

Kingdom Living Digest

Encouraging the Body of Christ to Live for What Lasts



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Be Careful What You Listen To

By Bro. Terrence Powell

The enemy is subtle. he doesn't always roar; sometimes he *whispers*. Just as satan deceived angels in heaven and led them astray, he seeks to plant doubt, pride, and compromise in our hearts through quiet suggestions and false comforts. Every voice we entertain shapes our direction, so we must learn to recognize when the enemy is disguising lies as truth. Stay grounded in God's word, because the voice you choose to follow will determine where you end up: in deception or in destiny.

SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

Lasting renewal happens when faith deepens and self is surrendered fully.

BE READY: A CALL TO SPIRITUAL READINESS

An urgent warning to live righteously before Christ's return.

TRANSFORMED TO SERVE

Believers mature through renewal, surrender, and the Spirit's power.

NOTHING BETTER THAN GOD'S LOVE

A journey of struggle, growth, and divine realization.

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Spiritual Transformation

By Pastor Lillie P. Powell

Spiritual transformation is not just a concept, it's the very heart of the Christian journey. It represents a profound shift in how we see ourselves and how we relate to God, His Kingdom, and His purpose for our lives. Mature believers understand that sin is not just a personal failure. It is a wound to the heart of Christ; a reminder of the cross He bore for us. This understanding keeps us humble, grounded, and motivated to live in a way that honors and pleases Him.

Many wonder whether true spiritual transformation is even possible. But the Bible gives us a clear answer: **YES, IT IS!** Paul compares it to a caterpillar becoming a butterfly (*2 Corinthians 5:17*). What once *crawled* now **soars**! Such a drastic change! But noticeable to all who witness it.

That's the visible power of God at work in a believer's life! A transformation so complete that the old self disappears, replaced by something entirely **new**. But this process requires our participation.

Romans 12:2 calls us to be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Just as the caterpillar must feed continuously before entering the cocoon, we must feast daily on God's word, allowing it to reshape our thoughts and desires. Just as food sustains the body, spiritual food sustains the spiritual man. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God (*Matthew 4:4 ESV*).



Be Ready: A Call to Spiritual Readiness

By Elder Michael King



We are living in the end times.

The Lord has placed on my heart to warn His people to get their house in order and quit "playing church". Because whatever state your life is in, that's what you will be when He comes. If you're unjust, stay that way. If you're filthy, stay that way. If you're righteous, stay that way. If you're Holy, stay that way (*Revelation 22:11*).

Jesus is coming, and He is not waiting for us to get ready. He wants us to **be** ready.

Just take a look at everything that is going on around the world. Jesus is sounding the trumpet and warning us. He is coming with judgment and reward. Those that will listen, take heed. Those that won't listen, suffer the consequences.

I have told you. The blood is not on my hands.

In Jesus' name, be blessed.

Kingdom Living Tips

Practical ways to prepare hearts & minds for meaningful worship.

By Pastor Jonnie M. King

Transformation is not instantaneous; it is cultivated daily through prayer, surrender, and obedience. Let the Holy Spirit renew you from the inside out. And remember, the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is working in you to perfect His purpose.

Transformed to Serve

By Pastor Lillie P. Powell

Spiritual transformation cannot happen solely through self-effort. The Holy Spirit is the divine agent of change. He alone can move us from living in the flesh to walking in the Spirit. Yet, this is not a one-time event. It is a lifelong journey of gradual and daily surrender.

As we yield our hearts, habits, and will to God, the Spirit shapes us into the image of Christ. But when we resist, hesitate, or refuse His guidance, we stall the very process designed to set us free. Scripture warns us not to quench the Holy Spirit (*1 Thessalonians 5:19*), and that we should get out of the way and allow Him to perform the work in our lives that He was sent to do (*John 3:30*)!

Transformation differs from mere change. Anyone can change behavior for a season, but only God can transform a heart for eternity. Over time, His Spirit conforms us to His will and molds us into the likeness of His Son.

The evidence of that transformation is visible in our attitudes, our speech, and our actions (*Galatians 5:22-23*). Our spiritual image should be a reflection of Christ in us. Real change, that alters where you go, what you do, and how you think!



Nothing Better Than God's Love

By Bro. Charles Kegler



As a boy I was saved by an Angel,
And I never knew why.
I've fallen down so many times,
But I learned not to cry.

I've seen some days not good to see,
And I've lived this life meant just for me.
I've crossed the equator. Walked desert
sand,
It took forty years to know I'm a man.

I've had my doubts, like people do,
And never felt love that was ever so true.
There were days I felt so alone,
But God kept me company upon His
throne.

I chased after love, like many will do,
Not knowing God's love was what I'd been
missing too.
So I sat down and made a decision,
To seek the love that comes from
Heaven's vision.

The love I searched for comes from above,
I can tell you firsthand, there's nothing
better than God's love.

Reflection & Application

Align your life with God's
Kingdom through self-
examination & action.

By Pastor Jonnie M. King

As we reflect this month, ask yourself:

- ✝ What reflection do you display in God's spiritual mirror?
- ✝ When God looks at you, does He see the image of Christ or the image of the flesh?

True transformation is more than turning over a new leaf, it's becoming a new creation. When we are transformed to serve, our lives become living testimonies of His grace, His love, and His power.



