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FINISH BETTER... GO ON STRONGER

ALWAYS ABOUNDING

*The fact that there's no limit to
what God can do,*

*That He loves His children
and has a plan for you,*

*That He's able to do exceedingly, abundantly above
all that we can ask or imagine...*

*That should motivate us to never settle or be
stagnant in any area of life!*

**"Better is the end of a thing than the
beginning thereof."
Ecclesiastes 7:8**

How many of you would love to end the year better than you began? I know you want to and here's your opportunity!

**"So the Lord blessed the latter end
of Job more than his beginning."
Job 42:12**

Discipline and commitment are crucial to Kingdom success. It's not what's in your heart, it's how much heart you put in it. Therefore, I'll ask you as disciples to make a **61-day commitment** starting November 1st to end 2023 better and start 2024 stronger.

WHAT AM I REQUIRED TO DO?

Wrong question; this is not to ask anything FROM you, this is to set you up for God to do great things FOR you... so you can achieve and always abound in blessings.

Like Paul prayed for the believers in Thessalonica, so is my desire for you: "That God make you fit for what He's called you to be... that He'll fill you with good ideas and acts of faith with His own energy so that it all amounts to something."

HOW DO WE GET STARTED?

1. Commit to PRAY at least 15 minutes per day for 61 days.

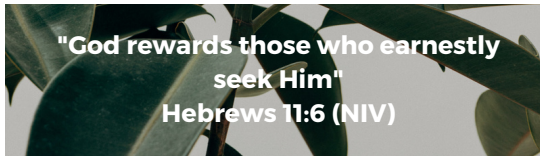
That's fulfilling the first commandment:

Matthew 22:37-38 | Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

Simple steps to the beginning of change:

- 5 Minutes of listening to God by READING and meditating on the word (Joshua 1:8)
- 5 Minutes of making REQUESTS to the Lord (John 15:7)
- 5 Minutes of RETURNING thanks to the Lord (Philippians 4:6)

You can choose any three times of the day but choose times when you can be consistent.



2. Once per week find at least one need and SERVE to help that person.

That's the second great commandment:

Matthew 22:39 | Thou shalt love your neighbor as thyself.

Romans 15:2 (MSG) | Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?"

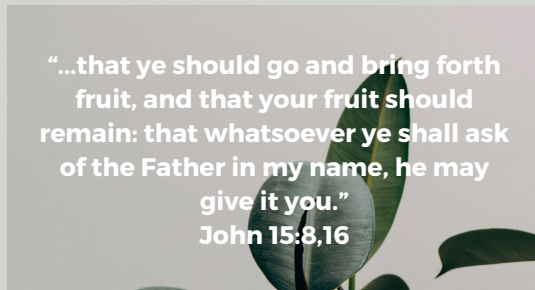
Every believer is a minister and the essence of ministry is serving others. The single thing that propels the church, holds the secret to our success and for which we exist is... others!

3. Seek and seize every opportunity to GO and share your faith and the gospel with others to lead them to Christ and bring them to church.

That's fulfilling the great commission:

Matthew 28:19 (NKJV) | Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...

The promise on obedience in going and making disciples is a blank cheque of blessings from God.



4. Find two or three persons you can account to and celebrate with weekly as you GROW in maturity and the church grows numerically.

That fellowship strengthens!

Acts 2:42-46 | And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were

together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart...

Ephesians 4:16 | From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

5. Honor the Lord faithfully with your GIVING.

This includes your tithes and giving liberally every week. As a part of your spiritual growth to end better, I'll ask you to be open to give joyfully!

Malachi 3:10 (NIV) | Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)
2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NIV) | Luke 6:38

You get to control or regulate how much you want God to bless your life; a little or a lot. (1 Corinthians 8:7 NIV)



HOW DO I POSITION MYSELF TO FINISH BETTER AND GO ON STRONGER?

Loving, Serving, Going, Growing and Giving are all fundamental purposes of APC to help us abound spiritually, relationally, materially and holistically.

These principles are rooted in healthy biblical disciplines and are the New Testament purposes for the existence of the Church.

Fulfilling these purposes promises to release God's blessings and favour on all we do and move us out of the ordinary into greatness.

That's what we need to move by faith to finish strong, to always abound and continue forward in strength to make generational difference.

Sixty-one days may seem like a long time, but for the kind of blessing you're believing for in your future – spiritual, financial, relational, etc. – isn't it worth it?

A resounding yes!

“But seek God’s kingdom, and all your other needs will be met as well.”

Luke 12:31 (NCV)

YOUR COMMITMENT

I understand that there will be challenges, but God is a covenant keeping God and making a commitment to end strong is the beginning of success.

Because I want all God has for me and my future, I am committing by God's grace to the 61-day journey to love, pray, serve, go, grow and give by faith to end better to start stronger.

“...behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it...”

Revelation 3:8