

Day 39 - Strongholds of the Mind

2Corinthians 10:4 *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

Repentance:

Arguments and pretenses talked about in 2Corinthians 10:5, indicate that the strongholds are in the minds of people. It all probably starts out as an idea and then becomes a concept and pretty soon it is an ideology and finally it becomes a stronghold in a person's mind. For instance, what might start out as intimidation can one day become a stronghold of paralyzing fear. The stronghold can be most anything; from deception, pride and rebellion to bitterness and unforgiveness. Most unbelievers have a stronghold of unbelief in their minds. Consider the following scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to show you any strongholds in your own mind and in others that you pray for. Psalm 10:4 *In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.* 1Corinthians 1:19-21 *For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate. Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.*

Pray:

The Word of God declares clearly that we have weapons that are able to demolish (destroy or ruin) strongholds of the mind. Pray for those in your family and community. Pray in Jesus name that those strongholds in their minds that are keeping them from the truth and from walking in the will of God will be destroyed, and that they would be set free.

Day 40 - James 4:17

James 4:17 *Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.*

Repentance:

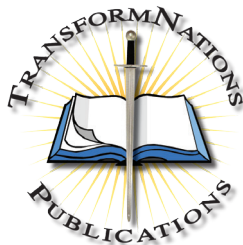
James in his letter to the churches, tells them that it is not only the things that you do to break the law that are considered sin, but also the good you know you ought to do and don't do. Maybe there is someone you know who is need and you know that you should help them, but you don't. According to James 4:17 that is sin. If you know that you are supposed to talk to someone that God has sent your way, and you don't, that is sin. Examine your heart as you consider the following scriptures. As the Lord shows you any areas repent. John 13:17 *Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.* John 15:22 *If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin.* Romans 1:21 *For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

Prayer:

Pray that the Father would give you understanding of your responsibility in your community and ears to hear His still small voice and obey.



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40 Days Towards Transformation



*A Prayer and Repentance Guide for
Community Transformation*

Dear praying friends,

2014 to 2015 provides us with an opportunity that we have never before experienced. Next year, we will be turning 40 as a nation. Just as the children of Israel spent 40 years wondering in the wilderness, before going in to take possession of their promised land; so we have wondered for 40 years since our independence as a nation, trying to find our way, our identity and our land of promise. Joshua was told to go through the camp and tell the people that they had three days to prepare for crossing over into Canaan (Joshua 1:11). In 2012, the process of preparation to cross over into our full inheritance, as a nation began. 2015 marks the year of our crossing over.

At the end of three days, Joshua tells the people to move out from their position and follow the ark of the covenant, which is the manifest presence of God. The people are told that it is the only way that they will know which way to go since they have never passed that way before. For us it is the same, we must reposition ourselves, where we can fix our eyes upon the LORD or we will hopelessly lose our way.

The very next instruction is for the people of Israel to “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you” Joshua 3:5.. It is our time now to consecrate ourselves, our clan, our communities, our province and our nation. Consecrate, simply means to dedicate or set apart for Holy use. As we go through this 40 days of repentance, ask the Holy Spirit to use this time, to deal with everything that is offensive to the Father, and set yourself apart for Holy use.

Identificational Repentance

Identificational Repentance is a fancy term for identifying with others and confessing their sins. There are four examples of this in the scriptures; they are found in Ezra 9, Nehemiah 1 & 9 and also in Daniel 9. In these passages these godly men began to confess their own sin and then also the sins of their fathers (ancestors), their kings, princes and prophets. Because each one was an Israelite, they had both the right and responsibility to confess the sins of the Israelite nation. Because they were the sons of their father, they could confess the sins of their fathers. And because they were both men and leaders, they had the right and responsibility to confess the sins of the leaders of their nation.

Ezra 9:7 From the days of our forefathers until now, our guilt has been great. Because of our sins, we and our kings and our priests have been subjected to the sword and captivity, to pillage and humiliation at the hand of foreign kings, as it is today. Nehemiah 1:6b I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father’s house, have committed against you. Nehemiah 9:33 In all that has happened to us, you have been just; you have acted faithfully, while we did wrong. ³⁴ Our kings, our leaders, our priests and our fathers did not follow your law; they did not pay attention to your commands or the warnings you gave them. Daniel 9:7 “Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame--the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. ⁸ O LORD, we and our kings, our princes and our fathers are covered with shame because we have sinned against you.

Day 37 - Laziness

Hebrews 6:12 *We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.*

Repentance:

A lazy person is one who is slow, sluggish, dull and does not exert any energy to help anyone. Do you know anyone like that? Before you judge anyone, examine your own life. Think about the following for a moment. If you have the ability to do excellent work, but you choose not to, is it because you are lazy? Colossians 3:23 says, *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,* If you don't spend as much time as necessary on a particular project or friendship that you have made, wouldn't that be considered lazy. Consider the following scriptures as you let the Holy Spirit deal with any areas in your life concerning laziness. Proverbs 10:4 *Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth.* Ecclesiastes 10:18 *If a man is lazy, the rafters sag; if his hands are idle, the house leaks.* Proverbs 14:23 *All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.* Proverbs 12:24 *Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labour.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Acts 20:35 *In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” 1Thessalonians 5:12 *Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you.* Ask the Father to help you work with as much skill and strength as you have. Ask Him to make your community a place where everyone works hard and does their part.*

Day 38 - Broken Promises

Leviticus 5:4,5 *“Or if a person thoughtlessly takes an oath to do anything, whether good or evil—in any matter one might carelessly swear about—even though he is unaware of it, in any case when he learns of it he will be guilty. “When anyone is guilty in any of these ways, he must confess in what way he has sinned.*

Repentance:

How do you like it when someone makes a promise to you and doesn't keep it? What these two verses talk about, are promises either made to God or man which are not kept. God declares that it is sin and needs to be repented for. Did you ever make a promise to God when you were in trouble; telling Him what you would do for Him if He only got you out of it. Have you kept it? How good is your word? Ecclesiastes 5:4,5 says, *When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfil your vow. It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfil it.* Consider the character of God in the following scriptures and let Him speak to you. Numbers 23:19 *God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfil?* Joshua 23:14 *“Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following for yourself, your family and your community. Psalm 119:57 *You are my portion, O LORD; I have promised to obey your words.* 2Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.* Make a commitment to the Father to keep your promises and ask Him to help you.

