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IN YOUR MARRIAGE AND BUSINESS



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In the Journey of life I observed that a lot of people need encouragement to overcome storms of life. I receive numerous emails from people around the world who are facing all kinds of problems or struggle. Hard times, health, loss of a job, divorce, abuse, financial burdens…the list is endless when it comes to personal struggle. It is a false teaching that claims that when you become a Christian you will never have upset in your life.

Jesus had upset in His life: temptation, loss, persecution and suffering the likes I can't comprehend at the hands of his tormentors leading up to and including His being nailed to a cross. He never promised that life would be easy for us, but He gave us His promises in scripture to help us when we struggle, whatever the struggles we face may be. I pray that these verses will truly encourage you as you face the challenges of life.

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Bible Verses and Prayers To Encourage You As You Face The Battle of Life

Psalm 23:1-6 (KJV) “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever

1 John 4:4 “You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them,

because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

Romans 5:3-5 " Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

Romans 8:18 "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

Psalm 27:1 – 3 "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident."

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Prayers To Encourage You As you Face The Battle of Life

Lord Eliminate the Spirit of always wanting to Give Up my Life in the Name of Jesus.

Give me a fresh breeze of release to lighten my load in Jesus Name.

Send the right people in my life to be a source of love, guidance and new opportunities.

Teach me your way and your will in Jesus Name

Speak to me Lord in a way that I would understand and obey in Jesus Name.

If nobody else in the whole world seems to care or believe in me, let me believe in myself. I know there will be times when I doubt my own ability, I will be discouraged, on the verge of despair. Don't let me give up, hang on to me. Fan the fires of my faith so that I will try even harder. Give me even more faith in myself in Jesus Name.

I come boldly before your throne of grace. Your word says that you give strength to the weary, so I ask that You would strengthen me Lord, for I am weary. Bless me Lord with Your presence, that my heart might be encouraged. Help me remember Your faithfulness and Your love that I might stand in faith against the issues that face me.

Overcome the Storms of Life in Marriage in 15 Easy Steps

Storm of life is real in married life. There is no successful marriage without a story of overcome challenges. The main issue is how to overcome these challenges of life. This article tells how to deal with these storms of life in marital life.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee – Isaiah 43:2 (KJV)

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it – 1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV)

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world – John 16:33 (KJV)

Every marriage has its peculiar storm of life, which is obvious or hidden to the public, yet a torment to the victims of it. This includes infertility or financial hardship, disabled or sickly children or spouse, infidelity, extended family disputes, immaturity or irresponsibility, *etc.* Whatever is the case, there is a solution to it. Surely, you can overcome that challenge in your marriage!

How to overcome the storms of life in your married life

1. Acknowledge that challenges of life are real in marital life

Your knowledge of this truth will prepare you mentally, spiritually and even bodily. It will determine your thoughts, words and actions. Being ignorant

of the high probability of these challenges is to prepare for a possible total breakdown in your marriage.

2. Fortify yourselves with the word of God

The scriptures within you will build a hedge of protection around you and your marriage, preventing some attacks from the enemy. Also, the word of the Lord will fortify you wholly, preparing you against any knock out from the storms of life. Remember, if you faint in the days of adversity in your married life, it means your strength is small.

3. Acknowledge that storm of life is common to man

This is a vital step to overcome marital life challenges. What is common was defeated many times and will be defeated again many more times. Your case is not different. But when you see it as being peculiar only to you, then you will make a mountain out of an ant hill of a challenge. On the other hand, seeing it as being common energizes you to overcome like others before you.

4. Blame no one

Looking for whom to blame will not solve that issue; instead it will further compound it. The attitude of blaming you or your spouse gives birth to anger, hatred, depression, unforgiveness, untrained children etc., and eventually separation or divorce. No matter how much your flesh desires to blame someone for the storm of life, don't give in to it.

5. Meditate consistently on scriptures related to the challenge

Meditation keeps the word of God before you and equips you with the weapon of warfare with which to fight every doubt or fear. Consistent meditation keeps you permanently above that storm till it ceases.

6. Declare the scriptures to one another and pray them

Faith comes by hearing the word of God. So, the more both of you hear it, the more your faith gets built up and your individual strength gets renewed. When one is growing weak and desires to give up, the other will uphold him. Also pray the scriptures because God only listens for His word. We are to put Him in remembrance of His word when we pray.

7. Declare the scriptures to that challenge and every wind of doubt

You will always have what you say. The storms of life and doubt have ears and will only disappear when you command them to do so according to the word of God. It is also a proof of your faith in God and His word.

8. Refuse to listen to any comment contrary to God's word.

The enemy will test the strength of the word of the Lord within you through

people; even people with good intentions will be used. Your response to their comments will determine the intensity and duration of the storm. Also, the enemy will try to steal the word in you because it is a weapon that will destroy his power over you and give you victory.

9. Call yourselves names that emphasize the victory you would want to see

God changed Abram's name to Abraham to reflect His plan to make him father of many nation. Also Jacob's name was changed to Israel to reflect his new status with God. You have to call those things that be not as though they were for them to be. For example if the issue is barrenness, call one another daddy and mummy.

10. Listen for God's direction on what next to do

The Alpha and Omega knows the end from the beginning; he sees beyond what your eyes can see and has the solution to those challenges of life. Therefore, seek God's face for the appropriate steps to take.

11. Read books and listen to CDs related to the solution you desire.

Some people have gone through that storm of life in their marital life and prevailed. Discover what they did to overcome through their stories. You gain speed and time by riding on the victories of others.

12. Go for godly counsel and help, if or when necessary.

In the multitude of counsel, there is safety. As you are led by God go for counsel or help, and that may include medical help.

13. Support one another

Two surely are better than one. You need to strongly support one another spiritually, mentally, emotionally and otherwise during this storm of life in your married life. It is not a time for both of you to go your separate ways but a time to draw closer to one another. The enemy can never succeed where there is strong unity, no matter how long he presses; surely he will give up.

14. Remain patient, hold on and refuse to quit

Truly, it may take a while but your victory is sure if you faint not. Put in mind that your victory today is another couple's victory tomorrow. It is not all about you!

15. Give thanks to God for answered prayers yet to be manifested.

You are to believe that you have received the answers when you pray. Thanksgiving unto God before you see your desired outcome is a catalyst for answered prayers. It is also a proof of your faith in God and His word.

Thanksgiving puts the enemy to flight and the Lord to action.

30 Minutes Dangerous Prayers of Breakthrough

1. O lord, plant good things in my life, in the name of Jesus.

2. O lord, uproot evil deposit from my life, in Jesus' name.

3. I cancel every unconscious negative agreement, in Jesus' name.

4. Lord, make me your battle axe, in the name of Jesus.

5. Every spiritual weakness in my life, turn to strength, in the name of Jesus.

6. Every financial failure in my life, receive termination now, in the name of Jesus.

7. Satanic sickness in my life, be terminated now, in the name of Jesus.

8. Every architect of problems in my life, die by fire, in the name of Jesus.

9. I paralyze all spiritual wolves working against my life, in the name of Jesus.

10. Let that which hinders me from greatness begin to give way now, in the mighty name of Jesus.

11. Imprisoned and buried potentials of my life begin to come forth now, in the name of Jesus.

12. Unfriendly helpers, causing havoc in my life, depart from me now in Jesus' name.

13. Every negative transaction currently affecting my life negatively be canceled, in the name of Jesus.

14. I command all the dark works done against my life in the secret to be exposed and be nullified, in the name of Jesus.

