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FOUNDER'S NOTE.

The Guide online Magazine is a spirit-filled Magazine that provides thoughtful, biblical perspectives on the various articles, inspiring stories and book reviews. We will be gathering facts about the Word of God with theological approach.

We are passionate to use all forms of media to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and the World in which we live. However, to be more effective to reach out so many people around the World with the gospel of Christ Jesus.

The Great Commission has given us the privilege and responsibilities to preach the Good News till the end of history. Every Christian alive today is linked through a complex chain of historical events with this pivotal moment. The Great Commission includes **promises** and **commands**.

The Guide online Magazine is non-denominational and not affiliated in any theological ideology. The Magazine helps to share the Word of God to all Nations to help people to walk by faith to achieve their maximum personal and spiritual potential.

GOD BLESS YOU SO MUCH.

Avitus Leonard
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There is
no fear
in Love.

1 JOHN 4:18-19

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

CHRISTIAN WORK ETHICS

"Christians should work hard. Work is integral to life, and approaching work as God-given will give us more pleasure in it."

Ethics are a collection of values and behaviours people consider moral. Therefore, positive work ethics are the collection of all the values and actions that people feel are appropriate in the work place. A Christian work ethic is one in which work is viewed as a virtuous duty that has been mandated by God both before and after the fall of man.

Idleness is viewed as a vice. Because we live in a fallen, sinful world, there will be times that work will involve a degree of strict self-denial. Workers should also receive satisfaction and maintain a spirit of joy. A Christian work ethic requires a commitment to excellence in the task. We are living in a time when the "work ethic" is suffering enormously.

More and more people want to do less and less for higher pay. Thousands of able-bodied people are living on welfare. Many could work, but some just don't want to. At least they don't want to work at a real "work" job; if they could find a "position," that might be acceptable. Employers and those in management are having to deal with personnel who do not want to do a reasonable day's work for fair wages. They take sick leave when they're not sick. They feign injuries to get "down" time. It's a management nightmare out there.

The Bible points out several statements about work and how Christians should conduct themselves as employees. Paul condemned idleness and thievery and encouraged good work activity (Ephesians 4:28). He even told the Thessalonians to keep on working until the return of Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:1-14).

Christian believers should view a job as a means of a testimony towards the employer or boss. The standards of a Christian are set much higher than those from the world. Christians should endeavor to display qualities of being honest, on time, truthful and conscientious of how to improve work environment rather than causing strife or dissension among employees. A Christian should always put the employer's best interest before theirs. Most employers expect people to work and do a good job for a fair rate of pay.

Christians should have higher moral standards than others and should never fall into a "trap" of expecting more than they deserve. Christians should never forget they are representing Christ in the workplace and is a testimony who Christ is.



HAPPINESS!

Happiness is not measured by material wealth.

Happiness is not measured by material wealth. A new car or television, a waterskiing boat, or a three-level house does not equate to joyful feelings. They are status symbols, surely, and ones that make others assume a person is happy, but they do not guarantee a happy life.

Happiness doesn't just happen – it has to be made, it has to be produced, created, discovered, and built from the ground up. And it has to be a decision in one's mind: the decision to be happy. It is really simple, believe it or not.

One must have a conviction to be happy no matter what trouble life throws at them; because life can certainly disrupt a person's happiness, getting in the way of them enjoying their own life, with all the countless and never-ending mishaps and suffering. Happiness is something that comes to those who expect it and therefore deserve it.



People are probably so lonely much of their lives that they fail to recognize toxicity in their relationships. Negative, selfish, and untrustworthy people do their friends more harm than good just by being around them. Life is pretty lonely, and people are lonely.

People die alone soon after they are brought into this world alone. But happy people don't focus on this. They focus on building healthy, happy relationships with people because they know how important people are to their quality of life, if not only for this reason. So people must be very careful and picky and skeptical when getting close to people and allowing strangers into their lives.

NOT EVERYONE HAS GOOD INTENTIONS. MANY EXPLOIT OTHERS' KINDNESS. IT HAPPENS TO THE BEST PEOPLE OUT THERE.



THE PROBLEM OF PROUD PEOPLE.

