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Thoughts for Victorious Living

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For Aan, Hizo and Bobo...

TRUTH

Truth in itself must be absolute. Relativism will be the death of this age. We cannot have multiple truths and live in the same universe. Even Marvel comics had to create different timelines for different realities. It is the nature of truth to be absolute.

So next time don't say "my truth." Say my "opinion," "view," "perspective," "experience." We can all understand that we see things differently, but to exist within the same reality, there must be absolutes.

The sun must rise and set, an apple thrown in the air must fall, the lighter density polystyrene must float...these are absolutes. They perform the perception of realities within this universe.

ADVICE FOR YOUNG MEN

As a man (biological male), there are a number of things you must have a healthy respect for.

- Words
- Time
- Money
- Relationships (particularly with women).

TAKE HEED

As you walk through life, you should pay attention to the things you choose and the kind of stuff your heart yearns for. Many people have a fake idea of who they are and the things they like. The worst form of deception is self-deception. Don't gloss over things you "notice" you say or do, take heed to yourself.

I joined a soccer team over the weekend and noticed the very next week, I was saying "f%^k." I had to consciously defeat that wrong spirit/flow. When you notice yourself doing strange things, watch out!

You hang out with guys that talk and jest about the backsides of women, and now you are noticing different shapes and sizes, take heed! There's suddenly this new IG page on your feed with videos of women wiggling their bums like earthworms, take heed!

...for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in
me.

[John 14:30 KJV]

Don't let the devil have a handle or a foothold.

DON'T DESPAIR

Don't despair, the darkest of nights will give way to the rise of dawn. Let the light in.

BE A WISE COW

Be a wise cow. Not all the grasses in the field are edible. Create ambiances around you that edify and build you up.

LIVE LIFE BY A CODE

All men should live by something called a “code”. Certain non-negotiables define and shape the way you live. These principles inform actions, ones people see and many times may misunderstand. But to live a “codeless” life is to misunderstand your very existence.

RECALIBRATE

Learn to recalibrate. Whenever your experiences do not match up with the standard of God's words, recalibrate. It doesn't matter what it is...health, finances, relationships, even failing a course, recalibrate.

DON'T EXPLAIN THINGS AWAY

Don't buy into the lie of the devil or explain away that experience. Ask why...why doesn't my experience match with the word of God?

Be careful of explanations that do not have roots in the word of God.

"It's flu season"

"There was an 80 percent fail rate"

"There were many competitive applications"

"God giveth, God taketh"

"Maybe God is saying no"

Ask from a place of sonship and not complaint.

Understand these three things:

- You are a son/daughter
- You have a righteous stand before God
- All things are yours

You have access to the Father, use it. Ask why. God is not "unquestionable." The sovereignty of God is different from being unquestionable. Read your Bible, many people "questioned" God...someone even said "no Lord!"

The spirit bears witness with ours...Abba, Father! God is not daddy Bukky that you cannot ask a question (under his roof). Ask why!

The concept of “mystery” comes from the mystic arts. It simply means the uninitiated cannot understand the doings and actions of the group. When we say God is “mysterious,” it doesn't mean it is beyond knowledge. It simply means only those who know will know how Baba God is doing His work.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the
children of Israel.

[Psalm 103:7 KJV]

Imagine you were in Egypt in those days, with frogs, blood, darkness, gnats, hail, won't you say this God is mysterious? But Moses knew God's ways, the Israelites only knew His acts and deeds.

KEEP ON

One of the most important things you must learn in your faith walk is to always stand up and keep on. The enemy's goal is to keep you down with guilt, shame, sadness, depression...the list is endless.

For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again...

[Proverbs 24:16 KJV]

Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. [Micah 7:8 KJV]

It doesn't matter what has happened, rise again! You have a duty to bring to manifestation the reality of the divine placed within you. Until you are there, keep on keeping on!

You got robbed...rise again!

You got caught up in fornication...rise again!

You stopped reading your Bible...rise again!

You lost connection with God...rise again!

God is always there on the other side. The father was out there waiting for the prodigal son to come back home.

Some things are sure...your robe and your ring. Your place and position in Christ Jesus. Like the prodigal son, you might need to work your way back to the fullness of your inheritance, but you are still a son/daughter, cherished and loved by the Father.

He takes joy in you! No one else can give God the specific kind of joy you give Him. No one else can love you like I love you Lord, cause I was made unique in your heart, I was made to bring you joy.

Now I have a purpose

Now I have a destiny

You made me for your glory

You made me for your glory.

You get the gist, now rejoice!

BE CAREFUL

“There are some things you touch at your peril,
regardless of your intentions.”

(Jordan Peterson)

TRUSTING GOD

“The things we worry about the most are the things we trust God with the least.”

(Craig Groeschel)

Trusting God is not a mental consent, trusting God engages your whole being and emotions. The conscious effort to trust God is worth it!

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?

Your actions are who you are. If you want to change your life, change your actions.

If there has been any progress, if there has been any halt, if there has been any decline, it can be traced to what you started or stopped looking at.

But we see Jesus...

[Hebrews 2:9 KJV]

DIVERSITY

Diversity quotas for admissions and employment but not for football teams. You want only the best players on the team, but not in schools and jobs.

We need to rethink this diversity model to include some merit in it. Diversity? Yes, but let's get some merit into the system.

Students want to know they got in because they worked hard, not just because of a quota system. It dampens their morale and makes them feel sub-par. A few even realize it works and try to game the system, asking professors for better grades because they are “less privileged” or of a certain “skin color.”

Coming from a country where “federal character” is a big deal (A kind of diversity and inclusion policy), I have seen a lot of harm done than good.

Competent people are sidelined because they are not from a particular geographic zone, even when it is obvious they are the best persons for the job.

PARTICIPATE IN YOUR LIFE

Actively participate in your life, and realize you own the largest stake in it. Whatever the outcome, you are your primary investment now and you take on whatever gains and losses.

People are very good at dishing out advice...it's like we have a solution ready for the problems of others. We even go great lengths to ensure they comply, "for their good." When will you take care of your vineyard?

Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

[Song of Solomon 1:6 KJV]

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR?

The Bible teaches us to love our neighbor, but not at the expense of ourselves. When will you take that bitter pill of truth that you so readily dispense to others? Take heed to yourself, and tell yourself some truth.

Tell yourself "Jide, you cannot keep on this way," "Bola, gbogbo kini yi ko le pay e," "Nonso you are setting yourself up for failure."

Don't let the distractions of the world keep you from facing the truth. Turn off the 24/7 music, switch off Netflix, log off Instagram, and have a quiet ten minutes.

Evaluate your life, what will be my end if I keep on this way?

Make micro and macro adjustments. Stop buying that expensive item, save instead. Stop wasting time on IG, start a course instead. Don't go to his/her house, read your Bible instead. Decisions ultimately determine destiny.

TAKE NO THOUGHT

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

[Matthew 6:31-34 KJV]

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

There was a generation that taught depravation as a sign of spiritual growth, another one came and taught that material possessions were a measure of a walk with God. We have come full circles, but many still do not understand why we need to “serve God.”

The “serve God and succeed” rhetoric has served only so far. We understand that there is both self-denial and prosperity in God, so why should we commit our lives to Him? The verse Matthew 6:33 has a lot to tell.

Firstly, God is concerned about your well-being, this is the reason the first extreme of poverty as a measure of holiness is a false doctrine. God cares for our needs, even material. It is expressly declared in the scriptures. The real intrigue is that these needs are added on!

Imagine signing up for a new role and you get all you'll ever need as a sign-up bonus, or as added benefits. Your real question should be “what is the basic salary?”

It didn't say "given unto you" as a result of your seeking, it says "added unto you." If all you'll ever need will be added, then what will be given? What is the reward for seeking the kingdom of God? What is the price for chasing after God? Why should/would you do religious acts as a part of your piety towards God?

CHRISTIANITY & RELIGION

There's religion in Christianity, but it is not necessarily a religion.

This is the difference between people who have "found grace" and those who still struggle to run the "Christian race." It is what differentiates the "spirikoko" from the casual types. For when the purpose of a thing is not known, it's value depreciates resulting in abuse.

Jesus told the disciples to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Just like the wise men did, he was appealing to them to seek, and chase after the kingdom. Why will you chase the UK, or USA, or Canada? He wanted them to be citizens! Glory to God!

Because when they become citizens, all these things they worry about, will be added unto them freely! The reward of the Christian, is becoming a part of the Kingdom, and living the Zoe (life of God)! Every other thing is an add-on!

When you become a Canadian, you have access to privileges as an add-on, but your first gain is the rights of a citizen. This is why you hear them say “rights and privileges.” This is the true reward of the Christian—entering into the fullness of your rights and citizenship.

When you have the zoe, you have moved to a higher plane of existence. It is why Jesus walked this earth as a wonder. You have access to the Father and have become His child.

If you have not found this way, hang in there! But seek the kingdom, find out your why. Even Jesus was tempted with this world, but He knew His why.

So many of us started out being religious, going to church, reading our Bibles and praying, because we were told to. That was the only way we knew, this in itself is a good start. We started brushing our teeth, taking baths without even knowing why, but as we grew, we knew why. Boys who were forced to bathe became men who not only take their baths now, but put on other forms of body care, they've found their why!

Girls who were forced to brush their teeth now go for flossing and teeth-whitening sessions, because they have found their why! Are add-ons and privileges great? Yes, but there is more to the kingdom of Heaven than meat and drink. Press into God!

“JESUS IS COMING SOON,” A METAPHOR OR REALITY?

Odds are you have heard the phrase “Jesus is coming soon” referring to the second coming of the Christ as established in the scriptures. It has been touted for ages as a call to upright living and a forewarning of judgement to come for works done in the flesh.

But just like the first coming, gradually it begins to wane and lose the effect in the hearts and minds of men. Men go about their businesses just like the Biblical times, without a regard for the holy. You will even have people make snide remarks about this statement...“you have been saying this for hundreds of years now, Jesus no show.”

But looking through scripture, we see that just like the first coming, Jesus comes and then He comes. He comes revealing His nature and His spirit and then He comes. From Isaiah to John the Baptist, the revelation of Christ increased, Isaiah talked about His birth, John His shoe latchet...progressing revelation precedes the coming of Jesus. This is the reality of the second coming!

The prophets revealed the nature of God that was veiled to those under the law. The loving nature of the Father revealed and culminating in the appearance of the Son. Even now the revelation of His power and glory precedes His coming. Jesus comes and comes.

In this day we see the revelation of His presence, glory and power. Don't be deceived by the populist media, the power and presence of God is available to those who seek and choose to rest in Him. Just like the first coming, the awareness of His coming went out of circulation, even the religious leaders had to be made aware after His arrival by Herod. Only a few (Annas and Simeon) were aware at His arrival.

He was brought into the "house of God," but only a few recognized Him, funny right? The real irony will be those who profess a form of godliness but cannot decipher the coming of our Lord Jesus. But unlike the first coming, He will appear in the clouds and all eyes shall see Him.

Jesus comes and then comes. Are you "readying" for His coming? Readiness involves being in tune with the revelation of Him; knowing His person, His presence, and His power. When you have known this, Jesus truly has come for you. Jesus comes and comes.

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

There is a huge difference between a Christian in the marketplace and a professional who needs some form of “higher power” to secure his interests.

WHEN WILL YOU BELIEVE?

A lot of things have been specified in the Bible, but men seem to need an overarching reason beyond God. It would seem the Bible or God's instruction is not enough till it is reinforced by a “leading” scientist or thought leader of this age.

The Bible placed rules on different aspects of life. How you treat your wife, your family, your animals, your workers, your bosses, your juniors, social life, lifestyle choices. It even guides what you eat, drink, and who you have sex with (yup, that too!)

The Bible lets us understand that all these are done for our good, but why do we not believe until science comes up with a reason. Preachers hammered on smoking and drinking far before the FMHs of the world regulated adverts with health and adverse effect warnings.

Sex outside marriage is outlawed in scriptures, but our eyes are still not open to the dangers of cancelling the Abstinence in the ABC of sex education. We've resulted in giving a pass on the B and even now the C is not a big deal since you can always get an abortion (option D). When will we look to God's law for wisdom? Now we are trying to get men and women loyal and many celebrities are touting the "virginity till marriage" tag. Gradually moving from D to A. When will we see that God's laws are not for Him but for us?

Fasting was once a regular. Families fasted at lent and at stipulated time, for most it was weekly on Sundays, but there came a gospel that says "fasting doesn't move God" and "we are not fasting, yet things are happening." Truth in themselves, but they sought to destroy, not build up. People now fast at the recommendation of their doctor or fitness instructor. Several well being and exercise platforms incorporate fastings into their program. Fasting is now recognized as a good thing.

Everywhere you look, you see the effect of neglecting the law of God. But men will always seek darkness and gravitate towards a candle, when all they need is to step out into the light of the Son. It is amazing when people tout a new wave, making it seem profound and new, when it is expressly stated in scriptures.

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have
eternal life...

[John 5:39 KJV]

Moses' rod became a snake, as a sign God wanted the best for Israel. The magicians also did the same thing and Pharaoh summed it up to be nothing, in fact he believed the magicians even more and hardened his heart. It took death for him to come to reality that God operates in a realm above that of the magicians.

When will you believe?

How do you push through the hardships of life? How do you go through each day with renewed hope and vision?

FOCUS ON THE GOODNESS OF GOD!

And I said, “This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.” [Psalm 77:10-12 KJV]

Our parents always started with thanksgiving. In many cases you almost knew where the thanks will start from; food, shelter, clothing, protection...and the fact that they almost lost you at childbirth amidst other life happenings. Couldn't they find something new? Abi God no dey do anything new again?

It is the simple understanding...remembering the works of the Lord! We are too quick to forget in this age of “fast.” Shade who used to mix garri and palm oil with salt now eats Kelloggs, Bunmi whose leg was almost gone due to tetanus infection from the nail he stepped on, is now a big boy...we forget.

We forget the nights mummy woke up to pray all night for that job breakthrough, the many nights in agony spent by daddy, calling on “his God.” We now have the formulas, we have forgotten.

When you recall the works of the Lord, you have hope for tomorrow, you can believe Him for even more, you are refocused on His purpose for your life.

Recall His faithfulness, recall His goodness.

YOU CANNOT ARGUE WITH RESULTS

I realized a long time ago, you cannot argue with results. People are looking for practical results for life and living. It takes a divine revelation to see purpose when you are on the bottom of Maslow's hierarchy of needs.

Prayer, Church attendance, Fastings, Special programmes, Piety and religious activities. All these must converge or coalesce to mean something...something tangible. Meaning is still an elusive endeavour and many will still coast than delve into the quest for it.