Day 35 - Ungrateful Heart

Colosians 2:6-7 *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

Repentance:

Do you like to be around someone who complains all the time? The root of grumbling and complaining is an ungrateful heart. For instance when you have a power blackout, what is the first thing you do? You probably complained, am I right? On the other hand how many times have you been grateful for the many hours when the power has been on. Or what about when it rains for three or four days in a row; do you start to complain? How thankful are you for the many perfect days God has given you? On the other hand, when you don't get enough rain you might complain also. Do you concentrate on what you don't have or are you grateful for the little you have. If there is a people anywhere that should be thankful for all that God has done for them, we are the ones. Examine your life as you meditate on the following scriptures and repent where the Holy Spirit shows you need to and confess any ungratefulness in your community. 2Timothy 3:2 *People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,* Colosians 4:2 *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.* 1Thessalonians 5:18 *give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Prayer:

Pray the following scriptures through for yourself, your family and your community. Colosians 3:15 *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.* Hebrews 12:28 *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.* It is impossible to be joyful without also being thankful. Ask the Father to give you a thankful heart that won't be shaken by the hard times and let it be a testimony to those around you.

Day 36 - Discord and Dissension

Proverbs 6:19 *a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.* Proverbs 10:12 *Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.* Proverbs 15:18 *A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.* Proverbs 16:28 *A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.* Proverbs 28:25 *A greedy man stirs up dissension, but he who trusts in the LORD will prosper.* Proverbs 29:22 *An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.*

Repentance:

In the above verses out of Proverbs, the author pin points the different roots that lead to discord and dissension. 1. a false witness, 2. One who hates, 3, A hot-tempered man, 4, a perverse man, 5. a gossip, 6. a greedy man and 7. an angry man. Discord or dissension means people who have different opinions and disagree on the same issue. From time to time in any one group there are bound to be disagreements, but what the Bible is talking about are those people who continue to stir others up so there is no harmony, but only disagreements, quarrels, fighting, and division. If you are one of these people, repent. If not you know someone who is like that either in your family or community; pray through the following verses for them. Proverbs 17:14 *Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.* Proverbs 17:19 *He who loves a quarrel loves sin; he who builds a high gate invites destruction.* Matthew 12:25 *Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.* Romans 16:17 *I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.* 1Corinthians 12:25 *so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.*

Those whom you identify with in your family, your community and your your nation; you have a right and responsibility to not only pray for, but also to confess their sins. When you confess the sins of your community, mention those people that the Father brings to mind. This does not mean that those who are still alive do not have to come to repentance, but rather it opens a way for them to do so.

The Purpose for this period of prayer and fasting-

- 1) to focus once again on God's requirements for a healed land. 2Chronicles 7:13,14 *"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*
- 2) to humble ourselves corporately before God with repentance and crying out to Him for mercy on our community and nation.
- 3) to raise up a covering of prayer over the province.
- 4) to ask God to bring unity throughout the Body of Christ by His Holy Spirit and to remove those things that keep us apart.
- 5) to ask God to fulfill His purposes for our province and nation.
- 6) to prepare the province spiritually for an Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in revival.

Why fast?

Fasting is a voluntary abstaining from food for spiritual purposes. The most important reason for fasting is to humble yourself before God. It is a scriptural way that God has set up for us to humble ourselves before Him. Especially in the culture of the Jews they understood that fasting and humility went together. Here are a few examples:

- ◇ Ezra 8:21 *There, by the Ahava Canal, I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possessions.*
- ◇ Psalm 35:13 *Yet when they were ill, I put on sackcloth and humbled myself with fasting.*

Throughout the Bible, God requires His people to humble themselves before Him.

- ◇ Psalms 147:6 *The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.*
- ◇ Isaiah 66:2 *Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the LORD. "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.*
- ◇ Matthew 18:4 *Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*
- ◇ 1Peter 5:6 *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

Fasting intensifies prayer because you have humbled yourself and are no longer praying about what you think you should or according to your own desires, but you are praying God's way and according to His desires.

Other reasons for fasting can be to "draw near to God and He will draw near to you"(James 4:8). Another reason is to receive direction in our lives (Ezra 8:21). Isaiah 58:8 says "...

your health shall spring forth speedily...” and so fasting can be for healing or deliverance. We can also fast when we need God to step into a crisis situation and bring His salvation. This happened in 2 Chronicles 20, when king Jehoshaphat after hearing about a great army coming against him; inquired of the Lord and called a fast for the whole nation to observe, and God gave them a strategy of going out to battle in worship and He defeated their enemies. A final reason for fasting is to intercede and pray on behalf of others.

Kinds of fasting

1) Absolute Fast -

Moses fasted for 40 days twice without food or water, Esther called for the Jews to fast from food and water for three days and Isaiah fasted from eating or drinking for periods of time.

2) Full Fast - Drinking water but not eating

Luke 4:2 tells about Jesus *‘where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.’*

3) Partial Fast -

Daniel 10: 2 *At that time I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. ³ I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.* A partial fast can also be done by fasting one or two meals a day.

Isaiah 58:6 *“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?*

⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. ¹⁰ “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, ¹¹ and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”

Lastly please understand that fasting is not our focus, but rather all our attention is upon our Lord and King. During this time of prayer and fasting we suggest that you keep a diary of the things that God reveals to you and please meet together with other believers in your community for times of prayer.

