

NEW LIFE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

THE 2012 21 DAYS OF CONSECRATION “ENTER IN...”

On Sunday, December 18, 2011, during our Sunday morning gathering, the Lord spoke two simple words to me “Enter in...” He led me to Matthew 25 verses 21 and 23.

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What I discovered is that there are qualifications necessary to ‘enter into the joy of your Lord’. The joy of your Lord is the strength you need to fuel your ability to accomplish God’s purposes in your life (Nehemiah 8:10; Psalms 21:1). To ‘enter in...’ is by invitation only. The path to ‘enter in...’ begins with the Lord entrusting you with something valuable (Matthew 25:14; Luke 19:13). You take what you receive and become productive in the earth. The Lord’s invitation to ‘enter in...’ is a reward to those who were productive with what they were given.

THIS YEAR, WE ARE CONSECRATING OURSELVES TO ‘ENTER INTO’ ALL THAT GOD HAS FOR US!

WHAT IS FASTING!

Fasting requires the elimination of some or all food (2 Samuel 17:16-18; Esther 4:16; Joel 1:14-16; Jonah 3:5-7; Daniel 10:2,3; Zechariah 7:5,6; Luke 5:33). The Spirit of Daniel Fast progressively eliminates foods for twenty-one days.

The Spirit of Daniel Fast is a composite of three separate fast recorded in the book of Daniel. The three components of The Spirit of Daniel Fast are:

Part 1: January 8 – 17 Ten Days of Proving (Daniel 1:1-21) The first ten days are days of personal proving and purging. This is to be done before you seek the Lord for his wisdom in any matter. Your prayer focus during the first ten days is simple “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts” Ps 139:23

Part 2: January 18 A Day of Repentance (Daniel 9:1-21) The eleventh day is a day of repentance. It is the turning point of this fast. It is a time to assure and clear your heart before the Lord.

Part 3: January 19 – 28 Ten Days of Receiving Direction and Wisdom From God (Daniel 10:1-21) The final ten days is a time of hearing from God.

WHY IS 2011 SO SIGNIFICANT FOR NEW LIFE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL?

We are entering into our destiny this year to be a NEW TESTAMENT – APOSTOLICALLY GOVERNED and to PIONEER the purposes of God into the earth.

During the last ten days of this fast, you should specifically pray for wisdom concerning your purpose in this hour.

WHAT YOU MAY EAT DURING THE FAST

1. During the first ten days, you may eat any fresh or cooked vegetables and limited fruit.
2. Eat no meat of any kind. This included eggs and egg by products (noodles, some cereals, etc.) Oatmeal, grits and other similar grains can be eaten with fruit.
3. Baked potatoes should not include sour cream.
4. You can season your beans and vegetables with anything but meat, or meat byproducts.
5. After the day of repentance (January 13) – NO SEASONING OF ANY KIND IS TO BE USED. The last ten days of the fast – food is for sustenance only. It is your discipline over desire. During the last ten days avoid ALL seasonings should be eliminated (Daniel 10:3)

JAN 8 DAY ONE: DO I FEAR THE LORD ENOUGH TO AVOID SIN?

And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. Exodus 20:20

Sin is proof that you do not fear the Lord. When you willfully sin, you have fooled yourself into believing that there is no consequence to your rebellion against God. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil (Proverbs 8:13). It is only by the fear of the Lord that people depart from evil (Proverbs 16:6) Today examine yourself and repent of sin that keeps us estranged from Jesus Christ. You must love righteousness and hate iniquity (Hebrews 1:9).

Pray: Lord prove my fear of you so that I will not sin against you. I confess my sins. I know you are faithful and just to forgive me, and that you will cleanse me from all unrighteousness. (1John 1:9)

JAN 9 DAY TWO: I RECOGNIZE THE PURPOSE OF MY WILDERNESS EXPERIENCES IS TO GET ME TO MY GOD GIVEN DESTINY.

Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; (Deuteronomy 8:16)

The Word of God requires that in everything you must give thanks unto the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Often in the dry spells of life we feel helpless and at times almost hopeless. In these times we are sustained by the Lord Himself (Deuteronomy 1:31; 2:7). It is in these dry spells that God is proving our heart. He wants to bring us to a better place (Jeremiah 29:11), but he will not allow us to enter into that better place with a heart that is in error (Deuteronomy 8:2). Today, thank God that your dry spells are a sure sign that you are on the path to your God given destiny.

Pray: Lord, I trust you in every circumstance and situation. Even I may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I won't fear any evil because you are with me. I am comforted by your presence (Psalms 23:4).