Self-glory will cause you to speak too much when you should listen and to feel no need to speak when you surely should.

Proud people tend to talk about themselves a lot. Proud people tend to like their opinions more than the opinions of others. Proud people think their stories are more interesting and engaging than others.

Proud people think they know and understand more than others. Proud people think they've earned the right to be heard. Proud people, because they are basically proud of what they know and what they've done, talk a lot about both. Proud people don't reference weakness. Proud people don't talk about failure. Proud people don't confess sin.

Proud people don't throw their ideas out for consideration and evaluation because, frankly, they don't think they need it.

Pride divides society. There has never been an argument, a war, a divorce, nor a church split that pride was not the major factor. Proverbs 13:10 states, "Where there is strife, there is pride..."

Pride dishonors life. The proud person wants praise, honor, and esteem, but through pride he gets dishonour. Proverbs 11:2 says, "When pride comes, then comes disgrace..."



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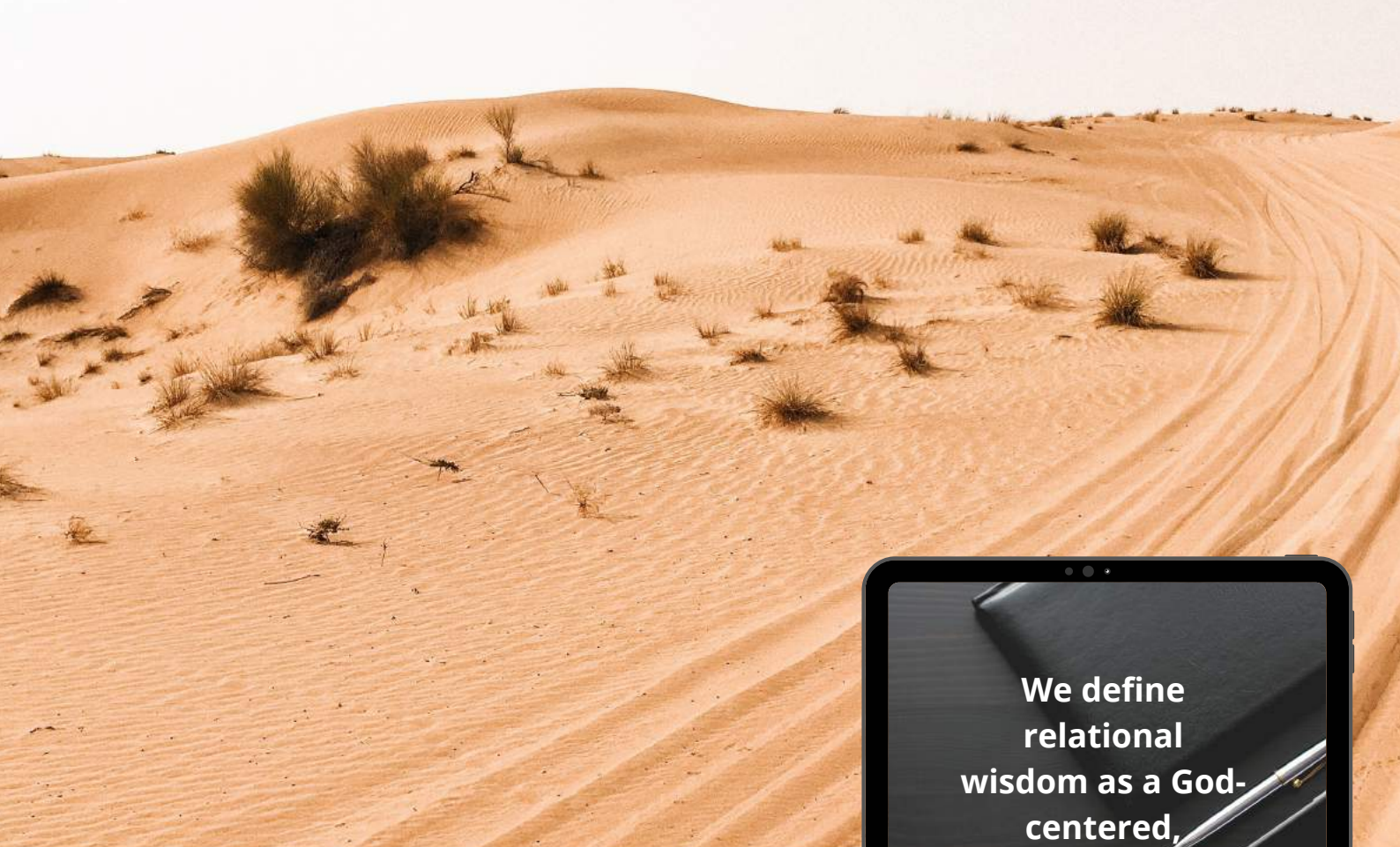
FEELINGS COME