**“May the LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face towards you and give you peace.”**

Numbers 6:24-26

(All scriptures are in the New International Version)

Your friends at the National Community Transformation Network

richly blesses all who call on him,

Repentance:

In some nations, racism is a national sin and there have been huge struggles to overcome it. What is racism? It is believing that one race (nationality, or colour skin) is better than another. Racism is rather a stupid attitude, when you consider that nobody had the choice of what place they would be born and what race they would be born into. Race is not something that can even be changed. Never the less, racism is everywhere. It starts out when one person is wronged by another from a different race or place, then the first person sees all those from that race as an enemy. A person from the coast may look down on highlanders, those from PNG might look down on Asians or one clan may look down on another. As you look at the following scriptures ask the Holy Spirit to pin point any racist attitude you might be carrying. It may be that racism is a problem in your community. If so, confess this sin for the members of your community. Colosians 3:11 *Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.* Galatians 3:28 *There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Prayer:

Racism is very destructive in a community. Pray through the following scriptures for you, your family and your community. 1Corinthians 12:13 *For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.* Ephesians 2:14 *For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, Pray that God will open the eyes of those caught in this deceptive web to see through His eyes.*

Day 34 - Unfaithfulness

Hosea 4:1 *Hear the word of the LORD, you Israelites, because the LORD has a charge to bring against you who live in the land: “There is no faithfulness, no love, no acknowledgment of God in the land.*

Repent:

Unfaithfulness is not being true to ones duty. In Jeremiah 3, God talks about Israel being faithless (without faith) but Judah, He says is unfaithful. In Jeremiah 3:10, God says that *“Faithless Israel is more righteous than unfaithful Judah”* It is worse to be unfaithful than to have no faith at all. Today unfaithfulness is seen everywhere, and yes even in the church. A person is unfaithful when he says ‘Yes, I will do it’ and doesn’t. When there is adultery in a marriage relationship, that is unfaithfulness. When someone backslides after making a commitment to God, that is being unfaithful. Are you reliable? Are you consistent? Consider the following scriptures as you examine your heart. Repent as the Holy Spirit shows you areas of unfaithfulness. Numbers 5:6 *“Say to the Israelites: ‘When a man or woman wrongs another in any way and so is unfaithful to the LORD, that person is guilty’* 1Chronicles 10:13 *Saul died because he was unfaithful to the LORD; he did not keep the word of the LORD, and even consulted a medium for guidance,* Proverbs 25:19 *Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.* Daniel 9:7 *“Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the men of Judah and people of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you.* Proverbs 22:12 *The eyes of the LORD keep watch over knowledge, but he frustrates the words of the unfaithful.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. 1Samuel 12:24 *But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.* 2Samuel 22:26 *“To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless.* Make a commitment to keeping your word and ask God to keep you faithful in all areas of your life. Psalm 31:23 *Love the LORD, all his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.*

Repentance:

Cheating is to steal or gain by deception or trickery. We often hear about people who have cheated a company or the government out of lots of money. But did you know that cheating is much more widespread than what we hear about. For instance, those who are employed who don't really do what they are payed for or leave work early, cheat their employer and actually steal from him. Those who don't give the correct figures on their income tax cheat the government. A husband who has a relationship with another woman other than his wife, cheats his wife. Those who don't give tithes and offerings, cheat God. Luke 12:2 says clearly *'There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known'*. Let the Holy Spirit examine your heart and lead you to any areas in your life that you need to repent of. Be willing to pay back what you may have cheated someone out of. Repent on behalf of those in your community who continue to cheat. Leviticus 6:2,5 *"If anyone sins and is unfaithful to the LORD by deceiving his neighbour about something entrusted to him or left in his care or stolen, or if he cheats him,. . . He must make restitution in full, add a fifth of the value to it and give it all to the owner on the day he presents his guilt offering.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following for you, your family and your community. 2Corinthians 4:2 *Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.* Make a commitment to walking upright before your family, your employer and your God. Ask Him to help you.

Day 32 - Covetousness

James 4:2,3 *You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*

Repentance:

Have you ever wanted something that someone else had; maybe a house, car, someone elses husband or wife, another's looks, talents or gifting? I'm not talking about one just like it, but the very thing that someone else has. Well, that is coveting and it is the last of the ten commandments. Exodus 20:17 *"You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour."* Meditate on the the following verse and ask the Lord to reveal any coveteousness in your heart, then repent. Deuteronomy 7:25 *The images of their gods you are to burn in the fire. Do not covet the silver and gold on them, and do not take it for yourselves, or you will be ensnared by it, for it is detestable to the LORD your God.* James 4:2,3 *You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Psalm 119:36 *Turn my heart towards your statutes (word) and not towards selfish gain.* Proverbs 21:26 *All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing.* Proverbs 28:16 *A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment, but he who hates ill-gotten gain will enjoy a long life.* Make a commitment before the Lord to turn from coveting other's possessions. Ask Him to help you.

Day 33 - Racism

Romans 10:12 *For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and*

Day 1 - Pride

2Chronicles 32:26 *Then Hezekiah repented of the pride of his heart, as did the people of Jerusalem; therefore the LORD's wrath did not come upon them during the days of Hezekiah.* Proverbs 11:2 *When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.*

Repentance:

Pride seems to be the root of all other sins. First ask the Holy Spirit to expose any pride in your heart and repent of it in your own life, then confess it in your church fellowship and community. All that we have and are, is because what God has done. If it is material possessions, spiritual gifts, wisdom, knowledge or even His anointing upon our lives, it is all from His hand. We could never earn it, we do not deserve it, even the best we have to offer Him is like filthy rags, indeed all things come from Him. Let God speak to you through the following scriptures, Proverbs 8:13 *"To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behaviour and perverse speech.* Isaiah 2:11 *"The eyes of the arrogant man will be humbled and the pride of men brought low; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day."* Jeremiah 49:16 *"The terror you inspire and the pride of your heart have deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks, who occupy the heights of the hill. Though you build your nest as high as the eagles, from there I will bring you down," declares the LORD.* Isaiah 57:15 *For this is what the high and lofty One says, He who lives for ever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures. Psalm 25:9 *He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.* Humble yourself and ask God to lead you in His way. Zephaniah 2:3 *Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORDs anger.* James 4:10 *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.* Commit yourself to humbling yourself every morning when you wake up.