There is a blessedness (spirikoko term for empowerment to succeed) that comes with putting God first. It doesn't mean if you put Him second He will refuse you. For the other son who changed his mind and went and worked in the vineyard did the will of the Father. It is the doing that matters. Doing it first saves you from unnecessary stress and puts you ahead in God's plan.

This is why you hear preachers implore you with a passion...there is nothing like walking in the will of God. Imagine playing your favourite game (Sega contra 2 or Mario) without losing a life or returning to a previous level, instead you have all the power ups and added life bonuses that are available. That is the abundant life.

The less mistakes you make in life, the faster your journey. God wants to move you from the bottom of Maslow's hierarchy to transcendence, where all you are about is purpose and destiny. But you will only get there by heeding His commands. But your "coconut head" will not let Him do a complete work.

But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. [Matthew 21:28-31 KJV]

Let go and let God.

WISDOM

Wisdom is the right application of knowledge. There are too many knowledgeable people out there with very little application. Get intentional and apply what you know to your current situation.

Until you have tried it, you do not know whether it works or if you have fully comprehended the workings of it. It's like an apprentice mechanic who says he knows how to fix an engine without touching one.

Has he seen it done over and over again? Yes! But until he has applied what he has seen, it cannot be put on his LinkedIn.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.

[1 John 1:1 KJV]

The difference is in the doing, “if I was the one, I'd do it this way and that way.” But still you've not done it. Don't be the sports fan who doesn't know how to play respectively. There is a reason they get retired players to be talk show hosts...they have handled it.

Don't be scared, your next level is on the other side of doing. “I can fry chin chin and start a small business,” but you've never fried one chin. “I can actually do that design better than this guy, but he's the one cashing out. I can cast that devil out without sweating, but everyone calls Bro. Jide.” When will you start doing?

“Failure is not your portion” is a reality only when you embark on something that has the possibility to fail. The miracle is not the man that sits in the boat, we expect the boat to float...it is the man that walks on water.

POWER AND INFLUENCE

We be out here trying to do with “influence” what Jesus did with “power.”

WHY WILL YOU DIE?

There is still so much you can offer your world, God is not done with you yet. Have bad choices or even righteous ones put you in this state? Still yet, why will you die?

Why will you abandon the glorious future promised you by God, why will you give up on Him? Comparison is foolishness, but you are past all that now. Why seek destruction and embrace evil? Turn from these thoughts and actions of evil. Why will you die?

BE ENCOURAGED!

Joseph had dreams and visions from God, yet he passed through the pit and the prison, but God was with him through it all. Jesus was the Son, yet He suffered and died on the cross, and God was there to elevate Him to the highest place.

It cannot always be light. Joy comes! Light comes! Dawn comes! Your day comes! Cast off the garment of heaviness and depression, embrace joy! Rejoice, because all things are yours!

Switch off the distractions, focus on God. You are on His timeline. Fan the embers to flame, receive strength and a renewed vigour. Pursue destiny...remember, a living dog is better than a dead lion. Revive your spirit, get into the flow. Only a scent and you'll bud again.

DON'T BE A TAPEWORM!

Tapeworms live for enjoyment. They attach themselves to the gut and feed off all the efforts of the mouth to the intestines. They are there for the "soft life."

Since they do not work for their keep and do not contribute to the body, instead feed off it, they soon become expelled. Remembering the days of Beecham and GSK oral worm expellers. You cannot always be a “baby Christian” and just feed off the body. What are you supplying to the body?

Christians that only listen to tapes' and do not look into the word for themselves will soon find themselves easily expelled. They are only concerned with what the man of God said, and seeking ways to “tap” or “tape” the anointing. Truly, many are trying to get in a 3-days conference what it has taken years of a walk with God to receive.

Is there a place for tapes and anointings? Sure, they are placed in the body to edify and build up! Shout *Oikodomeo!*

But you learn to cook your own food. Take back what you've heard and make it yours. Seek Him for your own word within that word, that is how those men got there. If everyone only listens to tapes, who would make the tapes?

I have an admiration for people who always say “my pastor said...” it is a level of confidence and trust in the one sent and the Bible proclaims a blessing for it. But beyond that, you need to make it your own conviction, that is what “standing” means. You take the word of truth and gird it around your loins, the word of faith and make it your own shield, the word of God and make it your own sword.

Until it is yours, you are not standing. Many are under “graces,” “anointings,” “coverings,” but they are not growing. The tall trees provide an atmosphere for the saplings to grow, it is why there are canopies in the forest. If you are not growing, you will soon be overshadowed. The light you have is what you walk with, not anothers. If a man stumbles it is because he has no light within.

Only ears attuned to God can hear their word during a meeting of believers. “The meeting was powerful!” What did you get from it? What did God tell you? If the only thing you are regurgitating is tapes, you are a tapeworm! Don't be a tapeworm!

God places men along your journey to “train” you. When you are working on a Machine Learning Model, you get some training data to teach the model what to do and it iterates till a sufficient minimal loss function is established. Your trainers are to help you minimize errors...there are too many people trying to correct mistakes that could have been avoided by yielding to their God ordained trainers.

We had men who “forced” us to read our Bibles, fast, pray and give a report each week. They were trainers, helping us iterate till we could move on from “law” to “grace.” For many it was phasal, the limitations of time and space meant you could only get it within that period. If you got it, you got it, if you didn't, then forget about it.

But there are trainers who are with you for life. These have the blueprint of God for your life. It is a divine call, not just “eyin boys, let us pray.”

I once watched a video of a fitness coach who went seeking his client at the fast food shop. He hit the burger off his mouth and gave him a dressing down...it was the audacity for me! That is a life trainer...they watch over your souls.

They may not know business, but they know how to sharpen your sensitivity to know which business to put your money in. They may not “know book,” but they can tell you the mind of God regarding your career path. They are not security personnel, but they can give you advance notice on the moves of the enemy.

They coach you through life, teaching you the essentials; living by faith, walking in the spirit, hearing from God. These are the *“ones that labour in word and prayers and are worthy of double honour” (1 Timothy 5:17).*

I am blessed (empowered to succeed) to have such trainers over my soul, my life has been different and taken a new dimension.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

[Isaiah 42:3 KJV]

People tend to focus on the strong and what should be. We put up a facade of an ideal, still yet there is so much to be fixed. What do you do when you are weak and down? Does Jesus even care at all?

Many live in a continuous and perpetual state of seeking validation through their actions. Their walk is a performance of some sort, and they tie their worth to their state of “doing.”

Jesus asked that you come as you are...bruised. He will not break you. Only men are interested in the dooms of another, they want that information so they can have a “one up” on you. Ever been broken or hurt by “church” people?

Even when the flame is out and all that's left is a smoulder, Jesus will not quench! Instead He lights aflame with His light and His love. He is there to build up and not destroy.

And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

[Zechariah 3:1-4 KJV]

Most times we judge people from the vague knowledge we have, we judge them from afar, choosing our circle of friends. Not bothered on who they really are, and that's how we lose. We lose true people, friends, and maybe the ones that are meant to journey with us through life.

CONVICTION

Conviction is backed by knowledge (in any form). The reason you are “reasoning” the matter is because you do not have knowledge or understanding about it. There are no grey areas in the kingdom of God.

Many Christians still battle with the basics because they have not been grounded. If you can be persuaded otherwise, you need knowledge. When Bible study was cancelled in churches...na there wahala start!

I have met people who do not know who Joshua or Deborah is in the Bible...how will you convince those ones about prayer? The ones that think “heaven helps those who help themselves” is a Bible verse, is it those ones that cannot be frozen on the issues of tithes and offerings? Ground yourself in the word, search scriptures—even if it is a devotional—start somewhere.

You cannot survive on supplements alone, all those Instagram one minute “power” clips cannot do much to your knowledge base. In fact, the day you are sold heresy, you will not be able to decipher it. The devil can do nothing concerning the expansion of the wor,

It always prevails, but he wants to add tares to the field. Be careful, lest you be leavened.

YOU HAVE NEED OF PATIENCE

In this age of “fast,” the temptation is to believe that is the way everything operates. Even valuable natural processes are hastened up by science; GMOs, SuperChickens etc. It is almost believable that nothing is slow in this age! But do you know it still takes 9 months for a pregnancy to be delivered?

There are some processes that cannot be rushed, and if true in the natural, there are some things that cannot be rushed too in the spiritual. Things that would make for your development have to take a process, and that process takes time. When you focus on the truth that it is a process, things get bearable, focusing on time is a deadly trap.

Imagine a worker who was told he could take a break once a task is done. He would be foolish to take a break at 12:00PM because it is “time” for break. When we focus on time, we miss God by a mile.

A lot is bound by time, don't get me wrong, but the important processes that defines who you are, are not.

You don't put a time period on developing integrity, character, faithfulness. It is done when it is done, “E file, e je ko cook.” Leave it, let the Holy spirit have His full work in you.

Your road may be different and it seems time is against you, you may seem on a different timetable and be tempted to compare yourself with others (foolishness). Instead focus on the process, I have realized when you focus on the process than the time, you learn faster what you should.

With faith, you need patience, he that believeth does not make haste. After you have done all that you know to do, wait!

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

[Hebrews 10:36 KJV]

Have you entered a bank, filled out the withdrawal slip and then the teller says to wait...it is likely your request needs to be confirmed by the BSM/Manager. When I was a student, they never told me to wait, my money was always available at the counter. When I went to withdraw or transfer money from the National Grant Research Account, they always told me to wait...it is how I met Nofisat at Wema bank!

Brother wait o! E get why. Sister wait o! E get why.

Waiting in itself is subjective, so you need to understand your "wait." This is why you need to be led by God. Have you ever waited at an ATM that was not working, but because you saw other people "waiting."

Waiting is right after you have done the will of God. Don't go and queue at a UBA ATM that doesn't accept Wema debit cards o! E get why!

DON'T ASSUME WITH GOD

Working with x-rays today. I had to remember all my trainings last year. Aligned the collider, but wasn't too sure about the slit opening size for the diffractometer. I couldn't assume...this was x-rays we were talking about.

My Geiger counter was at my side, steadily counting my exposure, my exposure badge and ring were on as well. X-rays are useful but not safe. I went through the manual again, from beginning to the end, I could not assume.

Don't assume with God. You may not see the x-rays, but the effects are real...you may not see God but He is real! Somehow we believe that the God of the Old Testament is not the same One we are dealing with now—like He got born again.

UNSAFE CHRISTIANS

I have seen a great evil under the sun...believers posting lewd content in the name of fun!

If we cannot be safe scrolling through WhatsApp posts of believers, then the block function must be utilized.

The Bible says to flee every appearance of evil, believer or not.

A SPIRITUAL VISION

...and the angel held me on the shoulder and said “look!” And I looked and beheld in the great vast darkness, in the midst of the depths of hell and her host. The adversary, the evil one, Satan sat musing, in silent soliloquy “What shall be in these last days? How can we stop this great assault coming our way?” “Who will go to weaken the hands of the builders to ensure that the walls are not established?”

And from the bottom of the depths of hell, from the obscurity came a seven-headed spirit, clothed in rags and mangled. It was a terrible sight and I sought to hide my face from it.

It spoke forth, all the heads speaking at once, it was a cacophony of indescribable noises, like the chattering of apes and discordant sounds of the crackles of a burning.

“Send me,” said the first head. “What are you called?” The devil asked. “I am LEAVE ME ALONE and I am subtle and persuasive. I will make things look excessive, and I will keep whispering my name from the depths of hell.” And I looked and beheld and it was true, no man wanted a divine burden—prayers, sowing, studying, intercession, all-nights, fastings—“leave me alone” was the response on the lips of many.

And the second voice spoke forth louder than the first, “send me!” And the devil asked “what are you called?” “I am I AM TIRED, and I weary the hands of men. I will bring about frustration and despair, and will keep whispering my name into the ears of men.” And I looked and beheld and it was true. Men were getting frustrated and choked, they did not see good coming out of any activity, the spirit caused them to focus on the effort put in and not on the vision served or the impact. “I am tired” was the word on the lips of many.

And the third head, more terrible than the first two, like two faces sutured together spoke forth louder than the other two “I will go.” And the devil shook himself and asked “What more can you deliver than the other two,

what is your name? “ ”I am IS IT ONLY ME, and I isolate the builders to pick them off one by one. I am also able to give a sense of importance and pride, then I become IT IS ONLY ME. As you know, even the Almighty resists the proud and the haughty.“

And I looked and beheld many faithful ones weakened and isolated, focusing on themselves, they went and cried many a night asking “Is it only me?” “Why me Lord?” Each one, one after the other left the building of the work and of the house of God. And the vision was lifted and I beheld on the northern sides and the builders were filled with pride and haughtiness. They rode on the backs of saints and chose for themselves the highest places. “It is only me,” they said.

I could see the enemy, aroused from his despair, with clasped hands and a grin on his face, he spoke to the fourth head, “what is your name?” And arising as it were from a great slumber, as like death, the fourth head spoke and there was silence all around the darkness. “I am I CANNOT KILL MYSELF, I ensure that men do not fulfill their strength.

I fill them with a false acceptance of their limitations and deny them of the power available to them through the Almighty.“

And I beheld and it was so, the builders did less and less each day. Broken bricks and half mixed mortar were utilized to shore up the walls. Many refused to go pick up the bricks that had fallen and instead covered the holes with mortars. “I cannot kill myself,” they said.

“Wonderful!, wonderful!” Said the enemy. “If a fox should jump over the wall, it would crumble.” He sat upright and focused his gaze on the fifth head, and with a nod gave approval for it to speak. “I am IT IS THEIR OWN, and I fill the hearts of men with selfishness, focusing their attention on themselves rather than the things of the Almighty. I am very cunning and utilize comparison as my henchman.”

And I beheld and it was so, the builders gave up on the walls, each man sought to build his own house. They competed amongst themselves, who had the biggest, the loftiest...they did not consider the walls, neither did they put their hands to build it up.

“It is their own” they said, “we will rather look after our own and mind our houses.”

The devil satisfied and content declared “have we need for the other two?” “Have we need for the other two, because the hands of the saints are weakened?” And the sixth voice roused up as in anger and with a shrill voice said “I will not be denied, for I am IT IS ENOUGH, permitting men to do only a little, not going above and beyond. I will speak my name from the recesses of hell and cause the work to halt.”

And I beheld and it was so, the builders had given up on the building walls, saying “It is enough.” Each man thought to himself “I have done enough for the house of God.” They reminisced on the valiant efforts and victories in their past and believed their work was done. They sought not the Almighty for His verdict, many gathered up themselves and rested to build no more.

The enemy was thrilled “I never thought the work to come to an end. Of a truth six is better than five, and seven better than six.” He commanded the seventh head to come forth and vanquish what was left.

