

*All Things New*

Revelation 21:5  
Isaiah 43:19

VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH OF NORTH  
PHILADELPHIA

**21 DAY  
FAST**

January 1 - 21  
With Pastor Titus  
& Sister Toni

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***Pastor Titus and Sister Toni invite you to join them on a fast for the first 21 days of 2021!! Whether a new convert or a seasoned believer, there is a fast that you can do. We are believing for NEW THINGS in our lives, families and finances for 2021 and fasting is one way that we invite God to have His way!! If you're new at this, get close to someone who can walk with you through this handout and through your fast, it won't always be easy but it will definitely be worth it!! Take your place for 2021 and let God make ALL THINGS NEW!!***

## ***Victory Outreach North Philadelphia*** ***“21 Days of Prayer & Fasting For 2021”***

*\*In part, insights have been taken from <http://www.jentezenfranklin.org/fasting/>*

### ***Fasting Basics....***

**Simply stated, biblical fasting is refraining from food for a spiritual purpose.**

According to the Bible, there are three duties of every Christian: give, pray and fast. **Biblical fasting** takes a lot of discipline and strength—strength which you can only receive from God. Your private discipline will bring you rewards in Heaven, says Matthew 6.

**When you give God your first through fasting, prayer and giving at the beginning of the year, you set the course for the entire year.**

#### **Why should I fast?**

1. Are you in need of healing or a miracle?
2. Do you need the tender touch of God in your life?
3. Is there a dream inside you that only He can make possible?
4. Are you in need of a fresh encounter?
5. Do you desire a deeper, more intimate and powerful relationship with the Lord?
6. Are you ready to have heightened sensitivity to the desires of God?
7. Do you need to break away from bondages that have been holding you hostage?
8. Is there a friend or loved one that needs Salvation?
9. Do you desire to know God’s will for your life?

**If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, you may be overdue for a good, BIBLICAL fast....**

We encourage you to seek the Lord in prayer and let your decisions about your biblical fasting come from Him. Ask the Lord to show you areas to target during your time of fasting and prayer. We believe that, as we pray and seek God and give Him our best at the first of the year, He will bless our ENTIRE year (Matthew 6:33)!

#### **How to Begin**

Start with a clear goal. Be specific. Why are you fasting? Do you need direction, healing, restoration of marriage or family issues? Are you facing financial difficulties? Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance. Pray daily and read the Bible.

#### **Preparing Spiritually**

Confess your sins to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas of weakness. Forgive all who have offended you and ask forgiveness from those you may have offended (Mark 11:25; Luke 11:4; 17:3-4). Surrender your life fully to Jesus Christ and reject the worldly desires that try to hinder you (Romans 12:1-2).

#### **Deciding What to Fast**

The type of fasting you choose is up to you. You could go on a full fast in which you only drink liquids, or you may desire to fast like Daniel, who abstained from sweets and meats, and the only liquid he drank was water. Remember to replace that time with prayer and Bible study.

#### **Deciding How Long**

You may fast as long as you like. Most can easily fast from one to three days, but you may feel the grace to go longer, even as much as 21 to 40 days. Use wisdom and pray for guidance. Beginners are advised to start slow.

#### **What to Expect**

When you fast your body detoxifies, eliminating toxins from your system. This can cause mild discomfort such as headaches and irritability during withdrawal from caffeine and sugars. And naturally, you will have hunger pains. Limit your activity and exercise moderately. Take time to rest. Fasting brings about miraculous results. You are following Jesus’ example when you fast. Spend time listening to praise and worship. Pray as often as you can throughout the day. Get away from the normal distractions as much as possible and keep your heart and mind set on seeking God’s face.

#### **How to End**

Don’t overeat when the time comes to end your fast. Begin eating solid food gradually; eat small portions or snacks.

### *Types of Fasts....*

**There are several types of fasting. The one you choose is between you and God. He will honor your best sacrifice.**

#### **Full Fast**

Drink only liquids (you establish the number of days).

#### **The Daniel Fast**

Eat no meat, no sweets and no bread. Drink water and juice. Eat fruits and vegetables.

#### **3-Day Fast**

This fast can be a Full Fast, Daniel Fast or give up at least one item of food.

#### **Partial Fast**

A partial fast is from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm or from sun up to sundown. You can select from three types of fasting—a Full Fast, Daniel Fast or give up at least one item of food.

### *Scripture References for Fasting....*

Matthew 6:16-18

Matthew 9:14-15

Luke 18:9-14

#### **1 TIMOTHY 2:1-2**

“I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.”

#### **ROMANS 12:1**

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.”

#### **MATTHEW 6:33**

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

#### **ISAIAH 58:6**

“[Is] not this the fast that I have chosen to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?”

#### **Relation to Prayer and Reading of the Word**

1 Samuel 1:6-8, 17-18, Nehemiah 1:4, Daniel 9:3, 20, Joel 2:12, Luke 2:37, Acts 10:30, Acts 13:2

#### **Corporate Fasting**

1 Samuel 7:5-6, Ezra 8:21-23, Nehemiah 9:1-3, Joel 2:15-16, Jonah 3:5-10, Acts 27:33-37

**Remember** that it is the attitude of a heart sincerely seeking Him to which God responds with a blessing (Isaiah 58, Jeremiah 14:12, 1 Corinthians 8:8). May God greatly bless you as you fast!