Day 2- Rebellion

Repentance:

One of the sins we struggle with as a people is rebellion. You can almost see it anywhere you look and it is at every level of society. Rebellion is also in the church. We rebel against the authority God has placed over us and those under our authority, rebel against us. Ask the Holy Spirit to expose any rebellion in your heart and then repent before God. He may also ask you to repent before the one who is in authority over you. 1Samuel 15:23 *"For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."* Daniel 9:5 *"we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws."* Hosea 14:9 *"Who is wise? He will realise these things. Who is discerning? He will understand them. The ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them."* Romans 13:2 *"Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves."* Confess the sin of rebellion in your community specifically naming those whom the Father reveals.

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Ephesians 5:21 *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.* Hebrews 13:17 *Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.* James 4:7 *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.* Decide in your heart that you submit to all who are in authority over you.

Day 3 Greed

Luke 12:15 *Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*

Repentance:

Ephesians 5:5 Tells us "For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." It is clear from this scripture that a greedy person is idol worshiper. The idol he worships is Mammon, the Philistine god of prosperity. Ask the Holy Spirit to expose in your heart any greed, then repent for yourself and confess the greed of your community. Let the Lord speak to you through the following scriptures. Proverbs 28:25 *A greedy man stirs up dissension, but he who trusts in the LORD will prosper.* Proverbs 15:27 *A greedy man brings trouble to his family, but he who hates bribes will live.* Ezekiel 33:31 *My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to listen to your words, but they do not put them into practice. With their mouths they express devotion, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain.* Proverbs 11:25 *A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself and your community. Psalm 37:26 *They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.* 2Corinthians 9:6 *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.* Generosity overcomes greed. Ask God to give you a generous heart. 2Corinthians 9:11 *You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.* Make a decision to give generously of your money, time and heart to the Lord for His work.

Day 4 - Jealousy /Envy (dislike for a person who has what you want)

1Corin 3:3 *You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly?*

Repentance:

It is not too hard to see jealousy and envy in the world. A person may be envious of what another person has, he may be jealous of a persons position or even their talent. In the church, even though it is not always so easy to see, it is still there. Some are jealous when God begins to work in the fellowship next door. Some can be envious of another persons position in the church, their giftings or even their anointing. Jealousy is the mark of a person who is not content. Meditate on the following scriptures, then ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there is any jealousy or envy in your life. Proverbs 14:30 *A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.* Romans 13:13 *Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.* James 3:16 *For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Proverbs 23:17 *Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the LORD.* Galatians 5:26 *Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.* Philippians 4: 12,13 *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.* Ask the Father to help you be content with who you are and the things that He has given you.

Day 5 - Lying

Colosians 3:9 *Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices*

Repentance:

John 14:6 Jesus answered, *"I am the way and the truth and the life"* One of the marks of His followers

marila, sanguma, sorcery etc.) to manipulate, intimidate or dominate people to get what they want. Many of our ancestors actively practiced witchcraft which may still have a hold upon us. Witchcraft is practiced as a part of the whole religious system of idolatry (worshiping false gods). God is so opposed to every form of witchcraft, that He states *"A man or woman who is a medium or spiritist among you must be put to death. You are to stone them; their blood will be on their own heads."* Leviticus 20:27. Think about the following verses and ask the Lord to show you any ties in your life with witchcraft, either from your own past or handed down to you by your ancestors. If you have anything in your home that is used in witchcraft, make the choice to destroy it. Confess any witchcraft in your community. Deuteronomy 18:10 *Let no-one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft,* Deuteronomy 18:14 *The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scripture for yourself, your family and your community. Acts 19:19 *A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas.* Pray that all those in your family and community who are practicing witchcraft will give it up and turn fully to the Lord.

Day 30 - Critical spirit

Lu 6:37 *"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

Repentance:

A critical spirit rises out of pride and many times spiritual pride. A critical person is someone who always has an opinion about someone or something. Don't try to argue with a critical person, because in their eyes, they are always right. Having a critical spirit means that you are passing judgement not only on situations, places and things, but also on people. Romans 12:3 says *For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Meditate on the following scriptures.* Romans 14:10-13 *You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God."* So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling-block or obstacle in your brother's way. James 4:11-12 *Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you--who are you to judge your neighbour?*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. 1Corinthians 13:4,5 *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.* Ask the Father to fill you with His love which is not critical and accepts people as they are.

Day 31 - Cheating

Malachi 1:14 *"Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a Great King," says the LORD Almighty, "and my name is to be feared among the nations.*

think that His disciples should also strive to walk in truth. The truth is, those with a lying tongue are first of all deceived themselves. If you sow with lies, you will also reap lies. In Melanesia, many of our cultures accept lies as just a part of the culture. Jesus said, You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free. In other words, if you are caught in the web of lying, you are in bondage and need to be set free. Consider the following scriptures as you ask the Holy Spirit to show you any areas in your life where you are not living according to the truth. Confess the deception in your community. Proverbs 12:19 *Truthful lips endure for ever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.* Proverbs 14:5 *A truthful witness does not deceive, but a false witness pours out lies.* Proverbs 14:25 *A truthful witness saves lives, but a false witness is deceitful.* Proverbs 26:28 *A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Psalm 40:11 *Do not withhold your mercy from me, O LORD; may your love and your truth always protect me.* Psalm 43:3 *Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.* Psalm 86:11 *Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.* Psalm 119:30 *I have chosen the way of truth; I have set my heart on your laws.* Psalm 119:43 *Do not snatch the word of truth from my mouth, for I have put my hope in your laws.*

Day 28 Tolerating Evil

“The only thing necessary for evil to triumph over good, is for good men to do nothing.”(Edmond Burke)

Repentance:

