



December 2021

Dear Partner,

What a year this has been! We had one of the most destructive hurricanes to ever hit us at our ministry, but God was so faithful to us. We got through it by keeping the faith. Glory! God proved His Word to us over and over again. In the midst of chaos, God brought us peace. In the midst of disaster, God brought us help and blessing. Now that all of that is behind us and December is here, I am thankful and blessed to start talking about my favorite season of the year: Christmas!

No matter what kind of year it's been—the ups, the downs, the challenges, and the victories—I always love wrapping up the year by celebrating the birth of Jesus. Christmas is so special to me. Partner, as a believer, every day really should be a celebration of Jesus in our lives. The love and peace that so many people seem to feel only at Christmastime is something we, as believers, experience every day. It's more than just a holiday feeling. It's a rock-solid belief and certainty that God loves us and sent His Son to seek for us and save us.

At Christmastime, I notice that people seem to go around looking better, talking better, and acting better to one another. They don't even realize that the "Christmas Spirit" is really the Spirit of God in action—isn't that amazing? Love in action. Joy in action. Peace in action. Good will toward all men in action. These are godly ways of living, and at Christmas, people who don't even know God get in on the action! It really is the most wonderful time of the year to me.

"Father, What Shall I Do for YOU?"

Jesus Was Planning to Make It Right

This is our last Partner letter for 2021, and as you know, we've been declaring our theme from 2 Kings 4:2 all year: "*What shall I do for thee?*" Our theme has been focused on God asking us this question, but to end this theme this year, I want to flip it around. Today, I want you to imagine a scenario with me—one with God the Father, Jesus the Son, and God the Holy Spirit talking to one another, planning our time on the earth. Imagine that all three are in a meeting and the Father says, "I'm going to create a new species called mankind. They will be in Our image. I'll give them everything, but they are going to eventually sin and separate from Me."

Now, imagine that Jesus hears God's plan and says, before mankind is even created, "Father, what shall *I* do for *You*? I want to help and bring Your creation back to You. I will lay down My life so that they can be brought back into Your fellowship." Isn't that amazing? Jesus asked His Father, "What shall I do for Thee?" Glory!

So, what did Jesus do for the Father? That is the first point of my letter to you today: **Jesus gave His life so we could have life with the Father.** Partner, that's the best gift the Father ever

received! Think about that for a minute! We are gifts that Jesus gave His Dad.

Now, God exists outside of time as we know it. It's hard for our minds to grasp what it means to be outside of time, but before mankind was even created—before the very foundation of the world—God saw the entire process of what would happen to man. He saw our creation. He saw our temptation. He saw our fall from grace. Yet, Jesus was right there and essentially was saying, “I see it, Father. Now, what shall I do for You? I’m going to intervene, Dad. I’m going to make it right.”

Revelation 13:8 tells us that Jesus was the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. That means He was laying down His life for you and me before mankind was ever created. This concept reminds me that God sees it all and knows what to do. His Son and Holy Spirit will always step up to help. God sees our problems before they even happen, and that means our solutions are available before the problems happen, too! When we connect to God, draw close to Him, and communicate with Him, we are near the very One Who can help us most. We are connected to the One with all the lessons, answers, and everything we need to make things right.

A Connection Like No Other

Jesus Made YOU a Gift to His Father

So, again, what did Jesus do for His Father? He gave His life so we could have life *with* the Father. Jesus made us a gift to His Father, and that spiritual connection is like no other. It is through that connection and the teachings of Jesus that we’re able to *know* our Father (John 14:6-7). Jesus didn’t come so we could know *about* the Father—He came that we might *know* the Father.

Every day, we should realize the value of our strong union with the Father. It’s a connection that blesses not only us but God Himself. If it didn’t bless the Father, God would never have agreed to let Jesus come. But He did! So, we should live each day acknowledging Him, loving Him, spending time with Him, and asking Him, “Father, what shall *I* do for *You* today?” Our mindset should be to keep the faith.

Keeping the faith fleshes itself out in so many ways—from how we speak to how we live, to what we do, and to who we help. Partner, when we seek first the kingdom (God’s way of doing things), we are putting God first (Matthew 6:33). Just like Jesus, we are making the will of the Father our priority. It’s like asking Him every day, “Father, what shall I do for Thee?” and letting Him guide us throughout our day.

