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James 1:1-8

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously

- The depth of your character (Christlikeness) is developed and tested in trials. God is with us and will guide us to make wise decisions in difficult circumstances.

I will **advance His Kingdom** through living with integrity and making God known within my spheres of influence
1 Samuel 16:7

Man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart.”

- Integrity is a matter of the heart. “And David shepherded them with integrity of heart...” (Psalm 78:72) Once you’ve lost integrity, you’ve lost credibility
- If you want to be used by God, you must care about what God cares about: What he cares about most is the redemption of the people He made,. Matt 28:19-20

At all times, I will **stand dressed for spiritual warfare in the armor of God and band together as brothers** for God’s greater glory.
Eph 6:10-20

finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes

?Question: You leading with intentionality and fighting or righteousness?

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I will pursue a deeper Spirit filled personal relationship with Jesus Christ devoted to prayer and studying His Word.

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*I will be a **servant leader** by intentionally bringing those in my domain to the foot of the cross*

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1 Thess 5:12,13

“Now we ask you brothers to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you.”

- Leadership in God’s kingdom is not a life of executive privilege but that of hard work. The work may be very enjoyable, challenging and rewarding but it is work. That’s why it is called “the work of ministry.” We are admonished to “...lead with diligence” (Romans 12:8).
- By virtue of God’s calling, the shepherd is the shepherd; he leads the flock. He is the leader; he is the overseer. Acts 20 says that the Lord has made you overseers. You are to rule and to rule well. Now, what does this mean? It means to give spiritual direction.

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Col 1:16

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible... everything got started in Him and finds purpose in Him

- You were born by His purpose and For His purpose –

? Question: How you doing? – feel like living a purpose driven life or are you just being driven by life?

I will pursue a deeper Spirit filled personal relationship with Jesus Christ devoted to prayer and studying His Word. John 15:5
“...apart from me you can do nothing.”

- To be Spirit-filled is indispensable. Jesus said Even those whose duties are largely temporal in nature **must be people controlled and empowered by the Holy Spirit** (Acts 6).
- We (leaders)...**will devote ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.**” Acts 6:4 . Spiritual battles are won in prayer.
- Leaders are readers. Christian leaders are **devoted to the word of God**. Because a man of God depends on God, he learns to listen to and depend on God’s word for goals, methods, insight and power. It

is the word of God that makes him “adequate, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:17)

? Question: How is your “unhurried” time with God?

*I will be **strong and accountable** to God for how well I know and obey His will in all areas of my life. 2 Cor 5:10*

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”

- **God gives rewards to the victors; He does not whip the losers.** We know that He won’t condemn us for our sins at that point, because [Romans 8:1](#) says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus."
- **At the same time, while we won't be condemned for our sins, our present lives do affect what will happen at the Judgment Seat of Christ**

*I will be **responsible** to courageously lead with God’s Word for my family and life issues to ensure righteous living Ex 15:3*

“the Lord is a warrior, the Lord is His name”

- We are created in God’s image- Within every man God has planted a divine desire to fight for righteousness

*I will be a **servant leader** by intentionally bringing those in my domain to the foot of the cross 1 Corinthians 11:1*

“Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ.

- A leader without vision is not a leader. The person God uses has a clear idea of what God wants done and his part in doing it. .”