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DAY 1 - PRIDE AND SHAME SHUT THE DOOR TO GOD'S PRESENCE

God wants you to fully live in His presence, but pride and shame are blockers of God's presence that can keep you from enjoying Him and His benefits.

STUDY IT

- God desires you to continually live in His presence.
 - The enemy wants to keep you away from God's presence (James 4:6-7).
 - If you ask Him, God will cleanse you from things that keep you from His presence.
- Pride kept the rich young ruler from becoming a follower of Jesus (Luke 18:18-25, NLT).
- Humility is not so much diminishing yourself, as much as it is focusing on and uplifting God in your life.
- Shame could have hindered the Samaritan woman from accepting Jesus (John 4:5-30).
 - She walked away from shame and entered the glory of the presence of God.
- Ask God if pride or shame is hindering you from being fully in His presence. If so, allow Him to cleanse you of these blockages.

Additional scriptures: 2 Corinthians 3:18; Mark 10:17-23; John 4:14, MSG

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Pray with us:

Father God, I thank You that You are willing and able to cleanse me from pride and shame. I humble myself now to receive that cleansing, so that I may always be filled and be aware of Your presence. I receive Your forgiveness and cleansing, in Jesus' Name, Amen.







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DAY 2 - EXPOSING THE CRIPPLING EFFECTS OF SHAME

Satan uses pride and shame to keep you from living fully in God's presence. God has made a way for you to be free from the devil's schemes, but you must accept His correction, admit your sin and repent.

- Satan uses both pride and shame to keep you from an intimate, daily fellowship with God.
 - If you don't give the enemy a foothold, he can't gain a stronghold in your life.
 - Shame and pride cause someone to cover sin and to not admit where they may have missed the mark.
- Be willing to "own it for a moment." As soon as you realize you've sinned, run to God, confess and repent.
 - God is faithful and just to forgive you and cleanse you (1 John 1:9).
 - Pride and shame will keep you from: receiving God's correction, confessing your sins and repenting.
- Once you have repented, Jesus will be faithful to lead you, step by step, to a place of freedom in your soul—your mind, will and emotions (Romans 12:2).
 - Jesus will always ask you the right questions and give you the right leading to get you to where you'll receive what He's doing in your heart.
 - Cast your worries, cares and anxiety about the situation onto Jesus, and He will make you free (1 Peter 5:7).
- Repentance is for our good! God corrects us out of love, so we can be free from the tricks and traps of the enemy. Repentance is the path to freedom in your life.
 - Through repentance, Jesus can begin to "clean your house" by removing what doesn't belong in your life.





- Repentance can seem messy and feel uncomfortable, but it opens the door to THE BLESSING.
- Like the woman at the well, when you're free from shame and pride, you are free to witness to others about the life-changing love of God.
- Let Jesus cleanse you from all hindrances, so you can enjoy His presence daily.

Additional scriptures: John 4:5-30; Luke 18:18-25; Proverbs 10:4; Hebrews 12:25-27, MSG

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Identify an area in your life where you have been disobedient to God's Word or His leading
in your life. Run to the Lord with your confession of disobedience, and receive His
forgiveness and cleansing today. Write your confession of faith that you are forgiven and
cleansed:







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DAY 3 - HOW SHAME OPERATES

In an effort to keep you in shame, Satan will try to condemn you for something you've already repented from, and he will also use hidden areas of weakness in your soul to keep you from unlocking the treasure inside you—the fullness of God's presence.

- Don't allow the devil to condemn you over the past and keep you from God's presence!
 - Once you've asked God for forgiveness and have repented, you are no longer under condemnation (Romans 8:1).
 - God has already forgiven you through the blood of Jesus, and you have been cleansed from all unrighteousness.
 - Anytime Satan tries to shame or condemn you, stand your ground and declare that you have been forgiven and cleansed by the blood of Jesus.
- Hidden areas of weakness, fault or sin will keep you in bondage and shame, and ultimately prevent you from enjoying the benefits of God's presence.
 - When people sin, it originates from a weak place in their soul, something that was hiding in their heart.
 - You may have no idea why you are compelled to sin, why you are hiding things, why
 you don't feel like you can do what God's called you to do, or why you don't feel like
 you are the righteousness of God.
- Ask God to cleanse you from hidden faults and weaknesses (Psalm 19:12-13, *NLT*).
 - Don't allow concern for your reputation, life or ministry keep you from receiving God's correction in this area. This burden should be placed on Jesus' shoulder, who is your protection and the foundation of your life.
- You don't have to diagnose yourself. Ask the Lord to expose hidden faults in your heart, because He already knows what they are, and He has an answer (Psalm 34:4-6, NLT).
 - When you repent, God has promised to forgive and cleanse you of everything (1 John 1:9).





