

SATURDAY

THE FERTILE SOIL

I READ: Luke 8 : 4 : 15, Ezekiel 36 : 26

Today we're going to learn about the difference between an infant v.s. an adult Christian. From the story above, our heart is likened the soil. From the verses above, the Bible has three characteristics of a soil. There's soil that is on the footpath, full of rocks, full of thorns, and fertile. An infant Christian will have the first three characteristics of the soil (on footpath, full of rocks and full of thorns). Whenever the seed of the Word of God is poured out into an infant heart, there will be some who will reject it immediately and there will be some who will receive and believe but only for a short period of time. There will also be some who will receive the Word of God but doesn't change because of worldly pleasure, personal worries, and wealth. On the other hand, an adult Christian will receive the Word of God with a joyful heart and do it wholeheartedly. Because of this, these people will bear fruits from their lives.

SUNDAY

PUTTING GOD ABOVE ALL

I READ: Matthew 6 : 25 – 34

Someone who puts himself above others or God is a good example of a Christian who is still an infant. That person will not care about the need of others or God but he/she will only think about his/her own. A Christian who's not at an infant level will put the need of others and God above his/her own. That person will put God and His ministry above their own private need. The Word of God says that if we put God's work/ministry above our own desire/need, God will bless us abundantly. We will experience what our mind has never conceived, ears have never heard, and eyes have never seen (1 Corinthians 2:9).

I DECLARE: Matthew 22 : 37 : Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

In order for us to have that fertile soil, we need a new heart. This new heart will be obedient and tender. A hardened heart is like the thorny soil, rocky soil, and soil on the footpath. This heart will be rebellious, disobedient and will be difficult for it to receive and do the word of God. Let us ask God today to give us a new heart.

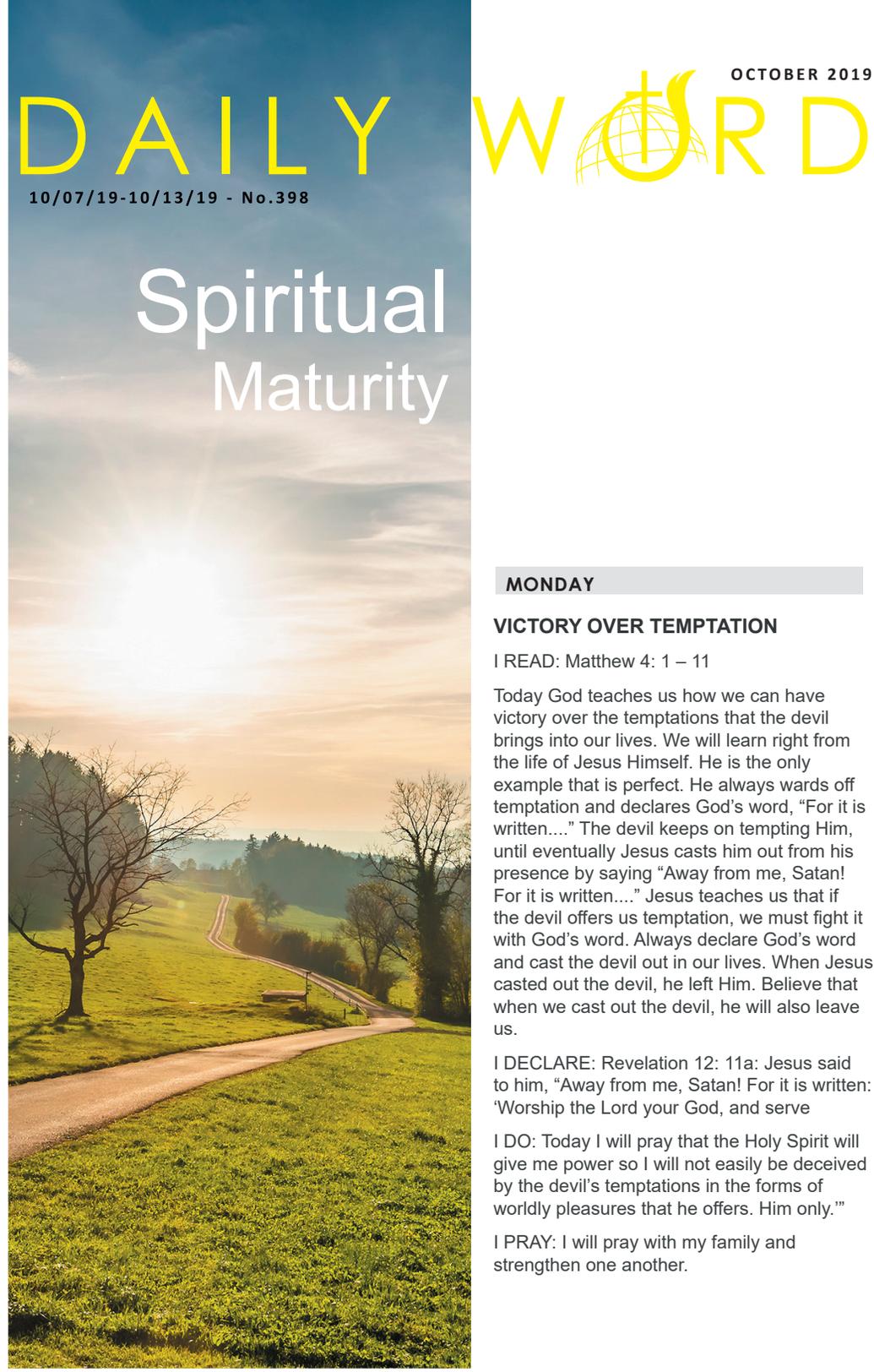
I DECLARE: Ezekiel 36 : 26 : I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

