



Majestic Life Ministries 2012

21-Day Daniels Fast

January 09-29, 2012

2012 Fasting Commitment

(For Your Personal Use)

The purpose of fasting is to draw closer to God, to pray that His will be done, and to study the Word and the ways of the Lord. In these shaky times we can either be controlled by circumstances and the tough times – or we can partner with the Lord and through our prayer release His will into our lives and our situations.

FAST AS A SPIRITUAL COMMITMENT/ BE SPECIFIC

- Fasting involves a spiritual commitment to God. Be clear and follow the guidelines of your commitment. “Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself” (Daniel 1:8).
- Before beginning a fast, write down a plan and make a verbal commitment to the Lord.
- When you approach your fast with determination and a clear goal, you will be less likely to waiver in weak moments.

Annual 21 Day Corporate Fast January 09-29, 2012

Majestic Life Church Corporate Prayer List

- We believe God that Majestic Life will be debt free this year.
- We believe in the unity of the Body of Christ.
- We believe Wholeness for ALL Majestic Life Marriages and Families
- We believe Spiritual Growth and Awareness for every member
- We believe Every Majestic Life Man will walk in their God-given Authority
- We believe Every Youth and Child will take a stand for Jesus Christ and Live a Life without Compromise
- We believe Total Healing for all Majestic Life Members

I will fast: Begin Date: _____ End Date: _____

Type of fast: _____

Who will I ask to fast with me, if anyone?

By the strength and grace of God I commit to the above fast.

Signed

Date



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What is fasting?

Biblical fasting is giving up specific food and drink for a specified number of days for a specific purpose. The type and length of the fast you choose is between you and God, and should not be determined by what anyone else is doing.

Fasting, prayer and reading God's Word go hand in hand. When you fast, also pray for God's purpose and plan for your life to be revealed. Fast and pray about every major decision in your life.

Simply put, fasting is a way to conquer the physical and open the door to the supernatural in your life. When you deny your body, you feed your spirit and grow closer to the Lord.

Why fast?

In Matthew 6, Jesus gave us specific direction on how to live as a child of God. That pattern addressed three specific duties of a Christian: Giving, Praying and Fasting. Jesus said, "When you give" . . . "when you pray" . . . "when you fast." He made it clear that fasting, like giving and praying, was a normal part of Christian life.

Types of fasts

Be sure to consult your doctor before beginning any fast, especially if you have any type of medical condition.

FULL FAST. Drink only liquids – especially water. On this type of fast you may also take in clear broth and 100 percent fruit and vegetable juices in order to maintain your strength. You establish the number of days for your fast in your prayer time.

PARTIAL FAST. There are many options for partial fasts. Below are just a few for you to select from.

> **Daniel Fast:** The most frequently used example of a partial fast is found in Daniel chapter 10. The Daniel Fast is a fast from meats, sweets, breads and any drink, except water, for a specific time period (Daniel 10:2-3). The easiest way to think of this fast is eating only vegetables and fruits, and drinking only water.

> The following are examples of other types of partial fasts.

>> give up one item of food or drink such as caffeine, coffee, soft drinks or sweets

>> give up one meal a day for a specific amount of time, one meal a week, etc.

>> fast for a specific number of days

. . . one day, three days, so on.

>> choose to fast from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. or from sun-up to sundown. When doing this type of fast, consider your work and sleep schedule. The hours that you sleep should not be considered part of your fasting period, so the timeframe for this type of fast may vary.

CORPORATE FAST vs. Private Fast.

A corporate fast is a joint fast of believers for a specific purpose that can yield powerful results. Although this fast involves others, it is also very much a "private and personal experience between you and God." Esther called all of her people to fast for protection against danger (Esther 4:16). Samuel declared a fast for national revival (1 Samuel 7).

Other common questions

> *What if I have a medical condition?*

Consult your doctor before starting any fast.

Decide together what is possible. If your health condition prohibits you from fasting food, try fasting something else and concentrate on prayer and Bible study. God knows your heart.

> *I forgot and ate something that wasn't on my fast; do I need to start again?* No, think of fasting as a marathon, rather than a sprint. Don't give up! If you fall down, get up and keep trying. Conquering "king stomach" is difficult, but you'll make it.

> *Do I continue to exercise while fasting?*

For most people moderate exercise is OK. But it is best to always consult a doctor about fasting and exercise. If you are on a complete fast, you may not have the energy for exercise.

> *What if I have a manual labor job?* If you have a job that requires you to expend a lot of physical energy, you may want to consider a full fast for one to three days or make your fast a partial fast that allows you to receive enough nutrition to perform your job.

Can my husband and I be intimate during our fast? Read I Corinthians 7:2-5, especially verse 5, which says, "do not deprive one another (of sexual relations) EXCEPT WITH CONSENT, for a time; that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer." So the answer is yes. Scripture allows this for the purpose of fasting and prayer, BUT only with mutual consent.

Foods to Include in Your Diet during the Daniel Fast

Some will choose to eat only fruits, vegetables, and water during the Daniels Fast or you can choose to only eat from the list of foods below.

All fruits. These can be fresh, frozen, dried, juiced or canned. Fruits include but are not limited to apples, apricots, bananas, blackberries, blueberries, boysenberries, cantaloupe, cherries, cranberries, figs, grapefruit, grapes, guava, honeydew melon, kiwi, lemons, limes, mangoes, nectarines, oranges, papayas, peaches, pears, pineapples, plums, prunes, raisins, raspberries, strawberries, tangelos, tangerines, watermelon.

All vegetables. These can be fresh, frozen, dried, juiced or canned. Vegetables include but are not limited to artichokes, asparagus, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chili peppers, collard greens, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, ginger root, kale, leeks, lettuce, mushrooms, mustard greens, okra, onions, parsley, potatoes, radishes, rutabagas, scallions, spinach, sprouts, squashes, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, turnips, watercress, yams, zucchini, veggie burgers are an option if you are not allergic to soy.

All whole grains, including but not limited to whole wheat, brown rice, millet, quinoa, oats, barley, grits, whole wheat pasta, whole wheat tortillas, rice cakes and popcorn.

All nuts and seeds, including but not limited to sunflower seeds, cashews, peanuts, sesame. Also nut butters including peanut butter.

All legumes. These can be canned or dried. Legumes include but are not limited to dried beans, pinto beans, split peas, lentils, black eyed peas, kidney beans, black beans, cannellini beans, white beans.

All quality oils including but not limited to olive, canola, grape seed, peanut, and sesame.

Beverages: spring water, distilled water or other pure waters.

Other: tofu, soy products, vinegar, seasonings, salt, herbs and spices.

Foods to avoid on the Daniel Fast

All meat and animal products including but not limited to beef, lamb, pork, poultry, and fish.

All dairy products including but not limited to milk, cheese, cream, butter, and eggs.

All sweeteners including but not limited to sugar, raw sugar, honey, syrups, molasses, and cane juice.

All leavened bread including Ezekiel Bread (it contains yeast and honey) and baked goods.

All refined and processed food products including but not limited to artificial flavorings, food additives, chemicals, white rice, white flour, and foods that contain artificial preservatives.

All deep fried foods including but not limited to potato chips, French fries, corn chips.

All solid fats including shortening, margarine, lard and foods high in fat.

Beverages including but not limited to coffee, tea, herbal teas, carbonated beverages, energy drinks, and alcohol.