Monday
A Spiritual Checkup

'He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the spirit...' Romans 8:27

Doing a spiritual checkup means examining things like:
1) Priorities. 'Seek first the kingdom of God...and all these things shall be added to you' Do you submit your schedule to God for His approval? Does your cheque book show that He is first in your financial decisions?
2) Value - Do you love what God loves and hate what God hates?
3) Sacrifice - Are you fully surrendered to God? Is there anything you value more than Him?

If there is, pray: 'Father, forgive me for taking back control of my life. I come before You surrendering, repenting and asking You to cleanse me. Renew me and fill me with Your Spirit. I renounce my selfish ways and make You Lord of my life. You said that You would rather I was hot or cold, but not lukewarm. Light a fire in me today that will burn so brightly, others will be drawn to You.' Amen.

Tuesday
Complacent or Committed?

'Daniel purposed in his heart...' Daniel 1:8

The Bible says, 'Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself ......' Daniel had settled the issue, before the challenge arose. Joseph had also decided his values; therefore he was able to say no to Potiphar's wife. The three Hebrew children already knew what they were going to do, fiery furnace or not: '...Our God...is able to deliver us...and He will...But if not...we do not serve your gods...' (Daniel 3:17-18 NKJV).

What do you believe about God? If you think He might fail you, you'll never totally commit yourself to Him. Commitment grows! You can't make big commitments until you've first made small ones. The three Hebrew children first said no to the king's food; later they were able to say no to worshipping his idols. You don't get that kind of faith suddenly. Are you building up your faith now?
**Wednesday**

**Secret Place**

*I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.*  
*Isa 45:3.*

Bible teacher F. B. Meyer once observed, "Whenever you get into a prison of circumstances, be on watch. Prisons are rare places for seeing things. It was in prison that Bunyan saw his wondrous allegory and Paul met the Lord and John looked through heaven's open door and Joseph saw God's mercy. God has no chance to show His mercy to some of us except when we are in some distressing sorrow. The night is the time to see the stars."

Do you have a secret place or rather, in whom is your secret place stored? Everybody must have a secret place that is their source of strength. Some have their secret place in Satan through all kinds of secret cults, Fake Churches, etc. The secret place is usually the place of power. But the real question to you and I, is where is your source of strength? Where is your secret place?

**Thursday**

**Your Work Is Ministry**

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*  
*Col 3:23-25.*

Our Scripture of today clearly state that whatsoever we are doing must be done for God. Thus, your work and my works are ministries to us. "How can you say that if you're not sharing the gospel in that job? You would have to be actively sharing your faith for it to be construed as ministry," some may argue. When you are serving others even through your regular (secular) (i hate to use that word as nothing really is secular, everything about a believer is spiritual) work and do it with a motive to glorify God, that's why it is ministry.

There must always be a right motive and there must always be the right commitment. Joseph was a house help in Egypt, but he saw himself as working for God. Daniel served many kings in babylon, but each of his service was to God Almighty. The beauty of it is that as a workplace believer, you have a wider platform to reach the unsaved much more a Pastor would in his daily routine. Your work is your ministry.

**Friday**

**Jesus Was A Workplace Minister**

"Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.  
*Mark 6:3.*
In 2005, a movie entitled The Passion was released that chronicled the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. During a flashback scene, Jesus was seen in his carpentry shop making a table with his mother standing by playfully observing. It was a very beautiful scene that reminds us that Jesus was a carpenter for most of his adult life. In fact, Jesus was more qualified to be a carpenter than the Son of God in the eyes of the people because that is the history they knew of this young working class man from Nazareth.

Consider that in the New Testament of Jesus' 132 public appearances, 122 were in the marketplace. Of 52 parables Jesus told, 45 had a workplace context. Of 40 miracles in the book of Acts, 39 were in the marketplace. Jesus spent his adult life as a carpenter until age 30 before he went into a preaching ministry in the workplace. And, 54% of Jesus' reported teaching ministry arose out of issues posed by others in the scope of daily life experience. Don’t be ashamed, you are a workplace believer

Saturday
'I Am Not Ashamed'

'I am not ashamed of the gospel...' Romans 1:16

As a follower of Christ you can also say, 'I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...' Our gospel is not education or sophistication, but salvation. It's not reformation or rehabilitation, but redemption from the penalty and the power of sin. The Bible says, 'If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new' (2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV).

This is not the old car with a new set of plugs, points and a carburettor; it's a brand new model. Notice the words, 'To everyone that believeth.' By placing your trust in Christ you are forgiven from all sin, clothed in Christ's righteousness, made fully acceptable in God's sight, and qualified for heaven. You ask, 'How long does a prayer for salvation have to be?' The thief on the cross prayed only nine words: '...Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom' (Luke 23:42 NKJV). We should not be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sunday
2 Corinthians  5:7  “We live by faith, not by sight.”

Too often we allow our worldly circumstances to dictate our reactions to everyday life moments. Scripture teaches us to be in the Spirit and allow our faith in God to control our circumstances. Let us be in prayer today, asking the Holy Spirit to guide our thought processes and help us to react to our circumstances in a Godly fashion, having faith that goodness will result in our actions.