#### **Prayer and Fasting Manifest Breakthroughs!**

**Text: James 1:21 NLT** So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

**2 Timothy 2:15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Introduction: The Word of God empowers your faith to fulfill God's purpose on Earth. Now is the time to Work the Works of God!

- John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
- 1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
- 1. Use your faith
- Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.\_<sup>23</sup> For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

  <sup>24</sup> Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.
- 2. Stop the enemy in Jesus' Name

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. <sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Mark 9:29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

## 2. Pray and Fast

Matthew 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. -the Lord's Prayer – (Read and study Jesus' teaching v7 – v16)

• Prayer

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I have chosen?

### **Spiritual Warfare:**

Isaiah 58:6-14

- 1. To loose the bands of wickedness,
- 2. To undo the heavy burdens, and

But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; <sup>18</sup> That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

- 3. To let the oppressed go free, and
- 4. That ye break every yoke?

## Serving those in need:

- 5. Deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou
- 6. Bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?
- 7. When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and

## Serve your family:

8. That thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? (Don't hide from your family)

<sup>8</sup> Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward. <sup>9</sup> **Then shalt thou call**, and the LORD shall answer; **thou shalt cry**, and he shall say, Here I am.

## Chill the attitude and remove vanity:

- 9. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke,
- 10. The putting forth of the finger, and
- 11. Speaking vanity;

# **Pour out yourself to others:**

- 12. 10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and
- 13. Satisfy the afflicted soul;

then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: <sup>11</sup> And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. <sup>12</sup> And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell

### **Daily please God:**

14. <sup>13</sup> If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, (EVERY DAY IS HOLY UNTO THE LORD)

### Don't live life your way:

- 15. Not doing thine own ways,
- 16. Nor finding thine own pleasure,
- 17. Nor speaking thine own words:

Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

## 3. Prove God's Will

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

### Worship God through your First-Fruits, Tithes and Offerings: Prove God with your tithes –

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. <sup>11</sup> And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup> And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Is it not to