15. I lose myself from any evil spirit, in the name of Jesus.

16. O lord, if my life is on the wrong course, correct me, and redirect my path in Jesus' name.

17. Let every anti-progress altar fashioned against me be destroyed with the thunder fire of God, in the name of Jesus.

18. I command my destiny to change to the best, in Jesus' name.

19. Let my hand become a sword of fire to cut down demonic trees shedding over my life, in the name of Jesus.

20. All boasting powers delegated against me, be silenced permanently, in the name of Jesus.

21. I withdraw all my benefits from the hands of the oppressors, in the name of Jesus.

22. All unprofitable marks in my life, be erased by the blood of Jesus.

23. Every power chasing away my blessings be paralyzed, in the name of Jesus.

24. Let all my good virtues eaten up by my enemy be vomited now, in the name of Jesus.

25. Anointing for spiritual breakthroughs fall upon me now, in the name of Jesus.

26. O lord, make me a prayer addict to your glory, in Jesus' name.

27. O lord, ignite my prayer life with your fire for signs and wonders,

28. O lord, empower my prayer altar to do exploit for you, in Jesus' name.

29. I reject every spiritual contamination, in the name of Jesus.

30. O lord, give me power to overcome all obstacles to my breakthroughs.

Bible Verses To Overcome Storms of Life

Psalm 9:9-10 "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you."

Jeremiah 17:7-8 "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Philippians 4:19 "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

Galatians 5:19-23 "The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality,

impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

Psalm 146:1-10 "Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing. Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord."

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me," declares the Lord."

Psalm 34:17-18 "The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Philippians 4:12-13 "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

James 1:2-4 "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

James 1:12 “Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”

1 Peter 1:6-7 “In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

2 Corinthians 1:9 “Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.”

Deuteronomy 33:27 “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemies before you, saying, ‘Destroy them!”

Psalm 32:7-8 “You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.”

Whenever I think of the word, motivation, I think of the sports world. I have been a sports fan for my entire life. Motivation is often a big part of which team wins or looses a game. Coaches will often credit “motivation” when they win and likewise will say there was a “lack of motivation” when they loose. Motivation is not something that can be measured but each of us knows exactly what it is. Sometimes we may be motivated to do things in our life and we follow through on a commitment or promise. Other times we can also feel the “lack of motivation” in our own lives. The Bible is filled with words that not only challenge us but give us motivation to overcome obstacles in our lives. I have broken down these motivational verses into three categories below.

Prayers to Overcome Storms of Life

Have you noticed a time you log in to http://www.Facebook.com and in your attempt to check the profile of a friend, what your saw under relationship status is "Complicated". Complicated issues are difficulties, problems, trials, and obstacles that need a solution.

You are either a Single, Married, Widow, Widower or in a relationship and not a

complicated of a thing. Did you remember the last time the pastor of your Church said, "Those of you that are looking for the fruit of the womb and those looking for Husbands or Wife should come out for prayers". To your surprised, did you also notice that the majority of the members that came out are in there late "fourty". This are difficulties that needs divine intervention. At times, difficulties we face as a Christian seems to be beyond human comprehension, but, no problem is impossible for our God to solve if only we have faith and trust in him.

Today, I pray that

God will rewrite your story now in Jesus name.

The ground you walk shall produce Abundance, the sky above you shall rain down blessings, the breeze around you shall blow peace and everything shall work well for you in Jesus name. Amen.

When one is facing difficult time, it is as if someone is in a cage. When one is facing one difficulties or the other, is like somebody whose cell phones is not working and he/she is cut off the world. When some unbelievers are passing through rivers of difficulties, they think is not possible to get over it and even pray for death. The Bible said in Psalm 32:10, that, "Many sorrows shall be to the wicked but he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him". Retrace your steps today and Sin no more. Read the words of God and Believe him.

Today, I pray that the

Lord God, will bring Joy, Happiness and Gladness into your life and send away sorrow in the name of Jesus.

Never give up no matter the situation but seek the face of your Lord God at all times. Psalm 9:9-10, says, " The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsake those who seek you". Whether you desires Husband/Wife, Job, success in your business, the fruit of the womb or loneliness, my advise is that, be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified or discouraged, for the lord your God will be with you wherever you are and wherever you go. No matter my situation. I know one person who will never give up on me. Who is that? My Lord God. Let this be your National Anthem. If you have God on your side,

everything becomes clear. In all, have faith.

You are where God wants you to be at this every moment(..your difficult time). Every experience is part of his divine plan. And he said " Your Faith has made you well, go in Peace". Luke 8:48. WHEN LIFE IS TOUGH-PRAY. WHEN LIFE IS GREAT-PRAY. PRAYER POINTS.

The almighty God will show you mercy and deliver you from every relationship that is causing stagnant and retrogressions in your life.

You will receive divine inspiration to prosper this week.

Those who have promised to bless you will not turn their back against you in Jesus name.
God will lead you to the person that he will use to solve all your problems in Jesus name.

Bible Verses To Overcome Fear

Psalms 27:1 ***The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?***

Isaiah 54:4 ***"Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.***

Matthew 10:28 ***And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.***

1 Peter 3:13-14 ***Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,***

Prayers to Overcome Fear

O Lord destroy every spirit of fear in my body, in my heart and in my soul in Jesus Name.

I render the spirit of fear useless in my life in Jesus Name.

I fire back every spirit of fear planted in me in my father's House in the

Name of Jesus.

O Lord Plant in me the spirit of confidence in Jesus Name.

Bible Verses Overcoming Temptation

Often times, we need to figure out what is holding us back and then we can move forward.

Luke 22:40 And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

1 Corinthians 6: 18-20 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Hebrews 2:18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

James 1:14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:17 So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Temptation and Trouble Scripture

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1

But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day. Matthew 24:20

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 1 John 2:16

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. Psalm 34:6

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man. James 1:13

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7

For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:35-36

And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. Luke 22:46

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matthew 26:41

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. Mark 13:33

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Matthew 6:13 (AMP)

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD. Psalm 27:14

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall

receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. James 1:12-16

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted. Hebrews 2:18

Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. Matthew 4:1-11

Neither give place to the devil. Ephesians 4:27

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing

this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:2-4

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. 1 Peter 4:12

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4

And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. Mark 9:42-47

And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. Luke 8:14

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. Romans 6:12-14

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. 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. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:11-17

And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Mark 4:36-39

And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. Luke 24:4-9

Scripture Prayer for Temptation and Trouble

Dear Father God,

I come before You in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ, and I praise you and thank you that You Lord Jesus have risen and You are among the living, not the dead, and You are now my High Priest who in all points was tempted as I am, and yet was without sin. I thank you that even in the midst of the storm You are the Mighty One who gives me peace.

I thank you for all the examples in Your Word that shows me that You are faithful to deliver me out of all my troubles. I thank you that You care for me and that I can cast all my cares upon You. So today, Lord Jesus, I lay all my cares, all my worries, all things I cannot change on Your altar. I lay my spouse on Your altar. I lay my children on Your altar. I lay my job and finances on Your altar. I lay my parents and siblings on Your altar. I lay my health and the health of my loved ones on Your altar. I give it all into Your capable hands, Lord.

Father God, I do not want to be part of the seed that fell among the thorns

being choked by the cares, riches, and pleasures of this life, bringing forth no fruit to perfection. I thank you that I can overcome by the Blood of the Lamb, and the word of my testimony. For there is no testimony without a test, and I choose to rejoice in all the trials that come my way, knowing that through them I produce the patience that in the end increases my faith and moves me one more step closer to the perfection You are transforming me into. I choose today to submit to You, Lord, and resist the devil, and watch Him flee. In submitting to You, I also choose to be strong in the Lord Jesus Christ and I put on Your full armor, that I may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For my fight is not against people, Lord, but against the rulers, against the powers, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

So, I stand firm, therefore, and gird my loins with truth. I gird my loins with the truth, Lord, that I am your child; that I am a woman (man) of God, an ambassador for my Lord Jesus Christ, and a minister of reconciliation. I thank you for the truth that You love me, that Your hand is upon me, and that You never leave me of forsake me. I gird my loins with the truth that I've been crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, yet not I but Christ who lives within me. And the life that I now live, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Lord Jesus Christ, I was buried with You in baptism and raised to walk in newness of life. Thank You for all this truth that I may use to come against the wiles of the devil.

