



In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. Prophecy with God given faith, serve and teach others well, encourage, give generously, leaders take the responsibility seriously and if showing kindness, do it gladly. Love with genuine affection (Rom. 12:6-10).

### Spirit Soul and Body

The Spirit is your divine core, born of God's love. The fruit and gifts of the Spirit flow forth from your spirit, "...*your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy*" (Eph. 4:24)

The soul is the gateway for the spirit-filled life to change your behavior for a bold ministry (Eph. 3:16-20). Being baptized in the Holy Spirit, means that your soul (mind, will and emotions) are being renewed as you "...*let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes*" (Eph. 4:23).

As a result, your body will "...*reflect the glory of the Lord...who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image*" (2 Cor. 3:18). "*Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again*" (1 Thess. 5:23).

### Spiritual Warfare

The Spirit-filled believer is a mighty soldier, fighting the good fight of faith in the new covenant of Jesus Christ. As soldiers, our weapons are not physical, but we speak the Word, the name and the blood of Jesus, casting down the enemy's imaginations that are against the knowledge of God (2 Cor. 10:4-6).

Jesus is the Captain of our salvation (Heb. 2:10), Who has gone before us defeating the enemy and winning the war (Col. 2:14, 15). The only battle left is contending for the faith by standing in what Jesus has already accomplished at Calvary (Jude 3). We keep on the full armor of God: the Belt of Truth, Shield of Faith, Breastplate of Righteousness, Feet shod with Peace, Helmet of Salvation, Sword of the Spirit and Praying always (Eph. 6:10-18).

As believers, we possess the Spirit of faith (2 Cor. 4:13). The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us and is greater than the spirit who lives in the world (Rom. 8:11; 1 John 4:4). As sound-minded soldiers, we are wide-awake with authority in Christ to resist the enemy steadfastly by faith (1 Peter 5:8, 9). Faith works by love (Gal. 5:6).

### Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship

As royal priests, these three are our language of faith, offering sacrifices continually to God, "... *Who has called us out of the darkness into His marvelous light*" ( 1 Pet. 2:9).

As faithful priests, we enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise (Psa. 100). Then, we experienced his Most Holy presence, since Jesus, our great High Priest entered before us, "...*so we will find grace to help us when we need it most*" (Hebrews 4:16).

These activate our spiritual weapons against the enemy of our soul for the battle is the Lord's (2 Chr. 20:15, 17, 22). "*Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever*" (Rev. 5:13).

### Prayer, Meditation & Memorization

We pray from our throne-room position as priests of the Most High God, "...*a river brings joy to the city of our God, the secret home of the Most High* (El Eylon)" (Psa. 46:4). We understand how generous He has been to us, since we are seated with Christ. We tend to not asked so much when we understand who we are, what we have and what we can do (Phil. 4:13, 19). We pray from victory ground.

Meditation is a constant looking at God's grace until that becomes an inner image and the inner image becomes so real that you begin to speak as though it is already in existence (Psalm 1:2, 3; Joshua 1:8). For instance, let your throne-room reality (the throne of grace) become so real that you see yourself sitting there with authority in Jesus' name, "...*raised up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus*" (Eph. 2:6).

Memorizing God's Word allows us to instantly weld our Sword of the Spirit in the face of temptation and Satan's opposition (Luke 4:1-13). For witnessing, we have a word in season (2 Tim. 4:2). Also, the "A to Z Identity System" on the website helps you to memorize your identity with words from A to Z: I am anointed, accepted, blessed, chosen, delivered, eternally secure, forgiven, etc., on out to "Z", zealous.

### God Loves You

Our goal is to be anchored in God's love. Remember, our spirit is made perfect in love when we are born again, but our soul (mind, will and emotions) is always growing to really know and believe more perfectly that God loves us.

"*All who confess that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love*" (1 Jn. 4:15-18).

As our thoughts line up with God's love story in the Holy Bible, His divine love flows forth from our hearts to experience the joy of Jesus as royal priests. "*This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins*" (1 John 4:10).

Our website presents to you the beauty of God's Word. We suggest, especially to those who are new Christians, to obtain a New Living Translation Bible (Tyndale House Publishers), at their local Bible bookstore. It is clear and precise in sharing the simplicity of Good News of Jesus Christ. Won't you draw near to God today?

# THE CHRISTIAN'S TOOLBOX

*A message from a former  
Manson Family Member*

The Christian's toolbox is the place in your heart where you have all of your God-given tools for immediate use in your life and ministry to build, renew and repair lives for the Kingdom of God.

As you come up with other tools, keep adding them to your toolbox. "*By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence*" (2 Peter 1:3).

A large part of our Christian growth takes place by the renewal of the mind, creating emotional security through faith in the power of God's grace. We are given this warning by the apostle Peter, "*Be on guard so that you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (2 Peter 3:17, 18).

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