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Pastors Innocent & Christy Utulu

Dearest beloved, it is with hearts of thanksgiving to God Almighty that we welcome you to year 2015, our year of WORTHY PORTION.

Year 2014 was full of great testimonies of UNCOMMON LIFTING and we give all the glory to our faithful Father whose promises are ever true and ever sure for bringing those prophecies of uncommon lifting and overflowing blessings to pass in every area of our lives.

We testify of God's unfailing love, favor, grace and mercy towards us in RCCG MERCYHALL. Blessed be the name of Jehovah for evermore.

Beloved, here we are in year 2015 and we are in the Month of March already, we are marching forward by the grace of God, we are experiencing unimaginable progress and receiving our WORTHY PORTION already as we travel the journey of year 2015.

We have packaged this edition, by the special grace of God, to act as a channel through which we can tap into the blessings and the prophecies for the year 2015. Almost all the topics of the articles are based on either the prophecy from our General overseer or the ones given through our Pastor. We did this, trusting God to grant us understanding so that we may be enlightened on how we can tap into the blessings of these prophecies in

accordance with Ephesians 1:18 which says "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints."

Making it more important and interesting for us to make the prophecies the topics for the articles is the fact that the theme for the second annual conference of the MIGHTY MEN OF MERCYHALL is our anchor word of prophecy for the year 2015.. "WORTHY PORTION." This is not a mere coincidence, God is at work in us and through us.

We therefore encourage you as you read through the pages of this magazine to allow the words to mix with faith in you so that you can be profited thereby. The book of Hebrews 4:2 has this to say of some people; "for unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." May this negative testimony not be ours in Jesus name. Let us embrace, celebrate, believe and be expectant so that these words of prophecies for us for the year 2015 can be fulfilled in our lives. Remember "... Believe in The Lord your God, so shall ye be established, believe his prophets so shall ye prosper." 2 chronicles 20:20

We will like to appreciate and celebrate our Men for all they allow God to do through them in our midst. We indeed feel all the positive impact you are making from time to time. May the God of Mercyhall continue to bless you abundantly. Have a blessing filled conference and receive all THE WORTHY PORTION God has packaged for you in this conference and in the year 2015.

We also say a very big thank you to all the partners of VOICE OF IMPACT, thank you for your commitment to this vision, may God continually reward you for your labor of love.

To the editorial team, we appreciate your excellent work. You will continue to excel in all areas of life in Jesus name.

We present to you, all our readers, the word of God which is able to make you wise. We pray you will not be hearers only but also doers of what the Holy Spirit will teach you through this special edition of VOICE OF IMPACT. Our prayer for you is that you will be positively impacted to make positive impact in the kingdom of God, your family and at the market place in Jesus name.

Enjoy this edition, enjoy your WORTHY PORTION as we await the soon return of our King JESUS CHRIST.

MARANATHA!!!

Prophecy for Mercyhall.



The Lord says that the year 2015 in Mercy Hall is our year of **WORTHY PORTION.**

To help us understand the true import of this divine pronouncement, there are three key scriptures to always refer to.

1 Samuel 1:4

And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:

1 Samuel 1:5

But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.

Elkanah gave portions to others but when he came to Hannah, he gave her, not just a portion, but a qualified portion "worthy portion"

1 Samuel 9:22

And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

1 Sa 9:23

And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.

1 Samuel 9:24

And the cook took up

the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

There was a special portion that was reserved. Not a portion that just anybody can have but for a person that is preordained to have it.

Genesis 48:21

And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers.

Genesis 48:22

Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

Jacob gave portions to all his children but to Joseph he gave one portion above that of his brothers.

It was an uncommon portion that places you above.

Isaiah 61:7

For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy

shall be unto them.

In specifics, the Lord said

I will surpass your expectations and desires this year no matter how big they are.

I will show you how much I love you.

I will be gracious to you.

The pool of mercy is still being stirred.

I will show you uncommon mercy this year.

There will be abundant returns on past investments.

It will be a year of destiny manifestation.

FOR MERCY HALL

Get ready for unimaginable progress.

I will begin to fulfill all that I spoke to my servants concerning Mercy Hall.

I will bring your children from far. Is.60:4-5

You will begin to fully fulfill mandate for your existence.

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE OF YOU

1 Samuel 2:30 ... for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

Honor Him.

Be committed to Him.

2015, OUR YEAR OF

Worthy Portion

OUR DECLARATION

A New Day is Dawning

A new day is dawning
My portion is worthy
My spirit rejoicing
That is why I sing

A new day is dawning
My portion is worthy
My spirit rejoicing
That is why I dance

I can feel it
I can hear it
The sound of abundance
Increase on every side.

I can feel it
I can hear it
The sound of rejoicing
Victory on every side.

A new day is dawning
My portion is worthy
My spirit rejoicing
That is why I shout ...
Praise

Prophecy for 2015



Category 1: INDIVIDUAL

For those who fasted for 100 days last year.

1. The Lord says the harvest for the 100 days fast will be given this year.
2. Daddy says this year will be full of testimonies, those who have none before will have this year.
3. Daddy says some of you will swim in the river of abundance this year.
4. Daddy says there will be miraculous completion of projects.
5. Daddy says there will be fulfillment of dreams.
6. Daddy says there will be miraculous restoration.
7. Daddy says the song of many will be - The Lord has been good to me.
2. Daddy says Ebola will die out.
3. Daddy says all over the world insurgencies will be considerably weakened.
4. He asked us to pray against massive calamities.
5. He asked us to pray against massive earthquakes, strong hurricane and typhoons.

