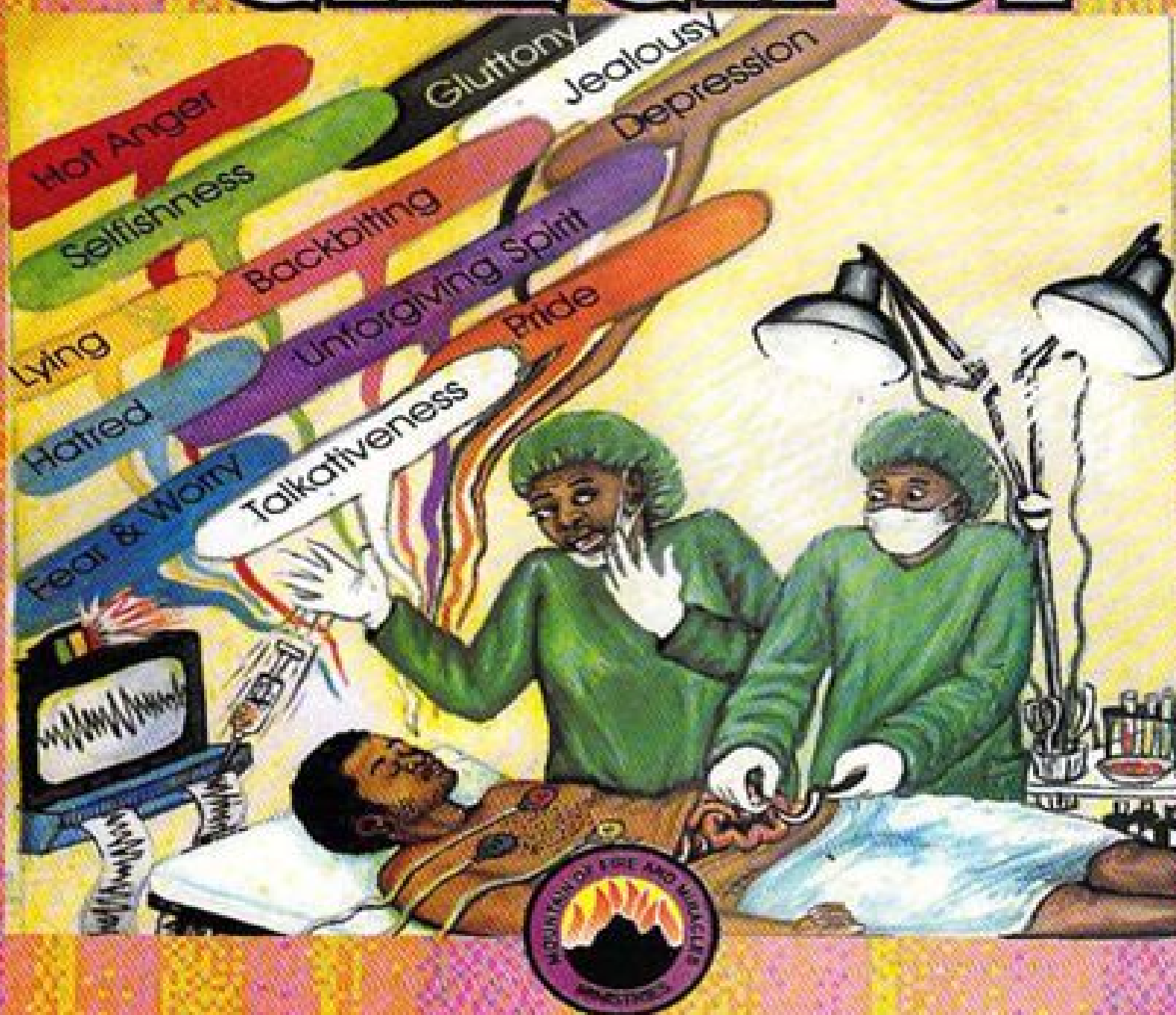


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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the Nigerian Founding Fathers of Pentecostal Missions that Preach Holiness Within and Without.

PREFACE

Nothing happens suddenly except that man often fails to decode signals being sent to him.

Personal Spiritual CheckUp is a check-list against which anybody nursing a genuine ambition for heaven must check his life. This book presents naked truth. Soul-searching questions are asked in a forthright manner. Do you love human praise or harbour secret pride? How do you take criticisms? This checklist is all encompassing and it leaves no one out, even a minister. Yes!

Six vital questions to guarantee spiritual fitness are contained in this book.

However, to profit from this reading, you must bring yourself to the level where you do not abhor the truth. You must be ready to examine and x-ray yourself truthfully in the light of Scriptures. The Holy Spirit will help you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor Ayo Oluwatosin

INTRODUCTION

We thank the Lord and praise Him for this day.

I will like you to close your eyes and pray. Call upon the Great Physician who is able to work on your spirit, soul and body. He can eject the evil strangers in your body and bring to life what He desires for you. Ask Him to touch you right where you are now.

Let us consider what I call Personal Spiritual Checkup. If you have ever read the story of Jacob in the Bible, you would recall that he got to a stage in his life when he was left alone to wrestle with a man until the break of day. The verse that relates his encounter is very interesting.

"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day" Gen. 32:24.

A GREAT ENCOUNTER

Now, frankly speaking, we should not hope for outstanding spiritual victories without a spiritual wrestling or struggle like the one Jacob had. The man who wrestled with Jacob must wrestle with us. Until God has dealt with all that hinders His control in our lives, and taken everyone of us into a state of complete surrender; we really cannot hope to have victory over the enemy. The Bible says: "There wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day." What we are saying is this: spiritual breakthrough is not possible if this kind of wrestling is wanting. A time came when he had to wrestle it out. The man that wrestled with him was God. But why the wrestling with Jacob? There were certain things in Jacob's life that were not pleasing unto God. He knew that as far as those things were there, His divine purpose for him would collapse; so, He had to wrestle with him until He touched his "long legs." After the encounter, one of his legs went out of joint.

Spiritual wrestling with God is a must. He must bring you into a position of complete surrender; thereafter, there will be a spiritual breakthrough.

A lot of people do not want to surrender everything to God, although they sing: "All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give, I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live." Most people who sing this song have no heartfelt commitment. And the Bible laments because of such people. It says:

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth and honoureth me with the lips; but their heart is far from Me. But in vain do they, worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" Matt. 15:8,9.

How wonderful it will be if everybody that attends a Gospel Church behaves the way they behave in the Church in their homes and

places of work. Great day it will be when your behaviour in the Church and in the office is the same and people recognise you as a woman, or a man who is truly a servant of God. So, let me ask you this question: Do you truly (deep within you) desire (strongly) a spiritual breakthrough today? If you say: "yes, Lord," without self-deception and levity, I praise the Lord with you.

