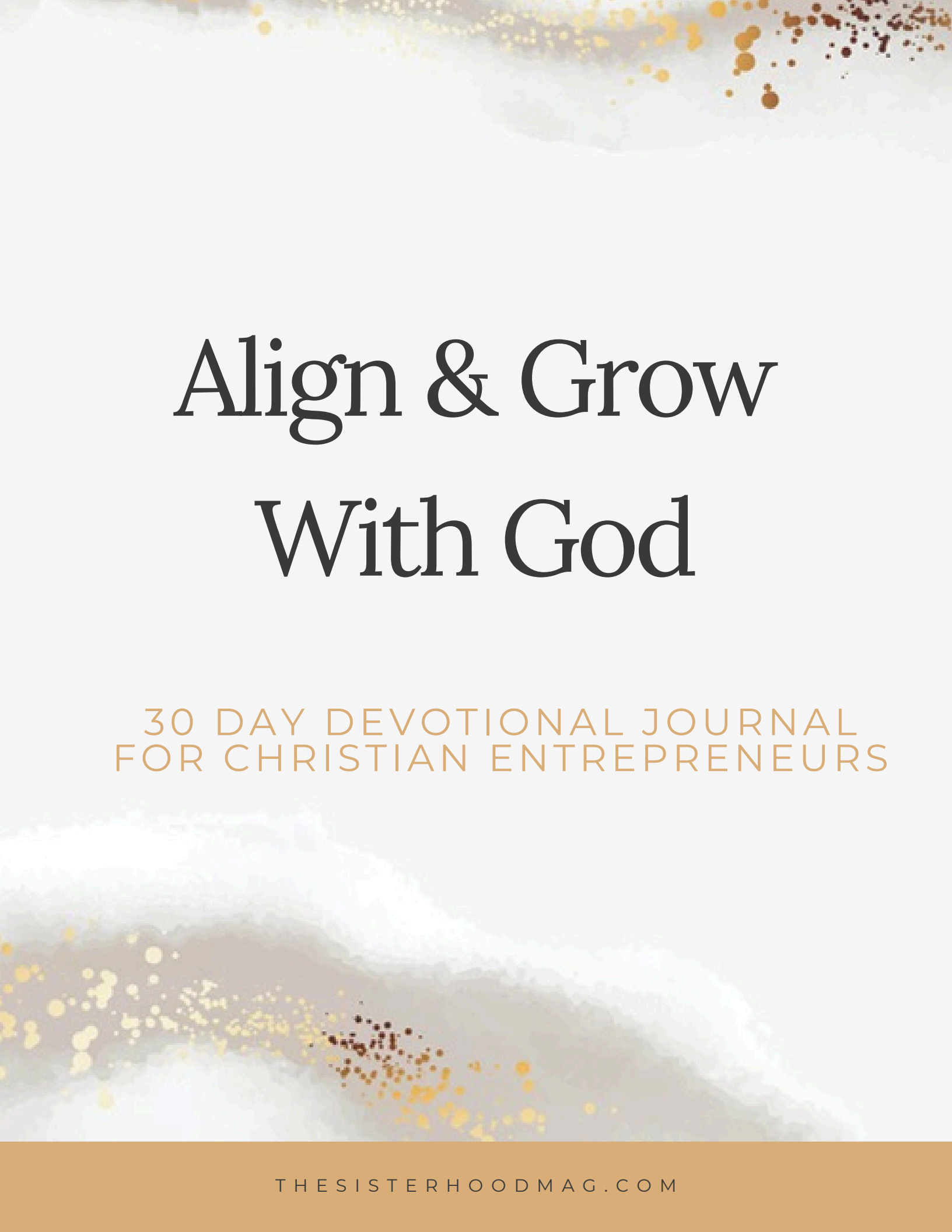
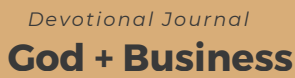




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***But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness
and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33 (KJV)***

In the hustle and bustle of life and business, getting caught up in the never-ending tasks and responsibilities is easy. We find ourselves constantly busy, striving to accomplish more, yet often neglecting the most important aspect of our relationship with God.

Matthew 6:33 Reminds us of the significance of first seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Let us reflect on how we prioritize our pursuit of God and align our lives and businesses accordingly.