The seventh head, as that of a fattened cow with the demeanor of a sloth came forth from the darkness. It was slow and sluggish and its voice was faint, "I am I AM OKAY, and I will go in for the spoils. I fill men with a sense of satisfaction and a feeling of sufficiency. Alas! A belly full will forget the Almighty and a bountiful harvest will cause many a man to become a fool.

And I beheld and it was so, men were filled and sought not the Almighty. Their very own houses in ruin, yet they cared not. They had ceremonies, orgies, some even cursed God. They remembered not the Almighty, neither His house or the walls. They mingled with the strange people of the land about them and took up their ways and their gods. They erected up statues to these false gods and worshipped them. They gave up their children to pass through the fire and offered them up to die.

I was greatly saddened and wept.

ORDINARY LIFE

Stop living the ordinary life, there is more!

ABUNDANCE MINDSET

An abundance mindset is different from an ijekujespirit.

#Selah

EMBRACE THE KINGDOM LIFE

But Jesus was matter-of-fact: Yes—and if you embrace this kingdom life and dont doubt God, youll not only do minor feats like I did to the fig tree, but also triumph over huge obstacles.

[Matthew 21:21 MSG]

Embrace this kingdom life o! E get why!

LEARN ONE SENTENCE PRAYERS

“God help me”

“Holy Spirit take control”

“Father, I need your presence”

“Let your peace surround me now”

“Keep my heart on you Jesus”

“Thank you Jesus”

Your spirit is wired to communicate with God, you just need to use it. You don't bother much about the internal workings of your phone, you just put it on and make your call. When you know you have a Sim card and you have airtime, and your phone's battery is good, you don't think twice about making the call.

FELLOWSHIP OF BURNING HEARTS

There is a coming move of God and I pray we have more hearts connected to the divine. The fellowship of the burning hearts all synced to the divine agenda of God for these end times. You don't need to do much, just stay connected...flow with the flow!

Fueled by prayer. Fired by the Spirit. Ignited with His glory. Maranatha

If you have ever gotten that nudge, take it serious, don't doubt. It's coming, it's coming.

WE ARE NOT CHASING STUFF

We are not chasing stuff, in fact na stuff dey chase us! Read the book of Revelations, the “reward” for faithfulness is beautification and glorification. Na so so crown, throne, beauty and glory!

BRAG ON JESUS

Brag on Him! Jesus saves, heals and delivers. Glory to God!

GOD STILL LEADS

God still leads men...it would be foolishness to believe God can lead you in every other areas of your life and then tell you to “carry on” on the issue of marriage.

Has “God said” been utilized in error? Sure! But it doesn't mean that God still doesn't lead men these days.

Statistically speaking, the number of failures resulting from men doing it their way are far more than those who took God's leading in error. A few bad eggs doesn't make egg less of a delicacy.

You have eaten bad groundnut before, did you stop eating groundnut? No! Instead you changed the seller. It's like getting duped with fake currency notes and then deciding not to spend money again...two wrongs cannot make a right!

When people have issues in relationship, my first point is the conviction of both parties, 85 percent of the time, there is nothing but vibes. Many people are just carried away with stuff and possible prospects. Some are even choosing based on genitalia nowadays, looking for those who will shift the womb. Your convictions about a thing is usually a good place to start resolving any issues that may arise.

SHAME

A generation that trafficked in shame will be overthrown by another with no shame.

RESPAWN

Trust me to always see truth in everything...I was being brutalized while playing halo, but the respawn function got me thinking, "when you are down, respawn."

You may not start from where you left off, but rise up and keep up. We must defeat the covenant.

THE REINVENTION OF MORALITY

The reinvention of morality as a collective construct has caused the modern day individual to disdain it. In a world where riding against the “norm” is celebrated, it is no wonder the societal moral walls are crumbling.

When a child steals, you say it is bad. Why is it bad? The reason has shifted within a century from “It is a sin against God” to “it is frowned upon by society (Daddy, Mummy etc).” With the invention of morals, there must of necessity be a moral law giver.

When we replace God with any other thing, we stand to lose more than we think we have gained from the “liberation.” When Bayo realizes that Chike does the same and is celebrated, that social construct begins to crumble. The standard of God remains sure.

When society fails morally, it loses its right to dictate moral law...the reason for the decadence we see. God doesn't fail.

When Jacob said “the fear of my father Isaac...” it was an understanding, one that no one could shift, an ancient landmark no one could move. These days we have taken up other “fears” and when these fail, we assume there is nothing to fear.

In the famous words of Ravi: “In some cultures, they love their neighbours, in others, they kill and eat their neighbours, which of these is right?”

There must be transcendence for morality to be sustained. One infallible and beyond reproach...who is that one?

TRUST AND OBEY

As with everything. Trust and obey. This is rooted in your knowledge of Him; His ability, His nature, His reliability. We trust God, but our trust must lead to obedience for it to be trust.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

[Psalm 16:11 KJV]

DON'T LET GOD'S WAY LOOK FOOLISH TO YOU

Don't let the ways of God look foolish to you. Most times, if you consider it logically, you have nothing to lose, but a lot to gain.

When the Spirit says fast today, you "lose breakfast," but you gain sensitivity. Ask yourself "If I no chop, will I die?" Don't start doubting and analyzing the nudgings of the Spirit of God.

You just felt like not going anymore, what will you lose? Party rice? My dear, sit down at home. We are usually wiser after the fact...embrace the wisdom of God.

Pastor said "Put your right hand on your forehead," you said "no, I am left-handed, God can use any hand." Elephkophi.

They said you should dance to the front, or take two steps forward from where you are as a prophetic sign. You said “pastor aseju niyen, ibi bayi naa ti was okay.”

Don't let the ways of God look foolish to you, it usually cost you less than the reward. Yes! It is not logical sometimes; why would pastor touch everyone “pam pam” on their forehead and now empty the Goya bottle on your head with your new white kaftan. E get why o!

You, stingy Bayo “felt” like giving that man of God your January savings that you have calculated for “JAPA” runz. Don't calculate yourself out of God's leading o! Tell yourself, even if I am wrong, the blessing of a man of God is still worth something. At least I have advanced the kingdom.

They said if you need healing, deliverance from addiction, come out let them lay hands on you. You are thinking about embarrassment, chai. Don't be lost in the crowd, people chased Jesus to get their own, they brought it to you, you no fit come forward. *Elephkhophyene.*

Don't reason it too much, just obey. It is also one way to develop your sensitivity.

Start from the little things, I remember during evangelism and you just feel like asking about the person's mum (wetin concern mum with wa gba Jesus). And then you realize that his mum is sick, we pray and we see results. If you reason it too much, you'll miss God.

YOU NEED A COACH

We all need someone who can say "I've been in the same space you find yourself" not necessarily literally, but they can see wholistically the whole view and how things would play out. It's like chess, the player is a little narrow minded, but the coach sees the whole board. You need a coach!

Thank God for those who taught us to take notes and listen to hear from God. Those things have shaped the last years and even now. Glory!

SHELVE YOUR WANTS IN PRAYER

When you shelve your wants to embrace the heart of God in prayer, you realize that He leads you in the path that brings all that you need and want your way. Resolving wants are just a function of positioning. Go for the will of God in prayer, it may not even be about you. Let God give you a burden of His heart.

GOD IS DEAD

Friedrich Nietzsche:

“God is dead. God remains dead, and we have killed Him. How shall we comfort ourselves, the murderers of all murderers? What was holiest and mightiest of all that the world has yet owned has bled to death under our knives: who will wipe this blood off us, what water is there for us to clean ourselves? What festivals of atonement, what sacred games shall we have to invent? Is not the greatness of the deed too great for us? Must we ourselves not become gods, simply to appear worthy of it?”

“God is dead” does not mean that Nietzsche believed in actual “God” who had died literally. Nietzsche is also not saying that atheist are right. Instead the phrase means that everything built on Christianity will fall apart because “the belief in the Christian God has become unbelievable.” This becomes a deep sadness because it includes all European morality as well. For Nietzsche, the destruction of christian morality is not something to celebrate. It is also not something to confidently replace with a non-christian morality. “God is dead” is an attack on anyone who thinks that a non-christian morality can support the morals that people—

For all that Christianity had build up in the society, it would be foolishness, even if you think God is dead, that we can get an alternate social moral construct that can hold things together like it did. And thus people, I welcome you to the beginning of the end. #Selah.

NO OTHER OPTION

If the just will live by (according to) faith, he must understand that for him, there is no other option. A fish doesn't have the option of living on land, it would need appendages.

If a man will live inside the ocean, he will need something else to keep him alive.

TIED TO A DIVINE BURDEN

You know how that “agbero” will tie you to another passenger and all your “gra gra” will calm down after he says “ma binu omo iya mi.” It is a combination of the fact that you know you cannot beat him, plus there is no other way out of the situation. You have two options, vex and leave your “change” with the other passenger or you both go and sort yourselves out.

When you both discuss, you then realize that you have to buy buns to split the money.

How many will let God tie them to a divine burden? The Holy ghost is a gentleman, He will not give you something you don't want...but when those nudgings come, what do you do with them? Many just forget the “change.”

YOU BECOME WHAT YOU WORSHIP

This is what the Lord says:

I was fair to your ancestors. Why did they turn away from me? Your ancestors worshiped useless idols.

And they became useless themselves.

[Jeremiah 2:5 ICB]

YOU SMART?

No matter how smart you think you are, na there another person smartness start. Hold on to God o! It's not by power or might, but by the grace of God. (P°)

UNDERSTAND YOUR ASSIGNMENT

Understand your assignment and do not let anyone make you feel inferior for it. The Buckingham palace guards do not feel inferior to NIS field agents, they have different assignments. Do not leave the work God has assigned to you for another, because it is not “blowing.” God has not called us to “success” but to obedience.

The work/assignment given to you by God is a high call, don't come down low. David said he'll rather be a door keeper in the house of God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness (Psalms 84:10).

Wickedness simply means twistedness. Anything that alters or subjugates the purpose of God.

When you give up your high call for something lower, you have simply gotten it *twisted*. You have fallen short of the grace upon your life...this itself is sin!

One day spent in your house, this beautiful place of worship, beats thousands spent on Greek island beaches. I'd rather scrub floors in the house of my God than be honored as a guest in the palace of sin.

[Psalm 84:10 MSG]

What has God called you to do? Prayer, service, support, leadership? Do not lose your high call, all the things of this world will pass away.

A PRAYER FOR REVIVAL

*A prayer of the prophet Habakkuk, with orchestra:
God, I've heard what our ancestors say about you, and I'm stopped in my tracks, down on my knees. Do among us what you did among them. Work among us as you worked among them. And as you bring judgment, as you surely must, remember mercy.*

[Habakkuk 3:1-2 MSG]

HOLY CONSTELLATIONS

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

[1Corinthians 15:41 KJV]

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

[Daniel 12:3 KJV]

A constellation is a group of stars that appears to form a pattern or picture. When you see righteous people (stars) shining in a pattern, it is a holy constellation, God is working on holy constellations! Nophre! Selah.

Arise and shine!

EMBRACE PEACE

Understand peace. God brings you rest, you do not have to be in a war/battle all the time. Will you have tribulations and trials? Sure! But God never said it was your default mode. Don't be suspicious of peace.

Someone said “This one that everywhere is settled, hope the devil is not planning something.” No! The devil is not planning anything! Don't be suspicious of peace.

Many have gotten used to the “excitement” of battles that they do not understand the wisdom in peace. You get stronger in battle, but you grow in peace.

God told David, “You are a man of blood/war, leave building my house for the man of peace.”

Don't have a spirit of suspicion and call it discernment. Suspicion is battle sensitive, *discernment is peace sensitive*. God wants you to have discernment not suspicion.

Jesus calmed the storm, He didn't go surfing on the waves. Receive peace and let it guard your heart!

THINGS YOU MUST KNOW

As you walk in this world, know these things:

- Who you are
- Whose you are
- Why you are here

- How to get there

THE ONE TRUE MEASURE

The world and people will always want to define you by their own and even your own standards. There is only one standard to measure yourself by—the grace that has been given you!

Maximize grace (divine allotments).

CHECK YOUR HEART

David's heart smote him whenever he did evil in the sight of God. But you “le ju pa!” “Ma re rin.” Don't harden your heart. Don't let all that is going on around you make your heart stony.

The sacrifice God wants is a willing spirit. God, you will not reject a heart that is broken and sorry for its sin.

[Psalm 51:17 ICB]

Going through the motions doesn't please you, a flawless performance is nothing to you. I learned God-worship when my pride was shattered. Heart-shattered lives ready for love don't for a moment escape God's notice.

[Psalm 51:16-17 MSG]

We are spending more time trying to break through hearts than actually ministering unto it. Wonder why there is no effect? Stony hearts do not allow the Word to take root.

HOLYGHOST ADVANCEMENT

Your “Holy ghost” should be actively moving you in the path of progress. Whatever it may be, you should not finish a new day without some level of advancement if you are actively working in and with the Spirit.

KINGDOM FINANCE

Have you heard covetous people talk about making money and then use kingdom finance as a cover? Bro just say you like money, stop coating it. If you are interested in kingdom finance, we would see it already. The willingness comes before the grace.

DON'T DEVELOP AN EVIL EYE

It is easy to focus on what we have done and compare it with others, leading to an evil eye. The workers who worked all day forgot they were at some point waiting to be hired, asking to do anything to feed their families.

Instead of looking at the goodness of the master, they chose to focus on their effort.

A HOLY CONVERSATION

Son: God when?

God: At the cross!

PUT GOD FIRST PLACE

Putting God in the first place puts everything in its place. I have realized all this talk about “getting sense” is just people trying to be rebellious. A Spirit led believer has no problem with balance and being a light in the world.

FAITH?

Reading a lot of biographies of missionaries, I realized a lot of what we call “faith” today is just men using cunning craftiness to deliver results. No one said you cannot get “stuff” elsewhere. It is the reason we do not measure spirituality with stuff. The real spiritual man doesn't even seek stuff, when you've seen glory and power, it is enough!

SAME RESULT

If you do what they did in the Bible, you will get what they got in the Bible. God is no respecter of persons.

DON'T BE MOVED

Do not let pain shift you from glorious purpose.

So, go now and write all this down.

*Put it in a book, so that the record will be there to
instruct the coming generations,*

*Because this is a rebel generation, a people who lie.
A people unwilling to listen to anything God tells them.*

They tell their spiritual leaders,

Dont bother us with irrelevancies.

They tell their preachers,

Dont waste our time on impracticalities.

Tell us what makes us feel better.

Dont bore us with obsolete religion.

That stuff means nothing to us.

Quit hounding us with The Holy of Israel.

[Isaiah 30:8-11 MSG]

*But God's not finished. He's waiting around to be
gracious to you.*

Hes gathering strength to show mercy to you.

God takes the time to do everything right—everything.

