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# CLARITY

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FALL 2021 SEASON FOCUS SERIES

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# **“21 for 21”: 21 Days of Clarity: DEVOTIONALS**

## **(WEEK 1)**

**Day 1: Clarity on the health of my relationship with God** (Shaniqua Rischer) – September 13, 2021

Scripture: *“So have respect for the Lord. Serve him. Be completely faithful to Him. Throw away the gods your people worshiped east of the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord. But suppose you don’t want to serve Him. Then choose for yourselves right now whom you will serve. You can choose the gods your people served east of the Euphrates River. Or you can serve the gods of the Amorites. After all, you are living in their land. But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” - Joshua 24:14-15 NIRV*

Summary: Joshua spoke to the Israelites about making a conscious choice and decision to respect, serve, and remain faithful to the Lord. We can and should ask ourselves that same question every day. Who are we choosing to respect, serve, and stay faithful to – ourselves, famous people, idols, or the Lord, Our God? Over the next 21 days, make a conscious choice to serve, honor, and remain faithful to God in every way imaginable. Ask Him to reveal where you fall short and where you can improve.

**Day 2: Clarity on the health of relationship with self**-Rev. Eric King– September 14, 2021

“I’m Good!”

Scripture: *“Philippians 4:11-13*

Summary:

- I. Be honest enough to find information for dealing with emotions.
- II. Be humble enough to follow instructions for dealing with your ego.
- III. Be open enough to see the true inspiration for dealing with everything.

**Day 3: Clarity on the health of my Relationship with family**-Derrick Shipp – September 15, 2021

Scripture: *Make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Colossians 3:13 NLT*

Summary: Giving grace or making room for others to mess up and willingly forgiving them, even if they are the ones at fault, is asked of us that are believers in Christ Jesus. We are supposed to forgive others because Jesus has first forgiven us for our mess as we continue to struggle daily to treat people the right way that we do not like for one reason or another. Ask God for clarity on who it is in your family that you need to take the initiative to give them something they do not deserve, that’s what grace is, and offer or ask for forgiveness because that is what is expected of you. Start with improving the health of your own household and family relationships first and then go on to others from there.

**Day 4: Clarity on the health of my Relationship with friends**-Cornell Towns– September 16, 2021

Scripture: *A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for a time of adversity. Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)*

Summary: A friend loves at all times, no matter what happens. In goods times or bad times, through thick and thin, a friend will be there for you. Even if you get sick, lose your job or even fall short in certain areas a REAL friend will never gossip about you but will cover you, for a friend loves at all times. These are the kind of friends we call family, and we can truly understand the meaning of scripture when it says, “a brother is born for a time of adversity”.

**Day 5: Clarity on the health of my Relationship with church (DERRICK HAMMONDS –**  
September 17, 2021

Walk it Out!

Scripture: *And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Eph 5:2*

Summary: During these 21 days of clarity, let’s focus on a clear vision, integral intent, and renewed intimacy with Christ and the community around us. Consider this one concept that walking in love publicly requires to walk in love privately. Let our actions and intent be filled with integrity and passion. “ If Christ founded his church, ask him how you should help his local church advance his mission through you by serving others in love seeing that love is an action word

In closing: A clear vision of relationships is rooted in integrity, lived in love, and modeled in both the public and private areas of our lives.

**Day 6: Clarity on Finances**-Oscar Lewis– September 18, 2021

Scripture: *“As long as the earth remains, there will be planting and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night.” Genesis 8:22*

Summary: The scripture indicates that throughout the history of our planet, that these things are true. Year after year, there is always a summer and always a winter. God reminds us that some things never change. These truths have not changed. As long as there is planting, there will be a harvest. If you take the time to save, invest or plant, then you will receive the harvest. Be confident in the seeds that you have planted, because this method has been working since the earth was created.

**Day 7: Clarity on my Faith (what I truly believe about God)**-Melissa Young– September 19, 2021

Scripture: *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Psalms 46:1-3*

Summary: As believers we can have faith knowing God is our protection and our power. God’s presence in our lives is constant, even during times of trouble. And because of these attributes God possess, we do not have to be afraid when circumstances appear to fall apart all around us.