COME AND GO,

GOD'S LOVE

FOR US DOES NOT.

— *C.S. Lewis*



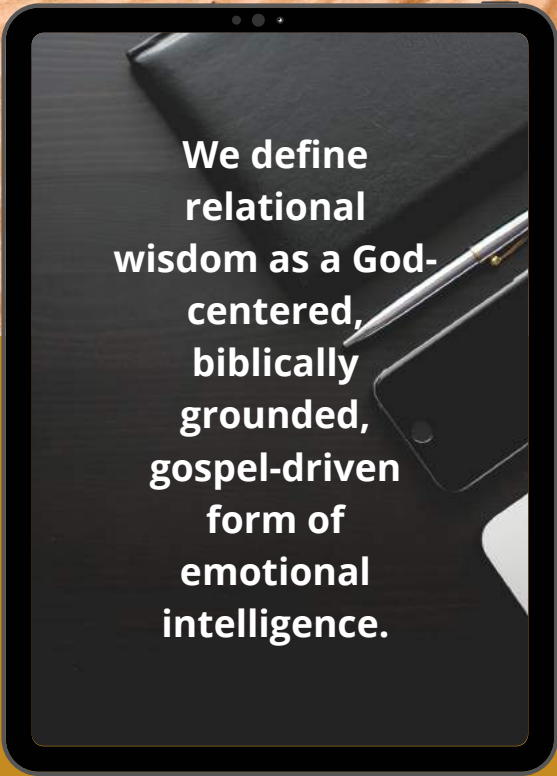
WISDOM OF GOD

THE GOSPEL IS THE MOTIVE, THE PATTERN, AND THE POWER OF RELATIONAL WISDOM.

We learn that wisdom is reserved for those who humble themselves before the Lord. The wisdom of God is never acquired by the intellect, intuition, research, or any business experience. The wisdom of the world may be acquired through human effort, but not the wisdom of God. A high self-esteem can become the engine fuel of the wisdom of this world. And in the wisdom of this world, there is no room for humility.

Humility is the genesis of Christian ethics. In the world, there are many things, which are going on everywhere. Such as, political inspirations, good impressions, etc., and this always rewards those who are social climbers.

Godly wisdom is always built relationships. It never manipulates, deceives, or misleads. Its source is in the fear of the Lord.



We define relational wisdom as a God-centered, biblically grounded, gospel-driven form of emotional intelligence.

There is a great need for love to people around us. The situation in the world today is both similar and different. It is similar in that we are still dealing with many human problems related to the stress of war, and we continue to need relational wisdom that is knowledgeable about this and the family issues related to it.

People do many things out of their understanding. Spiritual virtue is do not withhold good from those to whom it is due when it is in your power to do it.



PROGRESS IN LIFE IS NOT LIKE A GAME OF WINNING THE TROPHY.

Humans are not meant to stop growing. In fact, no living thing on earth is meant to stop growing. We are all alive, reaching for the sun.

Progress in life is not like a game of winning the trophy then you are done. When you say that you are done means that you are no longer reaching and stretching yourself, which means you stop growing.

Many people want to change some aspect of their lives. Others prefer to transform their lives by making significant, lasting changes. Transforming your life involves going beyond the way you live, co-creating a better life for yourself, and changing the way you live.

