

Just Do what God said to do and Live in Health and Victory, ***because you won't if you don't!***

3 John 2: Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. This is God's will and desire for each one of His children: that they prosper financially and be in health physically and emotionally, as well as grow and develop spiritually.

You'll want to get this established in your heart, because the devil is always going to try to attack you in the areas of your finances and your health as long as you're on this earth. If you're prosperous and in good health, he will always try to take your health and prosperity away from you. If you are struggling financially and/or are in ill health, Satan will always do everything he can to keep you from receiving your prosperity and/or healing.

So, if we're going to prosper and have good health, we must settle it in our hearts that this is God's will for us, and ***then maintain*** that confidence and assurance by ***daily feeding on the Word of God.***

Matthew 4:4: ...It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Joshua 1:8: This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

You want to spend at least an ***hour a day in God's Word***. We probably spend at least that much time every day feeding our bodies and eating food without even thinking about it! But when it comes to feeding our faith on God's Word, the devil is going to do everything he can to run interference. In order for Satan to succeed in our life, he has to isolate us from the Word.

You're not going to become spiritually strong by attending church. That in itself is not going to be enough.

You're not going to become spiritually strong by making a few faith confessions in the morning, thinking that's going to get you through the whole day. If all you ever ate was a bagel with cream cheese in the morning, would you expect to go on the strength of that all day long? No responsible parent would expect *that* of their children!

You've got to start the day out with the Word, then put time in the Word during the day and then, put more time in before going to bed.

In Luke 10:38-42, we have the story of Mary and Martha:

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came

to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, **Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.**

An indication that you're not putting enough time in the Word is that you're acting like Martha: you're becoming overwhelmed by the cares of this life. And trying to get by with just snacking on the Word is not going to be enough to make you strong spiritually, because it takes quality time in the Word every day.

Jesus said in Mark 4:14-20:

The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive *it*, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

Satan's job is to keep you away from the Word and to get you offended, so what little time you're putting in the Word becomes insignificant. Don't deceive yourself. Putting quality time in the Word every day is going to make you a much more effective Christian. It is not enough just to watch television preachers and listen to faith teaching CD's. You're going to have to open up your Bible and start reading it. There are many promises that you come across as you spend time in God's Word.

Proverbs 4:20-22: My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Notice that the scripture says, God's Word is **LIFE** to those that **FIND** them. Getting into the Word of God for yourself is like digging for gold. The Holy Spirit is your teacher and He'll illuminate verses of scripture to you as you're reading the Word. So, every day read healing scriptures, prosperity scriptures, love scriptures, fear scriptures and scriptures about putting the flesh under- ***read all of them out loud to yourself.***

Find a scripture that covers a problem that you're experiencing and keep saying that scripture to yourself out loud. When you go to bed at night, keep quoting it to yourself out loud as you fall asleep. Make your flesh do these things, and don't allow it to take the easy way out. Don't leave the responsibility of your spiritual life up to your flesh and your carnal mind. You're not going to feel like reading the Bible most of the time, but don't be spiritually lazy. Satan has killed many Christians, and has robbed others of their health, and their finances all because they were slothful. Laziness is a killer.

When the thought comes to you "You don't have to read your Bible today," or "You don't have to read these healing scriptures out loud," that's not the Holy Spirit telling you that. It's a demon spirit. **Make yourself do what you don't feel like doing!** Flesh is not going to want to tithe. It doesn't want to give. It doesn't want to worship God. Just don't let your flesh have its way.

The apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:27: **But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection...**

Acts 24:16: And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

Acts 20:24: But none of these things move me...

q A mature Christian doesn't let their flesh have its way.

q A mature Christian refuses to get offended at God or people.

q And, a mature Christian isn't moved by the present circumstances.

It is important to get to the place that you are unmovable, that you're not ignorant of Satan's devices, and that you are resisting the temptation of not putting any quality time in the Word of God each day. The more time you put in the Word, the more you are going to get out of the Word. Get addicted to God's Word, so you won't be addicted to anything else.

Ephesians 6:10: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

1 Peter 5:8,9: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith...

Proverbs 18:14 AMP: The strong spirit of a man sustains him in bodily pain or trouble, but a weak and broken spirit who can raise up or bear?

Remember this: It's always going to be Satan that tells you, "You don't need to read scriptures today. You spent a lot of time in the Word yesterday."

You can never allow your spiritman to become weak, so put time in the Word every day. You're going to be glad you did this. The greatest investment you could ever make is to get into the Word so you can feed your spiritman. You want your spiritman strong so you can resist Satan and his attacks. There is nothing you cannot overcome in life if you fill your heart with God's Word. Take advantage of the Bible God gave you and use it day and night. Go to bed meditating on the Word and get up speaking the Word.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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