And because the battle is also for my emotions, I put on the breastplate of righteousness and I thank you Lord Jesus Christ that You are my breastplate and You are my Righteousness. You have declared me to be righteous in Your sight and worthy before You. Help me to walk now in Your truth and righteousness at all times. Protect my emotions today,

Lord. I take authority now over every spirit of strife that would come against me;

I bind moodiness and irritability;

I bind accusation and every lying spirit.

I take authority over discontentment and choose to walk in Your contentment.

I bind heaviness, oppression, depression, pride, and the critical spirit.

I bind the spirit of discouragement and choose to wait on You, Lord, to be of good courage, and trust You to strengthen my heart.

I bind the spirit of lust, fantasy, and fornication of any kind, and choose not

to yield any of my members to unrighteousness.

I declare that sin will have no dominion over me, and that I am no longer under the law, but under grace; and there is therefore no condemnation for me who lives in Christ Jesus.

And because the devil tries to steal my peace and joy, I shod my feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

Thank you, Lord, that You are my peace and my joy; fill me now with Your Spirit and help me to abide in Your peace, in Your joy, in Your love and in the power of the Holy Spirit, at all times, no matter what the difficulties or circumstances. Because the devil tries to bring doubt, I take up the shield of faith, with which I can extinguish all the fiery-tipped darts of the evil one, for You are my shield and You are my faith, Lord Jesus. Thou, O Lord, art a shield about me; You're my glory and the lifter of my head. Help me today to be full of faith and full of the Holy Spirit; help me to walk by faith and not by sight or emotions, in the Spirit and not in the flesh. Help me to trust You, to rest joyfully in You; to be settled, surrendered and submitted to You; to be persevering and confident in You and discerning at all time.

Because the battle is also for my mind, Father, I put on the helmet of salvation and I submit my mind and thoughts to You, Lord. Give me the mind of Christ, not a carnal mind. Let my thoughts be Your thoughts. Help me to think like You, act like You, and to respond like You at all times and in all circumstances.

I declare today that my mind is off limits and impenetrable by the devil.

And now I take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and I ask You to help me to speak Your Word with all boldness, authority and power, quickly against the devil, in the Name of my Lord Jesus Christ.

I clothe myself with humility, with love and compassion, with kindness and gentleness, with patience and self-control, with holiness and purity and with forgiveness. Help me to walk this way before You and man at all times today, in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

Bible Verses To Overcome Anger

Psalms 37:8 ***Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.***

Psalms 149:8-9 ***to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!***

Proverbs 14:29 Whoever ***is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.***

Proverbs 17:27 Whoever ***restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.***

Ecclesiastes 7:9 ***Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools.***

2 Timothy 2:23-24 ***Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil,***

James 1:19-21 ***Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.***

I don't know what has drawn you to read this article today. If you read this far, you probably have not been feeling very good about your life in one particular area. Often times, we need to figure out what is holding us back and then we can move forward. My prayer this day is that you find a verse or two that you can memorize that will give you strength to overcome whatever sin or obstacle that is holding you back from living a victorious life in Christ.

Prayer to Overcome Anger

Prayer For All Who Struggle With Anger, And Unforgiveness

Loving Father and heavenly Lord I know that prayer is simply the breath of helplessness being nourished on the bosom of the Father. And Lord I come

to You lifting up the many men and women that have such a struggle with the bitterness and anger that lurks deep within their soul – and who are helpless to deal with this disease without You Lord.

Father, You alone are the one that can address their need and sever the root of their anger – for it is only as one abides in Christ that the fruit of His Holy Spirit can grow and displace the ugliness of anger and bitterness within.

Bring those that do not know the Lord Jesus as saviour into a saving faith in Him so that they can know that their sins are forgiven forever and that You paid the price of all - and for those that know You as Saviour I pray that they come to understand that it is only as we yield to Your Spirit and admit our inabilities to deal with the fruit of evil in our heart that You will are able to guide us into the paths of righteousness, unforgiveness and love.

Prayer For Help With My Anger And Resentment

Heavenly Father I ask You to examine my heart for there is a well of anger and resentment deep within my soul, and I keep drawing on that bitter water rather than drinking daily of the waters of life that flow into a heart that is looking to Jesus.

Examine my heart Lord and root out all the bitterness and resentment that is so deeply rooted within me. Search the inner depth of my soul and expose all my suppressed hurt and resentment for it is only in You that I can be set free of the pain deep within.

Thank You Father that You forgave all my sins at the cross of Calvary and I believe that You paid the full price all my sins – including all the anger in my heart – anger that still surfaces too frequently from time to time. I pray that in Your grace You will free me from all traces of anger and create in me a heart of love and forgiveness –so that I may grow more and become more like Jesus,

Amen

Prayer Of Confession For Anger Harbored In My Heart

Loving Lord I confess that there is much bitterness and anger in my heart and I come to You knowing that there is nothing that I can do to rid myself of this suffocating handicap in my life.

Search me within Lord and expose all that is not pleasing in Your sight and help me to find a closure to the deep rooted anger which seems to be rooted in a deep-seated unforgiveness.

Forgive me Lord for the pain for I know my anger has hurt so many people – yet I realise that my sin of anger is directed against You and it is against You alone that I have sinned in this way.

Also I pray that You will create in me a forgiving heart towards all those that have hurt me so deeply. And knowing that the Lord Jesus forgave me so many sins, I confess that I too should forgive others – just as God for Christ's sake forgave me all my sin.

Thank You that in You I have victory against all my sin, including my anger – for in Christ the power of sin has been broken in my life because I trust in His name -

Thank You Lord –I trust You to take away all the anger within me and fill me with Your perfect peace-for You have promised to keep all in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on YOU

Amen

Prayer To Be Set Free For Anger And Bitterness

Loving Lord I place that anger and bitterness that I too often harbour in my heart at Your feet and pray that in Your grace You will expose all that is

causing the bitter poison that is lodged within my heart to surface so often - and set me free from it, I pray.

Lord I confess all my anger and bitterness and know that when I allow this to surface in my heart it breaks the fellowship we have together. I know that when I confess my anger You are faithful and just to forgive the outbursts of anger in my heart and to cleanse me of all unrighteousness, for which I praise Your name. But Lord I desire that I am set free from this pollution within my heart so that the root of anger shrives us within - and ask You to examine me and root out all that is not pleasing in Your sight

Thank You in Jesus name,

Anen

Prayer for Struggling With Anger

Dear Lord, You know how I struggle with anger in my heart and how I still have hatred toward those that have hurt and abused me in so many ways. Lord, my anger is so deep within my soul that I sometimes feel my head is going to burst.

I know Lord that there is no way that I can control my own anger for I have tried and failed so many times… I can manage for a while and then I feel as if I am about to explode from within. I know I need to deal with the very root of my anger – help me Lord.

Lord I know that the only way to deal with my anger is to keep my heart and my thoughts focused on You – who took the punishment for all my sin – all my anger –all my hatred.

I know that forgiveness - true genuine forgiveness toward those that have hurt me so badly is the way to deal with the root of the problem. Help me to say as You did on the cross, Father forgive them and to keep my heart looking to You.

I confess my anger Lord and ask for Your forgiveness – and create in me a clean heart, forgiving heart, I pray

Amen

Dealing with Anger

Everybody has to deal with anger from time to time. But what's the best way to handle it? To answer that question, we must first understand what anger really is. Anger is an emotion often characterized by feelings of great displeasure, indignation, hostility, wrath and vengeance. Many times, reacting in anger is how we express our dissatisfaction with life. It's defined in the Greek language as the strongest of all passions. Anger begins with a feeling that's often expressed in words or actions. We feel something and it causes a reaction.

Get to the Root of the Problem

Anger is the fruit of rotten roots. One of the primary roots of anger stems from the family. Angry people come from angry families because they learn from their role models and carry on the same behavior in their own lives, eventually passing it on to their children.

Other Roots of Anger Include...

Injustice—when people mistreat us but there's nothing we can do about it, we get angry because we feel it isn't fair. As much as we'd like to change the situation or the person who's treating us badly, we can't. People can't change people; only God can change people. So it's best to put our energy into praying for the offender.