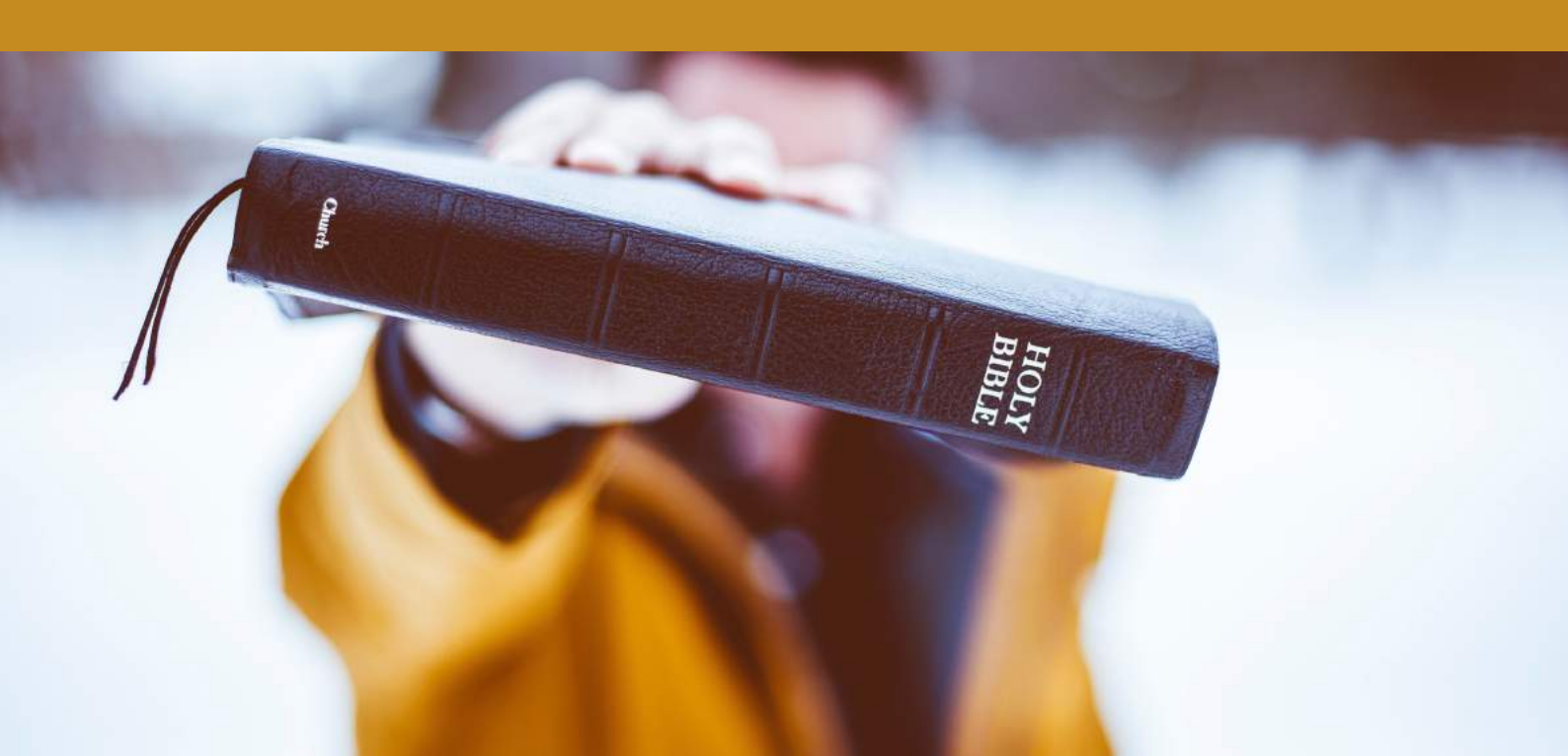
You do this by using your thoughts, visualization, words, faith, actions, or a combination of them.

You use them to change some of what is happening within you and in your life, to co-create what you truly desire, and to live differently. This process begins from within and results in significant changes in you and your life. As you change, your life will also change.

You will have a better life. Your better life can be your best life ever -- the life of your dreams. If you are going through a major challenge or several challenges, they may seem to go on forever, but as day always follows night, so too your breakthrough will follow your challenges.



"Transformed lives begin with the gospel message of Christ, for in it is the power of God."