Make time for Him each day, whether it's through prayer, reading His Word, worship, or simply sitting in stillness with Him.

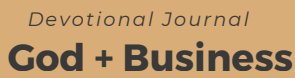
Seeking God's righteousness involves embracing His ways, values, and principles in every aspect of our lives, including our businesses. No matter what we do, we can always do more...more pressing in, more seeking, more asking, more knocking.

**How much do you seek FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness daily?
How can you put Him first more?**



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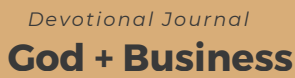
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Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

Running an online business can be both exciting and challenging. There will be moments when doubts, fears, and obstacles threaten to overwhelm us. In those times, it's essential to remember that as people of faith, we have access to an unwavering source of strength – God Himself.

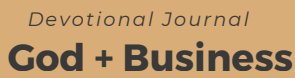
The Scripture reminds us not to fear or be dismayed, for God is with us. We can find comfort in knowing that He is our God and our ever-present helper. When we feel weak or discouraged, we can rely on His strength to carry us through any situation.

Today, take a moment to identify areas in your online business where you feel inadequate or overwhelmed. Bring those concerns before God, asking Him to strengthen and help you. Trust in His promise to uphold you with His righteous right hand, knowing that His power is more than sufficient to overcome any challenge you may face.



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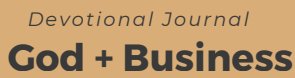
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Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight (make right, pleasant, prosperous) your paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

It is easy to rely solely on our own understanding, knowledge, and strategies to navigate the complexities of business. However, trusting in the Lord with all our hearts requires surrendering our own desires, plans, and perspectives to His divine guidance and wisdom. It means acknowledging our limitations and recognizing that God's understanding surpasses our own. His ways are higher, and His thoughts are wiser than ours.

Make it a priority to cultivate a heart of trust and dependence on God. Seek His wisdom through prayer and the study of His Word. Invite Him to be the center of your business, giving Him control over your path and outcomes.

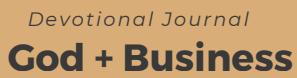
Remember that when we acknowledge God and trust in Him, He promises to make our paths straight. He will guide us, remove obstacles, and bring about what is right, pleasant, and prosperous in His perfect timing. His direction may not always align with our initial plans, but we can trust that His ways are ultimately for our good (Romans 8:28).

***In what ways can you trust the Lord more today? How can you acknowledge Him more?
How can you surrender your knowledge and ideas to Him?***



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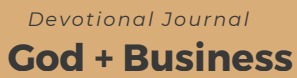
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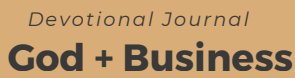
Isn't it awesome to know we have help living on the inside of us today?

What have you been telling yourself you can't do? How can you walk this scripture out knowing that you can do all those things with Christ?



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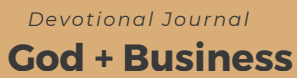
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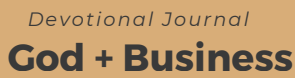


Write down the things you thank God for right now!



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Have you ever felt so low in business that you didn't know how you were going to pay the bills? Has your mind ever gone down the list of things against you so much so you end up thinking all is lost, and you'll never be able to (fill in the blank)?

This account in 2 Kings is a great reminder that we must act in times of famine or lack. These men didn't allow their fear to paralyze them. They took action, and they were abundantly rewarded.

Reflect on the account of these four men and consider the areas in your life or business where you need to step out in faith.

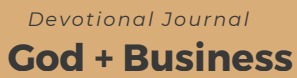
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Where have you been hesitant? Trust that God is with you, and when you take that leap of faith, He will guide and provide abundantly.



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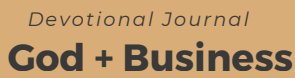
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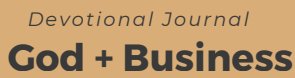
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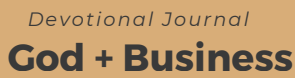
Even in the face of suffering, there is an opportunity for growth and transformation. Through perseverance, our character is refined, and hope blossoms within us. Instead of allowing challenges to discourage us, let us shift our perspective and see them as opportunities for growth.