Strife—which is hidden, repressed anger, begins with judgment, gossip, backbiting and thinking too highly of yourself. Strife is often exhibited in arguing, bickering, heated disagreements and angry undercurrents.

Impatience—often produces anger when we can't get what we want when we want it. When our progress is hindered or slowed down because of others, it's easy to become impatient. Most of us struggle with impatience on a daily basis simply because of today's fast-paced world.

Abuse of any kind—sexual, physical, verbal, emotional or mental abuse almost always leads to anger. They're all injustices, which eventually leave the abused feeling helpless and angry. Abuse of any kind can't be ignored. We must deal with it and process it before we can get free of it.

Unmet needs—can also produce anger. We all have needs that *can* and *should* be met by those closest to us; however, they don't know and understand our needs unless we communicate with them. But even then they may sometimes fail to meet our needs. Therefore, the answer is to go to God with our needs and not to other people.

Jealousy—anger caused by jealousy was one of the first negative emotions mentioned in the Bible. Genesis 4 tells us that Cain killed his brother Abel because he was jealous to the point of being angry. Although this is one of the more extreme results of jealousy, it reminds us of how dangerous jealousy can be.

In today's society many people feel their status is dependent on their job or position in the church. Because of this mindset, they're afraid someone else may get promoted ahead of them. Jealousy causes them to try to be important in the eyes of man. If you have this problem, understand that God has you where you are for a reason. He knows what's in your future, and He may have you in training for it right now. There's a big difference between being *able* and being *ready* to do a specific thing. So don't despise the days of small beginnings. Remember, we must answer to God. Our rewards come from obeying the specific callings He's placed on our lives, not from the great things we accomplish as far as the world is concerned.

Other roots that lead to anger include fear of confrontation, insecurity, and feeling controlled by a job or other people and their problems. I used to get mad at people who controlled me until God told me one day, "You're just as guilty as they are because you're letting them do it." We shouldn't put excessive pressure on ourselves by making too many commitments just because we don't want to say no to someone.

Masks of Anger

Sometimes we use masks to cover up the things we don't want anybody to see. If we're harboring anger, we think masking it keeps others from knowing the real us. So we hide behind a variety of masks in an attempt to trick people into thinking we're something or someone we're not. I've discovered that people respect you more if you share your real self with them rather than trying to hide everything. After all, people can tell when something isn't right. You may think you're hiding your anger, but it'll eventually find a way to come out—either in voice tone, body language or attitudes. Some people use the cold-shoulder mask. When someone makes them angry, they may say they've forgiven them, but they become cold, showing no warmth or emotion in dealing with that individual. These people live a lonely existence. Because they're so afraid of being hurt, they avoid close, meaningful relationships. This is a classic example of "choosing your pain." They'll choose the pain of living an isolated, lonely life instead of working through the problem, determined to develop good friendships. Other people like to use the silent-treatment mask. They say they're not angry with you, yet they refuse to talk to you, or they only communicate when it's absolutely necessary, usually with a grunt or nod. When people avoid being with, touching, or doing things for the person they're angry with, they're hiding behind a mask, which isn't the answer.

Face the Truth... And Choose Your Pain

If you want the great and mighty things God has for you, you must get to the root of anger and deal with it. Get rid of the masks and face the things that happened in your life that made you the way you are today. Admit that you can't change by yourself. Until the root is removed, it'll continue to produce one bad fruit after another. Too often we spend our lives dealing with the bad fruit of our behavior, but we never dig deep enough to get to the root of the problem. Actually, when we're faced with anger, we must choose our pain. Digging deep to take care of the bad root is painful, but it's the only lasting way to take care of the problem. We can either suffer positively, doing what's right or we can go with the devil's plan. But remember, the same devil who tempts you to follow your human feelings will later condemn you for doing it. You must decide if you want the pain that will take you into a new realm of glory or to keep your same old pain and try to hide it while it's rotting inside you.

Peter tells us to be well-balanced and temperate, withstanding the devil at

his onset (see 1 Peter 5:8-9). When you begin to feel anger, it's the perfect time to exercise the fruit of self-control. You may have a good reason to be angry, but don't use it as an excuse to stay that way. Instead of denying or justifying it, ask God to help you deal with it in a positive way. Romans 12:21) gives good advice: *Do not let yourself be overcome by evil, but overcome (master) evil with good.* When Satan attacks you, instead of getting mad, go bless someone. Responding in a positive way is the direct opposite of what the enemy wants you to do, defeating his plan to keep you upset. It doesn't come naturally, and it isn't always easy, but when we do what we *can* do, God will do what we *can't* do. *Do not be quick in spirit to be angry or vexed, for anger and vexation lodge in the bosom of fools* (Ecclesiastes 7:9). If we hang on to anger, we're just being foolish. We must turn the anger and the people who caused it over to God and let Him take care of it. ...*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay (requite), says the Lord* (Romans 12:19). Trust God and He will take care of you and protect you. You can't change your past, but when you give it to God, He'll use it to bring you a better future.

Is Anger Sin?

Is all anger sin? No, but some of it is. Even God Himself has righteous anger against sin, injustice, rebellion and pettiness. Anger sometimes serves a useful purpose, so it isn't necessarily always a sin. Obviously, we're going to have adverse feelings, or God wouldn't have needed to provide the fruit of self-control. Just being tempted to do something is not sin. It's when you don't resist the temptation, but do it anyway, that it becomes sin. God sometimes allows us to feel anger so we'll recognize when we're being mistreated. But even when we experience true injustices in our lives, we must not vent our anger in an improper way. We must guard against allowing anger to drag us into sin. Ephesians 4:26-27 tells us, *When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down. Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him].* Refuse to give the devil any opportunity to get a foothold in your life through anger.

All anger, regardless of its cause, has the same effect on our lives. It upsets us, causing us to feel pressure. Keeping anger locked inside and pretending it doesn't exist can even be dangerous to our health. Most of the time we're only hurting *ourselves,* and the person who angered us isn't even aware of it. So we must take responsibility for our anger and learn to deal with it.

Process it and bring closure to it, and that will relieve the pressure. I have been through some rough times in my life, and for many years those experiences caused me to feel miserable. I was so mad about the abuse in my childhood that it was making me bitter and hateful. I was angry with everybody, but one day God confronted me and said, "Joyce, are you going to let that make you bitter or better?" That got my attention, and I eventually had to find a positive way to process my anger. That was a place of new beginnings for me. When you face your anger and decide to deal with it God's way, you can overcome it. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to be stable and walk in the fruit of the Spirit. We have the power to forgive those who do injustices in our lives and to love the unlovely.

Take Steps Toward Freedom

People are born to be free; it's a gift from God. We're not to be free from responsibility, but free to be led by the Holy Spirit. Any time our freedom is taken away or given away, we experience anger. Are you willing to go through whatever it takes to be free, or do you want to stay in the mess you're in for the rest of your life? If you want to be free, just start doing what God wants you to do, one step at a time, and you'll eventually walk out of your messes. When we are battling anger, we must realize that ...*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* (Ephesians 6:12 KJV). When Satan makes you angry, remember that he's trying to keep you from accomplishing the will of God in your life.

In 2 Timothy 4:5, Paul told Timothy to be calm, cool and collected and to keep performing the duties of his ministry. That's good advice for all of us. When we get angry, we should calm down and start doing what God has called us to do. You can be bitter or better—it's up to you! If you're mad about something, instead of letting it ruin your life, turn it into something good. Overcome evil and anger by praying for those who hurt and abuse you. Forgive them and be a blessing to them. It may not be easy at first, but when you make the decision and stick with it, God *will* take care of the rest.

Overcoming storms of life in your Business

Bible Verses about Courage:

The Bible is full of people that showed great courage. What does courage look like for your life? Are you needing some strength and courage from God? Check out these great Bible verses about courage.

Strength in Courage

Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”

Joshua 1:7-9 “Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest. 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. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

1 Chronicles 28:20 “And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.”

Psalm 31:24 “Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.”