GOOD LEADERS ARE NOT SELF-INTERESTED

BEING A GOOD LEADER, FIRST AND FOREMOST, IS AN INSIDE JOB.

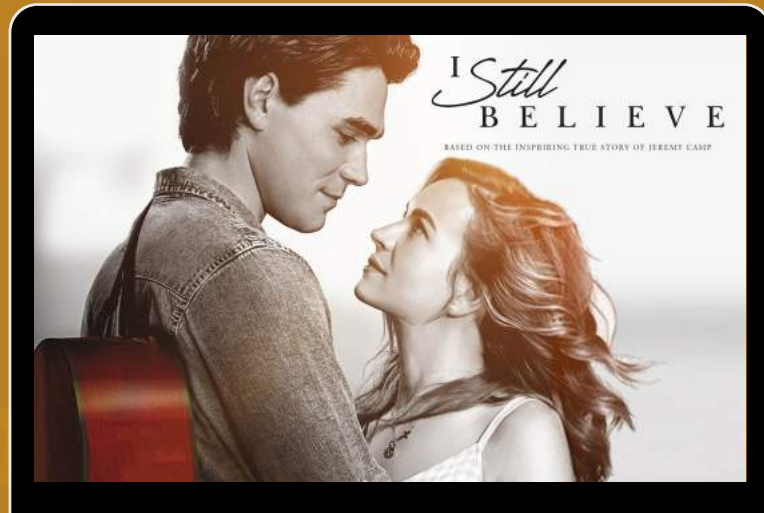
Good leaders are not self-interested. Sure, they want to succeed, but they also want others to succeed. Good leaders see investing in others as just as important as they see investing in themselves. They understand that their success is closely tied to the people around them, and they work to ensure that their peers, employees, friends, and family have paths for growth and development.

While the leaders maybe the people in the spotlight, they are quick to point to the people around them who helped them (the leaders) enter that spotlight. Their willingness to lift others inspires their colleagues' and friends' devotion and loyalty.

Being a good leader, first and foremost, is an inside job. You must focus on growing as a person regardless of the leadership title that you hold. You cannot take others where you have not been. So, focusing on yourself, regardless of your time or where you are in your career will have long-term benefits for you and the people around you.

"if you want to become a good leader, you should start by setting the intention to do so. What you focus on grows. If you focus on becoming a better leader, you will research and invest in things that help you to fulfill this intention. You will also view the good and bad leadership experiences as steppingstones that hone your character and help you improve".





Sometimes when we pray, we get an answer immediately and it's the answer we want. Other times, we have to wait for an answer—often to the point where we wonder if we'll ever get one. And sometimes even then, God reveals that He has a different plan in store.

When Christian singer Jeremy Camp's soon-to-be wife was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, everyone around her prayed for her to be healed—and that prayer was answered. Melissa was miraculously cured. They got married and were excited to share their story with the masses and bring glory to God.

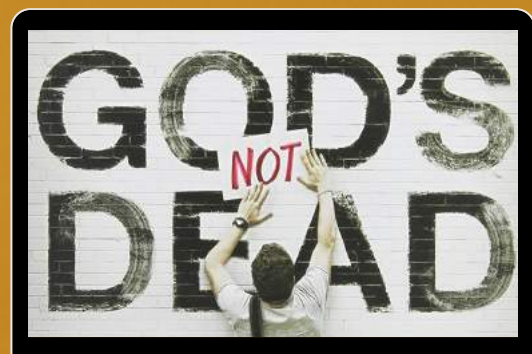
But God hadn't finished revealing His plan for them. On their honeymoon, Melissa's cancer returned. Sadly, there wasn't a miraculous cure this time around.

But Melissa continued to believe that God was going to use her. She told Jeremy that if only one person's life was changed by her story, "it [would] be worth it." *I Still Believe* tells Melissa and Jeremy's story.

And it tells not only of their incredible love and the tragic loss they faced but how the young couple maintained their faith in God through all of it.

So, my dear readers of **The Guide Online Magazine**, don't lose hope when you are in the middle of pain. God loves you. *I still believe* is a good movie, I recommend everyone to watch.

And we will share with you movie reviews from various blogs and articles for the purpose of learning and to be inspired to live. Our God is a loving father and is our friend, don't worry about the situation you are passing through remember that our God loves you very much.