The Word of God is so clear about how to deal with wickedness. God is serious, in fact so serious about His own people removing wickedness from among them, that He tells them that if a son should dishonour his parents, he should be brought before the elders *Then all the men of his town shall stone him to death. You must purge the evil from among you. All Israel will hear of it and be afraid.* Deuteronomy 21: 21. And again in Deuteronomy 22:22 *If a man is found sleeping with another man’s wife, both the man who slept with her and the woman must die. You must purge the evil from Israel.* We must not tolerate wickedness. Many of us have grieved the heart of the Lord because we are more concerned with what people will think than what He thinks we should do about the evil in our communities. When we tolerate wickedness in our family or community, we cover peoples sins instead of bringing it out in the open and having it dealt with. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you have allowed wickedness to remain along side you and repent. Consider the following verses. Revelation 2:2 *I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.* Revelation 2:20 *Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. 1Thessalonians 5:21 *Test everything. Hold on to the good.* 2Corinthians 10: 6 *And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.* Job 11: 14,15 *if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent, then you will lift up your face without shame; you will stand firm and without fear.*

Day 29 Witchcraft

Mic 5:12 I will destroy your witchcraft and you will no longer cast spells.

Repentance:

We understand that witchcraft is when someone uses of the powers of darkness (poison, glasman,

is also that they speak the truth. Jesus also said in John 8:44 that the devil is the father of lies and whoever lies is speaking the devils language. It is important that we no longer allow deceit to remain in our lives. Meditate on the following scriptures and allow the Lord to speak to you and repent as needed, then confess the lying of your community. Proverbs 19:9 *A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish.* Proverbs 12:19 *Truthful lips endure for ever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.* Job 27:4 *My lips will not speak wickedness, and my tongue will utter no deceit.* Psalm 5:6 *You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.* Psalm 5:9 *Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction. Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit.*

Prayer:

Pray these following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Psalm 32:2 *Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.* Psalm 34:13 *keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.* Revelation 14:5 *No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.* Psalm 86:11 *Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.* Proverbs 16:13 *Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value a man who speaks the truth.* Make a commitment to the Father to speak only the truth and then ask Him to help you follow through with that commitment.

Day 6 - Lust

1Thessalonians 4: 4,5 *that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honourable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;*

Repentance:

Every act of sexual immorality starts with lustful thoughts and the attitudes of the heart. In the Hebrew language the word for lust doesn't just mean lustful desires, but actual acts of sexual immorality. In fact, Jesus taught that heart attitudes could be just as sinful as the sinful actions themselves. Matthew 5:28 *“But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”* Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any lust in your own heart and begin by repenting for your own sins and then confess the lust in your community. Psalm 51:10 *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.* After repenting, thank God for His forgiveness through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus.

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for you, your family and your community. 1Timothy 4:12 *Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.* 2Timothy 2:22 *Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.* Matthew 5:8 *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.* Join Job in His choice to remain pure before God. It started with his heart and eyes. Job 31:1 *“I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.*

Day 7 - Stealing

Leviticus 19:11 *“Do not steal. “Do not lie. “Do not deceive one another.*

Repentance:

Have you ever taken anything that did not belong to you? No matter how small it might have been it is considered stealing. Whether it is money, another's ideas, maybe somebody's trust or even God's glory; it still stealing. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you if you are guilty in past or present of taking what does not belong to you; if so repent, make it right, then thank God for His forgiveness. Then confess the stealing in your community. Zechariah 5:3,4 *And he said to me, “This is the curse that is going out over the whole land; for according to what it says on one side, every thief will be banished, and*

according to what it says on the other, everyone who swears falsely will be banished. The LORD Almighty declares, 'I will send it out, and it will enter the house of the thief and the house of him who swears falsely by my name. It will remain in his house and destroy it, both its timbers and its stones.'" Romans 2:21 you, then, who teach others, do you not teach yourself? You who preach against stealing, do you steal? Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Ephesians 4:28 *He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.* Malachi 3:8 *"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. John 10:1 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2Samuel 15:6 Absalom behaved in this way towards all the Israelites who came to the king asking for justice, and so he stole the hearts of the men of Israel. Ask God to allow you to see every form of stealing as He does.*

Day 8 - Malice (desire evil to/harm to others)

Titus 3:3 *At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.*

Repentance:

Is there anyone that you just really dislike, either because they have done something to you or because you clash every time you are in the same room? From time to time you even have thoughts about evil or a physical disease coming upon that person in hopes that they will apologise to you. These feelings are what the Bible calls malice. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you if there is any malice in your heart. After repenting, thank God for His forgiveness. These scriptures may help. Psalm 28:3 *Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil, who speak cordially with their neighbours but harbour malice in their hearts. Psalm 73:8 They scoff, and speak with malice; in their arrogance they threaten oppression. Ephesians 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Proverbs 26:26 *His malice may be concealed by deception, but his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly. Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Proverbs 19:17 He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done. Ask God to help you respond with kindness and love to those whom you normally have malice towards.*

Day 9 - Slander (the spreading of false reports)

Leviticus 19:16 *"Do not go about spreading slander among your people. "Do not do anything that endangers your neighbour's life. I am the LORD.*

Repentance:

Slander is something that comes natural to us, especially if it is about that other fellowship that doesn't quite believe the way we do, or that brother or sister who is different than we are or even if we know someone who has fallen into sin. There is a tendency to stretch the truth where others are concerned, but James 4:11 makes it clear *"Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it."* Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you have been involved in slander, then repent. Proverbs 10:18 *He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is*

Day 25 - The Rebellion of Aaron and Miriam

Numbers 12:1 *Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?" they asked. "Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this.*

Repentance:

Miriam and Aaron began to speak out against Moses' leadership. Never mind that Moses was God's chosen leader for the people of Israel, they used the excuse of his foreign wife to speak against him. The Bible declares that the Lord heard this. Anytime there is a speaking out against God-appointed leadership, it is a form of rebellion and the Lord hears it. God himself defended Moses. *Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward, he said, "Listen to my words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"* Numbers 12:5-8 In the case of Aaron and Miriam it brought down God's judgement and Miriam got leprosy. Have you spoken out against a pastor, elder, community leader or government? Examine your heart and ask the Holy Spirit to help you see if there might be times when you have spoken out against leadership. Repent and ask the Father to forgive not only you, but also those in your community who continue to rebel and speak out against authority.