Isaiah 41:10-13 “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.Behold, all they that were

incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 16:13 "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

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

Courageous and Unafraid

Psalm 23:4 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Psalm 27:1 "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalm 56:3-4 "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me."

Isaiah 54:4 “Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.”

Matthew 10:28 “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

Hebrews 13:5-6 “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”

1 Peter 3:14-16 “But and if ye suffer for righteousness’ sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.”

1 John 4:18 “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

Courage brings Freedom & Peace

John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the

world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Romans 8:15 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

Philippians 1:12-14 "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Prayers for Strength and Courage

Say these prayers when you're in need of strength and courage. Day to day troubles is no match for the power of the Lord.

To be Grateful

Lord God, may we be grateful for our lot, and compassionate toward all those who are suffering every kind of distress at this difficult time.

May we hold back nothing, and hasten to be the ministers of prayer and mercy, like the disciples of Him who went about doing good in times of need. Amen

20 Uplifting Bible Verses For Times of Adversity

Sometimes you must go through the valley to reach the top of the mountain. Figuratively, the valley is what we call the times of adversity. These are those times when you may have some questions for your Heavenly Father. The hard times are when you should draw nigh unto God; He wants to hear from you (Hebrews 9:19). In adversity I often call to mind a memory verse.

One of my favorite memory verses in the valley is one that was written by the weeping prophet, Jeremiah: *"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. (Lamentations 3:22-24 KJV)*

Take a look at these twenty uplifting Bible verses for times of adversity; I pray that you are encouraged

My refuge and my fortress

Psalms 91:1,*2 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

Proverbs 3:5,6 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Romans 8:38,39 *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

James 1:2-4 *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

1 Peter 1:6-9 *In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

We Have a Promise of Peace and Rest

Psalms 85:8 ***Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints***

Isaiah 26:3,4 ***You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.***

Matthew 11:28-30 ***"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Jesus' words)***

John 14:27 ***"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (Jesus' words)***

Philippians 4:6,7 **…** ***do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

Adversity so we See God and the Need for Jesus

Psalms 27:5,6 ***For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.***

John 9:1-3 ***As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.***

2 Corinthians 1:8,9 ***For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.***

2 Corinthians 1:10,11 ***He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.***

Philippians 1:12-14 ***I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.***

Adversity is Temporary

Romans 8:18-21 ***For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.***

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ***So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.***

2 Corinthians 9:8 ***And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.***

1 Peter 1:3-5 ***Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

Revelation 21:3,4 ***And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."***

Christian Quotes About Adversity

"God hath divers ways into divers men. Into some he comes at noon, in the sunshine of prosperity; to some in the dark and heavy clouds of adversity. Some he affects with the music of the church; some, with some particular collect or prayer; some, with some passage of a sermon, which takes no hold of him that stands next to him. Watch the ways the Spirit of God into thee." ~ **John Donne**

"Christian, remember the good of God in the frost of adversity." ~ **Charles H. Spurgeon**

"Adversity is the diamond dust heave polishes its jewels with" ~ **Robert Leighton**

"Comfort and prosperity have never enriched the world as much as adversity has." ~ **Billy Graham**

"The long, dull, monotonous years of middle-aged prosperity or middle-aged adversity are excellent campaigning weather for the devil." ~ **C.S. Lewis**

Bible Verses about Money

The bible has a lot to say about money, wealth, greed, contentment and a variety of other topics as they pertain to our financial and spiritual lives. Over the years I've heard it said more than once that the bible has well over 2000 verses about money.

Bible Verses About Putting Your Hope In Your Wealth

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Matthew 19:21-26 Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first

Mark 4:19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Proverbs 23:4-5 Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness.Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

James 5:1-6 Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

Proverbs 11:28 He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.

Luke 8:14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

Proverbs 11:4 Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to

be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world nor the things in the world If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

Psalms 49:10-12 For he sees that even wise men die; the stupid and the senseless alike perish and leave their wealth to others. Their inner thought is that their houses are forever and their dwelling places to all generations; they have called their lands after their own names. But man in his pomp will not endure; he is like the beasts that perish.

Psalm 62:10 ..if riches increase, do not set your heart on them

Luke 16:14 The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight."

Bible Verses About Contentment

Philippians 4:11-13 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

1 Timothy 6:6-12 But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2 Cor. 12:9-10 "And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness" …Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Job 36:11 If they obey and serve him, they will spend the rest of their days in prosperity and their years in contentment.

Proverbs 19:23 The fear of the LORD leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble.

Bible Verses About Giving

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

1 Corinthians 13:3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body

to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Luke 6:32-35 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

Proverbs 22:9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Matthew 6:2-5 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Deuteronomy 16:17 Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.

Proverbs 21:26 All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing.

Proverbs 14:31 Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.

Bible Verses About Greed

Proverbs 15:27 He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, but he who hates bribes will live.

Proverbs 1:19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain. It takes away the life of its owners.

1 Corinthians 5:11 But now I am writing you that you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy,

an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?

Proverbs 28:22 A stingy man is eager to get rich and is unaware that poverty awaits him.

Proverbs 28:25 A greedy man stirs up dissension, but he who trusts in the LORD will prosper

Mark 8:36 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?

Luke 12:15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

1 Corinthians 6:10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 5:5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person-such a man is an idolater-has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God

1 Thessalonians 2:5 You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed-God is our witness.

1 Peter 5:2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers-not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve;

Bible Verses About Debt

Romans 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing debt to love on another..

Proverbs 22:7 The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

Psalm 37:21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous

shows mercy and gives.

Matthew 5:42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Romans 13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Proverbs 22:26–27 Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, one of those who is surety for debts; if you have nothing with which to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you?

Bible Verses About Being Ethical And Not Cheating Others

Proverbs 13:11 Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow.

Proverbs 22:16 Whoever oppresses the poor for his own increase and whoever gives to the rich, both come to poverty.

Proverbs 12:2 Good people obtain favor from the LORD, but he condemns those who devise wicked schemes.

Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold.

Proverbs 12:22 the LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.

Proverbs 28:8 Whoever increases wealth by taking interest or profit from the poor amasses it for another, who will be kind to the poor.

James 5:4-6 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury

and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

Proverbs 29:27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

1 Thessalonians 4:6-7 and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

Proverbs 20:10 False weights and measures— the LORD detests them both.

Proverbs 13:22 A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

Prayer against a greedy heart

I come to you with a heavy heart. Who am I to be as blessed as I am today? Thank you for the health I do have, the family I enjoy that loves me, and for the food and shelter you have provided. I should be thanking you and praising you for all that you have blessed me with, instead I am focused on what else I DESIRE.

Lord, take these desires out of my heart. They are stopping me from being truly thankful. They are the lusts that will never be fulfilled, because as soon as I get what I want, I only want more of something else. This is a wicked trap, and I have fell into this same one, too many times. Today, I want a new beginning.

Today, I want to just praise you for the ability to see that this is what is stopping my blessing. My greedy heart and thankless ways are getting me nowhere in my goals, and nowhere in my intimacy with you.

In the name of Jesus, I give to you my selfish ways, my greedy heart, my lustful nature, my stubborn ways of doing things and I ask for you to give me just the opposite in return. I need a giving heart, a generous nature, a

pliable way of seeing how I can be wrong in the way I go about things, and a heart that is willing to change when I see that I am. In Jesus' precious name, thank you for all that I have, and all that you are! Amen!"

Bible Verses About Working Hard And Laziness

Proverbs 10:4 Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.

Colossians 3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.

Proverbs 12:24 Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor.

Proverbs 12:11 Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense.

Proverbs 14:23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 12:27 The lazy do not roast any game, but the diligent feed on the riches of the hunt.

Proverbs 13:4 A sluggard's appetite is never filled, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.

Bible Verses About The Need For Rest

Exodus 23:12 Six days you are to do your work, but on the seventh day you shall cease from labor so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female slave, as well as your stranger, may refresh themselves.

Psalm 127:2 In vain you rise early and stay up late,toiling for food to eat—for he grants sleep to those he loves.

