HOW TO USE GOD'S GREATEST GIFT Buddy Owens December 27-28, 2014

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

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"Be made new in the attitude of your minds, and put on the new self." Ephesians 4:23-24 (NIV)

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your <u>hearts</u> on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your <u>minds</u> on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:1-3 (NIV)

"The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure." 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance." James 1:2-3 (NIV)

"Because [Jesus] himself <u>suffered</u> when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." Hebrews 2:18 (NIV)

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:15-16 (NIV)

"We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming." Hebrews 10:25 (GW)

"Let us spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to <u>serve others</u>, <i>faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." **1Peter 4:10** (NIV)

"God will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the kingdom of God your primary concern." Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

My New Perspective

I believe Jesus Christ died for my sins and rose again from the dead on the third day. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

I am crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. Galatians 2:20

I count myself dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:1-14

I am a new creation in Christ; the old life is gone, a new life has begun. 2 Corinthians 5:17

The Son has set me free. I am free indeed! John 8:36

There is now no condemnation for me because I am in ChristJesus.Romans 8:1

Nothing can ever separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:38-39

My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:19

The Word of God is at work in me. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

I am being transformed into Christ's likeness with ever increasing glory. 2 Corinthians 3:18

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

He who began a good work in me will be faithful to complete it. Philippians 1:6

God is faithful. He will not let me be tempted beyond what I can bear. 1 Corinthians 10:13

He is able to keep me from falling. Jude 1:24

Greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4

God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love and asound mind.2 Timothy 1:7

My light and momentary troubles are achieving for me an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 2 Corinthians 4:17

In all things God works for the good of those who love him. Romans 8:28

God is able to do immeasurably more than all I ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within me. Ephesians 3:20

God is for me! Who can be against me? Romans 8:31