Day 26 - The Sin of Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5:3 *Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?"*

Repentance:

Why did God strike Ananias and Sapphira down? They sold a piece of land and were going to give all the money to church. Before they took it to Peter, they agreed together that maybe they could keep some of it secretly, while they gave the rest to the church. Their problem was that nothing can be hidden from the Holy Spirit. Because their greed and lie became public, God dealt with them publicly. Have you ever given something to God and kept some of it secretly, or tried to take it back after you gave it? If so you have probably lied to yourself, the person you gave it to and most importantly to the Holy Spirit. Think about the following scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to show you any areas of your life where you have lied to Him then repent. Acts 5:4,5 *Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."* When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Numbers 30:2 *When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to bind himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said. Deuteronomy 23:21 If you make a vow to the LORD your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the LORD your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin.*

Day 27 - Deception

Isaiah 59:14,15 *So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice.*

Repentance:

In John 14:6, Jesus said I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. If Jesus is source of truth, don't you

and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, which were to be placed in the treasury of the Lord. Just like the Israelites in Joshua 7 many of us are loosing battles needlessly because we are guilty of taking those things that are devoted to the Lord. Maybe something is bought specifically for the work of the church or a particular ministry (equipment, supplies, phone even electricity) and someone is using it for himself. We are guilty if we have taken or used anything that has been devoted to the Lord and need to repent. The Lord had these things to say about Achan. Joshua 7:15 *He who is caught with the devoted things shall be destroyed by fire, along with all that belongs to him. He has violated the covenant of the LORD and has done a disgraceful thing in Israel!*"¹⁹ Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give him the praise. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me."²⁰ Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done:"²¹ When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent, with the silver underneath."²⁵ Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today." Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them.

Prayer:

Lord, I make a commitment today to keep my hands off of the things that have been devoted to you. Please help me to understand and repent when, I like Achan touch the things set apart for you and your service. I pray for those in my family and community who continue to take things that belong to you, that you would have mercy on them and give them a revelation about what they are doing and bring the fear of the Lord into their lives.

Day 24 - The Ambition of Absalom

2 Samuel 15:4,6 *And Absalom would add, "If only I were appointed judge in the land! Then everyone who has a complaint or case could come to me and I would see that he receives justice." Absalom behaved in this way towards all the Israelites who came to the king asking for justice, and so he stole the hearts of the men of Israel.*

Repentance:

Absalom was tall, dark and handsome but also very ambitious. His desire was to have power, influence and to be king of Israel. There was just one problem. There was already a king in Israel, his father, David. It didn't really matter to Absalom that his father was appointed and anointed by God to be king over Israel. He rose up in rebellion, had himself declared king of Israel and even tried to kill his own father. In the world and the church this same ambition is seen again and again. The younger or the newer generation think that older generation has lost touch with reality, is irrelevant for today, has lost the anointing or any number of things. As a result, words are spoken to gain support of others and pretty soon they are rising up to overthrow the present leadership. In the end Absalom's head got so big that it got caught in the branches of a tree (2 Samuel 18:9). As you meditate on the following scripture, ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there is the same ambition of Absalom in your heart. 1 Samuel 2:3 *"Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the LORD is a God who knows, and by his deeds are weighed.* 1 Samuel 15:23 *For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."* Proverbs 8:13 *To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behaviour and perverse speech.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. 1 Peter 5:5 *Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."* 1 Peter 5:6 *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.* Proverbs 26:12 *Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.*

a fool. Psalm 52:2 *Your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor, you who practice deceit.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for you, your family and your community. Proverbs 15:4 *The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.* Proverbs 12:18 *Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.* Proverbs 16:24 *Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.* Ask God to help you speak the truth of others, only to help them and build them up, not slander.

Day 10 - Strife (quarreling/fighting/discord)

Proverbs 20:3 *It is to a man's honour to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel.*

Repentance:

You probably know those who enjoy arguing and it seems like wherever they go, they bring conflict among brothers. Strife is something that is hard to pin point at times, but its effect can easily be seen. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you if there are times when you bring strife into your family, church or place of work. If so repent then thank the Lord for His forgiveness. Proverbs 13:10 *Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.* Proverbs 22:10 *Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended.* Proverbs 17:19 *He who loves a quarrel loves sin; he who builds a high gate invites destruction.* 2 Timothy 2:23 *Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.*

Prayer:

Pray the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Proverbs 10:12 *Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.* Proverbs 15:18 *A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.* Ask the Lord to keep you from stirring up arguments, quarrels and fighting. Ask Him to help you become a peacemaker in times of strife.

Day 11 - Fear

Repentance:

Fear is something that can rule a person's life. It can be fear of death, fear of rascals, fear of evil spirits, fear of the unknown or even fear of the darkness that holds us in its grip. It is even possible for whole communities to be ruled by fear. Fear does not come from God and is a result of a lack of faith in Him. Jesus said in Luke 12:32 *"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."* Ask the Holy Spirit to show places in your heart where there is still fear and you are unable to trust Him. Repent for not trusting Him. Psalm 46:2 *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, Deuteronomy 3:22 Do not be afraid of them; the LORD your God himself will fight for you.* Deuteronomy 31:8 *The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."* 1 Chronicles 28:20 David also said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished. Psalm 27:1 *The LORD is my light and my salvation--whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life--of whom shall I be afraid?* Isaiah 41:10 *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Prayer:

Pray the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. 1 Peter 3:6 *like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.* 1 John 4:18 *There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.* Romans 8:15 *For you did not*

receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 2Timothy 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. Ask God to help you overcome all fear in your life and put your faith in Him.