Genesis 2:2-3 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Bible Verses About Planning Ahead

Proverbs 13:16 A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't, and even brags about it!

Luke 14:28-30 "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'?"

Proverbs 6:6-8 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

Proverbs 16: 9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.

Proverbs 27:23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, and attend to your herds.

Proverbs 14:29 He who is impulsive exalts folly

Bible Verses About Savings

Proverbs 21:20 the wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.

Proverbs 21:5 the plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Genesis 41:34-36 Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine.

1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Proverbs 27:12 The prudent see danger and take refuge,but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

Proverbs 30:24-25 Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer;

Bible Verses About Stewardship

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Romans 14:8 For if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Matthew 25:14-30 Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to

his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' The man with two bags of gold also came.

'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Luke 12:47-48 The servant who knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. 48 But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Bible Verses About Seeking Godly Guidance And Wisdom

Proverbs 12: 1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 13:13 Whoever scorns instruction will pay for it, but whoever respects a command is rewarded.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel.

Proverbs 13:1 A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not respond to rebukes.

Proverbs 13:18 Whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.

Bible Verses About Trusting In God's Provision

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 6:25, 33 Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

1 Peter 5:6-7 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

Matthew 6:26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Luke 12:7 Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

Luke 12:28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything; you may have an abundance for every good deed;

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all —how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Deuteronomy 8:18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Psalm 37:4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Bible Verses About Worry

Matthew 6:25-26 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”

Hebrews 13:6 So we say with confidence,“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

Matthew 6:34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Luke 12:25 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

Psalm 56:3 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Bible Verses About True Wealth In Christ

Luke 16:10-12 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Ephesians 1:17-21 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no

one may boast.

Colossians 2:6-7 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

Do you have your own favorite bible verses about money, hard work, worry, provision or other topics that relate to our financial lives? Leave us a comment below with your favorite verses.

Bible Verses About Saving & Investing

Saving up for a rainy day, putting your money to work and multiplying it is a wise thing to do.

Proverbs 21:20 The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.

Proverbs 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

Matthew 25:14-30 “For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave.

You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’ But his master answered and said to him, ‘You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. ‘Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’ For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness;

in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Genesis 41:34-36 Let Pharaoh appoint commissioners over the land to take a fifth of the harvest of Egypt during the seven years of abundance. They should collect all the food of these good years that are coming and store up the grain under the authority of Pharaoh, to be kept in the cities for food. This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine.

1 Corinthians 16:2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Proverbs 27:12 The prudent see danger and take refuge,but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

Proverbs 30:24-25 Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer;

Bible Verses About Diversifying

None of us knows what will happen from one day to the next, in our lives – and in the stock market. As a result we are best served by diversifying our holdings to protect ourselves.

James 4:13-15 Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

Ecclesiastes 11:2 Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.

Bible Verses About Ethical Investing

When we engage in business and when we invest, we're called on to be faithful and to deal justly. Invest ethically, and in a way that doesn't harm others.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

Proverbs 13:11 Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.

Proverbs 28:20 A faithful man will abound with blessings, but he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished.

Proverbs16:8 Better is a little with righteousness than vast revenues without justice.

Leviticus 19:13 You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of a hired man are not to remain with you all night until morning.

Psalm 112:5 It is well with the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice.

Proverbs 22:16 He who oppresses the poor to make more for himself or who gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.

Luke 16:10 He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

Get Good Advice, Plan Ahead, Save, Diversify And Be Faithful

Here are a few of the things I learned from the verses in this article:

..if riches increase, do not set your heart on them Psalm 62:10

- **Get advice from others who know more than you.**
- **Only a fool doesn't plan ahead.**
- **It's good to save, invest and multiply your holdings.**
- **Don't forget to have diverse holdings in order to reduce risk.**
- **Invest in a way that's faithful to God's word, and that doesn't harm others.**
- **Don't rely on money, rely on God.**

It's good to plan ahead and to provide for your family, but don't allow money to become your ultimate goal. Instead, set your sights on Christ and his example.

He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf. Proverbs 11:28

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Have your own verses about saving and investing that you'd like to share? Leave them in the comments!

Bible Verses About How To Get Rich Quick

and some of the biggest search referrals to that post involve people searching for biblical ways to make money, or get rich quick tips or prayers relating to making money quickly.

While I'm glad that people are searching for biblical wisdom when it comes to their financial lives, I think a lot of them may have missed the point when it comes to faith and money. The Bible doesn't have a lot of verses (that I'm aware of) that talk about how to get rich quick, but it isn't silent on the topic of getting rich quick. In fact, it talks quite a bit about it.

Beware Of Get Rich Quick Schemes

In doing my research for this post I found that there are plenty of verses in the Bible that talk about how we should beware of get rich quick schemes, and how often, even if we are able to get rich quick that money tends to disappear faster than we could have imagined. Here's one of my favorite verses on the topic, in two translations:

Wealth from get-rich-quick schemes quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows. Proverbs 13:11

Wealth gained hastily will dwindle, but whoever gathers little by little will increase it. Proverbs 13:11

bible verses about how get rich quickThe verse tells us that while get rich quick schemes can work sometimes, often because our heart isn't in the right place the money disappears as fast as it appeared. If instead, we work hard for the money and build it up over time, we'll appreciate it more, be more grateful and be more likely to put it to good use.

Here's another verse talking about how sometimes, when we get too much money right away, it isn't as much of a blessing as we thought it would be.

An inheritance claimed too soon will not be blessed at the end. Proverbs 20:21

Again, when we get money in a large lump sum, it can be more of a hindrance than a blessing. How many times have you heard of lottery winners having financial or family troubles years later?

A faithful man will abound with blessings, but whoever hastens to be rich will not go unpunished. Proverbs 28:20

Far too often those who try to get rich quick take shortcuts both on their work and on their ethics, and it can lead to problems down the line. Instead, work your way up!

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 1 Timothy 6:9

Don't forget that building wealth shouldn't be an aim in itself as it's an empty promise. Trying to fill a hole in our lives with money, just leads to disappointment

Do not wear yourself out to get rich; do not trust your own cleverness. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle. Proverbs 23:4-5

Cast but a glance at wealth, because it's only a temporary thing, we can't take anything with us. In the end it's meaningless.

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death. Proverbs 11:4

Wealth Comes From Hard Work And Sound Counsel

The Bible tends to towards cautioning people away from get rich quick schemes for a variety of reasons, but it doesn't leave it there. It encourages us to build wealth through hard work and by getting advice from wise counsel.

Whoever works his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty. Proverbs 28:19

Working hard leads to "having plenty of bread", but when you waste your time and are lazy, it only leads to poverty.

All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty. Proverbs 14:23

Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare. Proverbs 20:13

The sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing. Proverbs 20:4

All of us would do well to seek and accept wise advice from those around us who are in the know.

The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice. Proverbs 12:15

Even If You Do Find Wealth, Don't Trust In It

One thing we should beware of is, even if we are able to create wealth, we need to make sure that we don't put too much trust in it.

..if riches increase, do not set your heart on them Psalm 62:10

And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. Luke 12:15

Whoever loves money never has enough;whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.This too is meaningless. Ecclesiastes 5:10

A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him. Proverbs 28:22

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6

We need to make sure that we place our trust in God, and not in money or things. We need to be good stewards of what we've been given, and give generously and in love.

Where To Find True Wealth

So where can we find true wealth?

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also Matthew 6:19-21

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

We can only find true wealth in the gift of salvation that God has given us. Nothing we can do to build wealth or riches can hold a candle to what we've been given in Christ Jesus.

What do you think about get rich quick schemes, can they ever be a good thing?

8 Important Bible Verses About Money

I've read that there are over 2000 bible verses about money and related topics. Why is that? I think in part because our financial lives can quickly consume us, our money and wealth becoming an idol that can overtake our lives. In other words, if we're not careful about how we view money it can take God's place in our lives, and lead to ruin.