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## (WEEK 2)

**Day 8: Clarity on my Fears-** Regina King– September 20, 2021

Scripture: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?*

Summary: What are you afraid of? Is it the fear of lack, failure, rejection, losses or something else unmentioned? God is revealed here as illuminator, rescuer and power to tackle all our fears. Get alone with God and let him enlighten you on how he will deliver you from the control of fear; so you can bravely operate in your purpose filled life. There is no need to be scared because you have the strength of God to overcome fear in every area of your life.

**Day 9: Clarity on my focus (what’s most important)-**Cornell Towns– September 21, 2021

Scripture: *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33 (NIV)*

Summary: There’s no doubt that when Jesus said, “Seek first”, He was speaking of what’s most important in the life of every believer. When we seek first the kingdom of God wholeheartedly, we seek to embody all of His values such as: righteousness, peace, love, humility, goodness, gentleness etc. When we seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, Psalm 84:11(b) says, “no good thing will He withhold from those who live right”.

**Day 10: Clarity on My Gifts and Talents** (What Are They, How to Use them In This Season)-Dan Pride– September 22, 2021

Scripture: *<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 1 Co 12:4–6 (NRSV)*

Summary: God has entrusted each and every one of us with natural talents, however it is only to the believer that he has given spiritual gifts. Talents are natural attributes that can be inherited through genetics, however spiritual gifts can only be given by the Holy Spirit.

During this season take the initiative to seek God’s guidance regarding the gifts and talents He has entrusted you with so that you may be a blessing to someone and to initiate growth in your life and the lives of His people.

**Day 11: Clarity on career (where does God want me)** -Eric Mims, Sr.– September 23, 2021

Scripture: *This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. <sup>19</sup>Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. Ecclesiastics 5:18-19*

Summary:

1. Our careers should bring pleasure to our lives - the scripture refers to work as good and appropriate – enjoy what you do and you won’t look at it as work.
2. Our careers should provide necessary provisions for our lives – food, shelter, transportation and insurance are necessities that our careers should provide
3. Our careers can also bring an abundance of blessings – if God blesses you with wealth and possessions it is your duty to manage and enjoy them

4. Our careers should be viewed a gift from God – Your labor is not in vain, God has and will continually bless you for faithful labor

**Day 12: Clarity on serving (where, how often, am I doing enough)**- L.D. Dabney– September 24, 2021

Scripture: *"For even I, the Son of Man came here not to be served but to serve others". Mark 10:45*

Summary: Serving is one Christian Gift that we are all able in some way to bring Spiritual relevance to ourselves, others and show we are following the ways of Christ. When we serve others we are demonstrating our fealty to our Lord and Savior. We are unable to over serve because Jesus said in Matthew 9:37 "The Harvest is so Great but the Workers are so few. The more I serve, the closer I get to God and His people.

**Day 13: Clarity on Learning**-Paul Thomas– September 25, 2021

Making your next move your best move.

Scripture: *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. Romans 15:4*

Summary:

1. Learn from you past mistakes.
  - A. Examine the scriptures for clues to your next move.
2. Endure the rebuke of the scriptures.
  - A. Don't run from correction, instead run to correction through prayer.

Be encouraged by and not discouraged by the scriptures.

**Day 14: Clarity on the condition of my heart (wounds, concerns, health of it,)**-Pastor Marcus D. King– September 26, 2021

Scripture: Psalm 139:23-24

Summary: The psalmist asks God to search his heart. We may think we are clear on what is going on with our hearts. However, there are corners of our heart that our natural minds will never fully see or understand. Ask God to search your heart, clarify what you're feeling, point out any ways that disagree with his will, and then guide you in the direction that pleases him. Ask God to give it to you straight so you can maximize every moment of your life.