Those who wait around for him are the lucky ones.

[Isaiah 30:18 MSG]

Jesus dismissed the multitude, but constrained the
disciples.

LOOSE TALKING

Careless speaking is vicious habit. When one realizes his words are the code to his kingdom, and that his words can be a cursing influence, or a blessing, he will learn to value the gift of speech.

Control your tongue, or it will control you. You will often hear men say “I speak my mind.” That is well if you have a good mind, but if your mind is poisoned, it is not good. An idle word spoken may fall into the soil of someone's heart and poison his whole life.

What a blessing good conversation is, and what a curse its opposite. Make your tongue a blessing, not a curse.

A person is judged by his speech, your words make you a blessing or a curse, your words may carry a fortune in them. Learn to be master of your conversation.

AVOID ARGUMENTS

God knows 5-10 years ago, I would have started a public apologia on the matter of salvation, grace and works, but I realized it doesn't save anyone. I can win the argument, but not a soul. So I'll toll the path of the fathers.

FORNICATION IS SIN

If you know me or are connected to me, know this and know peace...fornication is sin!

This scripture comes to mind.

Watch out for the Esau syndrome: trading away Gods lifelong gift in order to satisfy a short-term appetite. You well know how Esau later regretted that impulsive act and wanted Gods blessing—but by then it was too late, tears or no tears.

[Hebrews 12:17 MSG]

DON'T GO EXTREME

There is a deception that outcropped from a desire for balance taken to the extreme. But as with everything, when you stare at your halo for a long time, it becomes a noose. When you take a truth beyond its rightful extremities, it becomes an error.

Many believed we were so “heavenly conscious” that we became of no earthly good. We are meant to bring the kingdom of God on earth. This in itself is truth, for the experience of the kingdom should begin from the earth, and salvation should lead to these experiences.

But when it was taken to the extreme, we began to first measure spirituality in terms of “stuff,” believing the indication of the walk of a man with God was the “blessings” he had. There also arose a belief that believers taking up the “corporate space” will be “influencers” for the kingdom of God.

I remember clearly one example given about a footballer who after he scored the winning goal at the world cup, tore his shirt, and his undergarments bears “give your life to Jesus.” “Can you imagine the reach?”

“How many people can be saved by just that action?”
“That is bigger than any crusade any evangelist can put on.” The idea sounded very plausible and it cemented a format for many people.

People left evangelizing and instead decided to “aspire” and “perspire.” The trick was this “once I blow, I’ll just start using my influence for the kingdom.” Alas, when they aspired and perspired and they got what they desired, many forgot the influencing part. In fact, many have been caught up in the ways of the world that they have lost any “influence” for the kingdom.

While they got influence for their achievement, they could not transfer that for the kingdom because of mixtures. They never upheld their kingdom virtues through the process. A few tried to put up a “G-factor” clause in their speeches, but it only resonated in a largely “Christian gathering.” It would seem that they were putting up a show for us believers. God was a means to an end, instead of us being a means to His end.

Then rose the “kingdom financiers.” These were going to go into the “corporate space” and convert the wealth of the gentiles. Alas, it was a trap! Many with callings found it easy to relax and send funds. And others covetous for lucre, were able to cover their lust with financing. A larger percentage forgot about the kingdom entirely, since their circles had changed. There was nobody around to deceive with the “kingdom financier” lie anymore.

Looking around, that extreme has been fully executed and many do not even understand the original assignment. We are more proud of what we have become in the flesh, than the kingdom. Spiritual discipline and correction is difficult because of what people have become in the flesh.

If you have such a grandiose plan, I'll ask that you evaluate it. We need balance, this is true, but we do not need anything in the flesh to do the work of God. There is nothing in the flesh that can tantalize anyone to the kingdom...it is first a spiritual experience. The best you will get is a cult of people who are around you because they want to also acquire stuff.

If you think you'll blow and then start financing the kingdom, it will never happen. Financing the kingdom starts from the little you have. The widow gave her mite...that is kingdom financing; start from where you are. Don't be caught up in the rat race to "be," you are first a son!

Should you be great? Sure! Should you be wealthy? Of course! Should you get lost in the process? No!

The disciples asked Jesus "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?" Jesus replied "The work of God is believing in whom God has sent."

Looking back, many of the people who taught us these things as balance are doing great, because for them it was balance. But we saw them in that season of balancing the spiritual side of things with the practical side, and we only took that and ran with it.

Now we appreciate God for first class, car, house, business, marriage, abroad etc. When will God appreciate us for souls and things done for His kingdom?

EQUAL GIVING

We have not been called to equal giving, but equal sacrificing, this is the principle emphasized in tithing. If you are under grace, you should do better than the Pharisees, tithing shouldn't be a problem for you!

ARE YOU A FALSE MEMBER?

Many times we want to point fingers at false pastors, false prophets, false teachers etc. We carry around our template of who is qualified and who isn't, carefully dissecting words and actions.

But have we ever taken a step back to ask if we were false members? You see the church is not a club or a political party. It is a gathering of "called members" who are assigned to a "called pastor," both must be *called*.

That is why it was strange that our parents would travel miles every Sunday to "our" church, instead of attending the one close to the house. It was where they were called to, and the pastor was the one assigned to Pastor them. They were true members of the church.

I knew people who would tell me “I am a member of the Catholic church, born a Catholic, baptized a Catholic and will die a Catholic.” Even though we had doctrinal differences, I still admired the fact that they understood they were a part of something. We have so many rogues and false members and unfortunately, many Pastors do not even realize this. They are blinded by the craze of numbers.

When I became a Christian, our church was very clear about “worshippers” and “members,” there was a difference! People can come every Sunday to worship God...no problems, but members had gone through several classes, understood the tenets, walked in those principles and then are presented before the whole congregation, to tell them what they believe in, before being accepted into membership.

In membership, nobody needed to pursue you to come to church, you were even responsible for others. You were given assignments in church. Nobody tracked the givings of worshippers, but members were expected to pay their tithes...you signed up for it, you believed in it!

It reminds me of a whole lot, particularly how we do not take the things of God seriously anymore.

Nobody needed to tell you there was Highway class by 8:00am on Wednesdays, you signed up for it as a student. They did not need to do weekly reminders and send follow up text messages to remind you of your lab practicals. Nobody needed to tantalize you with amazing video ads to be there for your seminar defense.

They did not beg you to pay money for handbook, or give money for one thing or the other, you gave it and committed to it because you were a part—a member. It is funny how a member will say “I am not going to church today, I am tired,” do you keep the same energy with your secular employment?

People seem to have good choices till it concerns church. Ask yourself, “am I a false member?” Read the book of Acts to know what real church membership entails, and we are not even demanded to do (even) half of it!

Don't let them deceive you by saying they are members of a church. It is possible to attend a church for 30 years and still not be a member. A member is committed to the vision, mission and goals of a church. They are supportive, doing all they can to assist and lighten the load whilst contributing their own quota to the kingdom mandate.

You that we are still begging to come early on Sunday, you are claiming member and talking about how the Pastor did not say "in Jesus name" three times. Bro, you sef are a false member!

Because you drop small change, you sef are claiming member, asking what they did with "our money." If you are not a correct church member, just keep your mouth off any talk about false Pastors o!

Since you joined the church, you've never won a soul to Christ. I don't mean your unserious friends that you all wear starched open button shirts and glossed lips to come and scout sisters with o! You sef are claiming member. Elephkophyene

Demas loved this world too much. He left me and went to Thessalonica. Crescens went to Galatia. And Titus went to Dalmatia.

[2Timothy 4:10 ICB]

KEEP THE SAME ENERGY!

You will not take nonsense from the driver if he makes you late to work, but if the traffic is red on Google maps, you won't even step out to church, you will worship online. Keep the same energy!

Binged watched 3 seasons of your favourite TV show, but cannot even sit still for an hour message...you must browse social media. Keep the same energy!

The fact that you can stay up late to watch that game or movie till dawn means you have capacity for night watches. Keep the same energy!

IT CAN BE DONE!

Letting others know it can be done...this is the way!

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

(Nelson Mandela)

THERE IS A GIFT IN EVERY MAN

Believer or not, every person is created in the image of God. Every person has been gifted by God to function in life. You must understand this, appreciate this, honour this. Some things are not limited to believers alone.

Walk with an understanding of God. He makes the rain fall both on the just and the unjust. You must carry this mindset...God sent His Son for the world, not Christians. This is why you must be global in your outlook.

ATTENTION

“Where attention goes, energy flows, and results show.”

(Rev. Olusola Areogun)

Don't let the devil determine your message or be the guiding influence in your life! Pay attention to what is right! You don't heal malarial by watching malarial documentaries—how plasmodium works and how many people it has killed—You focus on the things that will heal you! Nobody has gotten deliverance, salvation or healing from an argument...focus on what matters.

Don't be carried by every wind of "doctrine," ask yourself "what does the wordsay about this?" Settle on the truth and move on!

God said it, I believe it, that settles it.

That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

[Hebrews 6:12 KJV]

We do not want you to become lazy. Be like those who have faith and patience. They will receive what God has promised.

[Hebrews 6:12 ICB]

When you do this, you will know how to direct your affairs in wisdom. Attention is the currency of life.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

[Joshua 1:8 KJV]

Always remember what is written in the Book of the Teachings. Study it day and night. Then you will be sure to obey everything that is written there. If you do this, you will be wise and successful in everything.

[Joshua 1:8 ICB]

TRUTH

People like the truth when it's in their favour. Stand for the truth. They will hate you when it reproves them of their wrong doing, stand for the truth still.

To believe you are in the truth because it is popular is a mirage that soon fades when you approach it. The truth is the truth, and there is nothing that can be done against it, but for it.

For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

[2Corinthians 13:8 KJV]

If you decide not to stand for the truth, it will only reinforce the truth. Your dissent does nothing against the truth.

GET PURPOSE

Get purpose, it makes your life meaningful. Money will fail, accolades will fail, popularity will fail, but your eternal destiny and divine purpose on this earth will never fail. Rejoice!

I've passed on too many "good" opportunities because I know what is good and what is right. Knowledge is knowing something is good, wisdom is knowing when it is right.

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee.

[Titus 1:5 KJV]

Many times you feel left out. The disciples felt it after Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to heaven. Titus felt left out when Paul moved on with the missionary journey.

It is easy to think you are no longer in the will or program of God, especially when others seem to doing "things."

I felt like this for a long time, gave up a lucrative O&G downstream job and another with an international deep foundations company, to stay in Akure with the hopes of becoming a GA at my alma mater. It was like everyone had left; doing things, making money, peppering the timeline.

Some days were great, I moved from one crusade ground to another, saw real life miracles...this was it! But on other days, it just felt like “omo! Life is going o.” It looked like I was stuck. All my attempts were meeting a brick wall. Then I saw this...there was a reason, there was a cause!

I embraced it, I had been left to be a bridge, to secure a group and a generation. I focused on this with all I had, took on extra responsibilities in the department just to be close to the newly admitted students. Started visiting my fellowship often and opened my doors to these young people. My house was always a hub...this was it!

I found peace, all the anxiety and fears that used to creep in atimes were no more. I had found my “why.”

It was not long after I'd embraced this, that it became time to move on! I cried...alas if I had known earlier, I would have done more.

I would have spent more time reaching out, setting more things in order, setting up more prayer groups, organizing more worship sessions, counselling and admonishing more. I cried...but it was time! There was nothing I could do.

Do you feel left out? Behind your “mates” and “colleagues,” focus on the plan of God! There is a “why” you must embrace and it is only for a limited time. The disciples felt left out, but Jesus must go, that the Holy spirit may come to empower them.

Press into God for your “why,” glory cometh!

“We want right now, but God wants what is right for
now.”

(Pastor Troy Maxwell)

DECISIONS

Your children's children's children will be influenced by the decisions you take now. Do things today because of tomorrow!

TESTIMONIES

The reality is that many Christians still view a lot as mystic, happenstance, or luck. They fail to comprehend God and His workings intelligently enough to sound coherent. “My sister, na God o!”

“Omo, na grace o!”

“I'm just blessed!”

“The thing sef shock me!”

They lose their listeners at that point...it's like taking a tangent off a perfect route of a circle. Igbó! (entering the bush) The children of Israel woke up each morning to see a new plague (omo! Na God o), but the Bible tells us exactly what happened and how it came to be. Ask them what happened and they would have sounded like we do now.

“Omo God is just awesome”

“Eru e m'bami”

“That Moses na man of God o!”

They did not get it, so they could not replicate it or transfer that knowledge. They just knew this God is powerful, so we must obey Him. The end result is clear, murmuring, complaint, dissent and even outright denial of God.

Look back over your life and consider the works of God.

Study to show yourself approved:

- What happened?
- What did I do?
- What did God do?
- How did He do it?
- Why did He do it?
- What can I learn from this?

Can I replicate this when another challenge comes my way? What tools do I need?

God is not try your luck or a wheel of fortune, He is an intelligent being. Abraham reasoned with Him concerning his cousin Lot, even Jesus negotiated in the garden of Gethsemane. Decide to know this God better, to engage Him.

When a man of God says “Daddy said I should tell someone here that...” he is not engaging in the law of numbers. In 300,000 persons, at least one must hit. He is showing you the results of a walk with God.

Your dad left you guys some money for the weekend and gave you instructions, “Unlock the master bedroom, on my side of the bed, open the bedside drawer and under my diary, take what you need, remember to lock my room on your way out.” You take money there and then when your sister asks how you got the money to buy ice cream, you say “it's daddy o!” How does that help your sister? How does that bless your sister who needs to get hers?

There's an unending supply of abundance in God. I think we are just selfish, or maybe we just do not understand how it happened.

A brother trusting God for a car prayed and believed that he had received it. One day he had this nudge to check in at a dealership on his way back from work. He laughed “it's a dealership sir, not a secondhand motor seller.”

He decided to go in and at least check things out...Pastor has never taught to dismiss a nudging after you have prayed the prayer of faith.

As he walked in, a man seated under the shade called to him before he could step in the office "hello young man!" Seeing he was elderly, he approached and prostrated "Good evening daddy sir!" And the man asked "Can I help you?" He narrated how he got a nudge and just came in to check if there was anything within his budget.

The man said "bring your budget and take whatever car you like." "Ha! Sir, you mean it?!" "Of course, I have been seating here because God told me someone is coming and I should not refuse him." That's how bro got a "cha cha" vehicle o!

Now, they asked Bro, "How did you get a brand new vehicle?" With a wide smile, he responded "na God o!"

Maybe we think it is humility or something, but the real showcase of humility is declaring the highest possibilities through the ability of the Highest.

Jesus stood in the midst and said “the Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to heal the sick, restore the lost.” Humility is not reducing who we are or what has been done, it is standing confidently in the ability of God through us.

