

### Daily Reminders

#### Do you desire Christ?

Desiring Christ is more than reading the bible, going to church and singing worship songs. It's completely trusting in Him for your livelihood and strength. It's seeking Him on a daily basis and constantly meditating on the Good News that he provides the world. It is growing more and more into his likeness through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. It is fighting against the flesh so that the Spirit can live through you. It's growing more and more in holiness and godliness so that you realize more and more how sinful you are. It's a complete denial of self, taking up your cross to your place of crucifixion, surrendering your life to Him and following Him no matter the consequences. It is being transformed by the renewing of your mind, putting worldly desires behind you and seeking Christ with all of your heart, soul and mind! Do you desire Christ?

#### Not Ashamed of the Gospel

My prayer is that I will have a heart like the apostle Paul who said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel!" The Gospel is the only truth that can change a man's heart. It has the power that takes the spiritually dead and makes them alive in Christ. The Gospel is worth protecting and fighting for because it is God's righteousness revealed to men by the gift of faith. The Gospel is offensive and foolishness to those that don't have the gift of faith but that doesn't give us the right to change, modify or water it down. Why change the one and only truth that has the power to change? Only a person who is ashamed of preaching Christ crucified would change the Gospel message to conform to an audience. Be faithful to God's word and share the Gospel that has the power to save the lost and the power to sanctify the saved. To be wrong about the gospel is to be wrong about everything. Don't be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ!

#### Letter to the Lord

Thank you for being who you are. You are the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Your holiness is overwhelming to a man like me who's very nature is sinful. I don't deserve to know you but you saved me from the most dying circumstances. You took me from being dead in the pits of Hell and made me alive in Christ. Even on my best days, my deeds are like filthy rags in the presence of your holiness. You would have been perfectly right and just to throw me into the depths of Hell and rid me from the earth, but your grace overwhelmed me and now controls me. Your mercy and love have no comparison and it would be a disservice to attempt to describe them. Lord, you softened my heart and opened my ears to hear the Gospel that has the power to change. Your Holy Spirit convicted me to the very core of my flesh and I finally realized how heinous my sin is. I come humbly before your holy throne to lay down my life as a ransom and consider myself nothing more than your slave. I was once a slave of Sin and lived only to fulfill my own selfish flesh but you changed my heart and now I hate the very sin that I once cherished and love the righteousness that I once ignored!

### How do you know if you're saved?

How do you know if you're saved? The bible says that even demons believe in God. What makes our belief in God any different than that of a demon? Is it really just saying a prayer at church camp and walking down to the altar? Is it going to church, reading the bible and wearing Christian t-shirts? I see people often fooled by comparing themselves to others in their congregations and youth groups, rather than the God inspired scriptures. The bible is clear that a man has to be reborn and transformed in order to be saved. It tells us that not everyone who professes the name of Christ will enter into the kingdom of God but only those who do the will of the father (Matthew 7). The sad reality is that thousands of people search for the will of God outside the source of God. It is impossible to be in God's will apart from His word. We are called to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith and God provides us with the source to do so. You know whether or not you have been justified by the fruit that sanctification produces. The question isn't whether or not you are saved as much as it is whether or not you align with scripture! Examine yourself!

### Christ is the only way

My greatest fear is that we will hear the Gospel of Christ and choose to turn away. To say NO to the gospel of Christ is to commit the greatest sin! Christ is the ONLY way. He is the way, the truth and the life, nobody comes to God's Holy throne unless they repent of their sins and acknowledge Him as their Lord and Master. You must enter through the narrow gate, and how difficult the road is that leads to life. We are not called to a life of ease but rather a life of persecution. It will cost you your life but whoever loses his life because of Him will save it. It is far better to go with difficulty to Heaven than with ease to Hell. Only a few will ever find the narrow road and experience the abundant life that He promises. My heart is saddened by those who intellectually know who Christ is but fail to give their life up to Him. I see people all around me that are almost saved... but to be almost saved is to be completely lost!

### Unclean

Unclean, Unclean! Woe is me, a man of unclean lips (Isaiah 6:5). Lord, how can a man like me be considered a child in your kingdom? I ponder on what a man's plea will be on the Day of Judgment. What can an unclean man like me, say to a Holy God like you? I deserve nothing more than your wrath to be submitted unto me! But for our sake, you made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21). Your son died as a substitute in my place, and I put all my trust in Him and His death on the cross. Father, your son, lived the life that I should have and died the death that I deserve. On that day, I will have nothing to say. I will humbly, by your grace, stand in front of your Holy throne and point to Jesus. Count me righteous not because of anything I have done or am, but because of Him. I fear for those who will profess your name and say, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?" Then you will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you, away from me, you evildoers (Matthew 7: 22-23)!"

### Justification through Faith Alone in Christ Alone

The heart of the gospel is that we are justified by faith alone in Christ alone. There is no greater news the entire world. We are completely dead in our transgressions apart from this doctrine. I wonder how I would perceive myself if I could see myself from the view of God. For we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Do you see the depths of your sin? How foolish are we who constantly place our hope in the creation rather than the creator! But despite all that, God has worked on our behalf and justification is available to all who believe in Jesus Christ. And for those who do, God declares you righteous in His sight by imputing Christ righteousness onto your behalf! Praise God today for His grace, mercy and love!

### Fighting the Good Fight

Praise God that we get to wake up every day and go to war. When you make a decision to live for Christ the battle isn't over but rather just begins. The battle against the flesh will and must intensify. Your eyes are finally opened to the righteousness of God and how clearly you see the ugliness of self. How foolish are we that we work so hard to prepare for things in this lifetime but hardly prepare for the things that last for eternity? Put on the full armor of God today and flee from the devil so that he may lose sight of you! Surrender your life completely to Jesus and start fighting the good fight. Thank the Lord today for calling you into the greatest battle you could ever fight! Give Them Heaven Today!

### All Authority

What rights do we have when Jesus Christ has all authority and power? All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him. No authority has and will ever compare to His. He can do to us whatever he pleases and desires. He has complete rights and authority over our lives. We are to humbly obey Him with our lives because He has the authority and is worthy to be praised. How can we say we love Christ without obeying Him? We cannot live like hell and go to Heaven! Submit and surrender to the authority in your life!

### Do not be conformed

Do not conform to this age but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. The world is increasingly more and more distracting. I pray that we can set our minds on things above and realize that your ways are higher than ours and your thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Please allow us to keep our minds focused on you and your kingdom. The lost around me are crying out to see a glimpse of your glory and you have given me the opportunity to be the light. The devil is constantly trying to cast a shadow upon me but I will not fold. I will stand up and put on the full armor of God and fight the good fight. We know that you work for the good of those who love you and make us complete in Christ. The work you started in us will be completed by your loving discipline.

### Your life is confined by convictions

Your life is confined by convictions. There are three levels to approaching God's Word.

1. Cognition- understanding what it means.
2. Conviction- you believe what it means.
3. Affection- you Love its truth.

Real men get all the way to affection. So they will not deviate, they will not sell out, they will not compromise in the way they live, the way they think, the way they face challenges of life because they have such strong conviction and affection for the truth of God!