgiven? Then learn to forgive others too.
Wednesday
You Can Approach God With Confidence

'...The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom...' Matthew 27:51

Many things have changed since the days of the old testament. in those days, only the High Priests is allowed to enter into the Holy of Holies. When Jesus came to set us free, all the inhibitions and limitations were completely removed. You can now pray directly to God. You do not necessarily need to go through any other party to reach God. When Jesus died, the curtain of the temple was split into two.

Are there limits to what can prevent you from coming into His presence? The answer is yes. Sin - God is too holy to behold sin. If your life is not right, you cannot approach Him, Many market place believers still don’t live right. A little compromise here, a little compromise there. If you fulfil all righteousness, then you can approach God with confidence.

Thursday
You Have More Value Than Sparrows

'...Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.' Luke 12:7

In teaching us how to live, Jesus used sparrows to illustrate His point. A worthless sparrow. 'Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God...Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows' (vv. 6-7 NKJV). In Christ's day they didn't sell hamburgers, they sold sparrows on a stick that had been roasted over a fire. That meant it was worthless.

What was Christ saying? You are valuable in God's eyes. Do you feel like if you weren't around nobody would miss you; like your life means nothing? You'd be surprised how many people, even high-profile ones, struggle with a sense of inferiority and inadequacy. When God called Jeremiah to be a prophet, he explained to God that he was afraid of people. You are more valuable than sparrows.

Friday
The Power of Serving Others

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms (1 Peter 4:9-11).*

There are some Kingdom principle that a lot of believers really do not understand.
One of such principles is the subject of today’s Scripture. It needs to be proclaimed loud and clear. When God anoints a man with a special gift, it is for him to use such gifts to bless others. Do not misunderstand me please, that gift is yours and even though you will use it to bless other people, it still remains yours nonetheless.

Bazalel and Oholiab were specially anointed of the Lord to craft special materials for the building of the Temple of the Lord. It was special anointing. What skill or gift do you possess? Be reminded that it is to bless other. This will bring glory to God and help proclaim the Lord to the world.

Saturday
Be An Overcomer

"How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?" (Ps 13:1-2).

Jesus told His disciples and us that we should not let our hearts to be troubled. There are lots of circumstances today that will trouble a man’s heart - business, family, financial, politics, etc. They abound and are limitless. The world is full of all manner of challenges, some man-made, others, self-inflicted. Such situations brings about a state of despair if it lingers for a fairly long time.

King David lived a life full of extreme highs and extreme lows. He was a shepherd, a political leader, a builder, a prophet, a businessman, a warrior, a lover, a giver, a murderer and a worshiper. In each of these roles he achieved things for God but he also failed God on many occasions. He was the author of today’s Scripture. He was in despair here, but he didn’t linger there, God help him and he moved on. You too will move on if you don’t despair for too long.

Sunday
Give Jesus Your Best At Christmas

“They bowed down and worshiped him. They opened their gifts and gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11 NCV)

Christmas has become a money spinning celebrations for many people all over the world. The commercialization knows no bounds and care isn’t taken, the very meaning of Christmas can become lost in the euphoria of celebrations. Many a people celebrate Christmas without knowing the birthday boy - King Jesus. They therefore do not present Him with any gift.

The best any follower of Christ can bring to Him at Christmas is lots of souls. God wants a family more than anything else this Christmas. He wants children who choose to love and trust Him. It is
the primary reason we celebrate Christmas. Invite someone to Jesus this Christmas. Tell someone about what Jesus has done in your life. Jesus will be delighted with you. So tell Jesus “happy birthday” this Christmas. Give him your best.