I DO: I will pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give me a new heart. A heart that is obedient and tender so that it is teachable and not easily angered and easily rebel.

I PRAY: I will pray in unity with my family so that all of our prayer needs are answered by God.

I DO: I will learn to put God above all my personal needs/problems because I believe that it will please God's heart and I will be blessed abundantly.

I PRAY: I will meditate on God's love, His sacrifice on the cross and give thanks to Him.



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MONDAY

VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION

I READ: Matthew 4: 1 – 11

Today God teaches us how we can have victory over the temptations that the devil brings into our lives. We will learn right from the life of Jesus Himself. He is the only example that is perfect. He always wards off temptation and declares God's word, "For it is written...." The devil keeps on tempting Him, until eventually Jesus casts him out from his presence by saying "Away from me, Satan! For it is written...." Jesus teaches us that if the devil offers us temptation, we must fight it with God's word. Always declare God's word and cast the devil out in our lives. When Jesus casted out the devil, he left Him. Believe that when we cast out the devil, he will also leave us.

I DECLARE: Revelation 12: 11a: Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve

I DO: Today I will pray that the Holy Spirit will give me power so I will not easily be deceived by the devil's temptations in the forms of worldly pleasures that he offers. Him only."

I PRAY: I will pray with my family and strengthen one another.

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TUESDAY

DO NOT LEAVE HIS PRESENCE

I READ: 1 Chronicles 16 : 1-6, 17 : 11-15

In the times when Eli the High Priest served as a judge for the nation of Israel, the Ark of God was stolen by the Philistines because the Ark was not taken care of very well. The Ark of God represented the presence of the Lord. However, Eli the High Priest did not honor the presence of the Lord and was not even concerned about God's presence so that the Lord allowed the Philistines to steal the Ark of God. After being in their hands for 7 months, the Philistines suffered calamity after calamity. In the end, they returned the Ark of God to Kirjath Jearim. For 20 years, the Ark of God remained there and was not one person who cared for it, including King Saul who later ruled Israel. The consequence of Israel's disrespect for the presence of the Lord was that they would have to live on in misery. It wasn't until David became King that the Ark of God was moved to Jerusalem and was lifted high. Because David honored the presence of the Lord so much and always depended on His presence, God was made

pleased and blessed Israel throughout David's lifetime and even into the lifetime of David's son, Solomon. Not only that, but the Lord also promised David that Solomon would later build a temple where the Ark of God would be guarded.