Be assured that you will receive your heart's desire. Tell yourself: "I will receive spiritual breakthrough whether the devil likes it or not." I asked the question because I know that it will be wonderful if while you are in your office interviewing about three people, you could easily discern that one of them is possessed. Would it not be wonderful to know straightway? Would it not be wonderful if as you put your wares down in the market preparing for the days sales, the Spirit of God whispered to you that one customer would come at 1:00 p.m.? You then locked up your shop and started praying. later the person came at the exact time, and promised to clear everything in your store. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

It will be marvellous if God can come to you where you are, call you by name and say: "My son, I have come to converse with you; do not be confused, this is what is currently happening on earth." I am sure that you will be delighted.

Would it not be wonderful if God would reveal to you what would happen to those around you before such things ever happen? Wouldn't you be happy if God takes you aside for thirty days and reveal deep things to you concerning your relations (members of your family)? I am sure you will be thrilled to see God give you the spiritual status of each member of your family. By the time God will be through with you, you will surely have enough information to disperse hindering darkness. God would have exposed those who hold strange meetings at night. If you confront them saying: "I know who you are and where you are coming from." I am sure some of them will run away, and others who want to repent will fall on their faces trembling and asking for God's mercy. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

For how long do you want to go on with trial and error Christianity? For how long do you want to go on with cosmetic Christianity? For how long do you want to continue with powerless Christianity? For how long do you want to remain as a "wilderness-walker" in your Christian life? Unless you are really sure, you might be possessed by the spirit of suspicion. If somebody should wink badly at you, you might say that she is a witch. If another is talking roughly, you may surmise, "he is a snake." When will you leave the school of "perhaps?" Well, it is when you receive your spiritual breakthrough.

It is a pity some people now roll on the floor performing funny exercises in the name of looking for a way out. They do this because they have one problem or the other. But why those funny gymnastics? Their spiritual eyes are not opened. This is why today, if you know that you want a spiritual breakthrough, you will give an undivided attention to every word in this book. You have to pay special attention, because this is a spiritual clinic.

There are some people who are meant to be prophets and prophetesses, for so God had designed it. But when they come to the church, they remove all Jezebelian decorations of the body and other attachments with satanic symbols, whereas these materials are still under their pillows. Some of them are old enough in the faith to give spiritual seriousness a serious thought. Yet they want to pretend that they have all the time in the world. Why not be serious with what God wants you to do?

You should get this clear: your problems cannot be fully solved unless you have repented. Many are eager to receive miracles without being ready to repent. When the Lord begins to tell you what some people do in secret, you will be shocked. To even worsen the case, some people come to living fellowships and think that their secrets are covered. Such people are deceiving themselves. God will make everything as clear as daylight. I tell you the truth, and it is for you to pick out what you want. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" Rev 2:7.

SELF EXAMINATION

II Cor. 13:5 says:

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye, not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ s in you, except ye be reprobates?"

Examine yourself. To examine means: to look closely, to carry out a thorough search, especially those who believe they are children of God and are born again.

"Prove your own-selves, know yourselves, how that Jesus Christ is in you except ye be reprobates. "Then verse six says:

"But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates."

If you now turn back to 1 Cor., chapter 11, verse 31, it says:

"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."

There is no point in just rushing to the church because you want miracles whereas there are things in your life which God is wrestling with you. You must surrender all. Thorough examination is a must for Christians who are interested in pleasing God and in making heaven. In fact, if you are doing very well spiritually, examine yourself; if otherwise, still examine yourself. If you have started your Christian journey a long time ago, examine yourself; if you have just started, examine yourself.

THE SPIRITUAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

God has created something in the human body that we call the Nervous System. The Nervous System informs us whenever there is pain or any danger. For example, if somebody is developing stomach ailment, the system will tell him that something is wrong in the stomach. It is after this that you will become conscious of what is happening to you. If you accidentally put your hands inside hot water, the Nervous System will inform you to remove your hands quickly. So you will quickly withdraw your hand. In fact, a human being cannot survive without a functional Nervous System.

Can you imagine a man who cannot tell when his hands are inside hot water or fire? those hands will be burnt unknown to him. Likewise we have a Spiritual Nervous System, designed to warn us whenever there is a spiritual danger. It warns us when we are playing with fire and when we have a special spiritual disease that needs attention. When your Spiritual Nervous System sounds an alarm, it is God tapping you on the shoulder, drawing your attention to certain spiritual dangers. Won't you wake up? Unfortunately, in spite of effective spiritual alarm, the position of many Christians is described in the book of Isaiah, chapter 59, verse 10, thus:

"We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men."

For how long do you want to be in the primary school department of faith? When will you grow up and stop fornication, lying, hypocrisy and disobedience? When are you going to depart from the camp of "men pleasers?" Isn't it time you depart from these? My prayer is that you will get out of spiritually unprofitable situations, in Jesus' name. And for you reading this book who know that you have been

called of God but you are still "playing games" with the call, my prayer is that God will open your eyes today in Jesus' name.

As a lot of people especially the rich, go for medical checkups to examine their eyes, mouth, blood, bones, heart, liver, skin, brain, etc. These parts of the body are checked to know whether something is going wrong anywhere. So, we must have occasional spiritual checkups. If you are the serious type, sometimes it may take you one to two hours. All it requires from you is to be honest with yourself. You should ask yourself serious questions and see whether you can answer those questions. If you then find out that your answer is not complete; or should you fall short, don't deceive yourself; fall on your face before the Lord and ask for the Lord to help you. Are you known in your place of work as a Christian? Another zealot? Those are the likely questions to ask yourself.

If God were to examine you today, what will He find in you? Confirmation, water baptism, empty Christian names? Will He find Christianity in you? Are there people out of the Church because you are inside?

Sometimes ago, some people went for evangelism and had a woman as their convert-to-be. But the woman stopped and asked for the name of the Church. The soul winners mentioned the name of their Church. The woman asked: "Is that where you want me to come?" She asked further if the Church permits married women to have men-friend or men to be going about with other women. She got a "no, no, no" answer from the evangelists. She then mentioned a particular woman who keeps her boss as her man-friend in the office, and who is a member of their Church. Again I ask: are some people outside the church because you are inside? I would like you to think about this. Think about it very well.

Here is another case. A man Was invited some time ago to preach and his topic was: "Ticket to Hell Fire." As he preached, it got to a point when he had to mention fornication. Each time he Uttered the word "fornication," a girl at the front row would look up at him. The preacher noticed this and recalled that something was between

them. He tried again to mention the word "forni ... ," the girl looked straight at him again: It was like she wanted to ask: "Mr. Preacher, do you want to say it again?" This man is like the, kind of people Jesus described as not in the kingdom of God and would not allow others to go in either. They block the road. One of these days something would happen.

