

March 20,  
Psalms 37 vs 16-22,  
Start small

Morning prayer:

Lord, do I have my eyes on the little that you've given and is sustained by you, or am I trying to juggle many things that are overwhelming to me because they're disconnected from you? Help me distinguish between living in abundance versus a little that is based on faith. Cause me to despise any and abundance that comes between me and you.

Afternoon prayer:

Lord, do I have a life free of fear, when it comes to anything external, that does not have the power to separate me from your love? Cause me to rejoice in tribulation that test the external things that I'm trusting in, and centers me on the hope that will not disappoint because your love will be poured out in my heart. Thank you that nothing can separate me from your love.

"35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Rom 8:35-39

"3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." - Rom 5:3-5

Evening prayer:

Lord, am I living life in the deficit at the end of each day, when I should be giving out of the overflow of sufficiency, that your grace supplies? Do I find myself giving grudgingly instead of cheerfully?

Lord I commit to making the necessary changes in my life to only give out of the overflow of your supply.

Questions that could be helpful to diagnose areas of my life that cause me to be in a deficit by the end of the day:

Do I use the word of God and prayer only to jumpstart my day to accomplish my purposes? Or do I constantly feed on the word of God in prayer out of a delight in God?

Am I allowing the purposing of my heart to be formulated through Thanksgiving or is it done out of compulsion?

Have I comprehended why God said that "the evening and the morning were the first day"? He wanted us to view our "day" as the restful part (6PM - 6AM) and work from that rest instead of resting from our work.

Am I willing to par back anything that I'm doing from a grudging heart, until it can become an overflow of cheerful giving? I know cutting back can be complicated - so ask God to give you three segments in your day of connection with him... And let him make the change from there.

"7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; 9 as it is written,

"HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR,  
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER." - 2 Cor 9:7-9