Because of that I think it's important that we are always aware of where we place our hope. It needs to be in Christ Jesus, and not money. So with that said, let's look at 8 bible verses about money that I've cherry picked from hundreds available – because I think that they are representative of some of the most important themes running through all the verses.

Matthew 6:24 No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

This touches on the theme I've already mentioned, how money can quickly begin competing for our attentions with God. Money, in some ways, allows us to be more self sufficient and to allow ourselves to think that we don't really need God. Once we begin to serve money, and do anything to get more of it – it won't be long before money becomes your master. Be on guard about your need for a savior!

Philippians 4:11-13 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

One idea that runs through a lot of the verses is that true contentment doesn't come from having money or possessions, but instead through having a personal relationship with Christ. I've found it to be true in my own life, whether you're going through life with a lot or a little true meaning and contentment comes not from your circumstances or the things you have, but from above.

Luke 12:15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

There are a lot of verses about greed I think because it's such an important

topic. It is constantly stressed how we need to guard against allowing our money and possessions to become our life's defining goal and pursuit. Greed never ends well, the bible makes that abundantly clear with tens of verses on the topic (*examples include Mark 8:36, Proverbs 15:27, Proverbs 1:19*). Ephesians 5:5 says, "*For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person-such a man is an idolater-has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God*"

Psalm 37:21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

This is a short verse, but to me it says a lot. It tells us how it's important to stand by our word, and to follow through when we've said we're going to do something. If we borrow money, we need to repay it. We shouldn't be deceitful in our dealings. It also tells us what we need to do in order to be righteous. We need to be merciful to others, and live with a spirit of giving. In other words we need to live a Christ-like life.

1 Timothy 6:6-12 But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

This verse is one of the most often mis-quoted, but still most illuminating scriptures about money. Many people quote this verse, wrongly, as saying that money is the root of all evil. In fact, the verse says that *the love* of money is *a root* of all kinds of evil. In other words, it's not the money itself that is evil, but the love of money. It also says the love of money is *a root* of all kinds of evil, not that it is *the root* of all evil. Big difference.

In any event, it is just as easy for someone with $100 in their bank account to fall prey to the love of money as it is for someone with 1 million dollars. It's an issue of the heart and where our focus lies. No matter whether you are rich or poor a love of money will lead to "many foolish desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction".

It tells us that we need to flee from the love of money, and instead pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. All of which we need God's help to do because of our inherently selfish natures.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

This verse once again focuses on the importance of being generous to a fault, to be "rich in good deeds" and never allowing your focus to waver from where it needs to be. Don't put your hope in wealth because it never satisfies.

Matthew 6:25, 33 Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

I know that worry is a big problem for a lot of people, always worrying about whether they've got enough for retirement, if they'll be able to make next month's mortgage payment or send their kids to college. One worry replaces the next. While it's a good idea to plan for your future, there's also a danger of allowing yourself to worry too much, not trusting in God's provision – and instead trusting in wealth . We're told that God will provide for us because he knows we need these things, but there are more important things to do, like seeking His kingdom and His righteousness. When we do that we'll find that we're always in his care, no matter what. He will provide.

Encouragement from the Bible – 79 Verses to Help You Get and Stay Encouraged

If there is one thing we all need from time to time, it has to be major encouragement from the Lord.

Once we enter into God's perfect plan and destiny for our lives, we can never bail out or change course on Him.

We have to set our face like flint, draw out our battle sword, which is the Word of God, and march forward in this life with total fierce determination that we will keep on going for the Lord until the day He calls us home to be with Him for all of eternity.

However, as we also know, we can really get weary and beat up at times, especially when we are going through some real dry seasons with the Lord, and there does not seem to be much progress or fruit coming out of lives for Him.

As we have said before, you will have some some lean and dry times in your walk with the Lord from time to time – but this does not mean nothing is happening in the spiritual realm with Him.

Sometimes your greatest strides in spiritual growth will be made in your valley and wilderness experiences with the Lord.

As we all know from the Bible, some of the biggest leaps in promotion have been when people came out of their wilderness and valley experiences with the Lord. Here are 4 good examples:

- **Moses was in the backside of a desert for 40 years when he was finally called out by God to complete one of the greatest deliverance missions of all time**
- **King David was hiding in caves for a number of years from Saul, when he finally came out to become the greatest kind that Israel has ever had**
- **Joseph literally went from the pit to the palace overnight**
- **Jesus Himself came right out of the wilderness after engaging with the devil, and embarked on the greatest three and half year miracle ministry that the world has ever seen**

For those of you who are going through some real tough times right now,

and you need some real good verses from the Bible to help keep your chin and faith up in the Lord, here are 79 very powerful verses from the Bible – all telling you not to give up and to keep on relying on the Lord, as sooner or later you will come out of your valley and wilderness experience and be promoted by God into your next level of service for Him.

I am just going to run all of these verses together so you can get the full effect of all of them.

What you will need to do is just sit down and read each one of these verses one right after the other – and really meditate and chew on what each one of them are trying to tell you to do with the Lord. God knew we would need verses like this in our walk with Him, so He made sure to put these kinds of powerful verses in His Word to us.

So take advantage of these kinds of verses and pull them out, read them, and meditate on them when you really need some major encouragement in your life.

They will serve as good pick-me ups and will help keep you in the game, along with helping to prevent you from bailing out on the Lord when the going is getting real tough.

Here are 79 very powerful verses, all telling you to never give up, to keep pressing on, and to fully rely on the Lord and His guidance to get you through the trial and into your next level of service with Him.

- **"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28)**
- **"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)**
- **"Who walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely upon His God." (Isaiah 50:10)**
- **"Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy." (Psalm 126:5)**
- **"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage …" (Joshua 1:5)**
- **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)**
- **"If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)**

- **“Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.” (Isaiah 46:4)**
- **“For the Lord preserves the faithful …” (Psalm 31:23)**
- **“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world – our faith.” (1 John 5:4)**
- **“Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.” (1 Corinthians 16:13)**
- **“You who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.” (Psalm 97:10)**
- **“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He guards all his bones, not one of them is broken.” (Psalm 34:19-20)**
- **“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.” (Psalm 34:17)**
- **“He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their chains in pieces.” (Psalm 107:14)**
- **“The Lord is my strength and my shield …” (Psalm 28:7)**
- **“In the day when I cried out, You answered me, and made me bold with strength in my soul.” (Psalm 138:3)**
- **“O God, You are more awesome than Your holy places. The God of Israel is He who gives strength and power to His people.” (Psalm 68:35)**
- **“He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.” (Isaiah 40:29)**
- **“For the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught.” (Proverbs 3:26)**
- **“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; the God of my strength, in Him I will trust, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my Savior, You save me from violence.” (2 Samuel 22:2)**
- **“Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.” (Psalm 62:1)**
- **“But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you**

from the evil one." (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

- **"I will lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore." (Psalm 121:1)**
- **"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an army should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this I will be confident." (Psalm 27:1)**
- **"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is for me among those who help me; therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. All nations surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them." (Psalm 118:6)**
- **"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea … God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn." (Psalm 46:1,5)**
- **"Give us help from trouble, for vain is the help of man. Through God we will do valiantly, for it is He who shall tread down our enemies." (Psalm 60:11)**
- **"For the Lord God will help me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. He is near who justifies me; who will contend with me? Let us stand together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near me. Surely the Lord God will help me; who is he who will**

condemn me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up." (Isaiah 50:7)

- **"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever." (Psalm 125:1)**
- **"Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard, who keeps your soul among the living, and does not allow our feet to be moved." (Psalm 66:8)**
- **"Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until these calamities have passed by." (Psalm 57:1)**
- **"The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You." (Psalm 9:9)**
- **"Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall not permit the righteous to be moved." (Psalm 55:22)**
- **"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all of your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:6-7)**
- **"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)**
- **"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh." (2 Corinthians 4:7-11)**
- **"… rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer …" (Romans 12:12)**
- **"And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You. Deliver me from all my transgressions." (Psalm 39:7)**

