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When we live in divine awareness it gives us great confidence and courage to face the challenges of life.

Colossians 2:6 reminds us 'as you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him'. Know that we are not relying on our own ability but that His divine presence is with us continually, giving us wisdom, insight and power to overcome even the most challenging seasons in life. When we live in divine awareness we can carry that influence of His presence out to others so that they are blessed and empowered.

Ephesians 5:8 reminds us to walk as children of light. It certainly does not mean behaving in a 'holier than thou' attitude but showing a servant's heart that connects with those hurting and broken. **Colossians 1:10** says 'walk worthy of the calling'.

It is marvellous to know that we have divine ability to make a difference even when people may have a misunderstanding toward us and may show thoughts or attitudes that could get us down.

In that kind of situation we can remember that God's grace and faith is still active in our lives and we can continue to treat them well while speaking the truth in love and that can be a great strength, not only to ourselves but to all we meet.

Isaiah 55:8-9 reminds us that His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts higher than our thoughts.

Galatians 5:16 encourages us to walk in the spirit and we will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. **Romans 8:1** is a marvellous encouragement – it shows that we do not need to live under condemnation because we are in Christ and therefore no longer live in guilt. **1 John 2:6** says 'walk as He walked'.

Living in divine awareness puts us in a place of great favour with the Lord and each other. We can continue to make melody in our hearts even when circumstances are not very favourable. Paul exhorts us to rejoice in the Lord always - see **Philippians 4:4**.

Anxiety and stress always put us at a disadvantage and this is especially true when we are making important choices in life. **Ephesians 5:16** reminds us of the importance of redeeming the time. **Ephesians 5:17** exhorts us 'do not be unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is'. We can also guard against judging others because this will focus our attention on faults rather than on the favour of God toward them.

The privilege of living in divine awareness has been made possible through the amazing love of God when He gave His only Son, Jesus, to die in our place and the wall of separation was demolished – see **Ephesians 2:14**. Now we can enjoy fellowship with the Father every day of our lives and throughout eternity. No wonder the Apostle Paul said 'thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift'.

Now we can reach out to those in our families and connections who may not yet know the Lord or who may be facing challenges and remind them that one of the best ways to get through our struggles is helping others through theirs.

2 Corinthians 9:8-11 – 'And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work; (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; He hath given to the poor: His righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) **Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.'**

Just as a farmer sows seed in the ground to receive a harvest so we can prepare for a good harvest through sowing into the lives of those in our world daily. One of the mistakes that many people make is to become self-centred and fail to sow in faith into the kingdom of God. This can involve giving to others who need our help, including words of encouragement and empowering those in our own family connections through praying for them and ministering to them, **then a harvest will come back to us from the seed we sow** – see **Luke 6:38**.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 – ‘For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again’.

This is the highest life of all, it means we can think and talk like Jesus, not reacting in a negative way to what others say or do but responding according to the will of the Lord as we are led of the Holy Spirit. It is very important of course to remember that we must do this on purpose because we will not always feel like treating people in this way.

I remember very well as a young believer being prompted of the Holy Spirit to stop thinking negative thoughts toward another brother like those who were around me. Unfortunately I made the mistake of holding onto a wrong attitude and continued to be negative toward him – this was a great disadvantage to me and him and later I had to seriously repent. Many times young people ignore the prompting of the Holy Spirit and the word of God because they are under pressure to be like everyone else and give in to the feelings of the flesh rather than living their life on purpose to please the Lord above all else. When we do this we will find it always puts us at an advantage and lifts us to a higher level of living. The benefits are enormous, not only in this life but on into eternity.

Daniel 12:3 says ‘they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever’.

When we are wise to honour the Lord in everyday life we will shine and become living witnesses so others around us will see the light and walk in His ways. In **Matthew 7:24** Jesus spoke of the wise and the foolish. What He said was very profound even though it is simple. He reminded us that when we hear His word and do it we are like a man who

builds his house on a firm foundation and then when the storms of life come we will stand and not be shaken. On the other hand the foolish man who heard but did not do was compared to a man who built his house on sand without a proper foundation and then when the storm came his house collapsed. This is a marvellous truth that needs to be honoured more than ever in our generation.

I remember as a very young person growing up hearing of 2 neighbours having strife between them, which grew until 1 of them was severely beaten and almost destroyed by the other family all because foolishness of pride and selfishness was allowed to take over. When we put others down we put ourselves down. That family who carried out the beating suffered enormous tragedy themselves in later years.

In today's world with such selfishness it is more important than ever to live in divine awareness and take the high road, recognising continually that God's ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts higher than ours. When we do this on purpose we will experience greater peace, joy and guidance in everyday life, even in the midst of challenging circumstances.

In conclusion let me encourage you to reflect carefully on what I have shared and meditate upon it in the coming days. This will bring about a renewing of your mind as mentioned in **Romans 12:2**, then you will be able to overcome old ways of thinking that used to rob you of

peace – see **Isaiah 26:3** – 'Thou will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee'. Remember the way we think affects the way we talk and how we handle the challenges of life. That's why Jesus said in **John 8:31-32** '... if you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free'.

Satan and circumstances will try to hinder us from continuing in His word but we have the power to choose what enters our mind and mouth but we must do it on purpose with relentless determination.

Isaiah 54:17 – 'No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord'.

May you be blessed as you set your heart to live in divine awareness and take the higher ground that God has ordained for you to walk.

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