I agree with many when I say another reason many believers cannot share their faith walk is because there is no faith there. While a few do not grasp the place of faith and cannot translate this to others, for many, it is just lacking. “Na God!” And other Christian slogans are just cover ups of the reality of what exactly was done.

These are even more dangerous, because they sell a faster narrative to others seeking to know the way. God is interested in means as much as He is the outcome. Reminds me of one old Yoruba movie “Talo ba e se” (who did it for you) or so, I watched it at Ajara Baptist Church over 13 years ago.

Some people engage in “worldly” activities and then coat it with Christianese. When we say “worldly,” we are not talking about engaging in normal principles and laws for any endeavors, you need to engage the same even when walking by faith.

Such worldly practices (being referred to here) are usually against the wisdom of God, characterized by the fruit of the flesh.

Each church should have a testimony analyzer, someone that will come after each testimony to analyze it for others; the steps, the principles, the laws that were engaged. Testimonies should bless, not impress, oppress, or suppress. Amen.

DELIVERANCE

Know when an act has crossed from a willing activity to an influenced one. Many believers have relegated the place of deliverance, and it is obvious. I do not mean the deliverance touted in the movies you watch.

When you realize that an activity is beyond your control, you need to consider that there is an external influence involved. Man by nature should be in control of his life...you should be able to start and stop at your own will. This is the divine right given to man. It is what differentiates us from angels.

When you are no longer in control, there is an external influence involved.

Bro Tunde keeps getting tripped on a particular sin, he wants to stop and has put his flesh under, also considering himself dead to it, but it doesn't seem to be working. He is good for some weeks and then, without any explanation he just finds himself tripped up again.

You must understand that man is spirit and there is a whole lot going on in that space. You must be able to decipher suggestive voices in your head, not every voice is your voice, or the voice of God. Even the devil camouflages as an angel of light.

Pick the little things...you are in traffic and without much thought, you have bought a fizzy drink and beef sausage roll. It's on auto repeat, you cannot but yield to that call. You wake up each morning and "must" have your coffee, else you have not woken up. You cannot stop it...there is an external influence involved.

Some people need to be delivered from CocaCola and/or malt drinks. They must have at least 5 at a go or in a day, how is that different from someone who goes for alcohol?

Your “church training” just thinks because it's Coke, you are okay, but it is the same principle in operation.

Demons or demonic influences cannot POSSESS a believer, but they can oppress, and obsess one who doesn't grow.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

[Isaiah 10:27 KJV]

People of Zion, in days to come he will lift the heavy load of the Assyrians from your shoulders. He will remove their yokes from your necks. They will be broken because you have become so strong.

[Isaiah 10:27 NIRV]

I remember the story of a lady who kept getting harassed in her dreams, she would wake up each night terrified.

They even bound her one time and gave her a nice beating, she woke up tired and weak from the encounter.

She later learnt of her place in Christ and got baptized in the Holyghost. Soon enough, the next dream she had, she grabbed the whip and chased those devils down the road. Glory to God! She was delivered from that oppression of the enemy.

We must teach deliverance right, a lot of believers need deliverance! If you find yourself in a perpetual cycle of unexplainable happenstance beyond your control, you need deliverance! Several times the Israelites were harassed, tormented, enslaved and held captive by foreign nations. They could not do the things they ought to do towards God and their fellow men, even though they were God's own people.

So God raised deliverers to deliver them from the hands of their oppressors. If any Israelite died under that bondage, they would still be children of God. But they did not maximize their full potential on the earth. So deliverance is biblical, even for believers.

Some have told me “Christ has done it all,” I agree. The question is have you gotten it all?

That your Dad paid for all the items you need in Shop rite doesn't mean you have it all. You need to go get it! If you've got it, you won't be under that demonic influence.

Screen through your life with a fine comb...are you really free? Let the Holy ghost point out to you areas where you need deliverance...spending habits, eating, sleeping, late coming, you'll be shocked! Try actively stopping it, if you cannot (be honest with yourself), you need deliverance!

Spirit influences people with thoughts, voices, imagery. I once was depressed for a while and could really not point out why. There was just this cloud over me, I lost interest in a whole lot of things I used to love doing personally and particularly for God. I would sit in the dark on hours on end, sometimes even days. I once did not leave the bed for four days (story for another day).

It took me a while to realize this was a spirit trying to influence me. Clinically, I could have been diagnosed with a mild case of depression and given serotonin supplements and antidepressants.

But praise God for our mothers in the faith, she sat me down and told me “Mike, this is a spirit trying to get you down.” So I shook off the beast, hallelujah!

Why do you think people tend to fall back to issues (alcohol, abuse, gambling etc) their parents battled with after they had promised themselves never to do the same. They've been influenced by a familial spirit who knows the right buttons to press, the right thoughts and voices to trigger in a moment of heat or stress. This is why you need deliverance.

How does deliverance come?

By knowledge acted upon. Many people fool themselves just quoting new creation realities without ever believing or acting on them. If you truly understand and walk in the knowledge of your new self in Christ, you will be delivered.

By the anointing, this is the provision of God to help a believer get delivered while he/she is still developing in their faith walk. Unfortunately, many people only look to this.

Consider the Israelites who were delivered from their enemies by an act of God, through His servant (the anointing). It would be foolish for them not to raise an army to ward off any future attacks. This is where a lot of folks are, they just keep getting bound and delivered on repeat. You need to develop capacity by growth to take your stand against the wiles of the enemy.

When you get that divine assistance, the next thing is to begin to develop yourself to be strong, standing in the deliverance you now have. This will come by knowledge acted upon. When you do this, you will be above any oppression, obsession, or suppression of the enemy.

Life is largely spiritual, don't let anyone fool you with "it's just a habit" or "it's a medical condition," anything that takes control from your life; sickness, addiction, oppression, poverty, lack etc, should be dealt with! Jesus did not ask the madman of Gadara his medical prognosis,

He dealt with the spirit involved that had taken control over him causing him to do things against his own wishes. This was a man that was willing to preach the gospel, and did it in ten cities. Bad bad devil!

PEACE

For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

[1 Timothy 2:2 KJV]

Do all you can to live a peaceful life. Take care of your own business. Do your own work. We have already told you to do these things.

[1 Thessalonians 4:11 ICB]

NEW CREATURES

On one level, a Christian is a remarkable being. He is not what he once was, and what he is now cannot be explained by referring to what he was before. He is exotic, not belonging to the country in which he resides

GOD'S PLAN FOR MEN

Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

[Isaiah 32:1-5 KJV]

For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the Lord, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right. But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

*Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye
careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.*

[Isaiah 32:6-9 KJV]

God's divine plan (when the king rules) is to have men become a place of refuge, solace, shelter from the storms of life.

They should cause rivers to flow in a dry place, enlighten the eyes and open the ears, cause the rash to understand knowledge. This and more are what a man under God should be.

If we look to other sources for our information and seek to unseat the King (God) from His place, what we end up with is a caricature of a man. I will not lament on the current state of manhood, it is instructive to know that real manhood begins when the king is seated, reigning in righteousness.

DON'T BE WOKE

“Woke” will shame a man for not picking up women in the front seat of his car or when he is alone, they call it legalism.

But will lament on the increasing rate of infidelity. Don't be woke.

YIELD TO PROMPTINGS

You are struggling for buttocks space with a rather plump woman inside a yellow bus, gaining seat space with each swerve of the driver at a round-about and letting it up when the bus balances.

You are considering in your mind what to eat when you get home...either the leftover spaghetti from last night's rendezvous with the all-you-could-find-at-home, or if you should just buy bread, eat and go to sleep.

Then somewhere in your "subconscious," you just had the thought to call your sister. "Inside this hold up, I'll do it when I get home." You come back to your dinner decision and finally settle for bread. You stop by the bread seller and met Shina. He's a loud mouth and you try your best to avoid him. But he's standing between you and your dinner at that moment.

"Shina what's up?"

"Ah, egbon tuale! How are you sir?"

“I am fine thank you”

“You did not even ask how I'm doing” Anyways, I'm doing fine, I even called my sister today, she just gave birth to twin girls.”

You quickly face the bread seller. “Mama don't worry, I'll collect the change from the bread tomorrow on my way back from work. Shina bye bye, my regards to your sister.”

You head on home to devour the bread, take a shower and go to bed. You remember Shina...funny dude was going to rope you into another conversation you were not ready for.

That reminds me, I should call “sister mi,” wo! I'm tired, I'll call her tomorrow. You don't feel comfortable after saying it, something seems to want you to call her now. You pick your phone to call, but then you see your social media notification “Ope got married at the registry today!”

“She did not even tell me...” you comment on the post and grub there, spend another 45 minutes scrolling, liking, loving, thumb uping till you fall asleep.

You wake up at 2:00AM...funny because you were very tired from last night. Your eyes are clear, you get up from the loveseat, switch off the TV and head to the room. Another day tomorrow, you need all the shut eyes you can get.

You cannot sleep. You reach for your “sleeping tablets” and drink a cup of garri with milk...this should do it. Sure, in 30 minutes you're back to dreamland. You wake up the next morning...11 missed calls, it's your sister!

LISTEN WITHIN

Socrates was framed and was to face a jury. The hearing was set with time given for him to flee to the city. His friends and followers pleaded with him to leave the city, but Socrates mentioned that he wouldn't, he didn't even start preparing for the defence. When asked, he said there was a voice within him that stopped him.

The voice only said “No,” and whenever he heard that voice, he always stopped, even in the midst of a great postulation, and instead choose a different path or line of thought.

YOU NEED SCHOOLING!

25 years in Christ, yet you cannot command the devil to flee...you need school!

New creation in Jesus, yet you do not know how to appropriate healing. Every time “melecin.” You need school!

When we scrapped Sunday school and mid-week Bible study from our services, we thought we were doing some good. “Let’s not belabour the sheep for they are young and tender.” Now the devil is using them for Asun and peppered Briyani.

Take your phone and record yourself praying for an imaginary somebody to be healed. Listen to what you say and what comes out of your mouth...faith or fate?

Some things will only come when you understand and grasp what exactly you have. David had only a sling and a few smooth stones, but it was enough.

You don't need all the theology, you only need some critical learning and understanding, and a whole lot of practice!

It will sound weird but some of us had to take the hard road...if it doesn't work, then let's drop it! No need touting God heals, saves and delivers if He cannot. This “all is well,” “doings” Christianity will only get us so far. The distinguishing factor between the world and the church is the life of God that we carry.

You have a slight headache, pray about it! Give it the three days you normally will give your doctor or the prescription on your pain relief medication. Learn from the little things, build and grow your faith.

Be tired of this “Show Glass” Christian life...we see it, but cannot handle it. “Chai!” Christ has paid for it all...you have the money to go shopping, shop if e sure for you!

Tired of all this new creation touting without any “realities.” If the only realities you have are your new job and car, remember, Elon Musk just bought Twitter.

Yes, you got yours by the help of God, but if that's all you have to boast about, in Christ—

You still queue at the pharmacy at the slightest symptoms and get controlled by demonic spirits calling it “my sickness” or “my disorder.” *Elephkophyene*

Remember Egyptians rods turned into snakes too!

“Bhet God is not against medicine, is He?” I did not say He is, but I know He said “I am the God that healeth thee,” either He is lying or we are just lazy.

They said “maybe it's not God's will,” tell them in Mount Zion's Film voice...“ Bro, you lie!”

PERFECT PEACE

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

[Isaiah 26:3 KJV]

Peace is not the absence of a storm, but the restful assurance that the Greater One will bring you through.

Get “stayed” on God, stop the fighting, hustling, striving.
Let the peace of God guide your heart.

Not you believer “vawulence” left and right. Only you
getting offended everyday on the TL. Stay on God

*You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all
whose thoughts are fixed on You!*

*You keep completely safe the people who maintain their
faith, because they trust in You.*

*You will keep the mind that is dependent on You in
perfect peace, for it is trusting in You.*

*You will keep in perfect and constant peace the one
whose mind is steadfast [that is, committed and focused
on You—in both inclination and character],
Because he trusts and takes refuge in You [with hope
and confident expectation].*

[Isaiah 26:3 AMP]

When I see people always “fighting,” “striving,” or having
one tussle or the other, all I see is distraction.

You know the way they distract those fighters in WWE and then someone else comes with a chair from behind. Gbam! He's down cold and has lost the fight...leave what they have done to you and focus on God!

Never let situations dictate your message, speech or actions, it is tantamount to the devil governing your life! Every believer has a voice, and it is the voice of victory!

LOVE WALK

Love makes you an enigma...people cannot understand you! They are used to being "human," "selfish," "looking out for yourself," "protecting your interest." They cannot comprehend, in fact they most times will not believe you!

Joseph's brothers came to meet him after the death of their father and they asked that he swear to them he will not take vengeance. They never believed he wasn't going to retaliate, they thought he was holding off because of their father, Jacob (Israel). They could not understand love and forgiveness, it wasn't human nature!

They thought that Joseph's forgiveness was based on his love for their father and not a sincere love for them.

When Joseph heard this message, he became very sad and wept. Joseph did this because it deeply hurt him to think that his brothers didn't think his forgiveness was genuine (Genesis 50:16-18).

Imagine weeping because people did not believe you actually forgave them, that's love!

It is the same way God hurts when we think He has not forgiven us. We have been given this love...shed abroad in our hearts!

ABORTIONS

Wade vs Roe to be overturned, and I see Christians falling to all sorts of sentiments like:

God has given us free will, so everyone should be able to decide what they want to do, including abortions.

My take: Sure! But we have laws against murder. Why do we have laws against killing another human being (making it illegal). We should do away with all laws and let everyone bear the fruit of their actions.

People will begin to sound weird in trying to justify wrong. Abortions are evil, and even when medically necessary, it is a case of choosing the lesser evil. Any conversation can start from there.

I once read a story about a monk and a business man. They got into a conversation about food, and the monk asked “When you say you love fish, what do you mean?”

The businessman answered “you take care of the fish, feeding it till it's big enough, you kill it, fillet it, cook it and eventually eat it.”

So many people out there with “fish love.” Christ's love was demonstrated to us while we were yet in sin; He died for us. Some people might give their lives for a good man, but it takes love to die for a bad one.

I also want an end to social injustice and every other ills in our society right now, but murder isn't the first point of discussion. You don't discuss decapitation when you visit your doctor for migraine...no head, no headaches right?

You pro-choiced when you wanted to have sex, please don't bring the rape argument, they account for *less than one percent* of abortions. People want to fornicate and get away with it. Some even get pregnant and get an abortion just to "fill out" the breast portion of their birthday gowns.

I've heard things today. "A foetus is not a child." "It's like calling a larvae a butterfly," "They have no rights, else pregnant women will be counted as double."

We cannot impose Christian values on a liberal society, but we can be convicted to be just, equitable and fair and to all within the society. If those convictions come from Christian value, then great!