I remember the church I was attending some years ago. At a particular time, we observed that the Church was not growing. (I am talking of what happened 18 years ago.) Then we prayed some violent prayers and asked the Lord what was happening. The Lord showed us a vision. In it we saw a sister blocking the gate of the church and stopping . people who wanted to enter. She would stand at the gate and use her head to hit people's chest and push them away; so nobody was coming in. This woman used to be one of the best dancers during anniversary celebrations. The Lord showed someone a vision that an angel of the Lord kicked her out of the door. Thereafter the door was opened to all. Three days later, this woman fell down and died. Unfortunately, the whole choir was in trouble because they had to learn new songs for her burial ceremony. All these did not bother me, but what bothered me was the Pastor who preached at the ceremony. The man said "Ladies and gentlemen, can you not see that this woman lived a good Christian life and died well - imagine the crowd that gathered and the people in the cemetery who were singing." While the choir sang, the Pastor said: "Sleep on, beloved sleep and take thy rest, lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's breast,; we love thee well but Jesus loves thee best." (Yet, an angel of the Lord kicked her out of the church!)

If you have witchcraft spirit or familiar spirit and you attend Christian meetings without any intention to repent, one of these days, the Lord God will kick you out. It is not a prayer, it is what the Lord will do. It is better to examine yourself now.

CHECK LIST

Are you ashamed of Christ? Are you the kind of brother or sister who will take all the pains to hide her Bible inside her bag? The type that does not want people to know that she is carrying her Bible on the street? Perhaps, you are the brother who comes with a comb in your hand to comb your hair and leave your Bible at home. You have enough space to put combs and make-ups, but not for the Bible!

If a man should come to you right there and ask you what are the things inside your bag? Will they be mirror, pancake, lead pencil, lipsticks. all spiritually dead materials? Some people carry materials of dead bones when going to their places of work. It is surprising that only the materials of dead bones fill the bag leaving no place for the Bible. This shows where the heart is.

Are you ashamed of Christ? Are you a Spiritual coward? Are you the type that your boss is misbehaving with and yet you are not complaining? Check up yourself. The reason why some people's problems keep coming back is because they are too shy to come forward and say: "This is what the Lord has done for me." Some people are ashamed to share their testimony. If anybody is ashamed of Christ now, He will disown that person on the last day. The Bible says: He will be ashamed of such a person on the last day. What a disaster it will be! And it will be terrible if Christ on the last day will say: I don't know you. Whosoever is ashamed of Me among these adulterous and wicked generation, him will I be ashamed of in the kingdom of My Father.

When you are at home, does your life glorify God? Think about it very well. Does it glorify God? Do you criticize members of the church in the presence of your children at home? Do you criticise members of the church before your husband? Do you do so before your wife?

Examine yourself!

Do you pray on your meals at home, especially when an important worldly guest is around? Do you pray the way you used to pray? These things are the things to check up.

It reminds me of a man of God who went to greet a woman at home. The man of God says: "Let us pray." But the man of the house requested that the Bible be brought before prayer. The wife then asked the son to go for the book the family reads often. The boy came out with a fairy tale story book to their dismay. Again the woman sent the boy, this time asking for the one they usually read before retiring to bed. "Oh no problem," the boy remarked. He ran in and brought it; it was dusty. And that was hypocrisy! God does not want such people in His house, except they are ready to repent.

How will you behave if you sat beside an important dignitary like the president of a country in the Church, I guess you would become a statue (motionless) and would hardly move your body because of the man? If we went ahead and asked people to give him something, you can be sure some would almost knock their heads on the ground in courtesy before handing him their gifts. That is for a man; what should you do when you come into the church of God?

It is sad to note that some people are so indisciplined that they can even beat up the man of God. It is not their fault; God has now manifested so much mercy than it was in the olden days. Otherwise, it would have been a different story.

Do you pray every day with your family? Some husbands are too busy to pray with their children and wife.

Ponder over these things.

They are the questions to ask yourself. This self-examination can take you up to two hours if you are a serious believer.

Have you mounted a serious guard over your tongue? In the early days of medicine, if someone should call at the hospital as a patient,

he would be asked to stick out his tongue for examination. If it was white, he was surely sick. It is the same in the realm of the Spirit. If something is wrong with one's spiritual life, and the tongue is sick, then all other are as of the body and life will be sick.

Are you critical about other people? Isn't it borne out of jealousy, inferiority complex or pure hatred?

These are the questions you should ask yourself.

Is it possible for you to claim that you are a Christian while you still nurse in your heart, what somebody has done against you in the past? Do you want to avenge yourself?

Are you nourishing an unforgiving spirit? Do you harbour dislike for some people? Are you seeking for retaliation or do you have what we call the "acidic tongue?"

Others may talk for several hours without much effect, but your own words, though few, can cause confusion. I know that there is one principle that never fails: women who have learnt to keep their mouths shut generally do not end up being beaten by their husbands. It is when your tongue is in the overdrive position that you get beaten up!

DANGER SIGNALS

As a man, are you a clever pretender? When you see fellow believers, you shout: "Praise the Lord"; but when you go somewhere else where there is no believer, you become a different person entirely. How can a Christian keep cassettes of Pop, Rock and Reggae music in his house? How can a believer be memorizing worldly songs? We know that these songs have wrecked many lives. Some people are now useless to themselves and to their community.

How can you say you are converted whereas you cannot recall any moment you had divine visitation in your life?

Have you ever drawn back from serving the Lord?

Do you find time early in the morning for Bible study, unhurried prayer and quiet meditation? Do you have any time for all these in the morning?

Do you rush into bed at night and rush out in the morning? If you do, you should be sick in the spirit by now, and anything could happen to you.

Do you have the sting of death operating in your life? When someone treats you shabbily, do you want to avenge the deed?

Do you take kindly to criticism?

Do you retaliate when an opportunity comes to do so?

Do you tackle criticism by finding fault with your critic?

Are you provokeable to the point of retaliation?

Do you absent yourself from attending the meeting of a group once you are no longer the leader?

Do you find it difficult to operate once you are supposed to follow and others lead?

Once a person is called to do an assignment you normally, do, do you feel angry?

Do you have compassion for those who are lost?

Do you shift responsibilities to others for whatever goes wrong?

Do you get angry? It may not always show itself on the surface. But there is a stirring within you when things do not just go as you think they ought to go. Anger is a dangerous thing. It is like acid, which hurts the container storing it. Spiritual poison within, causes anger.

Anger also causes physical poison that is dangerous to the body. Tears contain salt, but anger springs from an unholy principle in the soul. It is a selfish emotion and arises from a feeling of personal injury; a feeling that one's right has been infringed upon through the crossing of one's plans or ideas, or disturbance of one's pleasure.

Anger belittles a person.. It degrades a person. It demoralises a person. The more sinful a man becomes, the more violent his anger becomes. The holier you become, the less angry you become.

Do you get angry? If so, you are destroying yourself!

Do you exercise patience towards all men?

Are you touchy and sensitive?

Are you the kind who likes to be petted and pampered? If you are not given due recognition, do you take offence?