The Spiritual Thread

Connecting monthly insights that weave together wisdom for daily life.

How to Become a Christian

As a believer, you will have the opportunity to talk to others about your faith.

At times you will find people who want to know how to become a Christian.

Here is a guide you can use to help a person understand what it means to begin a relationship with Christ.

FACT: You were created by a loving God. You have great value. God loves you and wants to have a personal relationship with you.

SETUP: Explain to the person that the world tells us that we are accidents of nature. We began as ooze in a pond, evolved into apes, and finally turned into humans. We live and then we die, so we should grab for all we can get in this life. After all, that's the only way to find fulfillment. In contrast, the Bible tells us that we are not accidents. We were created by a loving God who knew about us before we were born. We are here for a purpose, and we can find ultimate fulfillment by finding a relationship with Him.

Read the following verses and make the following points:

God created you.

Psalm 139:13-16. For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

God knew you before you were born, even while you were in your mother's womb. He knows all about your family and your life until now. (Be sensitive that some people have had difficult circumstances in their lives. Explain that God has not been absent but has been drawing this person to Himself.) He wants to give you a brand-new start and a new way of living. He can do that when you give Him your life. Why would you do that? Because...

God wants to have a personal relationship with you.

John 17:3. "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

God is not some impersonal "force," an unspeaking or unseeing idol, or merely another name for your own self-esteem. Instead, God is a person, your creator, who created you to be in a relationship with Him. Why? Because...

God loves you.

John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

You can turn your life over to God's control because He loves you and wants the best for you. In fact, He loves you so much that He gave His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for you. We will explain more about that later in the series, but realize that when you trust God, you are actually trusting the one who created you. When you turn your life over to Him, you are giving your life to the one who knows you inside and out. Don't you think that's a good place to put your trust?

About This Section

The Spiritual Thread is an ongoing series that explores a wide variety of topics, breaking them into manageable, month-by-month installments. Each edition is designed to provide readers with thoughtful insights, practical guidance, and engaging content that encourages reflection, learning, and personal growth over time. By spreading topics across multiple months, the series allows for deeper exploration than a single issue could accommodate.

Some installments may include special features, such as a year-long Bible reading plan or multi-part guides, offering structure and support for longer journeys. These features are designed to help readers engage consistently and make meaningful progress in areas of interest, whether spiritual, practical, or educational.

The goal of the series is to provide content that evolves with the reader, covering complex topics in an accessible way while inspiring curiosity, reflection, and actionable steps. By following along month after month, readers can discover new perspectives, develop their understanding, and stay connected to material that challenges and enriches their everyday lives.

Next Month...

How to Become a Christian, part 2.

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Empowerment Service | Thurs | 7:30



EMPOWERMENT SERVICE
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

Join Us!
7:30 PM

Acts 2:42
And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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Announcements

Key church updates, service changes, and important community information.

Happy Birthday!

✝ Elder Michael King – **October 15th**

Happy Anniversary!

✝ Elder Michael King + Minister Nicole King – **November 19th**

Click [here](#) to submit announcements

(or e-mail us at info@upperroomdeliverance.com).

From the Pastors' Desk

Personal messages from the pastors to the reader; offering encouragement, spiritual guidance, and timely reflections for the month.

This section helps strengthen the connection between the pastors and readers by offering wisdom, direction, and inspiration for daily living and spiritual growth.

Here the pastors can share their heart, provide biblical insight, and highlight the vision God has given for the church community.



Faith Strengthened Through Trials and Tribulations

Pastor Lillie P. Powell

Trials and tribulations both test our faith, but tribulations are deeper seasons of hardship meant to refine us under pressure. God allows these tests to strengthen our spiritual endurance, just as resistance strengthens muscle. When we persevere, the “oil of the anointing” flows, anchoring His word in our hearts and empowering us against darkness. Jesus promised blessings to those who endure for righteousness’ sake, assuring them of the Kingdom of Heaven. Though persecution rises in every evil generation, we are called to stand firm, proclaim truth, and let God’s light shine through us so that others might be saved.

*“Even in
seasons of
struggle, God’s
faithfulness
never wavers.”*

Standing Firm Through Persecution

Pastor Jonnie M. King

2 Timothy 3:12 declares, “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” This truth reminds us that hardship is not a sign of failure, but a natural part of following Christ. Those who choose to live godly lives will inevitably face resistance from a world that prioritizes material wealth and self-centered pursuits over holiness. Paul teaches that persecution is not an exception but an expectation, one that all faithful believers will experience as they walk in obedience. Yet even in seasons of struggle, God’s faithfulness never wavers. His promises remain steadfast regardless of our human frailty or doubt.

Every trial we encounter carries divine purpose. God allows adversity not to destroy us, but to strengthen and mature us in faith. Through our pain and perseverance, He reveals His character and draws us into deeper trust. These moments refine our hearts and prepare us to comfort others who face similar trials. When we endure with patience and humility, we glorify God and reflect Christ’s image more clearly. Remember, the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in us today; sustaining, shaping, and empowering us to overcome every challenge with victory and grace.

Closing Remarks



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Scripture of the Month

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, renew our hearts and minds by Your Spirit.

Help us to yield completely to Your transforming work within us.

Let our lives reflect the image of Christ and bring glory to Your name.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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