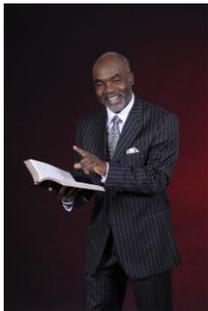




LIVING LIFE BY DESIGN



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Day One Of 365! "2017"

Welcome to 2017!
Today is Day One.

This day is packed with so many things that could be highlighted and should be highlighted. Let me walk down a list, ending on the prophetic Word for our house of ministry.

First on the list, Happy Birthday, Life by Design Ministries, birthed January 1st, 2006!!! Today is so special of an anniversary day, not only do we step into our 11th year, but it was a Sunday, on New Year's day in 2006 that God blessed us to hold our very first service!

I stand in awe as I reflect on all the things that God has done. We bare the testimony that God is faithful. I see your faces; I see your stories, and I see how God has blessed us. Amen! Amen! Amen! God is Good.

Second on the list, it is a new year with a new beginning for each of us. 2016 was a year of great struggle and great triumph. We laughed, cried, declared, and saw our faith stretched to new positions. And again, we bare the testimony that God is faithful. At every break point, God made a breakthrough.

Now we begin again--only with a fresh Word and a clean slate. Get ready for a year of walking in victory. Promotion,

increase and kingdom living should be what you set your faith mark to. It's On!

Last on the list, our prophetic Word for 2017. The Word on the House for 2017 is "Taking over for the Kingdom!" Our preaching and teaching will explore the length and breadth of the Kingdom Gospel and how we are to live, move and have our being within it.

God called us to be his ambassadors. Our assignment is to represent the Kingdom and bring the power of the Kingdom to recover and replenish the earth.

Are you ready to walk in the blessing and be a blessing in the earth realm?

God is ready to show off in us. Let 2017 be your year for a brighter light and a richer walk with God.

Take over for the Kingdom, starting today, day one!

Pastor Peter M. Taffe

Work, Join in Now there is room for you too!!



Minister Kaylette Blunt

"Flip that thought"

This is part II of our series on prayer. Last month we learned how eager God is to heal our land if we would only pray. Many people tend to pray when they're in a crisis. However, God wants us to have a lifestyle of prayer. I Thessalonians 5:17 says that "we should pray without ceasing." Pray without ceasing? How is that possible? First, let me tell you that praying without ceasing does not mean staying on your knees in prayer all day. But how can we develop an on-going consistent prayer life? The answer to this question can be found in our thought life. It is important that we pay attention to what we are thinking about. We must learn how to "FLIP" those thoughts that turn to worry, fear, discouragement, or anger. **Every** thought that we have can be turned into prayer. Remember that God is always with you and He wants to be

What's NEW!!!

- Men's Ministry Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays at 8 AM!
- New Website – Check it OUT! www.lbdm.org
- Sermon's MP3 to your email in box! Sign up now!!!
- New Online Giving sign up on website!
- New Faces!!! Everyone is putting their hands to the

actively involved and engaged in every area of your life. We can invite God into every thought and situation by simply praying.

As believers, prayer should always be our first response to every negative and stressful situation in our lives. This shows our dependence on God and not on ourselves. Below are some examples scriptures/prayers you can use to turn your thoughts into prayers.

Flip those thoughts:

Thought – Worried about provision

Flip it – Father, according to your word in Psalm 23:1 You are my shepherd, and we shall not want or lack any good thing in our lives. You are the God that supplies all of our needs. I confess according to your word, that you will not withhold any good thing from your children. Father, I claim all your benefits, both in the spiritual, and the physical in Jesus Name.

Thought –

Fear/Worry/Discouragement

Flip it - Father you told me in 2 Timothy 1:7 that God has not given me the spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. Father, I resist the spirit of fear. I refuse to worry or be discouraged. I use your power and authority over every plan and scheme of the enemy.

I claim complete victory over all powers of darkness in Jesus name.

Thought – Not sure what to do

Flip it - Father, you said in *James 1:5-6* That if any man lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. So, Lord I thank you for giving me wisdom in this situation, in Jesus name.

Thought- Anxious/Nervous

Flip it – Lord, I thank you that Philippians 4:6-7 says “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. I declare that I have peace and that my heart is guarded. I refuse to be anxious – God is on my side in Jesus name!

A lack of prayer will cause us to depend on ourselves instead of depending on God's grace. There are scripture references for every thought that you have. I encourage you to pray without ceasing – Flip that thought!

The Blessing Circle

Understanding Giving

Study along with us the four key areas of giving and unlock the blessings they bring to your life.

The Tithe (10%)

– Malachi 3,8-11

God blessed you with 100% of everything that you have, and now He is asking you to give 10% back to Him, so that He can continue blessing you through the 90% that is left.

Here the motivation is simply obedience and the reward is the blessing.

God promises you opened windows (floodgates) of heaven, to pour such an abundant blessing on you, that you don't have room enough to receive it.

With that blessing comes God's promise to keep the devourer from all you've got. Which means that the devil cannot lay hands on your car, your fridge, your kids, your house, or any other thing anymore.

For your tithe to work, **it is vitally important that it is given to the storehouse**, which is the place where you get your spiritual food from. – Galatians 6:5-7

The Seed

– Mark 4:8

Your future lies within your seed, because seed sown in the good ground is what will spring forth and multiply 30, 60, 100 or as many fold as you dare to believe for.

Here the motivation is the reward, which is a harvest of at least 30, 60 or 100 fold.

For your seed to work, **it is vitally important to sow it into the good ground**, which can be a church, ministry, or just any group of people coming together, teaching the truth of God's word. – Your heart will reveal to you where that good ground is.

First Fruits

– Proverbs 3:9-10 & Nehemiah 10:36

First fruits should be given at least every year and they are always the increase of your income, compared to your income in the previous year.

It is a way of showing God that you are not in love with money, but simply grateful for Him supplying you.

Here the motivation is generosity and the reward is the abundant life.

It is important for your first fruits to be brought to the house of God, to the priests and ministers therein. Look into your heart and you'll know where that place is.

Alms

– Matthew 6:3-4 & Proverbs 19:17

Alms is the only type that should be given to people, churches, or ministries, **because they are in need**, whereas the others all have another major motivation behind them.

Here the motivation is compassion, sympathy, and love, and the reward is reimbursement, joy, and treasures in heaven.

It is vitally important for your alms to be given in secret, protecting peoples' dignity in their crisis.

Even though God promises a reward for alms giving, your motivation should never be the reward, but the love towards others in need.