Write down the challenges you have encountered in your business.
How can you think of them differently? Instead of dwelling on the difficulties,
ask God to help you see them through His eyes. Trust that He is using these experiences to
develop perseverance within you, shaping you into the woman of character He desires you to be.



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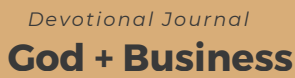
When we do good, we will reap good things. It can be difficult sometimes to continue doing the right things when we don't see the rewards immediately. But God said through Paul not to get tired of doing good because we WILL reap if we don't give up.

Have you grown weary in doing good?
How does this show up in your business?
How can you not grow tired or weary of doing good?



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Ecclesiastes 3:11 (ESV)

We are called to trust in God's perfect timing in these moments.

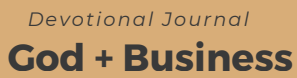
Today, take a moment to reflect on any areas in your business where you feel frustrated by the pace of progress. Surrender those feelings of impatience to God, trusting that He is orchestrating every detail according to His perfect timing. Embrace the present moment, focusing on growth, learning, and faithfully stewarding what you have been entrusted with.

**Rest in the assurance that God's timing will bring forth beauty
and success He has planned for you.**



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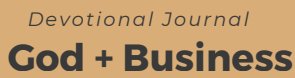


How can you make great money and impact without allowing these things to become an idol?



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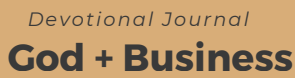
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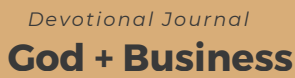
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***Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)***

It's easy to become consumed by work and lose sight of the importance of rest. It's so important to find the balance between work and rest and recognize that true rest comes from the Lord.

Jesus invites us to come to Him when we feel weary and burdened. He promises to give us rest for our souls. When we learn from Him, we discover a gentle and humble way of approaching both our work and our need for rest.

What do your work habits look like? Are you prioritizing rest and taking time to rejuvenate your mind, body, and spirit? Take a moment to surrender any feelings of guilt or pressure to be productive constantly. Write down ways to surrender more to taking His yoke and learning from Him.



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For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

Our true identity goes beyond the external measures of success. Our identity is rooted in being God's handiwork, uniquely created to fulfill His purposes in our businesses and beyond.

Remember today that we are God's masterpiece, intricately designed by Him.
We are not defined by our business ventures alone but by our connection with Christ Jesus.
Our value and purpose extend far beyond our professional accomplishments.
We are called to do good work in our businesses and every area of our lives.

Reflect on your identity and how it relates to your business.
Are you finding your worth solely in your achievements or the opinions of others?

***Surrender any false notions of identity and seek to align yourself with God's perspective.
Embrace the truth that you are uniquely created for a purpose,
and your identity rests in being a child of God.***

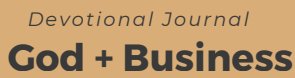
Remember that your identity in Christ remains constant. You can feel confident and secure in knowing that your value is not determined by your business's success or failure.

How can you embrace the opportunity to use your business as a platform to reflect God's love, integrity, and grace in all that you do?



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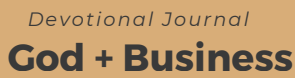


How can you prioritize a humble heart in your daily life? Seek opportunities to bless and uplift others, always using your platform and resources to make a positive impact and build up others. Surround yourself with a community that values humility and holds you accountable for staying grounded in the midst of success.



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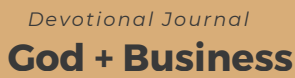
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But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.
James 1:4 (ESV)

We are urged to embrace patience and allow it to do its perfect work in our lives. Patience is not simply the ability to wait; it is a virtue that shapes our character, deepens our faith, and brings about spiritual maturity. As we yield to the process of patience, God desires to make us whole, perfect, and lacking nothing. There are so many benefits to allowing patience to do its perfect work.

Patience teaches us to trust in God's perfect timing. It reminds us that His plans and purposes unfold according to His wisdom and not our own limited understanding. It equips us with endurance to persevere through trials and challenges. It helps us align our desires with God's will. It invites us to surrender our own plans and agendas, submitting to His greater purposes. It also fosters contentment, allowing us to find peace and joy in every season.