We cannot stop people from killing, but we can make it illegal. We cannot stop you from getting an abortion, but we should make it illegal. State sponsored and authorized killings must stop.

Ten reasons why it is wrong to kill an unborn child:

1. God commanded, "*thou shall not murder*" (*Exodus 20:13*).

2. The destruction of conceived human life—whether embryonic, fetal, or viable—is an assault on the unique person-forming work of God.

3. Aborting unborn humans falls under the repeated biblical ban against "shedding innocent blood."

4. The bible frequently expresses the high priority God puts on the protection and provision and vindication of the weakest and most helpless and most victimized members of the community.

5. By judging difficult and even tragic human life as a worse evil than taking life, abortionists contradict the widespread biblical teaching that God loves to show his gracious power through suffering and not just by helping people avoid suffering.

6. It is a sign of presumption to justify abortion by taking comfort in the fact that all these little children will go to heaven or even be given full adult life in the resurrection.

7. The Bible commands us to rescue our neighbor who is being unjustly led away to death.

8. Aborting unborn children falls under Jesus' rebuke of those who spurned children as inconvenient and unworthy of the saviours attention.

9. It is the right of God the maker to give and to take human life, it is not our individual right to make the choice.

10. Finally, saving faith in Jesus Christ brings forgiveness of sins and cleansing of conscience and help through life and hope for eternity. Surrounded by such omnipotent love, every follower of Jesus is free from the greed and fear that lure a person to forsake these truth in order to gain money or avoid reproach.

ACADEMICS

Some people that will make a huge dent on the advancement of the enemy these days are the professionals in education that God is raising for His glory.

Majority of the agendas “agending” now were birthed ages ago on campuses where “liberal” arts were taught.

Even when they did not “preach,” the strongly held Christian values held by educators helped shape generations.

Many of them non-christians attended missionary schools and Christian academies...some sense of moral rightness was ingrained in them. But alas! They learnt the hard way that the reward of their efforts had been sent to “heaven” ahead of them.

ENEMIES

The concept of “enemies” is one that has been largely misconstrued and lost its meaning or original intent. When a clergy man talks about enemies, people are oft put off or fall back to their bias on the subject.

The Bible starts off with the Old Testament which is largely set in a Judean context. It tells of a relationship between God and His chosen people Israel. It also tells of their journey into or out of slavery/bondage, and their victories over “physical” enemies to retain their freedom.

This is how the concept of enemies is developed into the Judeo-Christian world view.

As a Christian, what/who is your enemy? Anything that will stand between you and victory or freedom is your enemy.

So first leave the bias and consider this...while the Israelites faced physical giants, bondages, enslavement that took years and most generations, we face the same on spiritual fronts. It is why only foolish people discount reading the old testament.

In the Old Testament, anything or anyone that stands between you and the life that God has designed for you, is your enemy, even your relatives! Even though we know that people can be motivated by evil demonic forces, there was no deliverance. The only way to be free of the bondage was to kill the person; kill the person, the evil force lost it's hold.

This is why we see a lot of wars and battles in the Old Testament. Deliverance is the only miracle that happened in the New Testament that was not in the Old Testament. There was no way to separate men from the governing forces of their lives.

In the New Testament, we understand that the world is spiritual. So we do not wrestle with flesh and blood...you get it now!

We bind demonic evil forces that govern and operates over the lives of men. Does that mean there are no enemies?

There are! But we have the victory over them in Jesus. What we do is to enforce our victory. We take the title deed of the sacrifice of the Lamb and we eject them from their hiding places.

This is why we ask Christians to get taught. Are you free? Are you victorious? Anything that stands between you and your freedom/victory is your enemy.

Jesus has empowered you to live a life of victory/freedom. Enforce your victory over the enemy of your soul and life. Every believer has a voice, and it is the voice of victory!

BORN AGAIN

“Being born again is the best economic decision a man can ever make. There is peace, health, joy, divine leading and progress.”

(Unknown)

I agree!

HEALING RELATIONSHIPS

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

[Malachi 4:5-6 KJV]

My Dad and I did not have the best relationship while I was growing up. He kind of disrupted the utopia we had created for ourselves and for a long time there were no happy memories I could recollect, just pain. It took a massive work of the Holy ghost and consistent effort by my mother in the Lord to restore.

She still called last Sunday to check up on our relationship.

Thank God for mothers in faith that call out that “good thing” within you. We have been given a deposit of love by the Holy ghost...it's there, you may not feel like it, but it's there. Act like it, because it's there! Hallelujah!

When the veil was taken away, all the happy memories flowed back in...moments, trips, encounters, words etc.

Don't let the darkness swallow you too deep that you cannot see the light within.

For a long time, I couldn't even remember any good thing, even major stuff. When the love of God was manifest, they all came back. Now I can't remember any past issues, I have to force myself to remember, and they don't have the same definition and clarity they used. And trust me, I had them filed in high definitions. I started curating happy memories, I could just be seated and a flashback of a happy moments comes.

I learnt how to “fix” electronics using his tools. I always skipped maths class and faked a stomach ache every Wednesday.

I still don't know how they didn't notice, it was always the same day and time every week. I loosed his big boom box after he had left, to see what was inside.

I also “fixed” his TV. Only the electrician knew, he said “o ti tu TV yi.” Dad taught us boundaries, “Don't touch my turn table, I had it before I married your mother.” I still touched it alongside those psychedelic looking vinyl covers.

I learnt the importance of a roof and why everyone should get one. “Not under my roof,” once you have a roof, you have a say. Every man to his roof. I learnt holiness and sacredness. “Enter my room” was like entering the holies of holies. You could play rough and scatter everywhere, but you had sense not to near Dad's room.

He took me to the top of our building site one day and said “In life, you must have mental strength or physical strength.” There was something about the way he said it, it wasn't derogatory to the men working for their day's wages...I had the knowing that there was dignity in labour.

My Dad slept on a canteen floor when he first got to Lagos, sold from a show glass and went on to be a sales rep for a scientific equipment coy. He also started a design and printing firm (ever wondered where I got that from). Nothing is impossible if God is with you!

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

Embrace spiritual emphasis. Pastor said June is your month of joy! Doesn't mean the other months are months of sadness. It means you need to *emphasize joy* and walk in a heightened consciousness of it within the month.

If June is the month of joy, it means:

Areas where you have been experiencing “sorrows” can be redefined by the prophetic word...press into it. Areas where you have been doing okay, get a boost. The joy of the Lord becomes a manifest force in your life from henceforth. Add joy to your joy and you get double joy.

Don't just subconsciously go with the crowd and say “Amen.” Take notes, revise them and measure up the experiences of your life against the word of the Lord. If they don't meet up, execute divine mandate over your life through meditation, prayers, confessions and faith works.

Don't join the multitude to disdain the word of the Lord.

DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES

The experiences of a man of God will be drastically different from yours as a believer operating in the world even though the fundamental principles of Faith, Love walk, and Divine guidance/perception are the same.

You may not see or encounter a dying person as a business person, but you will encounter ideas and ventures that are about to be snuffed out...it is the same principle of faith. Understand this, appreciate it and occupy till He comes.

You may not see people rolling and manifesting under a deliverance anointing, but you can see strange financial and personnel occurrences cancelled.

Take charge in your space, this is the divine mandate. We usually wondered why we never saw a large percentage of our fellowship "papas" manifesting like they did in school. While I will not overlook laxity on the part of a majority, it is simply a change in their space of influence.

We usually talked about this a lot, till someone gave a testimony of his expensive lab specimen (rats or plants, I forget now) that were dying or on the verge of dying. He promptly prayed and declared the word of the Lord over the rats, “you shall not die, but live to declare the glory of the Lord.” Another time, two brothers went out on evangelism and met a boy tending sick chickens. They promptly prayed and the chickens recovered...no greater witness than that!

When you sit in church, don't just get dazzled by acts of power or peculiar testimonies, ask how do I appropriate this, it is the same spirit at work in you, “effectual” unto every good work.

This is why meditation is key for a victorious life. If you can think under an inspiration, you'll realize you are grossly under utilizing the deposits in your life.

I used to take trips waiting for “manifestations,” so we can test what we carry, but I realized there are so many places I have not “shown up” or risen to the occasion in my secular space, and the Holy ghost chided me.

Should you be ready for an outright confrontation? Sure!
But we don't go out seeking it.

Paradigms like that stems from exalting some testimonies above others. Reminds me of Baba Ajobiewe of our Foursquare home and life fellowship. “Everyday of our life is a testimony.” He never failed to share one each week, even pretty “mundane” things. I doubt he knew as much “realities” as I do now, but he knew God.

INSPIRATION

As a creative, when have you trusted the Holy spirit for inspiration when you encounter a “block.” As a mechanic, when have you “delivered” a vehicle that keeps mysteriously developing a fault every week against all known mechanical realities.

EMPOWERMENT

What is carrying/driving/empowering you is very important. “We will all reach the goal, but arrive on the wings of the spirit.” #PneumaAir

LIFE

Mary, the mother of Jesus could have gone for an abortion carrying an unwanted, unexplained pregnancy...sounds familiar?

If you deny the right to life, how do we trust you with the rights to living?

ABUNDANCE

Sincere Prayer: Lord help me to stop living according to my means...teach me your abundance, and how to walk in the reality that You have given me all things in Christ Jesus. Amen

WHAT IF

"What if I fail? Oh but my darling, what if you fly?"

(Erin Hanson)

STRENGTH

Sincere Prayer: Help me realize that my strength will accomplish nothing of your will, cause me to yield to the strength available in you. Amen

LOVE

if today hurts, look inward. The love of God is shed abroad in your heart (spirit). Choose to forgive, choose to love. Christ's love compels us.

MIRACLE AT THE DMV

Two children of God went to the DMV as walk ins (appointments are booked up for months). As soon as they entered, the front desk lady announced that the network was down and they will only attend to a particular group of people, of which they were eligible. So they stepped up from the back of the queue to the front. Immediately they were attended to, the network came back on and they resumed the normal queue system (with over 40 people waiting in line).

The Lord directs the steps of the godly.

He delights in every detail of their lives.

[Psalm 37:23 KJV]

FEELINGS

Don't judge your spiritual state or growth based on feelings.

This is why you need to be taught/learn foundational basics. There are some non-negotiables in the faith walk.

1. I am a child of God.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

[John 1:12 KJV]

Compare versions:

[GNBDC]: *“Some however, did receive Him, and believed in Him; so He gave them the right to become God’s children.”*

[ICB]: *“But some people did accept him. They believed in him. To them he gave the right to become children of God.”*

[TPT]: *“But those who embraced him and took hold of his name were given authority to become the children of God!”*

Power, right authority, it's not by feelings

Somebody said, I don't cry and feel the same way I used to before. They have taken the spiritual breast milk from your mouth niyen, time for some spiritual pap. We don't wait for tears to know we are in faith...glory to God!

2. I am in the kingdom of God (and have left that of the enemy).

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

[Colossians 1:13 KJV]

+ Compare versions:

[GNBDC]: *“He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of His dear son.”*

[ICB]: *“God made us free from the power of darkness, and he brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”*

[TPT]: *“He has rescued us completely from the tyrannical rule of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom realm of his beloved Son.”*

Delivered, rescued, freed completely...there are no feelings there

Somebody said “but I don't feel free,” “ogbeni” even if you don't feel it, you are free. Someone said “but I'm still doing it,” sister you are free...do you understand? You are free. Free! Free! Free!

Peter was put in prison, chained and given to four groups of guards, but the church prayed, hallelujah!

An angel came and straight away the chains were loosed and the gates of the prison doors were open. He was free!

But the angel still had to tell him to “stand up, stand up, wake up, wake up,” “collect your freedom.” And praise God, he stood up and walked out of the prison. Brother you are free, sister you are free...walk out of those prison gates. It's not a feeling, it's freedom!

3. I have peace with God.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.“

[Romans 5:1 KJV]

+Compare versions:

[GNBDC]: *“Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

[ICB]: *“We have been made right with God because of our faith. So we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

[TPT]: *“Our faith in Jesus transfers Gods righteousness to us and he now declares us flawless in his eyes. This means we can now enjoy true and lasting peace with*

God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, has done for us.”

We have peace with God, flawless in His eyes...it's not by feelings o! Bro Bayo, it's righteousness

Someone asked “but is God not angry with me?” You have peace with God, flawless before Him in Christ Jesus. You see that God of the Old Testament with a “cup,” He has not changed, but in Christ, you have peace with Him. Hallelujah, It's not feelings.

When you wake up each morning and you are feeling like a believer, repeat these three things:

1. I am a child of God
2. I am now in the kingdom of God
3. I have peace with God.

Jesus is the way, but the Father is the destination. Don't just stand at the door, the Father is waiting with arms open. Relationship with the Father is the goal of salvation.

SUFFERING AND ENJOYING

You cannot be on EBT food stamps and be a regular customer at Starbucks ordering everything on the menu.

Yes, you deserve the good things of life, but just after you've fixed this first. Gosh! You can buy ground beans and make a cuppa yourself at home...talk about "I deserve to treat myself." You're treating yourself to penury.

Crazy dude complained he lost housing assistance, when he just bought a boat! Landlord's not gotten rent in over a year, yet you go buy a boat! Maybe it's just me though...because I can't.

I think Americans have mastered the art of suffering and enjoying at the same time, not Africans. You either enjoy now and suffer later or you suffer now and enjoy later.

UNPOPULAR OPINION

God is for God! The Lord is your Shepherd, you shall not want, yes! But have you seen "why" a Shepherd keeps sheep? For wool, milk, meat, tan etc.

He leads you beside the green pasture, so you can grow, and grow fat! Also beside gentle streams, so you don't dehydrate and die prematurely, or drown. He does all this for "His name's sake" not for you! God is for God!

You are not God's pet, You are His sheep! We need to wean from this mindset that God needs us because He needed "friends" or "companionship." He created us and everything for his "pleasure" the key to God's heart is His pleasure

Have you enjoyed meat, milk, leather goods, and wool coat in the cold before? A sheep did that! what have you done as sheep? You just want to enjoy and live the "soft life."

Jesus said to come to him and drop your burdens...you like that right? But He also has a cross you have to carry, that is only where you can have rest for your soul a question crossed my mind a while back. "What are you doing for God?"

What are you doing for God because last I checked he has been doing everything for you.

You like divine health, leading, speed, ideas etc, but you don't like divine burden...rara o! Any small thing "Jesus," when will Jesus say "Wale," "Bimbo," "Nduka"?

Oh! You thought Paul was using metaphor when he said offer yourself as a living sacrifice right?

When will God "enjoy" you? When will He take pleasure in your being His sheep?

BE DETERMINED

Refuse to give up, determination will make up for a lot of other stuff.