- **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5)**
- **“Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass … Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him …” (Psalm 37:4-7)**
- **“Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever.” (Psalm 125:1)**
- **“He trusted in the Lord God of Israel … For he held fast to the Lord; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments … The Lord was with him; he prospered wherever he went.” (2 Kings 18:5-7)**
- **“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Trust in the Lord forever, for in Yah, the Lord, is everlasting strength.” (Isaiah 26:3)**
- **“The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.” (Proverbs 29:25)**
- **“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” (Hebrews 10:23)**
- **“… if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you have heard …” (Colossians 1:23)**
- **“To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” (Revelation 3:21)**
- **“For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” (Hebrews 6:10)**
- **“Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have**

done the will of God, you may receive the promise." (Hebrews 10:35)

- **"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." (James 1:12)**
- **"The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." (Lamentations 3:25)**
- **"I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!" (Psalm 27:13-14)**
- **"For evildoers shall be cut off; but those who wait on the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more …" (Psalm 37:9)**
- **"O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You have healed me. O Lord, You have brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit … For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." (Psalm 30:2,5)**
- **"For with God nothing will be impossible." (Luke 1:37)**
- **But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." (Luke 18:27)**
- **But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)**
- **Then Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." (Mark 9:23)**
- **As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." (Mark 5:36)**
- **"For You, O God, have proved us; You have refined us as silver is refined. You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs. You have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; but You brought us out to rich fulfillment." (Psalm 66:10)**

- **“Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distresses. He calms the storm, so that its waves are still. Then they are glad because they are quiet; so He guides them to their desired haven.” (Psalm 107:28)**
- **“You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself.” (Exodus 19:4)**
- **“For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us …” (2 Corinthians 1:8)**
- **“No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from me,” says the Lord. (Isaiah 54:17)**
- **“Through You we will push down our enemies; through Your name we will trample those who rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, nor shall my sword save me. But You have saved us from our enemies, and have put to shame those who hated us. In God we boast all day long, and praise Your name forever.” (Psalm 44:5)**
- **“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9)**
- **”… but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.” (Daniel 11:32)**
- **“This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts. (Zechariah 4:6)**
- **“Blessed be the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle – my lovingkindness and my fortress, my high tower and my deliverer, my shield and the One in whom I take refuge, who subdues my people under me.” (Psalm 144:1)**
- **“For You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord shall enlighten my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop; by my God I can**

leap over a wall. As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him." (2 Samuel 22:29)

- **"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." (Ephesians 3:20)**
- **"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)**
- **"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8-11)**
- **"But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing." (Psalm 34:11)**
- **"The Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." (Psalm 84:11)**
- **"And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before … Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning …" (Job 42:10,12)**
- **"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me." (Philippians 3:12)**
- **"I have fought the good fight of faith, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7)**

Many of these verses are in some of our other articles per the different types of topics we have been talking about. But all of these verses are some of the best of the best in each of their categories – and when you put all of them together that pertain to needing good encouragement from the Lord, they will all feed you and uplift you better than any other book or person can do in this life.

You can really feel the power and the authority on all of these verses, especially when you string all of them together like we have done in this article.

These verses should be more than enough to see you through any personal trial or dry season you may be going through with the Lord.

20 Encouraging Bible Verses for the Brokenhearted

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit (Psalms 34:18). It is encouraging to read what King David wrote in the previously quoted psalm. We can be healed and delivered from a broken heart.

A broken heart can happen when we lose a loved one such as a spouse or a child or even a beloved pet. Metaphorically, it is that emotional aching in your chest that happens when you are deeply disappointed or grieved over a life circumstance. The Bible has many other verses that can encourage the brokenhearted as well. Here are just twenty encouraging Bible verses for the brokenhearted that I found.

The Lord is Strong; Do not Fear

Psalms 73:26 ***My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.***

Isaiah 41:10 ***fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.***

Matthew 11:28-30 ***Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."***

John 14:27 ***Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.***

2 Corinthians 12:9 ***But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.***

Trust the Lord for Deliverance and Healing

Psalms 55:22 ***Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.***

Psalms 107:20 ***He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.***

Psalms 147:3 ***He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.***

Proverbs 3:5-6 ***Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.***

1 Peter 2:24 ***He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.***

1 Peter 4:19 ***Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.***

Look Forward and Believe

Isaiah 43:18 ***Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.***

Mark 11:23 ***Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.***

Romans 5:1-2 ***Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.***

Romans 8:28 ***And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.***

1 Corinthians 13:7 ***Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.***

2 Corinthians 5:6-7 ***So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight.***

Philippians 3:13-14 ***Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.***

Hebrews 11:1 (KJV) ***Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.***

Revelation 21:3-4 ***And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."***

Christian Quotes for the Brokenhearted

"The church is not a select circle of the immaculate, but a home where the outcast may come in. It is not a palace with gate attendants and challenging sentinels along the entrance-ways holding off at arm's-length the stranger, but rather a hospital where the brokenhearted may be healed, and where all the weary and troubled may find rest and take counsel together." **~ James H. Aughey**

"Leave the broken, irreversible past in God's hands, and step out into the invincible future with Him." **~ Oswald Chambers**

"We want to avoid suffering, death, sin, ashes. But we live in a world crushed and broken and torn, a world God Himself visited to redeem. We receive his poured-out life, and being allowed the high privilege of suffering with Him, may then pour ourselves out for others." **~ Elisabeth Elliot**

"My grand point in preaching is to break the hard heart, and to heal the broken one." **~ John Newton**

"Your most profound and intimate experiences of worship will likely be in your darkest days – when your heart is broken, when you feel abandoned, when your out of options, when the pain is great – and you turn to God alone." **~ Rick Warren**

Lord my father, position me to receive your blessing in the name of Jesus.

My Angel of blessing, locate me now in the name of Jesus.

Every blessings of mine buried under the ground or under the water be exhumed by fire, in the name of Jesus.

Every power assigned to divert my blessing, receive the arrow of fire and be roasted, in the name Jesus.

O God of abundance let your blessing begin to spring forth in every area of my life in the name of Jesus.

I render null and void every influential destiny swallowers in the name of Jesus.

Every altar mounted against my breakthrough be dismantled by fire in the name of Jesus.

Any synagogue of Satan or evil shrine where my blessings have been caged, catch fire in the name of Jesus.

My blessings in the camp of the enemy jump out and locate me by fire, in the name of Jesus.

Any power that has swallowed my blessing, vomit it now in the name of Jesus.

Any power waging war against my breakthroughs from my place of birth, receive failure and defeat in the name of Jesus.

Oh you my divine helper appear and connect me to my breakthroughs in the name of Jesus.

You that satanic doorkeeper locking out blessings from me summersault and die, in the name of Jesus.

Every evil bank established against my finances, be liquidated by fire in the name of Jesus.

Oh you power fighting against my promotion begin to fight yourselves in the name of Jesus.

Every evil agent hindering, delaying, preventing, or destroying breakthrough in my life, your time is over, die in the name of Jesus.

Every satanic umbrella covering my glory, catch fire, in the nae of Jesus.

I plug myself into the favor of God and I receive power and favor in the name of Jesus.

Every satanic rat eating holes in my pocket die by fire in the name of Jesus.

Any name that I am bearing that is working against my breakthrough, O Lord my Father change it and give me a new name in the name of Jesus.

O God of all impossibility give me the breakthrough that will dumbfound my enemies in the name of Jesus.

Thank you Lord for the answered prayers.

Conclusion

When you read each one of these powerful verses for encouragement one right after the other, you simply cannot miss what God is trying to tell you.

Again, if any of you are going through some real tough times right now, keep your faith up and alive in the Lord, and ground and believe on what these kinds of verses are all telling you to do.

These encouraging verses are all God's direct Word to you, and you can

totally rely and ground on each one of them, as God cannot lie or deceive you in any way.

All of these verses are anointed by God Almighty Himself, and they will all feed you and encourage you better than anything else in this world can do.

Another thing you can do with this many verses is to copy and paste which ones you will really like to focus on onto a Word Document.

From there, you can put them in the order you would like, and then print out this personalized list so you can have this list to study and meditate from.