JAN 10 DAY THREE: I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE LEFT PEOPLE IN MY LIFE WHO WILL PROVE MY CHARACTER

Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan; Judges 3:1

Compromise is the curse of character. We do not live alone in this world. You cannot isolate yourself from external influences. You must choose to worship the Lord, even when those around you embrace ungodly lifestyles. When Israel entered their land of promise, they found themselves surrounded by nations that worshiped heathen gods. Like Daniel, they could have chosen not to defile themselves with the lifestyle of those around them. Instead, they sinned and embraced the ways of the heathen. During this day of proving, you must examine yourself to see if you have compromised your beliefs among the unsaved (Romans 2:22-24).

Pray: Lord, I commit myself to obey you in every circumstance and around all people. I will not embrace false beliefs and not obey the truth I will keep my eyes on Jesus Christ who was crucified for me. (Galatians 3:1)

JAN 11 DAY FOUR: THROUGH INTEROGATION MY CHARACTER IS REVEALED.

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. (2 Chronicles 9:1)

If what you believe cannot be challenged, then what you believe has little value. Asking yourself, or allowing others to ask you hard questions about your life is one of the best ways to reveal your character. The bible says that 'iron sharpens iron' (Proverbs 27:17). The Holy Spirit searches the heart of man (Romans 8:27). The Word of God discerns the thoughts and intents of your heart (Hebrews 4:12). The queen of Sheba proved Solomon with hard questions. Because Solomon answered her questions with integrity and clarity, the queen she was totally deflated (1 Kings 10:4-7). Today, allow yourself to be interrogated by hard questions that can expose flaws in your character.

Pray: Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalms 139:23) Lord God, I will sanctify you in my heart and I will be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks me of the hope that is in me with meekness and fear: (1 Peter 3:15)

JAN 12 DAY FIVE: MY GIVING HABITS PROVE MY TRUST IN THE LORD

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. (Malachi 3:10)

There is only one scripture where God challenges us to prove (test and try) Him. It is a challenge to your heart. His challenge is that if you release of your resources, he will release from heaven levels of blessing beyond what you can receive. What you have, or don't have is a reflection of your giving (Proverbs 11:25; Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:6). If you release your money to the Lord, it reveals your heart is towards Him (2 Samuel 24:24; Matthew 6:21). You must purpose in your heart to be a giver (2 Corinthians 9:7). Simply put, you don't trust God if you don't tithe and give generous offerings. Today, examine your giving habits.

Pray: Lord, I repent of withholding any portion of your tithe and my offering to you. I commit myself to giving liberally fully expecting that as I give into your house, you will commit yourself to the welfare of my house (Haggai 1:4-11). In my obedience to you, I expect that you will cause all grace to abound towards me, and that I will have all sufficiency in all things and have abundance for every good work I undertake (2 Corinthians 9:8)

JAN 13 DAY SIX: I WILL RENEW MY MIND BY THE WORD OF GOD AND DISCOVER HIS WILL FOR MY LIFE

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1,2).

It is God's will that you know His will (Acts 22:14; Ephesians 5:17). His purposes in your life are revealed as you submit yourself to the Lord. Presenting your body a living sacrifice is a picture of what the Apostle Paul stated as keeping his body under subjection (1 Corinthians 9:27; Romans 8:13). You are in the midst of a powerful fast. It is an act of crucifying the appetites of your flesh. Your flesh is the greatest hindrance to hearing from God (Galatians 5:17). In this fast you are disciplining your flesh, but you must also discipline your mind. You discipline your mind by the Word of God (John 6:63; James 1:21). With a disciplined mind, you can accurately discern the will of God for your life. Today, settle it in your heart to become a living sacrifice unto God. Diligently seek his will for your life.

Pray: Lord, I give my body as a living sacrifice to you. I give up all self ambition. I lay aside my reputation, I will serve others and I will be willing to suffer loss so that the mind of Christ can flourish in me (Philippians 2:5-13). Lord, I will give myself to knowing your will for my life.

JAN 14 DAY SEVEN: I CONFIRM MY TRUST IN THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST.

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? 2 Corinthians 13:5

It is easy to speak of trust, faith and obedience when all is well. It is only in time of difficulty that you know how much you trust the Lord. Your faith must rest in Jesus Christ and Him alone. The testing of your faith works patience that will bring you into a place of maturity and completion (James 1:3). It is your tested faith that is more precious than anything on earth (1 Peter 1:7). Today, you should seek to reveal any areas of unbelief in your life. God will never disappoint you when you trust him (Psalms 118:8; Romans 10:11).

Pray: Lord, when I received you as my Savior, you gave me a measure of faith (Romans 12:3). I know I can only please you in faith (Hebrews 11:6). Therefore I choose to trust you with all my heart and I will not rely on my own understanding of my circumstances (Proverbs 3:5).

JAN 15 DAY EIGHT: I WILL INSURE THAT MY MOTIVES ARE PURE.