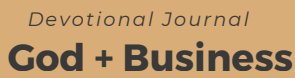
Are you embracing patience as a transformative virtue, or are you resisting its work in your life? Remember to surrender all impatience, fears, and desires for instant gratification to the Lord.

In what ways can you become better in this area?



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Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!
Psalm 27:14 (ESV)

Waiting can be challenging, especially if you love getting things done. We often desire immediate results, quick success, and instant breakthroughs.

However, the Word of God reminds us of the importance of waiting on the Lord.

To truly understand this verse, let's examine the Hebrew meaning of the word "wait." In Hebrew, the word used for "wait" is "qavah," which figuratively means to expect or eagerly look for, as if anticipating something precious. Waiting on the Lord requires us to surrender our desire for control and submit to His divine timing.

It involves letting go of our impatience and trusting that God's timing is perfect, even when it doesn't align with our own expectations.

The waiting process is not meant to be passive or idle. We are called to be strong and courageous as we wait on the Lord. We are always encouraged to persevere, remain steadfast, and continue taking steps of obedience and diligence in our lives and business endeavors, even when progress seems slow.

How well are you waiting on the Lord in your business journey?

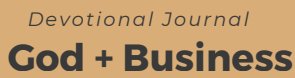
Are you trusting and waiting on Him or are you taking matters into your own hands to try to make things happen?

Are you waiting with the expectation that something great is going to happen? Read Isaiah 40:31.



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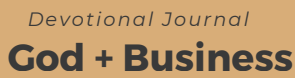
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**Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God;
for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.
Psalm 42:11 (ESV)**

As business owners, we will encounter seasons when we feel discouraged and downtrodden by our challenges and setbacks. The weight of unmet expectations, financial strains, or a lack of progress can cause our spirits to sink.

In moments like these, the words of Psalm 42:11 should echo in our hearts, reminding us to find our hope in God, our ultimate source of strength and salvation.

King David felt down in the dumps, even depressed at times. But he didn't stay in that state, and we can't either! He told himself to HOPE IN GOD. We, too, must encourage ourselves in the Lord and remind ourselves of who we have on our side.

Praise God today! Lift up your voice to Him even when you don't feel like it.
That is the type of sacrifice God is looking for from you.

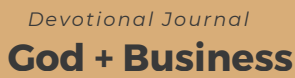
Go to Him today and tell Him how you feel.

Remember His faithfulness, praise Him in advance, and seek His guidance in your business journey.



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The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. Psalm 118:6-7 (ESV)

Not everyone we encounter will like us. Most of the time, people don't like us (even hate us) because of who we belong to. Jesus said that we would be hated for His name's sake. So embrace the hate and love your enemies, and yes, even in your business dealings. Pray for those who come against you.

Psalm 118:6-7 Serves as a powerful reminder of God's presence, protection, and assistance in your journey. With the LORD on your side, fear has no place, and victory is assured. Amen!?

The psalmist asks, "What can man do to me?" Our confidence is not rooted in our own abilities or the opinions and actions of others. Rather, it rests in God's sovereignty, who holds ultimate authority over everything. Trusting in Him enables us to rise above the fear of human limitations and rest in His unfailing protection.

In what ways have you been fearful of people? What can people do to you? Romans 8:31 says *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? And verses 37-39 say No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

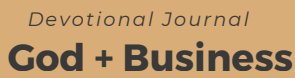
For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

How can you embrace this in your life and business more?



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Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 (ESV)

Many people think the word 'delight' means to be joyful, but the Hebrew word actually means to be soft or pliable. This sheds much more light on what delighting yourself in the LORD means. Delighting in the Lord means aligning our desires and aspirations with His divine plan, trusting that He knows what is best for us. God is likened to the potter, and we are like the clay.

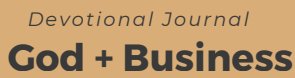
If we are soft and pliable (our hearts), He can mold us into a vessel of honor. But if we are hard, dry, and unmovable, He can't work with us. As we allow Him to shape us, we will receive the desires of our hearts because it will be His will.

**Where in your business are you not soft, pliable, and open to the shaping of the Lord?
How can your heart become more soft and pliable?**



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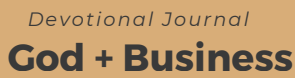


Leaving our self imposed limitations requires us to walk by faith and not by sight.



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