Do you feel slighted when someone fails to greet you the way you want?

Do you have the disposition to find fault and to grumble?

Do you love human praise?

Do you desire that people should say more good things about your singing, or your preaching or any of your activities?

Do you have any inner desire to go about seeking compliments?

Are you willing that others should be praised rather than yourself?

Do you withhold giving big offerings because there is no public mention?

When your efforts yield progressive achievement, do you demand that your church or people should give you credit?

Do you have secret pride? A feeling that my talents and gifts are a little superior to those of someone else.

Do you love power or want to rule, or to be the boss?

Do you have the feeling that you have arrived?

Do you fear to stand on the right cause because of the fear of man?

Are you stubborn or rebellious?

Are you jealous of other peoples' success or achievement?

Are you deceptive? That is, pretending to be something other than what you are.

Do you testify of spiritual experiences that you do not possess?

Do you always wish to appear to be better than you really are?

Do you pretend to be wiser than you are?

Do you feel hot inside when you are prevented from having your own way about things?

Do you curse or swear when you make mistakes?

Do you attend the fellowship regularly?

Do you always desire to go to God's house?

Have you totally given up your life to worship God?

Do you fervently pray for ministers of God?

Do you find it easy to work with other people?

If you should belong to a Sunday School Class, headed by a less educated person, would you listen to what he says?

Can other people work with you?

Do you tend to dominate others?

Do you like to be noticed?

Examine yourself!

Do you leave hard work for others and go for the easy ones?

You need to examine yourself.

Do you really want God's work to advance?

If you heard somebody praise your colleague, do you enjoy it?

Look at yourself!

Do you give as much to God as you spend for personal entertainment? Add together what you buy for personal use and add together what you give to God.

Do you tithe faithfully? Faithful tithing will open the windows of heaven. If a herbalist curses you, the blood of Jesus will remove the curse, but if God should curse you, there is no solution unless you repent. The Bible states that: If you fail to pay your tithes, you are cursed with a curse.

Ask yourself the following questions:

Can you love those who hate you?

Are you a happy Christian?

Is something wrong with your spirit?

Are you temperate in all things?

Are you growing in your walk with the Lord?

Are you moving forward or backward?.

Can you measure your progress in the last two years, three months or four months? Can you measure your progress? What can you do spiritually now that you could not do a year ago?

Can you now successfully lead another man to Christ?

Can you distinguish between the voice of the devil and the voice of God? Can you distinguish between your own voice and God's voice?

Can you forgive those who have wronged you?

Can you confront death without fear and say, "I am not afraid of you?"

Do you really look forward to enjoying prayer meetings?

Do you expect worldly honours?

What does getting on in life mean to you - larger salary? Bigger house? Relinquishing small colour television set and buying a bigger one? Do you think getting on means a bigger car and a good job? Or does getting on mean more of God? Because without having more of God even if you accumulate all the wealth in the world, the devil could blow it all away within a second. Most; people ask. "How are you now?" "How is that brother?" And the usual response is, Oh, he is getting on." What they mean by this is that he has just got a beautiful car and a piece of land in a place reserved for millionaires.

Most of what people call getting on, has nothing to do with getting on at all.

How much of your life is really given to others?

Do you feel too superior to evangelize? Do you say to yourself. "It is not for people like me. it is for half-educated people? How can I be shouting in the bus, in the market?"

You prefer to go into the ministry of helps.

What are you doing to reduce spiritual evil in this country?

I'll like you to examine your life, my dear reader.

Being old is different from getting wiser. If it is not foolishness, how can a man, at 40, desiring power, choose to follow the prescription of others to tear the Bible and boil it with bitter leaf for drinking? This is spiritual madness. Something is wrong somewhere.

Examine yourself!

Do you always speak the truth?

Are you a honest person?

If you owe people money. do you pay your debts?

Do you swear? It is impossible for those who swear and curse to be in heaven unless they repent. The Bible is against swearing and cursing. Do not swear at all. If you claim that you do not swear or curse outsiders but swear at home, it is still sinful.

Are you pure in your relationship with the opposite sex? Phil. 3:20 tells us:

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."

The wording of this verse is very powerful and heavy; it says our citizenship is in heaven. If we are for heaven (i.e., the

headquarters), although we came from different places, after leaving this place, we would go to our Father in heaven. However, some will join their father in the bottomless pit and in the lake of fire.

CHALLENGES FOR CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANS

There are many challenges for Christians today. A lot of people die every minute. If, as a Christian, you don't know how to live in holiness, you might follow the crowd. But you must be different. Holiness must be your watchword. When you dress, eat and talk, holiness must characterize your lifestyle. We spend a lot of time debating on unnecessary things.

When I read about the early Christians and all that happened to them, I was challenged. Somebody would say to a believer: "Stand here," and he would. And later his wife would be brought to him. Then he would be asked: "Do you want to renounce Jesus or you still want to accept Him as your Lord and Saviour?" If he denied Jesus, the wife would be allowed to live, otherwise, she would be killed. That is not all. His children would be brought forward also and he would again be asked: "Renounce Jesus or confess Jesus? If you choose Christ, we'll kill these children here." If he insisted and chose Christ, we'll kill these children would be killed in his presence. At last he would be bound and his fingernails would be removed, one by one, in spite of the pain and much bleeding. Yet, he would affirm his commitment to the Lord. Now, where are we? Why are we complaining about the little things we are doing for the Lord? Whereas many believers sacrificed with their blood for what are now enjoying.

There is a book called "Foxes Book of Martyrs" It is a voluminous book containing the accounts of people who were killed from the time of Stephen. We read there about those who lost their limbs, their lives, their properties because of the gospel. Some went through torment of fire while others went through painful, gradual death for Christ's sake. It was a very big book kept in the church for

saints to read. It was observed that the believers were too weak in the heart to read it. Sometimes, when it was read, some would not be able to sleep. Later, it was edited and some terrifying accounts were removed. What we have in the market now is somehow mild, yet, if you read it, your life will never be the same again.

These Christians remained steadfast with the Lord, choosing to die rather than deny Him. Some were thrown into the den of lions after the lions would have been starved for a week. It was so bad that people paid to watch. Christians being eaten by lions. And the lions would break their bones, eat their flesh and people would hail the persecutors. Those were the Christians of those days.

I'm sure some of us will shake our heads in disbelief. It is sad that many of the present Christians do not practice holiness within and without. Sisters who should be on fire for God are busy struggling with childish questions like can I use make-ups? Can I paint my nails, wear earrings, chains and necklaces? Instead of asking for how they can obtain a double-portion of God's power, spiritual gifts, and how to prophesy, they preoccupy themselves with valueless things. They cannot hear from God, but can argue on issues having to do with the spiritual primary school department of faith. And God is saying, at the time you ought to be a teacher, you still need, to be taught the fundamentals of faith. What a pity!