But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. (Galatians 6:4)

What are you doing for the cause of Christ? Who have you shared the love of Jesus Christ with? The value of your work is measured by your love of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31). Too often people are caught up with developing a ministry more than they are with developing a relationship with Jesus Christ. Too many are trying to be a good Christian by the things they do, not by the relationship they have with Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:9; Titus 3:5). Sadder still, many people do what they do to be seen of men (Matthew 23:5). Today, examine everything you do. What are your true motives? Is it to glorify God or men? In other words, are you doing 'church work' (Luke 10:40; 1 Corinthians 2:4,5) or the 'work of the church'?(Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15)

Pray: Lord you know everything about me. You know my thoughts. You know everything about me. Even what I say is judged by you. (Psalms 139:1-4) I thank you that the Word of God can discern the thoughts and intents of my heart (Hebrews 4:12). Lord, judge my motives so that I can serve you in truth.

JAN 16 DAY NINE: I WILL EXAMINE EVERYTHING IN MY LIFE AND BE WILLING TO ELIMINATE ANYTHING THAT OFFENDS JESUS CHRIST.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. (1 Thessalonians 5:21)

There were some in that Jesus declared had done many wonderful works, but that he never knew them (Matthew 7:21-23). All good things are not 'God things'. Some things we do are offensive to God. They have no value in the kingdom. The Apostle Paul taught that all our works will be tried by fire, and only what survives the fire will last (1 Corinthians 3:11-15). Yesterday you should have examined your motives. Once your true motives are exposed, eliminate anything that does not please the Lord.

Pray: Lord, I count all things as loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. I am willing to suffer the loss of all things in order to please you (Philippians 3:8). Lord, if I possess anything that displeases you, I give it up now (Acts 19:19). Lord, if I am doing anything that displeases you, I stop it now (Isaiah 5:20; 1 Corinthians 2:5). Lord, I will seek to praise and glory you in all that I do (Psalms 86:12).

JAN 17 DAY TEN: I WILL OPEN MYSELF TO ANY CORRECTION FROM THE LORD.

Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. (Psalms 26:2)

The bible says that the Lord chastens those he loves (Deuteronomy 8:5; Hebrews 12:6-7). If you endure the correction of the Lord, it propels you to the greatest level in the kingdom - sonship. If you reject the correction of the Lord, you are declared illegitimate in the kingdom (Hebrews 12:8). Correction comes through the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16) and church leadership (Hebrews 12:9; 13:17).

Pray: Lord, I yield to any corrective action you need to take in my life. I repent of any area where I have gone my own way. I thank you that the Holy Spirit reproves me of sin by showing me error in my life. I thank you that He reproves me of righteousness by convicting and convincing me of the righteous way of doing. I thank you that you judge me according to my obedience (John 16:8).

JAN 18 DAY ELEVEN: REPENTANCE

Today is the pivot day of *The Spirit of Daniel Fast*. You have successfully completed ten days, and after today, you have ten days to go.

This day is dedicated to repentance. The last ten days have been spent examining ten key areas of your life. Repentance is the purifier of your heart. Repentance is confessing that God is right and you are wrong (Romans 3:4). Repentance is an act of turning from what is wrong, towards what is right. Repentance opens the door for the Lord to work unencumbered in your life. God will not compromise with sin. Sin carries with it severe consequences (Romans 6:23).

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

During this day of repentance, you must release through forgiveness anyone who has hurt or reviled you (Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28). Additionally, you must repent of any sin you have committed against others (Mark 11:25).

JAN 19 DAY TWELVE: ASK!

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened (Matthew 7:7 -8)

JAN 20 DAY THIRTEEN: SEEK!

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JAN 21 DAY FOURTEEN: KNOCK!

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JAN 22 DAY FIFTEEN: KEEP KNOCKING

But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened [the door], and saw him, they were astonished. (Acts 12:16)

JAN 23 DAY SIXTEEN: ASK IN FAITH!

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. (James 1:5-8)

JAN 24 DAY SEVENTEEN: ASK ACCORDING TO HIS WILL!

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. (1John 5:14-15)

JAN 25 DAY EIGHTEEN: KNOW THAT YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE – AT THE RIGHT TIME!

Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalms 92:13)

JAN 26 DAY NINETEEN: WE ARE PIONEERING THE WAY FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW

...that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. (Joshua 3:4)

JAN 27 DAY TWENTY – STAY FOCUSED ON WHAT NEW LIFE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL (OR YOUR LOCAL CHURCH) IS DOING

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment (1Corinthians 1:10)

If you are not in sync with the place God has planted you – you will sabotage whatever God has entrusted to you. Remember, “ENTER IN...” is a result of you being productive with what God has entrusted to you. Your productivity is directly linked to you knowing that you are properly planted. YOUR CONNECTION IS CRITICAL to your victory!

JAN 28 DAY TWENTY-ONE:

Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. (Daniel 10:12)