I DECLARE: Psalm 42 : 1 : As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.

I DO: Today I will worship the Lord until I experience His presence with me.

I PRAY: I will pray for my VIP List (people who do not yet know the Lord) faithfully until their lives are touched by the Lord and they are saved.

WEDNESDAY

BE AWARE OF THE LORD'S VISIT

I READ: Luke 19 : 41-44, Matthew 25 : 1-13

When Jesus visited Jerusalem, the Jewish people hailed His coming. Everyone was rejoicing and praising Him because of all the miracles He had done. They spread their clothes on the road and waved the palm branches to welcome Jesus, who was then riding on a donkey. After that happened, Jesus went up to Mount of Olives and saw Jerusalem from there. He then wept over Jerusalem knowing the city will be destroyed because the people did not know the time of His visitation. How can we know when Jesus is going to visit us? We can learn from the parable of the 5 wise and 5 foolish virgins. The wise virgins prepared themselves with the lamps and oil, but those who were foolish took no oil with them. When the Lord came to visit them, the wise virgins were ready because their lamps were lit, but the foolish were not ready. The lamp talks about the

Word of God (Psalm 119 : 105) and oil talks about the Holy Spirit. If our hearts are filled with the living Word and the fire of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to listen to the Lord's voice when He tells us about His visitation. But, if the Word only becomes a knowledge and not something that gives us life and if the Holy Spirit does not burn within us, we will 'miss the moment' when Jesus comes to visit us.

I DECLARE: Matthew 25 : 13 : Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

I DO: Today I will pray a lot in the Spirit so the fire of the Holy Spirit continues to burn within my heart

I PRAY: I will pray for those I know who are experiencing a difficult situation in their lives

THURSDAY

DO YOU WANT TO BE MADE WELL?

I READ: John 5 : 1-9

When Jesus came to the pool of Bethesda there was a paralyzed person who had been at that place for 38 years and had not experienced healing. He had become so frustrated that when Jesus asked him, "Do you want to be made well?" he did not quickly reply "Yes Lord," but instead complained about how serious the sickness that he had been dealing with for 38 years is. Many times we are like this paralyzed person. We are too engulfed in our own problems. When the Lord asks us, "Do you want to be made well/restored?" we instead reply to Him saying how difficult our problem is and if the if He is even able to really heal us. When we look at the story of this paralyzed person, we can see that it is actually very simple to receive miracles, it only takes believing and

fully surrendering to Him. When Jesus asks us the same question, let us respond to Him, "Yes Lord, I do." Believe and receive everything in faith, without thinking too much or questioning. The Lord loves a pure heart, such as the heart of a child.

I DECLARE: Matthew 18 : 4 : Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

I DO: I will write all of the positive characteristics that a child has towards his/her parents, then I will pray that I have those same ones toward the Father in heaven.

I PRAY: Today I will pray with my family for our VIP prayer lists.

FRIDAY

SOLID FOOD

I READ: Hebrews 5 : 11 - 14, 1 Corinthians 3 : 1 - 4

People who are not spiritually mature can only receive milk as their spiritual food, they are only able to receive the teachings of the foundations of Christianity. However they cannot be taught other truths that are truly needed to differentiate between good and evil. They do not want to receive the Word of God in whole, many times they refute the Word and do not want to listen to what is being taught by the Word, so that they are unable to correctly live out the Word of God. Their lives still compromise with this world and they play around with sin. They easily envy and disagree with others. We need to receive solid food because that is what matures us spirituality. We cannot be babies forever and only drink milk. When Jesus comes for the second time, He will only pick up His church that is spiritually mature. That is why today we need to live in His Word and live it to the fullest.

I DECLARE: 1 Thessalonians 5 : 23 : Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I DO: Today I will pray and surrender my life fully to the Lord and allow the Holy Spirit to teach me with solid food because it is for my own benefit.

I PRAY: I will pray with my friends at Family Altar (small group) and strengthen each other through our prayers.