So, when I look into the mirror, I see a gift from Jesus. Do you see a gift from Jesus to the Father when you look in the mirror? Today, I want you to look and see it. Look and realize that Jesus died for *you* because He wanted to give His Father *YOU*! That’s how much God loves *you*, and wanted *you*, and still wants *you*...every single day. That connection is so important to your Father God.

Remember, God doesn’t *need* anything, but He *wants* you. Yes, *you*! He knew you before you were formed in your mother’s womb. He loved you before anybody else ever even saw you, and He made a way for you to connect with Him through Jesus’ sacrifice. The Father did all that because He loves having that divine connection with you. He wants to bless you with the desires of your heart because *YOU* are a desire of His heart. You’re a Jesus-gift!

We Have a Right and a Duty to Act Like God

Be Imitators of God

Jesus came so that we might *know* the Father and start *acting* like Him. That brings me to point two of this letter: **We are a gift to God and a gift of God, and that’s what gives us the right to act like God.** We are in the family, Partner. That’s not cockiness or arrogance; that is confidence and assurance in what the Word says.

Look at Ephesians 5:1 (AMPC) and see it for yourself: *“Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].”* So, if you are believing for something, then call those things that be not as though they were, like Romans 4:17 says—you have that right because God did it, and His Word encourages you to imitate Him by doing it. Can you ask anything of the Father in Jesus’ name, like it says in John 14:14, too? Yes, because God’s Word says it! That means God approves of it.

The Word is right no matter what anybody says—let that sink in, Partner. You see, the Word matters because if it’s not *in* your heart, it can’t come out of you when you need it. So, it must be *in* you. The Word will show you God’s attributes and ways for you to imitate. This is vitally important as you move toward fulfilling your destiny and reaching your destination.

People may cut you down, but God is always trying to lift you up. They may say, “Who do you think you are?” but God tells you that you are His child and to go ahead and act like it! You see, there are a lot of voices out there. The question is, who are you going to listen to? Who are you going to act like? Are you going to realize your value or not? Partner, when will we believe that it’s not just “OK” to act like God, but it’s a *command* of His Word? *“Therefore be imitators of God...as well-beloved children”* is about developing the kind of childlike faith that simply follows God like a little kid imitating a parent.

God has no *adults*. We are His *kids*. Our Father isn’t offended when we imitate Him—He loves it! Some Christians might be offended, but Partner, that’s just because they don’t realize they’re Jesus-gifts, too. So, if a believer cuts you down for your boldness, generosity, mercy, or whatever attribute of God’s that you are imitating, just remember it’s not about you. They think much too lowly of themselves and want you to think like they do. But, as believers, we follow the Word—not the misguided opinions of people who don’t know the Word, accept the Word, or obey the Word!

The Father is the Lifter of our head (Psalm 3:3). He always wants to pull us up, not drag us down. He’s the encourager of our soul, our imagination, our hope, and our faith! He’s a Dream-Giver, a Way-Maker, the Healer of our body, and the Provider of all good things in our life. So, anything we do to encourage others, to inspire them and build up their faith, we are actually doing a great thing. When we lay hands on someone and pray for them to be healed, we’re acting like God. When we bless someone or act mercifully or generously, we’re acting like God. We’re being imitators, and that’s a great thing to be.

Live Like This, Talk Like This, and Do This!

You Are a Success Going Somewhere to Succeed

It’s so important to be a reflection of Christ instead of casting a reflection upon Him. That’s why I always think about what Paul said in 2 Timothy 4:7: *“...I have kept the faith.”* That’s not a slogan or a catchphrase; it’s a lifestyle. Keeping the faith is about believing God’s Word every day, not just on Sunday. It’s about being a doer of the Word, and not only a hearer (James 1:22). It’s about maintaining our connection to God through daily fellowship with the Lord.

When you know who you are (God’s child, a Jesus-gift!), you’ll act differently. Partner, remind yourself of who you are—and tell your children and grandchildren that they are gifts to God, too. You need to tell them that they are worthy. We are all Jesus-gifts! We should aim to be the best gift we can be in life, and to share the message of the Gospel with both our words and our actions. We need to see ourselves as a gift to the Father from Jesus, because again, if we weren’t valuable and loved by God, Jesus would have never given up His life for us. Each of us is a rare and precious gift that God values so much.