When you see something in the word, refuse to give up until it's your reality, God cannot lie. Listening to many fathers of faith, I have found out that they refused to give up, even in the face of seeming defeat...then came the victory!

People just want the flow to flow, but you have to go through the tough process of belief. When it doesn't seem like it, that is when belief is birthed.

FAITH ADVENTURES

God will never ignore an adventurer of faith. Let your faith loose!

In my few years of believing, I have found out that God seeks to encourage those who step out in faith. I can imagine the joy on Jesus' face when Peter took the first step out of the boat. "He's got it, he's doing it!"

Don't get it twisted, faith is not church activities or spirikoko. In my experience, the most irregular persons by religious standards, have a good grasp on faith than most men of God. They don't have bogus theologies, they just know "if I get to koseunti, and Baba Obadare prays for me, in Jesus name I'll be healed."

It's that simple.

1. There is a God who is able
2. He is ready to act my behalf
3. I trust He will do it.

Faith failure comes from a lack of understanding of any of these three things.

Many believe there is a God that is able, but are not sure if He can do it for them. They feel they have failed God, are sinners, are not worthy, or that God is just not interested in doing it for them. "He can do it for others, but not for them."

Others know God can, know that He wants to do it for them because they've been taught well, but cannot just bring themselves to trust him completely (which is what faith is). They are afraid and have doubts of "what ifs," many have found other "tested" and "trusted" methods and will prefer to go through those even if it looks hard. They can serve and worship God, but you see that faith business, not for them!

Many others have "believed," held on and it seemed it was not "working." Faith is not a tool that "works," faith is rest, an assured confidence that God will make it work. Don't get me wrong, there is a work of faith, but faith itself is not a "working tool." The *workings of faith* are the steps and actions you take when you have found that rest.

Many have not found that restful confidence, but engage in works.

You don't enter a compound with huge Pitbulls unless the owner tells you "don't worry I have chained them," you get it?! Your faith or rest is in the owner who has made all things. Well will the dogs bark? Sure!

Will you still be scared? Sure! But you take the first step towards the voice of the owner, there may be doubt in your head, but faith in your heart always wins!

In the words of a favourite engineer:

"God is"

"God can"

"God will"

I love this theology!

PROPHETIC WORDS

Sit ye still and do nothing, and you will receive nothing. Act upon his word and believe, and there will be much cause for rejoicing. And your heart shall be filled with joy, and your mouth shall be filled with praise, and the glory of the lord shall be seen upon you. And many will say "this is it, this is the way, we'll walk in it." And darkness shall dissipate and disappear, and the light shall shine, and the glory shall be revealed. So rejoice!

*And be glad! No longer sad, but glad, glad, glad, for the
lord is the deliverer and he hath delivered thee.*

*Yes, all that has been promised you, all that has been
stated in the holy written word belongs to you. Take your
stand and having done all to stand, stand declaring that
the word is truth. All that the holy spirit has spoken unto
thee and vouchsafed unto thee shall come to pass.*

*These are the last days and they shall come to pass. It
shall come to pass! It shall come to pass at last! It shall
be revealed, the plan of God shall be consummated. No
human being can upset it, no demon of hell can keep it
from happening. It shall come to pass and this is the
time, and this is the day that there shall be the fruition of
all things. So rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice!*

(K.E. Hagin - 2002 Edmonton Alberta).

I love prophetic words. They comfort, admonish and
instruct! Glory to God.

*Let no man steal thy crown, let no person or enemy, or
evil spirit steal your blessings. Yea! Be not moved by
what you see, be not moved by what you feel. But
continue to walk according to what you believe, and*

state your belief in no uncertain terms. Put the devil on the run, have a bushel of fun, use his (Jesus) name.

Glory to God! The lord has triumphed, his victory is yours! Victory is not in places or in things, victory is in him the victorious one. And because he indwells in you, then the victory is on the inside. Laugh in the very face of the devil. Laugh and rejoice, because the lord Jesus Christ has won. Hallelujah!

(K.E. Hagin - 2002)

GLORY TO GOD

Having a load of fun, glory to God.

Putting the devil on the run, glory to God.

'Cause our faith is in the Father and the Son.

And we'll rejoice all day long. Glory!

WHY

Why do you do the things you do? A little introspection will reveal a whole lot about your life. I have a curious friend and she asks questions that opens me up to my assumptions, and most times I leave enlightened, the real surprise is my ability to articulate some aspects of my life and my reasons for actions.

Not everybody has gotten the “why” of what they do. When you understand “why,” you can steer your life in the right direction. This is how the Holy ghost “strives” with you...“why are you doing this?” It's not condemnation, it's enlightenment!

Don't get caught up in busyness, follow that thought...why?

BEING SALT

Salt works on contact...salt the earth!

It is difficult to change what or who you seek approval from. You can only change an existing status quo from the top down.

Faith is wire that connects you to a power called grace.

TEST YOURSELF

Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith, don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular check ups, you need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay that Jesus Christ is in you.

Test it out, if you fail the test, do something about it (2 Corinthians 13:5).

KEEP AT PRAYERS

Keep at prayers, we ought to keep at prayers. Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit (Luke 18:1).

MEDITATE IN THE WORD

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Meditate in this verse means to think about the word and practice it so that it becomes part of you. You fill your heart and mind with the word by meditating on the word, by giving attention to the word. And to give attention to the word of God means to think about it continually, mulling it over in your heart. But I want you to notice that after you meditate on the word, you still aren't guaranteed success, then you must "...do according to all that is written therein."

In other words, it's only after you meditate on the word and practice it that you make your way prosperous. Also, notice that this verse does not say God will make your way prosperous. Many times people misinterpret this verse to read that God will make their way prosperous. Indirectly He does because it's His word that makes us prosperous, but this verse doesn't say God Himself makes us prosperous. Who makes our way prosperous?

Who makes us have good success? We do! Psalm 1 says the same thing. The person who delights in the word by meditating on it day and night is the one who prospers; "...his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Psalms 1:3). The Amplified Bible says that when you meditate on God's word, you will be able to deal wisely in the affairs of your life. You see, when you make the right decisions and deal wisely in the affairs of your life, you begin to prosper. What happens when you make the wrong decisions? In some cases you won't prosper, and you won't be successful. I think we've missed the fact that we have far more to do with our own prosperity and success than we've ever realized. Yes, it takes faith to be successful, but we've also got to realise that according to these scriptures, another step is also involved.

We must meditate on God's word and practice it. That's how we'll ultimately make our own way prosperous. Many people know the principles of faith. They know that faith activates the power of God. They know that God wants them to be successful and prosper. Yet many of them haven't succeeded even though they know the Word and are living right!

Then what is the problem? One problem may be found in Joshua 1:8. It says that after you meditate and study the word, then you—not God—will make your own way prosperous. The wisdom of God's word in you makes you successful. You see, it depends a lot on what you do. You've got to fill your heart and mind with the word so the word can cause you to deal wisely in all the affairs of your life!

PLEASING GOD

Disclaimer: This musing is not for everyone

And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one

*side, and the other on the other side; and his hands
were steady until the going down of the sun.*

[Exodus 17:11-12]

A popular saying is “Whatever and however we become pleasing to God, may He help us not to destroy it.” It’s hard to transliterate but the general idea is that there are some things that make you pleasing to God.

You were created unique, and there is a special joy you give to Him that no one else can.

It is important to note this because at some point, we might begin to believe that our “abilities” are sufficient. The Israelites on a battle in the valley must have had a filled day, slaying and killing. It was like “it just entered their hands,” wave the sword left ten die, wave it right 100 die. Sometimes it seems like the odds are stacked in our favour, and anything we touch turns to gold, or is a certified platinum.

The Bible says as long as the hand of Moses was up, victory was assured. What does this hand mean to you? A person, an act of giving or service?

There is something that makes for continual elevation in life. It is like you are always in the good graces.

Have you experienced a halt, delay, or lag? Do you wonder why you keep doing the same things and get an ever declining or diminishing return? Check if those hands are still up.

The things that you know (that) made you pleasing. You used to be at the church early to stack the chairs, but now you are a full stack engineer tech bro. You used to sing in the choir, but now you've released your hit single and you are now on tour. You used to tithe, but you know, things a little tight now.

You used to play the keyboard, but the only keys you are playing now are crypto and NFT. It sounds funny eh? Check if those hands are still up.

You used to serve under an MoG, but he's not "blowing" as fast as you planned. You've found other "graces" and "coverings." Aaron and Hur may have been more popular, or even stronger, but only the hand of Moses raised could secure victory.

Like I said, this musing is not for everyone, just check if those hands are still up.

LIGHT GIVES HEAT

Light gives heat! Just expose yourself to it, it will warm that heart and set it ablaze once again. Light gives heat!

KNOWING THE END FROM THE BEGINNING

I rewatched the Matrix, preparing myself for the newest installment in the franchise, and you know what? I knew the end from the beginning, isn't it amazing?! I could tell my wife ahead of time what would happen.

It reminded me of all the times I watched movies, and the actor had to go through various experiences. As long as I could identify who he/she was, my mind was at rest at one thing, they will always come on top. It was either a victory over an enemy, a redemption story, an inspirational one, or at best they gave their lives for a cause or another. In all ways and manner, they won!

God owns the script of your life, He has written, is directing, and has supplied all the props, lighting, effects and co-actors you'll need.

It doesn't matter what you go through, you will always come out tops.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

[Psalm 23:4 KJV]

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

[Psalm 91:11 KJV]

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

[2 Corinthians 2:14 KJV]

END OF YEAR

The end of the year comes with a lot of recollection and taking stock, and by human nature, it is easy to focus on what could be or even compare your efforts to the results.

It makes it worse when you put in more effort than “the other person” yet they still seem to have gotten more results.

NO EVIL EYES

Our sense of justice finds it “wrong,” why would my own efforts yield lower than “this person's”? Why are blessings not evenly distributed?

There is a strong temptation to have an “evil eye,” because of the seeming inequality of blessings. Be wary of the evil eye.

But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not

*lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine
eye evil, because I am good?*

[Matthew 20:10-15 KJV]

Yes! You celebrated that new car your colleague just got, but you put in more hours and effort, why are things just falling into place for them? There is that weird feeling that arises when we see what we are trusting God for being fulfilled in the lives of others.

Yetunde is not the fairest, but she's gotten that dude and is joining him abroad...interestingly, you introduced them at your cousins wedding she joined you to celebrate.

Evil eye: maybe you should not have invited her.

Rufus is not the brightest, but he just got promoted to manage a new division at work. You had referred Rufus for that job, but now he earns twice your gross annual salary in a month.

Evil eye: maybe you shouldn't have referred him.

Understand it is the goodness of God, it doesn't have anything to do with works or effort. Look back at when He has shown you such goodness, most times you'll see that

He's done even much more for you, and He still has better in store for you. Look at yourself, consider how far He has brought you. He has not and will never leave you!

Do not engage an evil eye, looking at God's goodness to another. Do not compare yourself with another, it is not wisdom, instead focus on His goodness to you.

THIS IS YOUR YEAR

Do you feel scammed? Pastor said 2021 was our year...last week, he even said God can still do it (God of eleventh hour stuff). Now he is saying 2022 is our year again. How?

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for
ever.*

[Psalm 23:6 KJV]

Truth is, every year is your year, and your pastor is doing what he is supposed to do...proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

...to proclaim the year of the Lords favor,

*and the day of our Gods vengeance;
to comfort all who mourn.*

[Isaiah 61:2 CSB]

Where comes the disconnect...you! Have you believed it since they've been saying it? It is possible to keep hearing something and have not realized it yet.

And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And he said unto them, What things?

[Luke 24:5, 15, 17-19 KJV]

And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

[Luke 24:19,25,30-32 KJV]

So these guys have been hearing, in fact they were telling Jesus what's up, but Jesus still chided them for their unbelief. They eventually get their eyes open and could relate back to the burning in their hearts when He spoke to them.

When your pastor proclaims over the year under the anointing, you can feel it in your spirit, the stirring, the heart burning.

You leave those services with a renewed hope, faith, confidence...but have you believed it? If you believed, where are the seeds you planted in the soil expecting a harvest? Where are the actions of faith you have taken?

Don't be slow of heart to believe, you spent the first quarter of the year doubting and being cynical. You tried to work it out your way, aspiring and perspiring the second and third quarter and finally you want to "try" God at the last hour (have your way Lord).

Don't be slow of heart to believe. The Psalm that talks about every year being your year starts with you being a sheep (if the Lord is your Shepherd). Sheep don't doubt the voice of the Shepherd.

And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

[John 10:4 KJV]

As you plan for the new year, plan to take the sheep test. Dedicate the first three months to follow God "sheepishly."

Commit yourself to His word and believe it like a child, don't be too smart for God. Plug yourself into pursuing God and desiring His heart for three months.

Take an inventory after three months, and if you are not better for it, you can forget about it. Why three months? I learnt it takes maize (corn) at least 60-100 days to reach harvest depending on variety and the amount of heat during the growing season. If you can not see the results in three months, please consult your doctor.

Throw yourself at it...commit totally to believing the word spoken over you. Recite it to yourself, take steps and actions to develop your belief in that area. Take inspired steps as God gives you light and understanding.

Forget the naysayers, leave their camp. Worship, pray, praise, read the word, listen to messages, give offerings, tithe, attend church services and special meetings. Join the workers in God's house...commit to it!

In fact, you can tell your pastor you are committing to God for these three months and whatever he tells you to do, do!

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

[2 Chronicles 20:20 KJV]

God can still work wonders and miracles in the remaining days of the year. And don't forget...This is your year!

LET THE LIGHT IN

But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

[John 11:10 KJV]

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

[John 9:4-5 KJV]

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. [Romans 13:12 KJV]

Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

[1 John 2:8 KJV]

No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

[Luke 11:33-36 KJV]

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

[Ephesians 1:18 KJV]

But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

[Ephesians 5:13-16 KJV]

He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

[Daniel 2:22 KJV]

For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. [Psalm

18:28-29 KJV]

Let the light in, stop groping in the dark, He can light your life and give you purpose. Get lit and light others.

Don't keep stumbling, let the light in!

SECOND HAND FAITH

Growing up in a middle class home, I quickly realized that getting some of the “good stuff” had to come second hand.

Popular Vespa market was close by (SHOBATEX), name it, they had it! We always got quality stuff and once in a while, they were “new” (lightly used, may be once, or never) we'll never know. But the soles were intact which was equal to it being new.

When we went to school or parties, it still passed the necessary check. Top quality from the UK, Europe, and North America. No one could complain or talk ill about them, even the “I went to London,” cause we all had an uncle or aunt who sent it to us. You get it?

