Do You Know How Involved God is in Your Life?

We tend to see God up in heaven on His throne while we fight it out here on earth, but His involvement in our lives is quite extensive. God is not ambivalent about His children. He constantly has you on His mind and is working non-stop in your life.

I. GOD IS DEMONSTRATING HIS LOVE FOR YOU.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

A. The word "demonstrates" is more than just "shows" but also means "proves". God is demonstrating and proving TODAY that He loves us by having given us His Son.

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But God shows and clearly proves His [own] love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for us.

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But God is <u>constantly proving His own love to us</u>, because while we were yet sinners, Christ in behalf of us died.

II. GOD IS THINKING ABOUT YOU.

Psalm 40:5

Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.

III. GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

John 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

IV. GOD IS REVEALING HIMSELF TO YOU THROUGH THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

John 14:7-9

Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father."

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V. GOD IS PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE.

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Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans forwelfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

VI. GOD IS CONVINCING YOU OF WHO YOU ARE.

A. The Holy Spirit is convincing you that you are a child of God, an heir of God, and a joint heir with Christ.

Romans 8:16-17

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

• "Bears witness with" means "to testify together with". The Holy Spirit is constantly in contact with our spirits assuring us that we are indeed full sons of God.

VII. GOD IS CONVICTING YOU OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

John 16:8-11

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of <u>righteousness</u>, because I go to My Father and <u>you</u> see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

VIII. GOD IS CONSTANTLY GIVING TO YOU.

Romans 8:32

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

Luke 12:32

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **Psalm 68:19**

Psaim 08:19

Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation! Selah. Psalm 103:1-5

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Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

IX. GOD IS PERFECTING YOU.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Chris

A. God's grace is teaching you.

Titus 2:11-14

For the <u>grace of God</u> that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 <u>teaching us</u> that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

B. His kindness is leading you to repentance.

Romans 2:4

Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

C. God is working in you to will and to do His good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

D. God is transforming you into His image.

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

E. God corrects but does not condemn. Romans 8:1-2

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There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

F. His blood is constantly cleansing you of all sin.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light¹, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son <u>cleanses us (is cleansing us) from all sin</u>.

G. God sanctified us (made us holy) and is sanctifying us/making us holy. *Ephesians 5:25-27*

Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

X. GOD IS LEADING YOU.

Romans 8:14

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God

A. The sons of God ARE being led by the Spirit.

LED: to lead, to bring, to carry

- 1. This verse DOES NOT SAY: "For all who are following the Spirit of God..." Notice the emphasis is on being led, not on following. In other words, the subject of the sentence is the Holy Spirit, not us!!! We usually think of us following when we think of someone leading, but the word is used most often in the sense of someone bringing/leading someone else along. <u>This is to say that we are being brought along by God's Spirit</u>. He is doing the work. We are simply allowing ourselves to be brought along or led. <u>The picture is of someone taking you by the hand or putting an arm around your shoulder to guide you or of pointing the way, even carrying you.</u>
- 2. <u>This takes the focus off of our ability to follow and puts it on HIS ABILITY TO</u> <u>LEAD. Praise God!</u>

¹ That is, if we are believers

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3. We are yoked together with Christ. He is leading us. His yoke is easy. His burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- 4. We are "led" as in being yoked together with Him. We do not stagnantly wait for a specific word from God to direct our every move.
- 5. Because we are being led (brought along, carried) by the Holy Spirit we don't have to worry about which direction to go. He will lead us. While the Holy Spirit is leading us, he is also speaking to us of things to come. We are working in cooperation with His foresight. This makes our yoke easy and our burden light.

John 16:13

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, <u>He will guide you</u> into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

GUIDE: hodegeo hod-ayg-eh'-o: to show the way (literally or figuratively [teach]): - guide, lead.
 John 10:27
 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

XI. GOD IS DEFENDING YOU AND PROTECTING YOU.

Romans 8:33

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 Timothy 3:10-11

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. <u>And out of them all the Lord delivered me</u>. **Isaiah 54:17**

No weapon formed against you shall prosper,

And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn.

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This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness is from Me,"

Says the LORD. Psalm 91

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High

Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress;

My God, in Him I will trust."

3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler

And from the perilous pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,

Nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side,
And ten thousand at your right hand;
But it shall not come near you.
8 Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, 10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. 12 In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. 14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; *I* will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

XII. GOD IS HELPING YOU THROUGH HARD TIMES.

2 Timothy 3:10-11

But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. **2 Corinthians 1:3-5**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

XIII. GOD IS PROVIDING FOR YOUR NEEDS.

Matthew 6:32-34

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. **2 Corinthians 9:8**

God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in allthings, may have an abundance for every good work.

XIV. GOD IS PARTERNING WITH YOU IN PRAYER.

Romans 8:26-27

In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- A. In the same way that we hope for all that Jesus purchased for us in salvation, we "hope" (know) that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, especially in prayer.
 - "The Holy Spirit of God dwelling in us, knowing our wants better than we, Himself pleads in our prayers, raising us to higher and holier desires than we can express in words, which can only find utterance in sighings and aspirations.-Wuest's Word Studies
 - "Helpeth" is sunantilambanō, made up of sun, "together with," anti "over against," and lambanō, "to take." The word speaks of the action of a person coming to another's aid by taking hold over against that person, of the load he is carrying.-Wuest's Word Studies

XV. GOD IS GUIDING US INTO ALL TRUTH AND SHOWING US THINGS TO COME. John 16:13

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

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XVI. GOD IS CARING FOR YOU IN TIMES OF NEED.

A. Whatever our circumstance, we can come without shame; that is BOLDY (with confidence) to the throne of grace. Our High Priest is a compassionate One who loves us infinitely.

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot <u>sympathize</u> with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain <u>mercy</u> and find <u>grace</u> to <u>help</u> in time of need. 1 Peter 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 <u>casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you</u>.

The Greek tense for "He cares for you" is "He IS CARING for you."

XVII. GOD IS CAUSING ALL THINGS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR YOUR GOOD.

Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. AMPLIFIED

We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labor] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose.

- "And we know with an absolute knowledge"-Wuest New Testament Studies
- This verse does not stand alone. It is part of the section above and below it. It is connected to the Holy Spirit interceding with us.
- Some have made this a conditional verse saying such things as, "Well, this verse only applies to those who really love God and who are doing His perfect will." THIS IS NOT TRUE. This is clearly referring to believers in Jesus. If we are saved, it is <u>assumed</u> that we love God and that we are therefore called according to His purpose.
- Wuest's translation of Romans 8:28 is as follows: And we know with an absolute knowledge that for those who are loving God, all things are working together resulting in good, for those who are <u>called ones</u> according to His purpose.
- So problems, tribulations, injustices, and any other horrible life problem will absolutely work together for our good.
 - Romans 8:28 is NOT, NOT, NOT saying that God causes all things to happen NOR is it saying that he ALLOWS things to happen.

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- It clearly says that he causes all things, including things that come our way with the intention of destroying us (see the next verses in Romans 8) to work out for our good.
- Even our mistakes He works for good.

XVIII. GOD IS HEARING AND ANSWERING YOUR PRAYERS.

1 Peter 3:12

For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers **Matthew 7:7-11**

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!