A serious problem of present-day Christians is hypocrisy. We pray in the church, but if we can be holy as God wants us to be, we may not need to spend a longtime in prayer before people would touch our seats and be healed. Immediately they sit on our seats, as sinners, they would repent. So, all the people coming to the church without living holy lives are the ones diluting the power. God is warning you.

Some are waiting until God will come and convince them that what they are doing is wrong. They pretend as if they have not heard from God. They will then ask the man of God hypocritical questions. This is why some people come and make all kinds of noise. We'll tell them no problem, do what the Spirit of God is asking you to do. The

Bible gives us rules to guide our lives. However, you may refuse to be guided by them. I have made all these things very clear. If you want to check whether something is, right or wrong, ask yourself the following questions. If you ask yourself these questions, you'll be able to tell whether what you are doing is right or wrong.

SIX VITAL QUESTIONS

1 IS IT A SIN?

If yes, then leave it. If you are not sure whether it is a sin or not, it is safer to leave it.

2 IS IT HELPFUL OR DOES IT ENSLAVE

I Cor. 6:12:

"All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any."

This teaches us that we should not be brought under the power of anything apart from that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So, you ask yourself about anything you are doing: is it helpful or enslaving? Does it have the capacity of turning me into a slave? This bottle of beer in my hand, is it helpful? Does it enslave? Of course, it does.

Somebody introduced snuff to you and you sniffed it. Somebody then tells you it can enslave, you excused yourself by saying you are trying to control catarrh. It appears helpful. But does it enslave?

For what purpose are you putting on your dresses? Do they have the capacity of enslaving you? Have you got to the stage that you can starve if you don't have money to buy these things?

3 DOES IT BUILD UP?

1 Cor. 10:23:

"All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not."

Paul said. if I do anything, it must be profitable. I've got to a stage that I will not go and do unprofitable things. Will what you do make you grow and improve your spiritual life?

Check it!

4 DOES IT GLORIFY GOD?

Is it to the glory of God, according to 1 Cor. 10:31?

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever " ye do, do all to the glory of God."

"Something is telling you to slap somebody since she's a wicked woman. Ask yourself, is it to the glory of God? The invitation card to travel, to a party that you cannot talk about to other members of the fellowship because they will accuse you of being worldly, is it to the glory of God?

5 CAN IT MAKE MY BROTHER TO FALL OR STUMBLE?

That thing you are doing, is it of faith or will it be offensive to someone?

If someone brought things used for sacrifice and you knowingly ate them, won't your action get another weak brother into problem? It is better not to eat, than to eat and cause offence to any of these weaker ones. If somebody is not as strong as you are and he ate food for sacrifices, he will enter into serious bondage, and God will

blame you for it. So, don't touch it. Not only that, it is an insult to the glory of God that you share in things put on the table of the devil. Bible says in the Book of Romans, chapter 14 verse 21 that:

"It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended or is made weak."

If anything you are doing makes a brother to stumble or weaker, don't do it. If you are a sister and you wear a backless dress, everybody knows that you are not a true believer. Or if you put on a mini-dress which shows your thighs, you are not a member of Gods church. There are many fellowships looking for this kind of people, not ours, definitely. Ensure that you do not do anything - no matter how much it pleases you - to make others stumble or weaken their faith.

In the Book of Mark, chapter 9, verse 42, Jesus sealed it up by saying:

"And whatsoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in Me, it is better for him, that a milestone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea."

6 IS IT WORLDLY?

I John 2:15 says:

"Love not the world . . ."

James 4:4 also says:

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

The judgement of God is going to be very interesting. He will start his judgement not with the drunkard who fell into the gutter and died. But He will start with those who established the brewery, including

the messenger, the woman who took to selling it, then the retailer. These are contributors.

What shall we say about those who undertake reburial of their fathers yearly or as soon as they have some excess money? They buy alcohol and serve others as well. They are contributors. From the so-called children who drank one cup, down to the man who fell into the gutter, God will pull the chain, from the beginning and drag it right down. That's why the Bible says:

"Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished" Proverbs 11:21.

Examine yourself!

May be you're 50 - 60 years old, your spiritual life is nil. You've been going to church for years but, there is no light of heaven in your soul; you are just going there for going sake. If you die in that condition hell fire is sure. You may not take anything serious now; you may even laugh your way to hell, but when you get there, there will be no laughter again. It is just like the rich man, who died, and immediately his enjoyment ceased when he found himself in hell where the torment is forever.

CHRISTIAN MODERATION

God is calling you today to examine yourself wholeheartedly.

Don't be hypocritical.

Be a Christian who is heavenly minded.

Everything we are doing here that does not glorify God is useless. That's why we warn people: "If you are celebrating your naming ceremony or marriage, you don't have to waste your money." I have decided not to allow such things.

For example, the one who has printed pamphlets and has not completed the payment cannot come to me to announce an appeal fund; it is never done. Perhaps, you have not paid the video man. First, who asked you to go into that huge expenses? Some people put themselves in trouble by going a-borrowing. It is, not necessary. We promised our members that with a little amount of money, they can wed. You don't have to wear a wedding gown. Where is it compelled in the Bible anyway? Yet, it is not a sin to wear a wedding gown, but the important thing is the blessing of God. That is indispensable. You can invite all musicians in the world, but if the blessing of the Lord is not there, all is useless.

I remember a friend whose wife was delivered of a baby and there was no money for the naming ceremony. The man decided to buy bread, fried fish and tea. Again there wasn't enough money. When I got there, he told me everything. I told him: There is no problem. Give the people what you have. If you start off borrowing, how are you going to feed the baby? That was quite economical. Don't borrow money for naming your child; put before them what you have; and let's see who will complain.

All the while, the wife was frowning at me, thinking that I was the one who taught the husband to be stingy.

On the day of the ceremony, we put bread and tea before the people and we blessed it. Everybody ate and went away. Why should you go into debt because of traditional ceremonies? You know the problem - you are trying to please the world. What a strange thing? A man who is in the light is trying to please those in darkness.

Today, I want you to think about this - whether young or old. We receive visitors, especially from the spirit world, whether good or bad, but the type of visitor we receive is determined by the kind of vessel we are. This is why the song writer says: "Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?" Another song writer says: "Do you have any room for Jesus ...?" "Now, if your garments are not totally white, of course, you'll receive evil, demonic visitors.

But if your ways are right with God, you'll receive divine visitors instead of seeing spiders and such like things. What a glorious thing it will be during a Sunday Worship if you had already had fellowship with angels! What a wonderful thing when God walks into your life and business. Of course, everything will be different. However, God needs to be invited; He does not gatecrash.

THE BENEFIT OF DIVINE VISITATION

Are you carrying out the spiritual checkup as you read along? If God visits you, it is better than having all the prophets in the whole world prophesying to you. If God talks to you for five minutes, it is more than any preacher talking to you for five years.

