

3P's for your busy day.
Don't leave home without it.

“Time and tide wait for no man.”

Some of us must have heard this numerous times in our lives. If you haven't, it simply means “mai liao si kan” (“don't waste time” in Hokkien dialect). Seen from another angle, it means that an opportunity does not knock on your door twice. Once you miss it, that's it! And the impact could vary from “no consequence” to lifelong regrets.

Have you missed any opportunity that you wished you had seized?

I do not only mean the bigger issues in life such as getting that job promotion, making that business deal, buying that lovely property or finding the right life partner. I mean the things in daily living such as saying that kind word, caring for someone in need, and not criticising others even when you are right.

As I reflect, I wonder how many opportunities I might have missed. But there is no point crying over spilt milk. Or worse, continue crying and regretting without moving forward in life and hence miss even more opportunities in the present.

Why do we ignore such wisdom as if it doesn't matter, when we are actually suffering the consequences for not paying heed to it? If the world has given us the occasional word of wisdom, our God has already done more for us. Here's what the Bible says about the wisdom and ways of God.

“For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.” – 1 Corinthians 1:25 (NIV)

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” – Isaiah 55:9 (NIV)

Do we actually believe it?

And the good news is: God does not just tell us what to do. He has also given us the resources needed to do that.

With that promise, I would like to share the **3Ps** that we need for daily living. Be sure to take them with you as you leave your house to begin your busy day.

Acknowledge His PRESENCE in every situation

In Old Testament times, God spoke to His people mainly through the prophets. When Jesus was on earth, God spoke and showed humanity His love and compassion through Jesus. Now, God speaks to us in various ways as He deems fit through:

- the Bible
- the Holy Spirit
- good counsel from godly people
- nature
- providence and
- His audible voice

More importantly, God lives in each one of us. When we opened the door of our hearts to receive Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, His Spirit entered into our lives and quickened our human spirit (which was dead in sin up to that point) to make it alive again.

So, the fact is:

We carry His presence within us. He is with us everywhere we go. He sees everything we do and hears everything we say.

Why do we ignore Him as if he is a transparent nobody? Shouldn't we feel so privileged that ***we are connected to the God who made us*** that we want to "showcase" His presence? He is our source of life!

Although God is present within us, He will not impose His will upon us. It is just like having a VVIP guest in your house. If you do not acknowledge his presence and introduce him to others, and if you do not ask him to make himself at home, he will not have full liberty to take actions to resolve any issues in the house. Bear in mind that we have an enemy that is against us. And we need God's presence to overcome the spirit of darkness and God's power to defeat our enemy Satan.

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." – 1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

Let's acknowledge God's presence everywhere we go, in everything we do.

Tap into God's POWER Circuit

Our God is Omnipotent. He holds the whole world in His hands. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills, He created all things. And we are His prized possession, the apple of His eye. He delivers us, protects us and jealously guards over us.

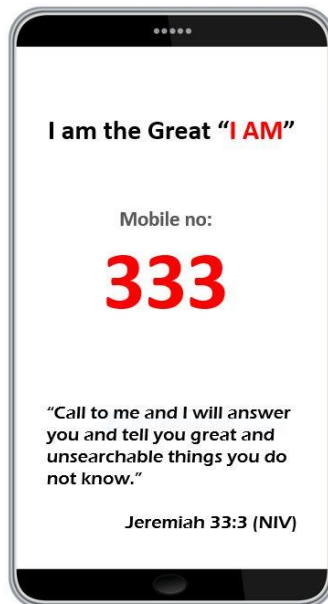
"The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them." – Psalms 34:7 (NIV)

'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.' – Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

When we encounter problems in life, in work or home, where do we run to? God has the power to resolve every single issue, in His timing. Many years ago, a brother shared that **God's telephone number is: 333** (Jeremiah 33:3). I thought that was humorous. But it is certainly useful to remember God's promise.

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." – 2 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

What number would you dial when you need God's power to come into your daily situation? Let's tap into God's power circuit and see Him act. **Dial in ... constantly ... be the Circuit Connector,** not the circuit breaker.



Live each day with a PURPOSE

Deep in our hearts, we yearn to live purposefully, whether we are conscious of it or not. And the reason is simple. God made each one of us with a purpose (to have fellowship with Him) and for a purpose (to fit our role in the Body of Christ). Consider what God is saying to you right now:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

How's that? A declaration from the God of the universe.

What would be the immediate question that comes to mind? Perhaps something like:

- Dear God, what is your plan for my life? Please tell me.
- How can I find out?

What actions would you take to find out? As we mentioned earlier, God can speak to us in various ways: through the Bible, the Holy Spirit, good counsel from godly people, nature, providence and even His audible voice as He deems fit.

Just as we need to take time and effort to know a close friend, it takes time and effort for us to spend time with God if we want to hear from Him. We may not know God's plan for us instantly or see the whole big picture all at once.



Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

Life is a journey. As long as we are moving in the right direction with God's eyes upon us, we just need to know and see the next step to take. As we discover God's plan for our lives, let us determine to live everyday purposefully.

What can you do to purposefully bless someone today?

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