

To Live is Christ

21 For to me, to live is Christ.

Philippians 1:21 NKJV

FCI Faith Group Program

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3 JOHN SERIES – THE POWER IN YOU AND THE ACTIVATION

- We always hear this verse: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.
- Why does it say “might be rich” instead of you are rich?
- Jesus already became poor at the cross. He did not own a thing and became the poorest at that point for our sakes that we might be rich.
- The power to be rich is already in us. This is potent – powerful!
- Jesus already paid for it but we have to activate it. Activation is so important.
- God has already given us the power to get wealth. **(Deuteronomy 8:18)**
- We will activate it by the prospering of our souls. We need to prosper our souls with the Word of God.
- **3 John 1:1-4** – Intro: John is expressing his love for his male best friend, Gaius. To his beloved Gaius is love based in truth.
- This is yet another good example that it is okay to love the same sex. But you don’t need to think you are homosexual. What kind of love? A love in truth.
- We love in truth. The truth is in the beginning, God made them male and female – man and woman. The truth is a man leaves his father and mother to join his wife, a female. So let us love in truth. Go ahead spread the love. Love one another but keep the truth.
- Then John said, “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”
- We see here John's declaration over his beloved friend. Gaius was not prosperous in all things and he is not healthy, and John prays that Gaius be prosperous and healthy even as his soul prospers.
- If your soul is prospering, then you will be in health and you will prosper in all things.
- There is a direct link between the prospering of our soul (mind, will, emotion) and prospering in all things.
- *Maski* believer *ka*, *hindi* automatic *ay mayaman ka na agad or lalakad ka na sa riches na binigay na sa yo*. Our soul needs to prosper first.
- *Kalooban ng Diyos na magprosper ang lahat. Will ni Lord na lagi kang magaling at malusog.*
- God is not against us having everything in life – financially or materially.
- *Nakakatiyak tayo na ito ay kalooban ng Diyos*, that we prosper and be in good health.
- We need to activate what Jesus paid for in our life. *Kailangan ng prosperity of the soul.*
- We also see here that part of trials *sa buhay ay minsan maski na* believer *ka* like Gaius or like Timothy, *minsang nagkakasakit. Kaya* do not condemn any believer who is sick.
- *Linawin natin: Ang trials ay bigay ng kaaway hindi ng Diyos. Walang sakit ang Diyos.* God is not the source of sickness and poverty. Or sometimes we make wrong decisions or choices in life causing us problems.
- But praise God, we have a Savior who keeps us blameless and faultless before Him regardless if we miss the mark.
- *Kapag may pinagdadaan ang ating kaibigan*, we can declare the Word over our friend. We need to speak the Word over our brothers and sisters.
- We are not to be like Job's friends. God clearly condemned their advice. **(Job 42:7)**

- *Kapag may pinagdadaan ang isa nating kaibigan, huwag na tayong magsabi ng kung anu-ano.* Rather, declare the Word of God over them. *Huwag ninyo ng payuhan.* Declare the Word: All is well. You are healed by the stripes of Jesus.
- Sharing: Story of Bunye family coming out of debt. Divine wisdom given by the Lord: Continue and consistently pay your tithes and sow your seeds.
- *Laging mas malaki ang ani kaysa sa itinanim.* Look at a tree – one seed but *libo-libo at taon-taon ang harvest.*
- If you want to get ahead in life like pay all bills and debts, do it God's way. The Word works.
- Pay your tithes, sow your seeds, and give those love gifts. You do not know which seed will grow and bear fruit so keep on sowing.
- Sowing seeds is the way out of debt and to get ahead in life financially. This is what the Word says.
- Where should we sow? **Galatians 6:6-10.**
- When you are taught the Word, you are to share with the teacher in all good things.
- Whatever you give multiplies. Whatever you sow, you will also reap.
- This is sowing into the Spirit not to your flesh. And the effect is the kind of life you will experience – it is the Zoe life. God kind of life.
- Our teachers, the household of faith are good grounds.
- The Word works. It takes trust, faith in the Lord to do it. He has given us the power already and we need to activate it.
- Faithful givers are faithfully increasing.
- The potency or power in us was already won by Jesus. He already became poor that we might be rich. Give, sow, share and you activate it, make it kinetic. In motion *na* from power to manifestation. In action *na*. Prospering as your soul prospers.
- And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 1. *May consistency*; 2. *Pagiging patient*; 3. *May tamang season ng pag-ani.*
- Keep on sowing. Activate the power in you by giving. (Ex. Jesus healed and asked someone to do something never done before to activate it.)
- Start with whatever seed (or amount) you have. As long as you have a willing mind and a cheerful heart, you will prosper.
- **Philippians 4:17-19** – Every sowing is well pleasing to God.
- When you give, it abounds to your account.
- **2 Corinthians 8:9-12** – Paul is talking about giving, sowing. Knowing the grace of God that He made you rich, that is the potential. It is potent in you, power in you. Knowing the grace of our Lord causes us to obey His Word. *Biyaya ni Lord*, that is why you now give or sow.
- Sow your seed to the church, sow your seed to the one who teaches, sow your seed to those brethren who are in need, and you activate it.
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