So, my last point in my letter is this: **Only say what God says and only do what God tells you to do.** It is literally that simple. Do you want success spiritually, physically, and financially? Then be like Christ and say what God says and do what God says to do (John 5:19). Don’t let

doubt enter into your heart. Stop it in its tracks where it starts—in the mind. Bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5). Remember, you are an imitator of God, and God doesn't doubt Himself!

Replace every doubtful thought with a faith thought and speak the Word! If you live like this, talk like this, and do this on a consistent basis, you are going to be a success going somewhere to succeed. God's Word will not return unto Him void (Isaiah 55:11). It will go and do exactly what it says it will do in your life. I could write a thousand pages on this, but I will stop instead!

This Christmas, remember to let your light shine before all people. That's the best gift you can ever give to anyone. Point others to Jesus with the light that's inside of you. And, as you sow into this ministry today, say to your seed, "Go forth and be a blessing to others, and bring the harvest on this seed back to me 30, 60, and 100-fold!" Partner, until next year, keep being an imitator of God. Remember that you are a Jesus-gift! And, above all, *keep* the faith!

Merry Christmas!



Jesse Duplantis

P.S. In appreciation for your December Partnership of \$50 or more, I've chosen a powerful message titled, ***The Messenger and The Message***, available on DVD, CD, or both formats. And for your Partnership of any amount, you can request this message on CD. I know it will be a blessing to you. Simply go to JDM.org (select "Donate") or check the enclosure and return it in the envelope provided. Also, I'll be setting the theme for 2022 and sharing what the Lord has put on my heart for the New Year on **Sunday, January 2 at 10am at Covenant Church** in Destrehan, Louisiana. I hope you'll be able to join us in person, or you can tune in live or watch on demand on JDM.org, Facebook, our YouTube channel, or our free JDM App!



“What Shall
I Do For Thee? ”
2 KINGS 4:2

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December 2021
Partner Letter Bible Study Notes

Jesus Made YOU a Gift to His Father

1st Week December 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

No matter what kind of year it's been—the ups, the downs, the challenges, and the victories—we can always wrap up the year by celebrating the birth of Jesus.

- Christmas is so special, but as a believer, every day really should be a celebration of Jesus in our lives.
- The love and peace that so many people seem to feel only at Christmastime is something we, as believers, experience every day.

Christmas is more than just a holiday feeling.

- It's a rock-solid belief and certainty that God loves us.
- He sent His Son to seek for us and save us.

***Group Discussion: Have you noticed that at Christmastime, people seem to go around looking better, talking better, and acting better to one another?**

It is amazing that they don't even realize that the "Christmas Spirit" is really the Spirit of God in action.

- It is love in action.
- It is joy in action.
- It is peace in action.
- It is good will toward all men in action.

These are godly ways of living, and at Christmas, people who don't even know God get in on the action!

- It really is the most wonderful time of the year.

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 4:2.**

Each month of 2021, we have been continually declaring our theme for this year: "What shall I do for thee?"

- It is based on the question from the great Old Testament prophet Elisha to a desperate widow woman that needed to be free from debt.

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:2 KJV:**

*"And Elisha said unto her, **What shall I do for thee?** tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil."*

In January, we began with this scene from the Bible, and each month we have looked at different scenes from the Bible to better understand our theme, "What shall I do for thee?"

- We have been focused on God asking us this question, but as we end this year, we will flip it around.

Our Bible Study this month is titled: "Jesus Made YOU a Gift to His Father."

- Today, we will imagine a scenario—one with God the Father, Jesus the Son, and God the Holy Spirit talking to one another, planning our time on the earth.

Imagine that all three are in a meeting and the Father says:

- I'm going to create a new species called mankind.
- They will be in Our image.
- I'll give them everything, but they are going to eventually sin and separate from Me.

Now, imagine that before mankind is even created, Jesus hears God's plan and says:

- Father, what shall I do for You?

- I want to help and bring Your creation back to You.
- I will lay down My life so that they can be brought back into Your fellowship.

Isn't that amazing?

- Jesus asked His Father, "What shall I do for Thee?" Glory!
- So, what did Jesus do for the Father?

That is the first point of our Bible Study this month: Jesus gave His life so we could have life with the Father.