Star Rating



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OUR NEXT MOVIE REVIEW
DON'T MISS OUR COMING ISSUE.

CHRISTIANITY AND

FASHIONS.

**Let Fashion be your servant
not your master.**

It isn't wrong to wear nice things. It isn't wrong for a Christian to be fashionable or operate in the world of fashion.

Fashion should never become an idol in our lives. The fashion industry and its products should not be something we worship. The vicissitudes of the fashion world reflect the fleeting nature of the world in general: "The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever" (1 John 2:17).

We live in this world but we are not of this world. We must shine a light for Christ. Fashions that require us to set Christ and His Word to the side, even momentarily, should be avoided.





The Power of Questions.

Asking good questions requires an understanding of the unknown.

Nothing has power like asking a question. Questions spark curiosity, curiosity creates ideas, and ideas lead to innovation.

Asking good questions is one of the most overlooked skills in business today and the value of the great question is rarely considered. We always have so much information at our fingertips that, in many cases, we assume we know the answers. Good questions are essentials to understanding others.

"Sometimes, we ask questions simply to start a conversation. We ask questions that sometimes seemed to be logical and expected. In many cases, we ask the questions that help us to check our own knowledge of the things which normally already know."



Beautiful things happen in your life when you distance yourself from all the drama and all the negativity.

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"Positive people take full responsibility for any failure in their lives and never blame others for their mistakes."

This world consists of a lot of negativity; therefore, everything that comes into your lives won't always be positive. Except you are the one to decide which enters your life. You can clear your trail or block your path.

When you fill your mind with positivity, you make your trail, with negativity you block your path. But bear in mind that life is overflowing with black or white, all or nothing, and you can be filled with negative or positive thoughts.

When you perceive the positive things in life, you focus on the positive things and dismiss the negatives from your lives. While negative energy exists in the deep dark shade, it can be found virtually anywhere, and anyone can be easily affected by it.

Alternatively, are you just lacking joy? Are you a person who always complains about life? Well, some things in life are beyond our control, and complaining does not help at all. Great things happen to people who learn how to deal with life's challenges.

There is something exceptional inside every one of us, something to serve as the characteristic of the positive with us. It is the only real representative you will ever have. And you are the only you that has ever lived its character in all the existences, the positive people.

The positive people look for reasons to believe in themselves, while negative people don't.

"Beautiful things happen in our life when we detach ourselves from negative situations.."

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TIP #06

“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.”

- *Saint Augustine*



LECTURE
Room.

CRITICAL THINKING.

Critical thinking is not about being negative. The term critical comes from the Greek word *Kritikos* meaning discerning. So critical thinking is a deeper kind of thinking in which we do not take things for granted but the question, analyze and evaluate what we read, hear, say, or write. It is a general term used to identify essential mindsets and skills that contribute to effective decision making.

Thinking is the foundation of everything we do. Every action, every solution, and every decision we make is the result of thinking. We think when we decide what to eat for lunch, how to meet a project schedule, and what to say during a conversation. We think when we drive a car (although, unfortunately, we're not always thinking about driving).

Critical thinking is not a matter of accumulating information.

"We're thinking all the time, and although not always filled with valuable thinking, our brains are always in gear. Even when sleeping, we're thinking.

Critical thinking is thinking but in a different way. Many people describe this process using terms such as analytical, thoughtful, questioning, probing, non emotionally, organised, innovative, Socratic, logical, methodical, not taking things for granted, examining, details, exhaustive, outside the box, scientific, and procedural."

Heartbreak Person can fall in love again.

ONE WAY TO LOVE AGAIN IS TO SHIFT THE WAY YOU LOOK AT YOUR HEARTBREAK. RATHER THAN THINKING OF IT AS SOMETHING TO BE FEARED OR AVOIDED.

Everyone has felt the pain of a broken heart. It can be painful, long-lasting, depressing, and ruin your self-confidence. However, it does not always have to be a terrible ordeal. In fact, it can be a great time to learn more about you and grow as an individual and in your faith.

No one is perfect. Don't let anyone ever make you think you are 'less-than' because of the experiences you have had.