When you receive this kind of divine visitation, you have unforgettable experiences. You will receive breakthroughs no other person can give to you. You'll receive priceless information. You will receive direction for your life, for God has no time to waste.

God does not pay purposeless visits. Enoch walked with God and God took him. Noah walked with God and he built an ark. Jacob received divine visitation, and his life was totally changed. Isaiah received the invitation and he said: "Woe is me! For I am undone" Isa 6:5.

It is a wonderful thing to receive a divine visitation. Ask Him to let you into His secret. When your vessel is unclean, you will receive other kinds of visitors - "personalities" running all over your body at right. Sometimes, the head will become big, that you'll think it's about ten times its size - this is an evil visitation.

So when you are not clean, evil visitors will come in, in the form of dream defeats and nightmares. If they send a demon to attack a believer who is on fire, he will ask why he's being sent to such a danger zone. He won't go.

But why is it that when they are sent to some Christians the demons rejoice? It is because they know that they will succeed. Maybe a strange wind is blowing at you like an arrow. Why should they come in? It is because you invited them. It's because you left a forwarding address to evil visitors and strange voices are speaking to you.

I remember the case of a man, who said, a light complexioned woman usually forces him at 4:00 a.m. in the morning to have sexual intercourse with her. Evil visitation! What's the cause? Unclean vessel. Immediately the devil knows that you are examining yourself, he knows that he cannot accuse you again. Confess your sins. Even if he is out to accuse you, tell him you've repented.

Today you will really cry unto the Lord.

If God is allowed to do what He wants to do in your spirit, your life will be so fulfilling that people will be saying, "where is your church?" A lot of people have got to the point of no return - even if you said you were going to run away, because you didn't know that the gospel will be so tough! I challenge you, don't go back! Truth is always very stubborn. It will run after you and overtake you. I pray it will not be too late.

This reminds me of an incident in a local church, where a Priest, who was also a drunkard, died. A priest from another Church came to preach at the funeral and he proclaimed that the old Priest died as a sinner. Everybody was surprised that a Priest could say this about another Priest. He however challenged the people and told them that if they lived a careless life like the dead Priest, they would enter hell fire where the Priest already was. The people were glued to their seats, it was unusual to hear such a declaration from a Priest. But that was the truth. it can never change.

BENEFITS OF SPIRITUAL CHECKUP

It is a fact that some people will from time to time have a medical checkup. You hardly find a place of employment that will not make medical checkup a requirement when employing new staff. Many who work with machines, for example, industrial machines or even a car will regularly carryout servicing whether or not there is anything wrong.

It is sad to note that many Christians treat their cars and machines better than themselves.

The purpose of spiritual checkup is:

1. to turn upon one self and search for spiritual inadequacies by the help of the Holy Spirit,
2. to encourage us by making plain to us how much God has been at work in our lives;
3. to examine the level of our spiritual growth;
4. to bring to light areas of darkness and falsehood in our lives;
5. to expose to us are as that need spiritual healing in our lives;
6. to enable us drink spiritual medicine for our wounded spirit;
7. to give us warning signals of hidden dangers;
8. to deliver us from living a surface life, and from drifting between two lives;

9. to enable us enjoy spiritual health;
10. to expose us to divine scrutinizing which spears us into the innermost being;
11. to allow the divine X-ray and Scan to work upon us (1 Cor. 4:5);
12. to let us see the need for spiritual surgery and healing;
13. to enable us take certain actions in order to sharpen our sword where it has become dull;
14. to enable us put right some of the wrongs we have committed;
15. to enable us apologize and seek to be reconciled where there are disagreement;
16. to enable us become more sensitive to the needs and sufferings of others.

At this level, close your eyes and pray these prayer points aggressively.

1. Father in the name of Jesus, show me myself as I am.
2. Father in the name of Jesus, bring to light every hidden darkness in my life.
3. Father in the name of Jesus, let me see, let me know and let me experience Your cleansing power.

THE METHODS

I reproduce below the story of how a brother in Christ received the spiritual breakthrough that elevated his ministry to a great height.

It was when pastoring my first church, that I definitely made up my mind that I MUST hear from heaven, and know the reason that my ministry was not confirmed by signs and wonders.

I felt sure that if I would fast and pray, God would in some way speak to me and reveal to me what stood between me and the miracle-working power of God in my ministry. I was so hungry for the power of God in my own life that I felt I could not stand in my pulpit, nor ever preach again, until I had heard from God, and told my wife that this was my plan.

It was then that I had the greatest battle of my life. Satan was determined that I should NOT fast and pray until God answered. Many times he whipped me or tricked me out of that prayer closet. Satan knew that if I ever actually contacted God, there would be much damage to his kingdom. and he meant to do all in his power to hinder me from making that contact.

Day after day, I went into the prayer closet. determined to stay until God spoke to me. Again and again. I came out without the answer.

Again and again my wife would say to me. "I thought you said this was the time you were going to stay until you got the answer." Then she would smile in her own sweet way.

remembering that "the spirit indeed is willing. BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK!"

Again and again I answered her, "Honey, I really meant to pray it through this time, but—!" It seemed there was always a reason why I couldn't stay in that closet until the answer came. I always justified myself by saying I would pray it through tomorrow. Things would be more favourable then.

The Lord encouraged my heart by calling to my attention how Daniel held on in fasting and prayer, and wrested the answer from the hands of satan, although it took three weeks to do so (See Daniel 10:1 and 12).

The next day found me on my knees in the closet again. I had told my wife I would never come out until I heard from God. I REALLY THOUGHT I MEANT IT.

But a few hours later, when I began to smell the odor of food that my wife was preparing for herself and our small son, I was soon out of the closet and in the kitchen, inquiring, "What smells so delicious, dear?"

A few moments later, while I was at the table, God spoke to my heart. I had only taken one bite of food, and I stopped. God had spoken to me. I knew that until I wanted to hear from God MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD, more than food, more than the gratification of the flesh, GOD WOULD NEVER GIVE ME THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION THAT WAS IN MY HEART!

I arose quickly from the table, and said to my wife, "Honey, I mean business with God this time! I'm going back into that closet, and I want you to lock me inside. I am going to stay there until I hear from God."

"Oh, she replied, "You'll be knocking for me to open the door in an hour or so." She knew that so many times I had said THIS was the time I would stay until I had the answer, she was beginning to wonder if I really could subdue the flesh long enough to defeat the devil. Nevertheless, I heard her lock the door from the outside. Before she left, she said, "I'll let you out anytime you knock."

I answered, "I'll not knock until I have the answer that I have wanted so long." At last I had definitely made up my mind to stay there till I heard from God, no matter what the cost!

Hour after hour, I battled the devil and the flesh in that closet! Many were the times I almost gave up. It seemed to me that days were slipping by, and my progress was so slow! Many times I was tempted to give it all up. and try to be satisfied without the answer - to go on just as I had been doing. But deep in my soul I knew I could never be satisfied to do that. I had tried it, and found that it was not enough.