- That's the best gift the Father ever received!
- Think about that for a minute!
- We are gifts that Jesus gave His Dad.

***Instruct the group to turn to Revelation 13:8.**

Now, God exists outside of time as we know it.

- It's hard for our minds to grasp what it means to be outside of time, but before mankind was even created—before the very foundation of the world—God saw the entire process of what would happen to man.
- He saw our creation.
- He saw our temptation and He saw our fall from grace.

Yet, Jesus was right there and essentially was saying:

- I see it, Father.
- Now, what shall I do for You?
- I'm going to intervene, Dad.
- I'm going to make it right.

***Invite someone in the group to read Revelation 13:8 KJV:**

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

- This means He was laying down His life for you and me before mankind was ever created.

This concept reminds us that God sees it all and knows what to do.

- His Son and Holy Spirit will always step up to help.

***Group Discussion: Do you realize that God sees your problems before they even happen?**

That means your solutions are available before the problems happen, too!

- When you connect to God, draw close to Him, and communicate with Him, you are near the very One Who can help you most.

You are connected to the One with all the lessons, answers, and everything you need to make things right.

Confess What God Shall Do for YOU!

1. I have a rock-solid belief and certainty that God loves me. He sent His Son to seek for me and save me.
2. Jesus gave His life so I could have life with the Father and know Him. I am a gift that Jesus gave His Dad.
3. I connect to God, draw close to Him, and communicate with Him. I am near the very One with all the lessons, answers, and everything I need to make things right.

Close in Prayer.

Jesus Made YOU a Gift to His Father

2nd Week December 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

Today, we will continue with the second week of this month's Bible Study titled: "Jesus Made YOU a Gift to His Father."

- All this year, we have been focused on our theme and seeing different scenes in the Bible where God asks us, *"What shall I do for thee?"*
- But last week in our Bible Study, we flipped it around and looked at a different scenario where Jesus asked His Father, *"What shall I do for Thee?"*

We saw in Revelation 13:8 that Jesus was the Lamb that was slain before the foundation of the world.

- That means that before mankind was created, Jesus laid down His life for us.
- It's hard for our minds to grasp what it means to be outside of time, but before mankind was even created—before the very foundation of the world—God saw the entire process of what would happen to mankind.

We learned that Jesus was right there and essentially asked His Father, "What shall I do for You?"

- Jesus saw what happened and intervened to make it right.
- His death on the cross paid the price of sin and brought mankind back into fellowship with His Father.

Let's look again at the first point in this month's teaching: Jesus gave His life so we could have life with the Father.

- We learned that we are a gift that Jesus gave His Dad.
- We can have a rock-solid belief and certainty that God loves us.
- We can connect to God, draw close to Him, and communicate with Him.
- When we do, we are near the very One with all the lessons, answers, and everything we need to make things right.

***Group Discussion: So, again, what did Jesus do for His Father?**

He gave His life so we could have life *with* the Father and know Him.

***Instruct the group to turn to John 14:6.**

- Jesus made us a gift to His Father, and that spiritual connection is like no other.
- It is through that connection and the teachings of Jesus that we're able to *know* our Father.

***Invite someone in the group to read John 14:6-7 AMPC:**

"Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me. If you had known Me [had learned to recognize Me], you would also have known My Father. From now on, you know Him and have seen Him."

Jesus didn't come so we could know *about* the Father.

- He came that we might *know* the Father.

Instruct the group to turn to John 17:26.

Let's look at what Jesus prayed to His Father before going to the cross to die for mankind.

***Invite someone in the group to read John 17:26 AMPC:**

"I have made Your Name known to them and revealed Your character and Your very Self, and I will continue to make [You] known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them [felt in their hearts] and that I [Myself] may be in them."

Every day, we should realize the value of our strong union with the Father.

- It's a connection that blesses not only us but God Himself.
- If it didn't bless the Father, God would never have agreed to let Jesus come.
- But He did!

So, we should live each day acknowledging Him, loving Him, spending time with Him, and putting Him first in all that we do.

***Instruct the group to turn to Matthew 6:33.**

Our mindset should be to keep the faith.

- Keeping the faith fleshes itself out in so many ways.
- It affects how we speak to how we live, to what we do, and to who we help.

***Invite someone in the group to read Matthew 6:33 AMPC:**

"But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides."