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## (WEEK 3)

**Day 15: Clarity on Needs (what do I truly need vs want)** John L. Mack– September 27, 2021

Scripture: <sup>2</sup>You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. <sup>3</sup>And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure. James 4:2-3; New Living Translation

Summary: James 4:2-3 gives us a clear differentiation between needs and wants. It lets us know that having desires is not wrong, but we must have correct Motives regarding those desires. The scripture admonishes us to ask God for what we need and not to scheme about it or manipulate others to satisfy our pleasures. God gives us what we need and often what we want when we ask right!

**Day 16: Clarity on trust (who should I trust, how is my trust in God)** Randy Young– September 28, 2021

Scripture: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3: 5-6 (NLT)*

Summary: How often do we rely on our intelligence or past experiences when making decisions about our lives? Walking by faith and not by sight requires us to submit to God's will even when we don't understand his ways. Isaiah 55:8 (NLT) My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts, says the Lord. Any my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.

Our willingness to rely on God will result in peace that surpasses all understanding, a greater assurance of his love, and an increase of faith that insures our prosperity.

Lord help us to trust you more. Amen.

**Day 17: Clarity on Forgiveness**-Stacie Taylor– September 29, 2021

Scripture: *My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins of all the world. 1 John 2:1-2 NLT*

Feeling guilty or judged? When we turn from sin and commit our lives to Christ our sins are forgiven. No sin, past, present, or future is beyond forgiveness. The best Public Defender we could ever have will plead our case. Yes, Jesus, the Judge's Son will advocate for us. He's already paid the penalty in our place. Case dismissed; we've been acquitted.

By grace we can be assured that our Heavenly Father will erase our sins. Not that we deserve it, or that we can make the demand; but to show how merciful and compassionate our God is. As God forgives our sins, we can forgive ourselves and others with the same mercy and compassion that was given to us. Never to think of them again.

I-yes, I alone-will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again. Isaiah 43:25 NLT

**Day 18: Clarity on opportunities (what is a God vs good opportunity, help me see opportunities)**-Rev. Eric King– September 30, 2021

Scripture: *Joshua 14:12*

Summary:

“Get What Belongs To You”

- I. Remember the Lord’s promise.
- II. Remember your purpose.
- III. Remember that you’ve been preserved.

**Day 19: Clarity on God’s will**-Pastor Marcus D. King – October 1, 2021

Scripture: Psalm 119:105

Summary: Many people stumble in darkness not knowing what God’s will is for their lives. Psalm 119:105 gives the remedy. Spending more time studying, listening and applying the word of God to our lives makes it a lamp to our feet and a light to our pathways. In essence, God can give us light for each step he wants us to take if we take a step each day meditating on his word. The light actually just turns on when we need it to when we plug in to the power. He desires for you to know his will. Be ready to move when clear.

**Day 20: Clarity on success (am I defining it by God’s or the world’s standards)**-Sean Johnson– October 2, 2021

**Scripture:** *“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Romans 12:2, KJV*

Summary: As Humans we are creatures of habit and our surroundings. With the defining of success being based on acceptance of worldly standards and being “politically correct”, as followers of Christ we must not allow ourselves to conform to things of the world because we are in the world; not of this world.

Success, therefore cannot be measured as to worldly standards. John 15:18 reminds us that when the world hates us, remember that the world hated Jesus first. The world would love us if we were OF the world; but since we are of Christ they hate us and Christ’ standards as they did him. Amen!

**Day 21: Clarity on next steps (what does God require of me after these 21 days)**-Shaniqua Rischer – October 3, 2021

Scripture: *“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.” - Proverbs 3:5 NLT*

Summary: What an amazing 21 days of clarity to start 2021! God revealed and spoke to each of us about our relationship with Him, with others, about healing, about faith over fear, and so many other things. But at the center of all the clarity is trusting what God has revealed and trusting Him to lead you going forward. Do not stumble on the path ahead, relying on self, instead seek His hand and trust Him each step of every day. As He reveals the path ahead, remember to walk with Him and follow Him, but never ahead of Him.