Day 12 - Idolatry

Repentance:

Idolatry is looking to people or things for provision rather than God the Father, looking to people or things as a savior other than Jesus and looking to people or things for guidance rather than the Holy Spirit. What does the Father provide? He provides health, rest, satisfaction, food, finances, comfort, love etc. Search your heart and ask the Holy Spirit to expose any idolatry in your heart, then repent. Most of our ancestors were idol worshipers and they defiled the land and there are those in our communities who still pay their respect to the ancestral spirits and still hold on to old ways. Stand in the gap for your ancestors and the people of your community and confess the sin of idolatry. Deut. 27:15 *"Cursed is the man who carves an image or casts an idol a thing detestable to the LORD, the work of the craftsmans handsand sets it up in secret."* Jonah 2:8 *"Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs."* Deut. 4:23 *Be careful not to forget the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the LORD your God has forbidden.* 2Kings 17:41 *Even while these people were worshipping the LORD, they were serving their idols. To this day their children and grandchildren continue to do as their fathers did.* Psalm 24:3,4 *Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Isaiah 42:8 *"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols."* 1Corinthians 10:14 *Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.* 1John 5:21 *Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.* Joshua 24:14,15 *"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshipped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."* Declare your dependence on God alone and that you will serve Him alone. Ask the Lord to help you put your trust in Him alone.

Day 13 - Unforgiveness

Colossians 3:13 *Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Repentance:

Forgiveness is one of the marks of Christianity and it sets us apart from every other religion. Unforgiveness eats away at your soul until it sucks the very life out of you until you become bitter and hard to get along with. Jesus had some very hard words for those who walk with Him. He was the very one who said "Father, forgive them" even as they nailed Him to the cross. His very words for the unforgiving are found in Matthew 6:14,15 *"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."* Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you to any places in your heart where there is unforgiveness, then repent. Leviticus 19:18 *"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the LORD."* Luke 17:4 *If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."*

Prayer:

parts. Psalm 64:3,4 *They sharpen their tongues like swords and aim their words like deadly arrows. They shoot from ambush at the innocent man; they shoot at him suddenly, without fear.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Proverbs 12:18 *Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.* Proverbs 16:24 *Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.* Proverbs 10:20 *The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value.*

Day 22 - Selfishness

Philippians 2:3 *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.*

Repentance:

Websters Dictionary says; selfishness is only having regard for oneself and or ones own interest. Think back to the people who have impacted you the most in your Christian walk. Chances are that they were the most unselfish and generous people you know. Jesus did not even consider that he had a right to live. It was more important to him to see you and I in right relationship with the Father, than his own desires, comfort and even His life. Do you always have to have your way? What happens when someone does things different than you think it should be done? How do you react when someone violates your rights? As you meditate on the following scriptures, ask the Holy Spirit to show any areas in your life where selfishness has been allowed to take its place and repent. Psalm 119:36 *Turn my heart towards your statutes and not towards selfish gain.* Proverbs 18:1 *An unfriendly man pursues selfish ends; he defies all sound judgment.* James 3:16 *For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.* Ephesians 4:2 *Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Romans 12:10 *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves.* Ephesians 5:21 *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.* Romans 15:3 *For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."* 2Corinthians 8:9 *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.* Hebrews 12:2 *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.* Mark 10:45 *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Day 23 - The Sin of Achan

Joshua 7:11 *Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions.*

Repentance:

You probably know the story of the battle that took place at Jericho well enough. It was a great victory for the Lord and His people. But later, because of the result of one mans sin Israel lost the battle at the next town of Ai. The Bible declares in Joshua 7:12 *That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because they have been made liable to destruction. I will not be with you any more unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction.* Achan had taken not only the Babylonian robe that was to be destroyed, but he also took two hundred shekels of silver

stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel. Proverbs 16:32 *Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.* Proverbs 22:24 *Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered,* Proverbs 29:22 *An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins.* Ecclesiastes 7:9 *Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools.* Ephesians 4:26 *"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Proverbs 29:11 *A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control.* James 1:19, 20 *My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.* Colosians 3:8 *But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language from your lips.* Ask the Father to help you to control your anger and give you peace when people provoke you.

Day 20 - Bitterness

Hebrews 12:15 *See to it that no-one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.*

Repentance:

In the Old Testament, the word bitterness had with it the idea of a bitter root of a tree which produced bitter fruit. Usually bitterness comes from a trusting heart that is broken through being let down, disappointed, and failed by people. You know people who are bitter; they don't laugh anymore, they are always critical, they never have anything nice to say about anyone or anything and they seem to suck the life and joy out of everything. Even in the most joyfull of times, they look like they are sucking on a lemon. They are not very nice people to be around. What about you? Is there any bitter root in your life that is producing bitter fruit? In order to get rid of bitterness, forgiveness is always necessary. Meditate on the following scriptures. Ephesians 4:31 *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.* James 3:14 *But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.*

Prayer:

Ask the Father to bless every person who has roots of bitterness in their lives (maybe you can name some) with an understanding that even though people might let them down, God will never dissappoint them. Isaiah 49:23b . . . *those who hope in me will not be disappointed.* Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;*

Day 21 - Gossip

Proverbs 20:19 *a gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid a man who talks too much.*

Repentance:

Once it is spoken, gossip can never be taken back. The damage is already done. It spreads like a disease and usually is twisted as it goes. Sometimes in our fellowship we even use the words, this is a matter for prayer and then go on to gossip about someone. A gossip is someone who takes anothers problem and spreads it around without going to that person first. They are cowards and don't even care to see if the story is true. The Bible says in Proverbs 16:28 *A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.* Consider the following verses and ask the Holy Spirit to show you if you have been gossiping about others. Proverbs 26:20 *Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down.* Proverbs 11:13 *A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.* Proverbs 18:8 *The words of a gossip are like choice morsels; they go down to a man's inmost*

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, you family and your community. Mark 11:25 *And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.* Luke 6:37 *"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.* Luke 11:4 *Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation."* Romans 12:17 *Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.* Ask the father to help you forgive even the most difficult people, those who deliberately hurt you, and those who use you. Determine in your heart that you will be quick to forgive.