When we seek first the kingdom, God's way of doing things, we are putting God first.

- Just like Jesus, we are making the will of the Father our priority.
- It's like asking Him every day, "Father, what shall I do for Thee?" and letting Him guide us throughout our day.

So, when we look into the mirror, we should see a gift from Jesus.

***Group Discussion: Do you see a gift from Jesus to the Father when you look in the mirror?**

Today, you need to take a look in a mirror and see that you are a gift.

- Look and realize that Jesus died for *you* because He wanted to give His Father *YOU*!

That's how much God loves *you*, and wanted *you*!

- He still wants *you*...every single day.
- That connection is so important to your Father God.

Remember, God doesn't *need* anything, but He *wants* you.

- Yes, *you*! He knew you before you were formed in your mother's womb.
- He loved you before anybody else ever even saw you.
- He made a way for you to connect with Him through Jesus' sacrifice.

The Father did all that because He loves having that divine connection with you.

- He wants to bless you with the desires of your heart because *YOU* are a desire of His heart.

You're a Jesus-gift!

Confess What God Shall Do for YOU!

1. I live each day acknowledging the Father and loving Him. I spend time with Him and ask Him, "Father, what shall *I* do for *You* today?"
2. When I look into the mirror, I see a gift from Jesus. He knew me before I was formed in my mother's womb, and He loved me before anybody else ever even saw me.
3. The Father loves having a divine connection with me. He wants to bless me with the desires of my heart because *I* am a desire of His heart. I am a Jesus-gift!

Close in Prayer.

Jesus Made YOU a Gift to His Father

3rd Week December 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

All year we've been declaring our theme from 2 Kings 4:2: "*What shall I do for thee?*"

*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Kings 4:2.

In January, we began with this scene from the Bible where a desperate widow came to the man of God for help to get out of debt.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Kings 4:2 KJV:

*"And Elisha said unto her, **What shall I do for thee?** tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil."*

Each month this year, we have looked at different scenes from the Bible and focused on God asking us, "*What shall I do for thee?*"

- But all this month, we have flipped it around to see Jesus ask His Father this same question.

When Jesus saw the fall of God's creation, He asked, "What shall I do for Thee?"

- He paid the price for our sin on the cross.

Through His sacrificial death, Jesus made us a gift to His Father.

- He gave His life so we could have life *with* the Father and know Him.

Now, let's continue with the third week of our December Bible Study titled: "Jesus Made YOU a Gift to His Father."

- Jesus came so that we might *know* the Father and start *acting* like Him.

*Instruct the group to turn to Ephesians 5:1.

Point two of this month's Bible Study is: We are a gift *to* God and a gift *of* God, and that's what gives us the right to act *like* God.

- We are in the family.
- That's not cockiness or arrogance.
- That is confidence and assurance in what the Word says.

*Invite someone in the group to read Ephesians 5:1 AMPC:

"Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father]."

*Instruct the group to turn to Romans 4:17.

So, if you are believing for something, then call those things that be not as though they were, like Romans 4:17 says.

*Invite someone in the group to read Romans 4:17 KJV:

"(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before Him Whom he believed, even God, Who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were."

You have that right because God did it!

- And, His Word encourages you to imitate Him by doing it.

*Group Discussion: Can you ask anything of the Father in Jesus' name, too?

*Instruct the group to turn to John 14:14.

Yes, because God's Word says it in John 14:14!

*Invite someone in the group to read John 14:14 KJV:

"If ye shall ask any thing in My name, I will do it."

That means God approves of it.

- The Word is right no matter what anybody says—let that sink in.

You see, the Word matters because if it's not *in* your heart, it can't come out of you when you need it.

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- The question is, who are you going to listen to?
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- Are you going to realize your value or not?

***Group Discussion: When will we believe that it's not just "OK" to act like God, but it's a command of His Word?**

"Therefore be imitators of God...as well-beloved children" is about developing the kind of childlike faith that simply follows God like a little kid imitating a parent.

- God has no *adults*.
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- Our Father isn't offended when we imitate Him—He loves it!

Some Christians might be offended, but that's just because they don't realize they're Jesus-gifts, too.

- So, if a believer cuts you down for your boldness, generosity, mercy, or whatever attribute of God's that you are imitating, just remember it's not about you.
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The Father is the Lifter of our head (Psalm 3:3).

