

The Reality of Living FROM God

To truly live from God, not just for Him, we must move beyond striving in our own strength and learn to abide in the life, love, and power Christ has prepared for us.

Jesus said, *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”* (John 15:5)

Abiding means staying connected to Jesus in all things.

Just as a branch draws its life, nourishment, and fruitfulness from the vine, we too must continually draw our strength, wisdom, peace, and purpose from Christ. The branch has no life within itself apart from the vine; everything it needs flows from its connection to the source. In the same way, our spiritual life was never meant to operate independently from Him.

Psalms 46:10

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Proverbs 3:5-6

His desire for us is to live FROM our identity in Him. *“For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”* (Colossians 3:3)

The world teaches us to strive for approval, constantly measuring worth by performance, recognition, and acceptance. But in Christ, we already belong. We do not serve God to earn His love; we serve because we are already loved. Our identity is secure in Christ, and from that place of security we learn to live in freedom; not striving, but abiding in a love relationship with the One who first loved us.

Because of this, we must reject the lies of unworthiness and continually remind ourselves of who we are in Christ. Romans 8:1 declares, *“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”* The enemy seeks to keep believers trapped in fear, shame, and performance, but the Spirit calls us into sonship, liberty, and communion with God.

Our motivation changes when love becomes the foundation instead of fear or obligation. 1 John 4:18 tells us that *“love casts out fear,”* and Romans 8:15–17 reminds us that we have received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, *“Abba, Father.”* We are not servants trying to gain acceptance; we are children walking with our Father, led by His Holy Spirit. Romans 8:14 says, *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”*

The Holy Spirit guides, empowers, comforts, and teaches us how to walk in the will of God. The more we meditate on His Word, the more sensitive we become to His voice and the more our hearts hunger for His presence. His Word renews our minds, aligns our desires with heaven, and strengthens us to walk in truth.

As we ask the Holy Spirit each morning to lead our lives, Galatians 5:16 becomes a living reality: *“Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”* Day by day we learn to recognize His voice, for Jesus said in John 10:27, *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”* Even in the small moments of daily life, obedience matters, because faithfulness in little things prepares the heart for greater things. Luke 16:10 reminds us, *“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much.”*

This is the beauty of life in Christ: we no longer live from our own limited strength, striving to produce righteousness through human effort. We live from His power, His grace, and His Spirit within us. The Christian life is not sustained by self-effort, but by abiding in the Vine. As we remain in Him, His life flows through us, transforming us from the inside out into the image of Christ.

This is successful living in Christ, and this is God’s desire for each one of us.

“Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.”(Zechariah 4:6)

(Isaiah 40:31)
(Matthew 11:28-30)
(Philippians 4:19).

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

(Jeremiah 29:11-13).
(1 Peter 4:10-11).
(Hebrews 11:6).

Love and Serve others FROM His Love

“We love because He first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) Loving people is not just a command; it’s a natural result of being filled with His love. The world’s love is conditional, but God’s love transforms us to love unconditionally.

Serving others is not meant to flow from duty alone, but from the overflow of what we ourselves have received from God. Freely we have received, and freely we give. Love, mercy, forgiveness, encouragement, truth; these are not things we manufacture in our own strength, but treasures poured into us by the Spirit of God.

When we truly give, we release it without attaching conditions, expectations, or demands for return. If our giving is bound to outcomes, recognition, or reciprocation, disappointment and bitterness can quietly take root in the heart. But when we give from the love of Christ within us, we understand that what is sown belongs ultimately to God.

Every act of love, every prayer, every seed of truth planted into another life carries the possibility of eternal fruit. Yet the harvest is not ours to control. We hope, we pray, and we trust, but the outcome rests in the hands of the Lord. In His wisdom, He waters, cultivates, and brings forth fruit in His perfect timing.

This is the freedom of living from God rather than from ourselves. We become vessels through which His love flows, no longer striving to control results, but faithfully pouring out what He has first poured into us. *“One plants, another waters, but God gives the increase”* (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

Matthew 9:36-38

Colossians 3:23

Romans 5:5

God revealed Himself to Moses as *“I AM”* Exodus 3:14. He is the eternal, self-existent One, the source of all life, strength, wisdom, and fulfillment. Everything we truly need is found in Him, and our lives were never meant to function independently from His nature. We are called to live from who He is.

He is Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord our Provider; therefore we live from His provision, not from fear or lack.

He is Jehovah-Shalom, the Lord our Peace; therefore we live from His peace, not from anxiety and turmoil.

He is Jehovah-Rapha, the Lord our Healer; therefore we live from His healing, restoration, and renewing power.

When we begin to live from God instead of merely trying to serve Him in our own strength, everything changes. Striving gives way to resting. Fear gives way to trust. Laboring in the flesh gives way to abiding in the Spirit. We stop trying to produce life apart from Him and begin drawing from the endless fullness of Christ Himself.

This is the pathway into spiritual maturity and completeness; not merely knowing about God, but partaking of His very life. As His love fills and transforms us, we become rooted and grounded in Him, until the reality of Christ within us overflows into every area of life.

And as Ephesians 3:19 declares, we come to *“know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”*