Day 14 - Prayerlessness

Matthew 26:41 *"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."*

Repentance: At the root of our prayerlessness is either the fact that we think we can do things without the help of our God or that we use the excuse that we dont have time to pray. In the New Testament, we often find Jesus getting away from his disciples, his responsibilities and the crowds that followed him, simply to talk to His Father. If He who was the Son of God had to do it, who are we to make excuses? In John 15:5 Jesus tells us that *"apart from me you can do nothing."* A person is just as important to you as the amount of time you spend with him/her. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you the importance of prayer and how much it hurts the Father when we don't spend time talking to Him, then repent before Him. 1Timothy 2:8 *I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.* James 5:16 *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.* Isaiah 64: 7 *No-one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scripture for yourself, your family and your fellowship. Luke 18:1 *Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.* Ephesians 6:18 *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.* 1Thessalonians 5:17 *pray continually;* Jude 1:20 *But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.* Ask the father to help you make time to spend in communion with Him. If you don't already have a time in the day set apart to spend time with Him, make one now and ask a close friend to help you be accountable.

Day 15 - Sexual Immorality (fornication/adultry)

1Thessalonians 4:3 *It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;*

Repentance:

For some people, sexual immorality has to do with lust, pomography or sexual fantasies and is in the area of the mind. For others, sexual immorality is either a part of their past for which they may still carry some guilt or they are presently in a sexual relationship that is out of God's will. If your situation is any one of these, you must know that God wants to forgive you, cleanse and heal you. Leviticus 18: 24, 25 says *"Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants."* Sexual immorality defiles the land and so much of our land needs to be cleansed. Meditate on the following scriptures and repent if you need to. Confess the sexual immorality in your community. 1Corinthians 6:18 *Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.* Romans 13:13 *Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.*

Prayer:

Thank God for His forgiveness through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Pray through the following scripture for your family, and your community. Hebrews 13:4 *Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.* Psalm 51:10 *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.* Hebrews 10:22 *Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.* Ask the Father to purify your heart and expose even the wrong thoughts that lead to sexual immorality.

Day 16 - Stewardship

Luke 19:13 *So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'*

Repentance:

God has entrusted many things into our care. Not only has given us the responsibility to look after and develop our finances but also relationships, time, opportunities, potential, abilities, spiritual gifts, etc. Many times we choose not to develop these things because of the time, commitment and hard work that it takes. Poor stewardship is seen throughout our nation in the mismanagement of resources. Meditate on the following scriptures and ask the Lord to show you any areas of your life that you are not being a good steward of. Luke 12:48 *But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.* Luke 16:10-12 *"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. 2Kings 12:15 *They did not require an accounting from those to whom they gave the money to pay the workers, because they acted with complete honesty.* 1Corinthians 16:2 *On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.* Luke 14:28 *"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?"* 2Timothy 1:6 *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.* Ask the Father to help you be a good steward of all that he has entrusted in your care.

Day 17 - Unbelief

Mark 9:24 *Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"*

Repentance:

According to Jesus, there is really only one sin that will keep people out of the kingdom; and that is unbelief. Unbelief was the only reason that kept Him from doing miracles. It is also one of the things that keeps us as believers in Jesus from being effective, victorious and able to do the things that He did. Sometimes we become anxious and doubt that God will fulfill His promises, establish righteousness in the land or even provide for our family. Unbelief is also one of the things that keeps our prayers from being effective. Meditate on the following scriptures and ask God to reveal any unbelief in your heart. John 3:36 *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."* Hebrews 3:19 *So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.* John 1:7 *He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men*

might believe. Matthew 6:30 *If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Matthew 13:58 And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.* Matthew 21:22 *If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."* Psalm 9:10 *Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Hebrews 3:12 *See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.* John 9:38 *Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped him.* Hebrews 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.* John 14:12 *I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.* Psalm 20:7 *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. It is God's desire that you believe Him for the impossible. Ask Him to do the impossible in your family and community.*

Day 18 - Hate

Proverbs 14:21 *He who despises (hates) his neighbour sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.*

Repentance:

Websters Dictionary defines hate as to have strong dislike for. Many of us have a strong dislike for certain kinds of food, certain kinds of places and if we are honest, even certain kinds of people. Usually we have a reason for disliking certain kinds of people; they have hurt us in the past, they are not ordinarily reliable, they have a bad reputation, or maybe they are just plain different. Community hatred is usually seen in some sort of racism. Proverbs 11:12 tells us that, *A man who lacks judgment derides (belittles and despises) his neighbour, but a man of understanding holds his tongue.* It may be that you have a noisy and annoying neighbour. You may be the only one with Christ, whom that noisy neighbour will ever come across. Meditate on the following scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to show any hatred or dislike in your heart; if there is, repent. Leviticus 19:17 *"Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbour frankly so that you will not share in his guilt.* Mt 5:43,44 *"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,*

Prayer:

Pray through the following scriptures for yourself, your family and your community. Luke 6:27 *"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 1John 4:20 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.* Ask God to fill your heart with love for those who are hard to get along with. Humble yourself and ask God to give you a breakthrough in difficult relationships this week.

Day 19 - Anger

Psalm 4:4 *In your anger do not sin; when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent. Selah*

Repentance:

The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians after the verse about anger, *"and do not give the devil a foothold.* (Ephesians 4:27)" It is possible for anger to give a foothold in our lives to the devil. Usually the anger itself is not a sin, but it causes us to react by striking out, or shouting words that hurt someone. Anger can be such a destructive force which results in fighting, tribal wars, and even wars between nations. Anger is often just under the surface and waits for any opportunity to show itself. God's people really need to exercise self control over anger and what it can cause. Meditate on the following verses and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any anger in your heart. Proverbs 15:18 *A hot-tempered man*