- He always wants to pull us up, not drag us down.
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- He's a Dream-Giver, a Way-Maker, the Healer of our body, and the Provider of all good things in our life.

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Close in Prayer.

Jesus Made YOU a Gift to His Father

4th Week December 2021 Bible Study Notes

Open Bible Study in prayer (led by the group leader or someone they choose).

This is the last lesson based on our theme that God gave us for 2021: *“What shall I do for thee?”*

- It is based on the question in 2 Kings 4:2 that the great prophet Elisha asked a desperate widow woman who came to him for help.
- That woman said what she wanted, and she received so much increase that she paid off all of her debt and she lived off of the overflow for the rest of her life.

All this year, we have been looking at different scenes in the Bible with this same question.

- We have seen that God wants to hear from us and He doesn't place limitations on our asking.

Today we will conclude our December Bible Study titled: **“Jesus Made YOU a Gift to His Father.”**

- In last week's lesson, you saw that you are a gift *to* God and a gift *of* God which gives you the right to act *like* God.

You also learned that you are in the family and your Father loves it when you imitate Him!

- Your Father is the Lifter of your head and the encourager of your soul.
- He is a Dream-Giver, a Way-Maker, the Healer of your body, and the Provider of all good things in your life.

*Instruct the group to turn to John 14:6.

When Jesus made us a gift to His Father, it was a spiritual connection like no other.

- It is through that connection and the teachings of Jesus that we're able to *know* our Father.

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Jesus didn't come so we could know *about* the Father.

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*Instruct the group to turn to 2 Timothy 4:7.

It's so important to be a reflection of Christ instead of casting a reflection upon Him.

- That's why we need to always remember what Paul said in 2 Timothy 4:7 at the end of his life.

*Invite someone in the group to read 2 Timothy 4:7 KJV:

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

That's not a slogan or a catchphrase; it's a lifestyle.

- Keeping the faith is about believing God's Word every day, not just on Sunday.

It's about being a doer of the Word, and not only a hearer (James 1:22).

*Invite someone in the group to read James 1:22 KJV:

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

It's about maintaining our connection to God through daily fellowship with the Lord.

- When you know who you are (God's child, a Jesus-gift!), you'll act differently.

Remind yourself of who you are.

- Tell your children and grandchildren that they are gifts to God, too.
- You need to tell them that they are worthy.

We are all Jesus-gifts!

- We should aim to be the best gift we can be in life.
- We should aim to share the message of the Gospel with both our words and our actions.

We need to see ourselves as a gift to the Father from Jesus.

- If we weren't valuable and loved by God, Jesus would have never given up His life for us.
- Each of us is a rare and precious gift that God values so much.

***Instruct the group to turn to John 5:19.**

The last point in our Bible Study is this: Only say what God says and only do what God tells you to do.

- It is literally that simple.

***Group Discussion: Do you want success spiritually, physically, and financially?**

Then be like Christ and say what God says and do what God says to do.

***Invite someone in the group to read John 5:19 AMPC:**

"So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn]."

Don't let doubt enter into your heart.

- Stop it in its tracks where it starts—in the mind.

***Instruct the group to turn to 2 Corinthians 10:5.**

You can bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.

- Remember, you are an imitator of God, and God doesn't doubt Himself!

***Invite someone in the group to read 2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV:**

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

You can replace every doubtful thought with a faith thought.

- You can speak the Word!

***Instruct the group to turn to Isaiah 55:11.**

If you live like this, talk like this, and do this on a consistent basis, you are going to be a success going somewhere to succeed.

***Invite someone in the group to read Isaiah 55:11 KJV:**

"So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

God's Word will not return unto Him void.

- It will go and do exactly what it says it will do in your life.

This Christmas, remember to let your light shine before all people.

- That's the best gift you can ever give to anyone.
- Point others to Jesus with the light that's inside of you.

Keep being an imitator of God.

- Remember that you are a Jesus-gift!

And, above all, *keep* the faith!

Confess What God Shall Do for YOU!

1. I only say what God says and only do what God tells me to do. I don't let doubt enter into my heart. I bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.
2. I replace every doubtful thought with a faith thought and speak the Word! I live like this, talk like this, and do this consistently. I am a success going somewhere to succeed.

Close in Prayer.