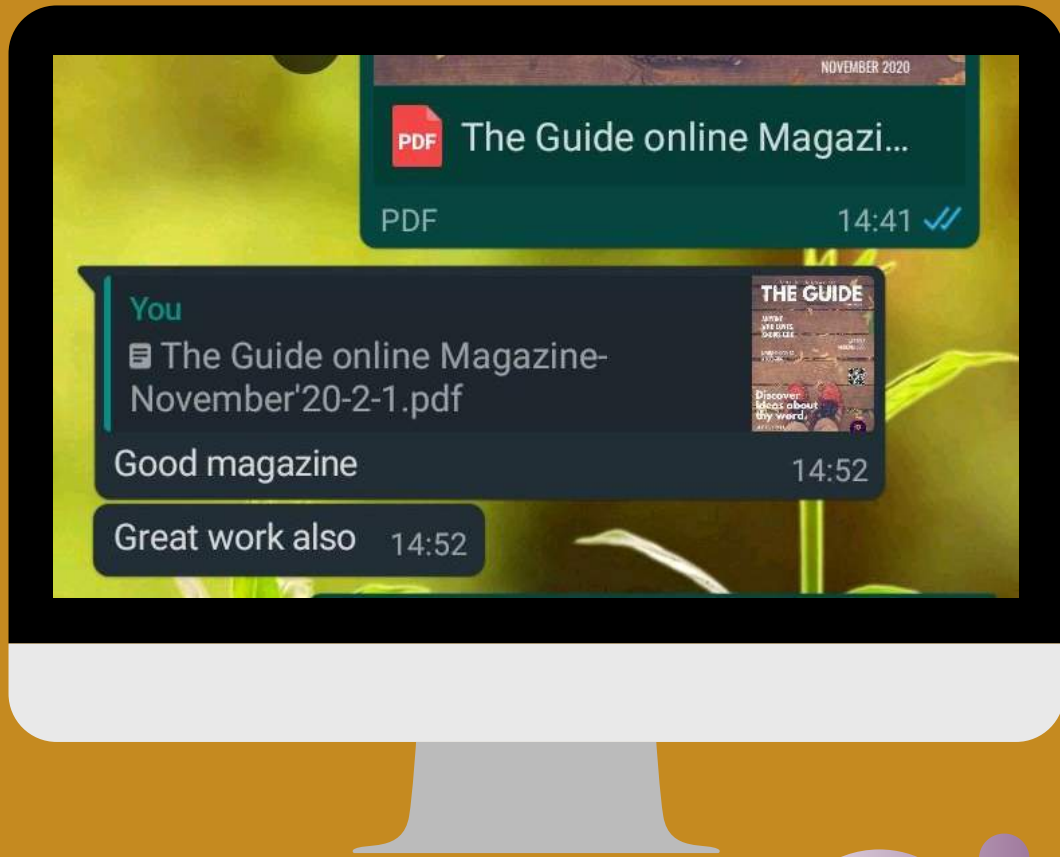
God is there for you when your heart feels like it is shattered into a million little pieces. The most important first step anyone can do during their time of sorrow is turn to Him! God will not only fix your broken heart, He will open it up to the amazing things life has to offer for your future. You will learn to trust in His plan for you. God works in mysterious and awesome ways!

God is our Creator. The Bible tells us how God heals, restores and gives life – even to those who feel lost and hopeless inside.

"Heartbreak is the beautifully helpless side of love and affection and is just as much an essence and emblem of care as the spiritual athlete's quick but abstract ability to let go."

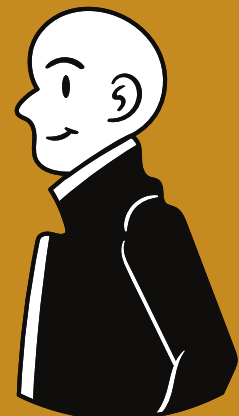
It will take you some time to recover from heartbreak. You will feel sad, angry, or confused. Do not try to ignore those feelings, but be patient with them and give yourself time to process them before letting them go fully.





Reader Testimonials.

"We provide value to our readers, by the help of the Holy Spirit many people are changing."



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