If we were asked for the shoe box or the authentication labels, we could not provide it. We had no relationship with the store...we couldn't even claim a warranty. Remembering those Alaba “non-tested” plasma TVs. It was like Russian Roulette, it could work or you needed to fix it.

That's the state of faith today. We've got a lot of secondhand faith. It's been coded with a lot of names, “grace,” “fathers,” “anointing” etc. Don't get me wrong, they have their place, but it's all *sense knowledge* faith.

These “fathers” are supposed to bring us into our own experience, not replace or become a crutch for us to just pass through or make it. Unfortunately what we have today are hearsays and echoes of truth. Secondhand faith.

Just like the shoes bought at Vespa, we have no claim to them like the original owners. We cannot claim to have a relationship with the store, go for warranty when the product fails or even get access to other offers included by owning the product. We just take what we are given...and alas! We have been taught to be content.

Two women wanted to get some cure. The first consulted with a doctor who just opened a new practice in town, took him at his word, took the cure and got results. The other asked for a recommendation from the first and trusted the cure to do a good job, and it did. This is the dilemma, if the cure does not work, will the second woman blame the doctor?

Biblical faith is based on the word and character of God, anything else at best, should point us to go get our own encounter and experience with Him.

Until we believe like the fathers have believed, we cannot see the same “God” or acts of God they did. Until like Jacob, we wrestle with the God of our fathers, Isaac and Abraham, He cannot truly be our own God.

At best, He'll be the fear of our fathers...a guiding moral compass.

KINGDOM CONSCIOUSNESS

Seeking first the kingdom of God doesn't only entail doing things for the kingdom. It means you need to have a consciousness that you are a citizen of the kingdom of God. It should be your first point of call on any matter at all times—What does God's kingdom have to say about this?

This is why you need to dig into the word, because in it you understand the new life you possess and the kingdom you belong to. And if your current images doesn't match, you seek the kingdom and enforce your rights. This is what Christianity is all about; enforcing the kingdom of God on the earth.

SICKNESS IS OPPRESSION

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

[Acts 10:38 KJV]

If you are sick, you are oppressed of the devil...no be me talk am!

Refuse oppression, declare a change over your health.

There is a miracle in your mouth, you need to connect it with the faith in your heart. Activate the faith by loading up with the word.

MOTIVATION AND THE WORD

Don't mistake motivational talk for the word. There is a place for motivation, and even the Word should motivate you to action. But never substitute one for the other, the Bible calls this foolishness!

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

[John 6:63 KJV]

When you replace your time with God with motivational audio/videos from YouTube and Spotify, there is a problem.

Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the Lord shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

[Isaiah 31:3 KJV]

They said to tell you, you will fall together, like crate challenge.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY GOD

But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.

[Galatians 4:29 KJV]

One of the many things that struck me during the crossover service message was the fact that we weren't saying things in the physical cannot be accomplished by "other means," what we were (and still are) saying is we are doing those things by *our God*.

*For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God
have I leaped over a wall.*

[Psalm 18:29 KJV]

David did not say other people could not leap over the wall, his emphasis was that he was doing it by his God! In this day, it is important to hold on to this truth, because that which is born of flesh will set out to persecute that which is born of the spirit.

Ishmael, the son of Hagar mocked, scoffed and laughed at Isaac; the son of promise through Sarah. Even so it is now, men who are accomplished through the arm of flesh are mocking, scoffing and laughing at those who have chosen to do it the Lord's way.

You hear statements like "It's not by fasting and prayer o!" "Get skills, get sense."

And there are more of this talk going around at the expense of the Spirit, causing many a soul to become weary. People have began to believe that they do not need God for their daily “2k.” Apostle Paul advises to cast out the bond woman and her son. Don't feed yourself on that stuff.

Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

[Galatians 4:30 KJV]

Don't let them poison the waters. You are the child of the free and not the bondwoman. You are not bound by the laws with which they are bound.

Don't be entangled by the yoke of bondage, stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. You will do your things “by my God.” It does not dispense the place of work...we work, but not like they do!

David still had to run through the troop and leap over the wall, but the energy, the source, the driving force behind his success was his God!

Do not be brought into “circumcision,” it will profit you nothing. The day you become justified by your own efforts, Christ doesn't profit you, He has become of no effect to you.

This is an encouragement to you. You have run well, do not let anyone hinder you from this path of the truth. Don't be persuaded otherwise, or be otherwise minded. He that troubleth you with his mocking, scoffing, status updates and taunting shall bear his judgement.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.

[Galatians 5:1,4,7-8 KJV]

CHRIST GIVES LIGHT

Christ gives light, you would definitely aspire if you are walking correctly in Him. I know of no other that gives hope than Jesus does.

He takes the worst of men and makes him the best of men. If Christ cannot motivate you to be the best you can be under God, then there is something wrong with your “Christ.”

OUR SLOGAN

Our slogan: *not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.* See Tripod stand!

[Reply:] The problems I see with the Christians I meet is the fact that we have to even talk about aspire in the first place.

For us, those were already settled stuff, we didn't need to be told to perspire, that was normalcy. We didn't need to know we must demonstrate excellence in academics, it was follow-come. We were wired to multi-task and expand. So no one ever needed to preach “aspire” to us, it was automatic. The only thing we were taught was Jesus, and I remain grateful for it. Our slogan—not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. All three must go together.

*Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the
Lord.*

[Romans 12:11 KJV]

Compare Versions:

*Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be
alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Dont
quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy
Christians; be inventive in hospitality.*

[Romans 12:11-13 MSG]

*Don't be lazy in showing your devotion. Use your energy
to serve the Lord.*

[Romans 12:11 GW]

*Do not be lazy, but always work hard. Serve the Lord
well because you enjoy it.*

[Romans 12:11 EASY]

*Work hard and do not be lazy. Serve the Lord with a
heart full of devotion.*

[Romans 12:11 GNBDC]

Growing up, we knew people wanted to hire Christians because they were hardworking people. They were honest and could be trusted to deliver. Even unbelievers knew if you wanted to keep your account books better, hire those SU (Scripture Union) people. Christians didn't need to be told to come in at 8am, they are there at 7:50am. Selah.

OBEDIENCE

This year, pursue after obedience. You do not have to be perfect, you just have to obey. Your obedience is a sweet smelling savour to God.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

[Isaiah 1:19 KJV]

And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

[1 Samuel 15:22 KJV]

*For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do
of his good pleasure.*

[Philippians 2:13 KJV]

*Without the way there is no going. Without the truth,
there is no knowing. Without the life, there is no living.
If thou wilt receive profit, read with humility, simplicity,
and faith, and seek not at any time, the fame of being
learned.*

*At the day of judgement we shall not be asked what we
have read but what we have done.*

(Thomas a Kempis 1380-1471)

KNOW THYSELF

“Circumstances; either good or bad, did not change you, rather it revealed who you truly were.” No truer words have been spoken. Know thyself.

FAITH DOES NOT MAKE SENSE

It is not head, it is heart...faith doesn't make sense.

The Christian faith starts with the words "In the beginning God..." The existence of God is a given, if you can believe the first line, you can believe every other thing.

Many still stumble on the first line, the Bible calls them fools. A fool's (man lacking wisdom) conversation/lifestyle says that there is no God.

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

[Psalm 14:1 KJV]

His believe dictates his behaviour...and we see a lot of that today. He that cometh to God must first believe that He is...

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

[Hebrews 11:6 KJV]

PRINCIPLES AND FAITH

In this age of knowledge of the ways of the Spirit, it is important to keep faith at the center of *activities*, lest we run into error of applying principles without the Spirit. Principles of tithing, praying, seed sowing, fasting are now main stream. This is good, but we must not forget there is a God behind all these.

I saw the other day some interesting titles on YouTube. "If you want to increase in power, do this and that." A lot of it is just bait to get people interested, but we must be careful not to sell methods. There is a God behind all these.

It takes a God for the lifting of a rod to part a sea, it takes a God for the axe head to float, it takes a God for the laying of hands to heal the sick. There is a God behind faith.

It is why we are not boastful or proud, and why we do not trust in our own abilities. Without Him, we can do nothing.

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

[John 15:5 KJV]

Even with changing seasons and circumstances, there is a God! There is no greater hope available to man than God! We believe in miracles because we believe in God!

*I have been young, and now I am old; yet have I not
seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging
bread.*

[Psalm 37:25 KJV]

*I was once young, now I am graybeard—not once have I
seen an abandoned believer, or his kids roaming the
streets. Every day he's out giving and lending, his
children making him proud.*

[Psalm 37:25-26 MSG]

Balance and moderation is one aspect of life that has halted many on their walk of faith. It would seem that for every message preached, it comes with a pull that takes the listener to one side of the road.

How do we keep balance?

Have you listened to a ministration on prayer and all you felt like doing was pray non-stop? That is the pull of the message...but if you pray non-stop at the expense of other things, you might find yourself in a rut! You must find a balance.

The scriptures declare that there is a time and season for everything, even for spiritual activities! If all Jesus did was pray on the mountain, where would be the works we read about? In the last century we have seen a tilt from one edge of the road to the other...from the mighty workings of faith to material achievements.

As it stands, it's either you have "spirikokos" without any notable earthly achievements, or the possessors of the earth with a sprinkle of Jesus. People have been taught they can not have both, and many have chosen the latter. After all, we are all going to heaven at the end.

In my short time, I have seen ministers move from spiritual emphasis to practical.

Even testimonies shared now no longer have to do with casting evil spirits, healings, deliverances etc, instead, we hear testimonies of accomplishments. This in itself is great! Because we lost a lot not focusing on the practical side of life, but there needs to be a balance.

I am tired of seeing people whose only boast are in stuff/possessions, it makes a mockery of all that we hold dear.

Imagine the laughter on Pharaoh's face when the magicians also dropped their rods and they became serpents. Pharaoh told Moses "Mose, Mose! So you too have gone to learn magic and abracadabra! You have started rolling with the big boys."

Get stuff, no one says you shouldn't. But your glory should be in the fact that you know God, and are known by Him. This is the only thing that will stand the test of time. What distinguished Jesus was the fact that He did things that no man could do "except God was with him."

Many have left their passion for God and His house in a quest for stuff. Jesus never lacked stuff, yet He did the will of the Father. We are called to a heavenly race, not the rat race of the world.

There is nothing you achieve in the natural that will match up to what God has for you. Moses was a prince in Egypt, but God made him a god to Pharaoh.

Do not leave the things that need to be done, in a quest for the things that may or may not be done.

Ever written an exam and then realized that number one was compulsory? Jesus told Martha “You're cumbered with much serving (stuff), Mary has chosen the good part.” Does it mean Mary wasn't interested in food? No! But she knew where the emphasis lied at that time.

I learnt early that balance is simply knowing where to put the fulcrum. You tilt towards one side, or another depending on the weight at that moment, but you never drop the weight on any of the sides! This is what many people do, they drop it and try to pick it up again after everything has “balanced.”

I remember one morning I woke up late and had a test during the first period. I took up my Bible and the Holy spirit told me to drop the Bible and carry my notebooks. We could always meet later in the day, but at that point, what was needed was to read.

He even gave me pointers to pass the exam. Move the fulcrum, don't take off the weight.

WEIGHTIER MATTERS

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

[Matthew 23:23 KJV]

There are weightier matters in life, the earlier you understand this, the better. Our parents understood this, even though they could not explain it, they knew there was more to life than food and drinks, positions and titles. It was why they woke up early to pray and do devotion...that devotion you hated so much.

You can only tantalize the world so far. The moment another buzz comes, they will move...you cannot even keep up. Why not seek to glorify the One who is and forever will be? Take care to ensure you keep a balance.

If you can listen to God and obey, you will profit!

Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to

*profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest
go.*

[Isaiah 48:17 KJV]

God is not only interested in redeeming you, He is also interested in your profiting. He wants to be involved in your life, to bring out the best in you. If life is a summation of choices, then being led by God is the most important thing to make your life a success.

Just look back at your life and imagine what it would have been if 60 percent of all the choices you made were right, now imagine if it was 100 percent...this is available in God!

“...which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.”
God knows all, He knows the way you should go! We complicate our lives when we decide to go without God. If you'll decide to do one thing each day after hearing from God, and then up it to two, to three, to four...till you do all with His leading, you will see a remarkable difference in the outcome of your life.

You will even feel more fulfilled about your life. There is no greater joy than to be walking within His will.

Don't get it twisted, everyone is led by something, but let your leading come from the divine!

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

[Romans 8:14 KJV]

God is in the business of redemption. He is redeeming lives, redeeming time, redeeming resources, redeeming everything. He is the Redeemer! Being led brings you into advancement and speed of accomplishments. It would seem you are on a ten-times fast forward in your life.

“DID GOD SAY...?”

Many times when the devil cannot be your source of information, he tries to be the interpreter of it. It is the reason it seems everyone has an opinion about spiritual matters these days...those who can be shaken, need to be shaken. And the devil has gotten the oldest trick in the book—misinterpretation.

Many people today are betwixt of interpretations. In the age of social media, there is a lot out there, it is possible to get both confused and lost. It has never be more true than in this day “Multitude, multitudes in the valley of decision.” Even the “givens” in times past are now a subject of interpretation.

The devil met Eve and asked “did God say...” Many a time, people who are moved, confused, shaken, distracted, are people who did not get the correct information or who did not understand. This is why you must seek to understand.

And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them. [Nehemiah 8:12 KJV]

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

There is no way to end this volume than to ask yourself questions. Questions that will reveal your person, your desires, your proclivities and ultimate end. I believe knowing ourselves and the identity we carry is critical to the kind of life we live and experience.

I said, "There is no hope for me! I am doomed because every word that passes my lips is sinful, and I live among a people whose every word is sinful. And yet, with my own eyes I have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

Isaiah 6:5 GNT

Being truthful to yourself is the first step to living free. Take out time to be quiet and answer questions about your person truthfully. Find out how your answers match up with the Word of God and desire to make changes where needed.

For he who is free is not bound, and he who is bound is not free
~ UMA

A Simple Prayer to Receive Jesus Christ as Your Saviour

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come to You in the Name of Jesus.

Your Word says, "...Every one of them will come to me, and I will always accept them" (John 6:37 ICB), so I know You accept me and I thank You for it.

You said in Your Word, "Anyone who asks the Lord for help will be saved" (Rom. 10:13 ICB). I am asking, and I know You have saved me now.

You also said "...If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from death, then you will be saved. We believe with our hearts, and so we are made right with God. And we declare with our mouths to say that we believe, and so we are saved." (Rom. 10:9-10 ICB). I believe in my heart Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I believe that He was raised from the dead for my justification, and I confess Him now as my Lord

Because Your Word says, "... We believe with our hearts, and so we are made right with God ..." and I do believe with my heart, I am now made right God in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:21 ICB) ... And I am saved!

Thank You, Lord!

Signed _____

Date _____

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