No! I would stay right here on my knees until God answered, or I would die in the attempt!

Then the glory of God began to fill the closet. I thought for a moment that my wife had opened the door, as the closet began to grow light. But my wife had not opened the door of the closet - JESUS HAD OPENED THE DOOR OF HEAVEN, and the closet was flooded with light, the light of the glory of God!

I do not know how long I had stayed in the closet before this happened, but it doesn't matter. I do not care to know. I only know I prayed UNTIL! The presence of God Was so real, so wonderful, and so powerful that I felt I would die right there on

my knees. It seemed that if God came any closer, I could not stand it! Yet I wanted it, and was determined to have it.

Was this my answer? Was God going to speak to me? Would God, at last, after these many years, satisfy my longing heart? How long had I been here? I didn't know! I seemed to lose consciousness of everything but the mighty presence of God. I tried to see Him, and then was afraid that I would, for suddenly I realized that should I see Him, I would die. (Exodus 33:20.) Just His glorious presence was enough!

If only He would speak to me now! If He would just answer my one question, "Lord, why can't I heal the sick? Why can't I work miracles in Your name? Why do signs not follow my ministry as they did that of Peter, John and Paul?"

Then like a whirlwind, I heard His voice! It was God! He was speaking to me! This was the glorious answer for which I had waited so long!

In His presence I felt like one of the small pebbles at the foot of the towering Rockies. I felt I was unworthy even to hear His voice. But He wasn't speaking to me because I was worthy. He was speaking because I was needy. Centuries ago, He had promised to: supply that need. This was the fulfillment of that promise.

It seemed that faster than any human could possibly speak, faster than I could follow mentally, God was talking to me. My heart cried out, "Speak a little more slowly. I want to remember it all!"

It seemed God was speaking to me so fast, and of so many things I could never remember it all. Yet I knew I could never forget! God was giving me a list of things which stood between me and the power of God.

If I had known there were so many things to remember, I would have brought a pencil and paper! I hadn't expected that God would speak in such a definite way, and give me such a long list. I had never dreamed that I was falling so far short of the glory of God. I hadn't realized there were so many things in my life that generated doubt and hindered my faith.

While God continued to speak to me. I began to feel in my pockets for a pencil. At last I located a short one, but the lead was broken. Quickly I sharpened it with my teeth. I searched for a piece of paper. I couldn't find any. Suddenly I remembered the cardboard box filled with winter clothes which I was using for an altar. I would write on the box.

Now I was ready!

I asked the Lord to please start all over again at the beginning, and let me write the things down one at a time - to speak slowly enough so that I could get it all on paper.

Once more God started at the first, and spoke to me one after another the many things He had already mentioned. As God spoke to me, I wrote them down.

When the last requirement was written down on the list, God spoke once again, and said, "This is the answer. When you have placed on the altar of consecration and obedience, the last thing on your list, YE SHALL NOT ONLY HEAL THE SICK, BUT IN MY NAME SHALL YE CAST OUT DEVILS. YE SHALL SEE MIGHTY MIRACLES AS IN MY NAME YE PREACH THE WORD, FOR BEHOLD, I GIVE YOU POWER OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY"

God revealed to me at the same time that the things that were hindrances to my ministry, and had prevented God from working with me, confirming the Word with signs following, were the very same things which were hindering so many thousands of others.

Now it began to grow darker in the closer. I felt His mighty power begin to lift. For a few more moments, His presence lingered, and then I was alone.

Alone, yet not alone.

I trembled under the mighty lingering presence of God. At last, here was the price I must pay for the power of God in my life and ministry. **THE PRICE TAG FOR THE MIRACLE-WORKING POWER OF GOD!**

Frantically, I pounded on the locked door. Again and again I pounded. At last, I heard my wife coming. She opened the door. The moment she saw me, she knew I had been with God. Her first words were, "You've got the answer!"

"Yes, honey. God has paid me a visit from heaven, and here is the answer!"

In my hand was the old brown piece of cardboard, with the answer that had cost so many hours-of fasting and prayer and waiting, and - yes - believing!

My wife and I sat down at the table with the list before us, and as I told her the story, we both wept, as together we went down the list.

There were thirteen items on the list when I came out of the closet, but I erased the last two before showing the list to my

wife, because those two were so personal that even my wife shall never know what they were. She has never asked, for she realizes that these things MUST remain between me and God.

(Culled from "The Price of God's Miracle Working Power" by A. A. Allen.)

THE KEY

The keys to honest spiritual checkup exercise are: -

1. Thorough scriptural self-examination spreading to all departments of total being.
2. Thorough self-scrutiny by the Word of God.
3. Allowing yourself to fall under the divine scanning machine and x-ray through soul-searching prayers accompanied by fasting.
4. Profitable meditations on scriptural standards expected from us.
5. Allowing the Holy Spirit to enter into every room of your life to make necessary amends.
6. Sincerity and determination to move in the realm designed for you by God.
7. Be completely obedient to God.

Pray the under listed prayer points.

PRAYERS

Perhaps, you have not given your life to Jesus Christ before, even though you might have been going to church. But you want to give your life to Christ now. Please, do so. Don't be ashamed. Ask Jesus to come into your heart.

1. Oh Lord, dethrone "self" in my life. I Want to be dead to self.
2. All your hindrances to God's power in my life, be roasted completely by the fire of God in Jesus name.
3. Renew a right spirit within me O Lord.
4. Father in the name of Jesus, I reject all that robs me of the joy of my inheritance in Your kingdom.
5. Lord Jesus, begin a deep work within my heart today.
6. I reject every spirit of slavery and hardship in the name of Jesus.
7. Let my hands break the citadel of the enemy in the name of Jesus.

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL CHECKUP

Instructions

- A. Sit comfortably.
- B. Focus your attention on the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. Avoid distractions. And if they come, do not concentrate on them.
- D. Spend a few minutes in praises to the Lord.
- E. Confess any known sin to the Lord.
- F. Ask the Lord to bring to your memory the legal ground or the open doors that forces of spiritual wickedness are using to gain entrance into my life.
- G. Enter into this period of aggressive prayer. All prayer points are to be done with holy anger, violently and with determined aggression.

PRAYER POINTS

1. I release myself from every ancestral demonic pollution in the name of Jesus.
2. I release myself from every demonic pollution emanating from my parents' religion in Jesus' name.
3. I release myself from demonic pollution emanating from my past involvement in any demonic religion in the name of Jesus.
4. I break and loose myself from every idol and related association in the name of Jesus.

