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## Monday

1Cor. 1:2 To those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling...

If you are a believer in Jesus, a Christian, one who has given your life to the Savior, then you are a *SAINT*! This is God's description of you. You do not have to be Catholic or dead to be a saint. You are a saint by the calling and designation of God. A saint, according to the scripture, is called, set apart in honor, cherished, and made holy by God. It's a big deal. Bigger than being a knight of the royal family or a presidential award winner. This is an honor and a title given by God to His children. You are a saint, if you are 'in Christ'. Your challenge? Be who you are!

### Tuesday

1Cor. 1:5 in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge...

What a privilege of God. You have been made rich in Jesus. You have been given abilities, gifts, and knowledge that are not available to those who do not know Him. The riches of your inheritance are only beginning to be revealed and the abundance of your wealth is only beginning to be enjoyed. All the riches of heaven, all the riches of God's grace are poured out upon you and spent for you, in Christ. But the message of First Corinthians is that such riches go unrealized for those who do not carefully and seriously put the principles of God's Word into practice. Rich men and women are making choices that leave them living as if they were paupers. It should not be, it does not have to be that way. Are you living in God's Word?

### Wednesday

1Cor. 3:14-15 If any man's work...remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

My heart breaks as I watch saints live like sinners, losing their rewards and squandering their riches in Christ. Men and women, loved of God and redeemed in Christ, are failing families, leaving losing legacies to their children, and spending their lives pursuing pitiful and painful dreams of 'happiness', rather than finding the genuine joy of the Lord. God has more for you! How do you receive the riches of God's grace in this life? Make it your goal to do God's Word. In your marriage, do God's Word. In your conversation and walk, do God's Word. Then and only then will you walk in the riches of His salvation.

#### **Thursday**

Psalms 31:9–10 "My eye is wasted away from grief, my soul and my body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, my years with sighing; My strength has failed because of my iniquity, and my body has wasted away."

The world makes sin look glamorous and enticing. Have you fallen for this blinded view of life outside of God's will? Sin is not nice, or glamorous, or fulfilling. It is deadly, sickening, and disastrous. Sin is like rat droppings in a candy box. Dressed up to entice, but sickening when you know what you are ingesting. Sin is drug resistant gonorrhea, latent cancer, lingering mental disorders. Sin is broken families, broken people, and broken churches. See sin for what it is—decaying death!

# **Friday**

1Cor. 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The great news is that God is faithful and loves you. He wants to see you walk in His blessings and the favor of His good plan. When we are willing to turn from our selfishness, which destroys us, and walk in His Word, which heals us, God brings healing to our brokenness and restoration to our lives. He will not override your will. You must be willing. He will not force obedience. You must begin to conform your life to His word. He will forgive. He will restore. He will renew. He will bless.

In every decision and every relationship find God's will in God's Word. Then obey.