 When God reveals the weak area, stop immediately and take authority over it in Jesus' Name, and receive forgiveness and cleansing once and for all.

Additional scriptures: John 15:8; Luke 18:18-25; John 4:5-30, *NLT;* Matthew 6:26-30; John 10:10

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Ask the Lord to reveal hidden faults in your soul, and be willing to make any corrections He points out. Then, make this declaration:

Jesus has made me free from pride and shame. Satan, I refuse to listen to your accusations anymore! By the authority of Jesus, I command you to leave me alone, and not bring up my past anymore. In Jesus' Name. Amen.





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DAY 4 - KNOWLEDGE OF THE TREASURE WITHIN

God wants to deliver you from shame and bring you into the fullness of His presence. You don't have to be perfect! His correction will free you, not condemn you, and reveal the treasure inside you.

- Shame is a trick of the devil to keep you from receiving forgiveness.
 - It's an old trick he's been using since the beginning (Genesis 3:1-10, *NLT*).
 - First, he lied to Adam and Eve, and they were lifted up in pride.
 - Second, he cut them down by shaming them for their actions.
 - Third, their shame caused them to hide from the One who could help them—God.
- There are two kinds of shame that open the door to the enemy in your life:
 - 1) Obvious shame that you recognize.
 - 2) Hidden shame from past experiences you may have suppressed.
- The devil wants you to wear shame like a garment and allow it to define you.
- God wants to free you from shame by revealing sin and weakness, then cleanse you so you can walk in the wholeness of His presence (Psalm 19:2, *NLT*).
 - We must be truthful before God, and reject shameful deeds (2 Corinthians 4:1-2).
- The great treasure within you is the light, or Spirit, of God (2 Corinthians 4:6-7).
 - When we allow God's grace to expose our shame to His light, Satan flees.
- When you get out from under shame, you uncover this great treasure within you, and the presence of God inside you becomes tangible in your life.





- If you've been going around the same circle over and over, ask God to reveal any weakness or sin. Allow Him to do a cleansing work within you and set you free.
 - Don't blame people or the devil when shame or pride is exposed. Allow the grace of God to reveal and then restore. Be the kind of person who can accept correction.
 - You don't have to own shame and wear it as a garment.
 - We're not called to perfection. That's why we have a Savior!
- God has put the treasure of His presence in you. When He created man, He breathed life into us, and it's still there today—waiting to give you victory.

Additional scriptures: Genesis 2:4-6, Romans 2:4; 1 John 1:9; Ephesians 5:2

MAKE IT PERSONAL

What shame are you carrying with you today? How can you take authority over the devil and receive restoration from the Lord? Identify any areas where you need correction, but have been afraid to acknowledge your imperfections. Take them before the Lord, repent, and let Him cleanse and free you.







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DAY 5 - THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS THE TREASURE INSIDE

Trouble will come in life, but it isn't a reason for shame or condemnation—it doesn't mean you aren't a person of faith. The Spirit of God, the treasure inside of you, will instruct you and deliver you in ALL circumstances.

- When God breathed life into Adam, He in essence, breathed His own Spirit into a clay pot (Genesis 2:4-6).
 - 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 says we are like fragile clay pots with a great treasure—the light of God—shining in our hearts.
 - We have this great treasure of God's presence inside of us to help us in our time of need.
 - Because we have this treasure, we can become intimate with God and have intimate knowledge of the very glory and the Spirit of God.
- Satan tries to shame us in our difficulties to keep us from having an impact and claiming our victory.
- When challenges come in our health, finances or relationships, it isn't a sign that our faith is weak or that we're not true Christians.
 - If we're at fault or not, we should be quick to give Jesus access to our heart, so He can deliver us.
 - For this reason, be mindful not to judge others when they face trials.
- Jesus is not a one-time Savior. He's there inside you every day, to protect you, cleanse you and help you.
- 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, *NLT*, "We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed." This is a victory scripture!





- The treasure on the inside of you is what keeps you from being crushed, driven to despair or destroyed. When you face trouble, the Spirit of God is what will deliver you.
- As you put the Word of God first place in your life—in your eyes, your ears and out
 of your mouth—trials will happen less often, because you will be operating in the
 wisdom of God. You won't make the same mistakes again as you grow and mature in
 the Lord.
- It's not a bad confession to acknowledge problems, but don't keep them. We still have a devil to fight, and we need to take our authority.
- Keep God's Word, study and meditate on it. Go to a good church that teaches you to know God.

Additional scriptures: John 16:13; Romans 8:1; 1 John 2:1; Hebrews 12:5-11; Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:24; John 10:10; Romans 10:17; Proverbs 11:14

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