5. I release myself from every dream pollution in the name of Jesus.
6. Let every satanic attack against my life in my dreams be converted to victory in the name of Jesus.
7. Let all rivers, trees, forests, evil companions, evil pursuers, pictures of dead relatives, snakes, spirit husbands, spirit wives, masquerades manipulated against me in the dream be completely destroyed by the power in the blood of the Lord Jesus.
8. I command every evil plantation in my life, come out with all your roots in the name of Jesus! *(Lay your hands on your stomach and keep repeating the emphasized area.)*
9. Evil strangers in my body, come all the way out of your hiding places in the name of Jesus.
10. I disconnect any conscious or unconscious linkage with demonic caterers in the name of Jesus.
11. Let all avenues of eating or drinking spiritual poisons. be closed in the name of Jesus.
12. I cough out and vomit any food eaten from the table of the devil in the name of Jesus. *(Cough them out and vomit them in faith. Prime the expulsion.)*
13. Let all negative materials circulating in my blood stream be evacuated in the name of Jesus.

14. I drink the blood of Jesus. *(Physically swallow and drink it in faith. Keep doing this for some time.)*
15. Lay one hand on your head and the other on your stomach or navel and begin to pray like this: Holy Ghost Fire. bum from the top of my head to the sole of my feet. *Begin to, mention every organ of your body, your kidney, liver, intestine, blood, etc. You must not rush at this level, because the fire will actually come and you may start feeling the heat.*
16. I cut myself off from every spirit of ... *(mention the name of your place of birth)* in the name of Jesus.
17. I cut myself off from every tribal spirit and curses in the name of Jesus.
18. I cut myself off from every territorial spirit and curses in the name of Jesus.
19. Holy Ghost Fire, purge my life.
20. I claim my complete deliverance in the name of Jesus from the spirit of ... *(mention those things you do not desire in your life)*.
21. I break the hold of any evil power over my life in the name of Jesus.
22. I move from bondage into liberty in Jesus name.

SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGH PRAYERS

Romans 14:17

1. Take a piece of paper and a pen.
2. Pray aggressively that the Holy Spirit will reveal your real self to you. Promise the Lord that you will be hard and honest on yourself.
3. Now begin to make a list of specific areas in your life where brokenness is not perfect, e.g., "Occasional lying" "I still exhibit traits of unholy anger" "Sexual thoughts," etc.
4. Remember to add all bad habits still present in your life. Take time to do this thoroughly leaving no stones untouched. Any cover-up will only give the enemy a legal ground to stay longer. Declare war on your areas of weakness. Remember your weaknesses are the fertilizers for the operations of demonic strongmen and stronghold.
5. Now make the following confessions:

"God has delivered me from the power of darkness and has translated me into the kingdom of His dear Son, Jesus Christ. In whom I have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace. He has raised me together and make me to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

PRAYER POINTS

1. I command every spiritual contamination in my life to receive cleansing by the blood of Jesus in the name of Jesus.
2. Let the brush of the Lord scrub out every dirtiness in my spiritual pipe.
3. Every rusted spiritual pipe in my life, receive wholeness In Jesus' name.
4. I command every power eating up my spiritual pipe to be roasted in the name of Jesus.
5. I command every blockage In my spiritual pipe to be removed in the name of Jesus.
6. I command the hole In my spiritual pipe to be closed in the name of Jesus.
7. Lord ignite my calling with Your fire.
8. Let my spiritual pipe receive the strength of God against any contamination in the name of Jesus.
9. I receive heavenly flushing in my spiritual pipe in the name of Jesus.
10. I confess that my spiritual pipe shall be effective throughout my life in the name of Jesus.

11. Every evil spiritual padlock and evil chain hindering my spiritual growth, be roasted in the name of Jesus.
12. I rebuke every spirit of spiritual deafness and blindness in my life in the name of Jesus.
13. I bind the strongman behind my spiritual blindness and deafness and paralyze his operations in my life in the name of Jesus.
14. I anoint my eyes and my ears with the blood of Jesus.
15. O Lord, restore my spiritual eyes and ears in the name of Jesus.
16. Lord, anoint my eyes and my ears that they may see and hear wondrous from heaven.
17. I send the fire of God to my eyes and ears to melt away satanic deposit in the name of Jesus.
18. Let my spiritual eyes and ears be wide opened in the name of Jesus.
19. In the name of Jesus, I capture every power behind my spiritual blindness and deafness.
20. Let my spiritual sight and ear drum receive healing in the name of Jesus.
21. You spirit confusion, loose your hold over my life in the name of Jesus.
22. I will not loose my calling in the name of Jesus.

23. Let water of life flush out every unwanted strangers in my life in the name of Jesus.
24. You the enemies of the gospel in my life, be paralyzed in the name of Jesus.
25. I reject every spiritual pollution in the name of Jesus.
26. Lord, put into my hand the gift that will elevate my calling in the name of Jesus.
27. Holy Spirit Fire, ignite me to the glory of God in the name of Jesus.
28. Oh Lord, let the anointing of the Holy Spirit break every yoke of backwardness in my life in the name of Jesus.
29. Let the blood of Jesus remove any unprogressive label from every aspect of my life in Jesus' name.
30. I reject the spirit of the tail, I choose the spirit of the head in the name of Jesus.
31. I reject any demonic limitation on my progress in the name of Jesus.
32. Oh Lord, give unto me the key to good success, so that any where I go the doors of good success will be opened unto me.
33. Oh Lord, establish me as a holy person unto You in the name of Jesus.
34. Oh Lord, let the anointing to excel in my spiritual and physical life fall on me in the name of Jesus.

35. I declare with my mouth that nothing shall be impossible with me in the name of Jesus.
36. I reject the anointing of non-achievement in my handy work in the name of Jesus.
37. Oh Lord, let our favour and that of men encompass me this year in the name Jesus.
38. Holy Spirit, control my ability to frame my words.
39. Let satanic scorpions be rendered stingless in every area of my life in the name of Jesus.
40. Let demonic serpents be rendered venom-less in every area of my life in the name of Jesus.
41. Let the camp of the enemy be put in disarray in the name of Jesus.
42. Let all my Herod receive spiritual decay in the name of Jesus.
43. Let evil worms in any area of my life die in the name of Jesus.
44. Let all evil handwriting against me be paralyzed in the name of Jesus.
45. Let all those circulating my name for evil be disgraced in the name of Jesus.
46. Let all evil friends make mistakes that would expose them in the name of Jesus.
47. Let the strongman from, both sides of my family destroy themselves in the name of Jesus.

48. Let not Your peace depart from me, O Lord.
49. I refuse to wear the garment of tribulation and sorrow in the name of Jesus.
50. O Lord, let the spirit that flees from sin incubate my life.
51. Let the secrets of hidden and open enemies be revealed in the name of Jesus.
52. I command every satanic net to receive destruction in the name of Jesus.
53. O Lord, create in me a clean heart by Your power.
54. O Lord, renew a right spirit within me.
55. I renounce my rights to my anger in Jesus' name.
56. O Lord, remove from me the root of irritation that keeps anger alive in me.
57. I reject all thoughts that I will never change in the name of Jesus.
58. O Lord, produce in me the power of self-control and Gentleness.

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