Category 2: INTERNATIONAL

1. Scientific and medical breakthrough will be many, particularly in the areas of lack of sleep, dreams and brain disorder.

Category 3: RCCG

This year all you need is to charge off your batteries by fasting for 40 days only. Those of you who want to fast continuously 20 days and 20 nights will cover the 40 days. If you miss one day, you have to cover it with two days.

Category 4: NIGERIA

By the end of the year - you will say all is well that ends well.

Worthy Portion... Love Portion

By Christy Innocent-Utulu

A thing is said to be worthy when it has great value, merit, when it is honorable, admirable, distinguished, revered and deserving.

Portion is a part of a whole, an amount, a section or a piece of something.

Love is an intense feeling of deep affection, fondness, tenderness, warmth, intimacy, endearment and also attachment.

Beloved, the WORTHY PORTION God promised us this year is a LOVE PORTION.

1 Samuel 1:4-5 And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb"

In the bible passage quoted above, it was stated clearly that Hannah was given that worthy portion because Elkanah her husband loved her.

The aspect of love in receiving worthy portion is what we intend to emphasize and drive home in this article. Beloved I pray that as you read this piece, God will open your eyes of

understanding and give you a deeper revelation of His love for you and to you in Jesus name.

We can see Elkanah in this passage as a type of God. Isaiah 54:5 says "for thy maker is thine husband; The Lord of Host is His name; and thy Redeemer the Holy one of Israel; the God of the whole Earth shall He be called."

God Almighty, our maker, our Redeemer is our Husband. He loves us dearly, He loves us much more than anyone can, His love towards us is described as an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 "...yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee."

Our relationship with God is a relationship of love. From Genesis to Revelation we see the love of God over the pages of the bible, in every story right from creation even till all will come to an end when Jesus

comes, all is in love.

THE LOVE OF GOD IN ACTION

The love of God towards us is practically demonstrated. God is not a talker or just a preacher of love but a practical demonstrator of love. In actual fact our God is love.

- At creation God demonstrated His love as He created us in His image.

- When Adam and Eve missed it through disobedience, God didn't give up in loving them.

- God made a way to bring us back to Himself through salvation.

- Beloved it is this love that made our husband God Almighty to lay down the life of His only begotten son for us. John 3:16 "for God so loved the world

Beloved our God is LOVE and whatever He does He does in love.

God said to us in RCCG MERCYHALL that this year is our year of WORTHY PORTION, He also said He will show us how much He loves us, I pray that we will not miss the blessings of this prophesies.

The WORTHY PORTION that God promised us is out of His

love for us, it is a love portion to demonstrate His love for us just as Elkanah decided to demonstrate his love for Hannah.

To give us more understanding of what God intends to do for us in His love this year let us quickly take a look at what Elkanah intended doing in our bible passage by giving Hannah the worthy portion or the love portion He gave her.

1. Elkanah intended making it up for Hannah. I want you to think of the areas where you want God to make it up for you this year. I pray in the name of Jesus that God will make it up for you.

2. Elkanah intended to wipe away the sorrow of Hannah. This year God will wipe away your sorrows. No more sorrow for you in Jesus name

3. Elkanah intended to shame the adversaries of Hannah who were busy provoking her. This year your adversaries will be put to shame as God demonstrates His love to you in every area of your life.

4. Elkanah intended to remove shame from Hannah. God will remove every shame and reproach from your life. He will give you beauty for ashes, oil of joy instead of mourning ,garment of praise instead if spirit of heaviness. There shall be divine exchange in the name of Jesus.

5. Elkanah was trying to shift Hannah's focus from the adversaries to Him the husband who loves her. This is the year to stop looking at your

adversaries, the situations that provoke you and get you depressed, stop thinking of past abuses, past disappointments and all the enemies had done to you. Shift your focus to the one that loves you, your husband the Almighty God that cares for you. I speak to you in the name of Jesus that God will shift your attention by Himself to Him this year by the reason of what He will do in your life. He will make you forget your adversaries. It will be as if they do not exist. God will surprise you pleasantly.

What more can I say, do you know that it was that very year that God answered Hannah's prayers. Hannah had been going to Shiloh in past years but that year was different for her. The year of DOUBLE PORTION; LOVE PORTION was a different year. Beloved this year will be different for you, that long awaited blessing, miracle, help will arrive in Jesus name.

WHAT TO DO NOT TO MISS YOUR WORTHY PORTION

1. Hannah remained with Elkanah. Stay with God, stay in God. He is your Husband your lover. He loves you. Don't walk out of god's presence.

2. Hannah continued to go to Shiloh. Beloved continue to go to Shiloh. Continue to be in Church continue to attend Church services.

3. Hannah remained committed . Stay committed, continue to serve The Lord.

4. Hannah prayed to God. Pray this year like never before.

5. Hannah was misunderstood by Eli but she did not get angry. Don't allow any misunderstanding stand between you and your blessings. Put your emotions under control

6. Hannah received Eli's blessings. Don't allow any word of prayers or blessings from the altar of God pass you by. Key into the blessings of every season.

USE THE FOLLOWING PRAYER POINTS AS A GUIDE TO PRAY.

1. Thank God profusely for his love towards you. Thank God for bringing you this far in life. Thank Him for all He has done for you.

2. Father help me to pray this year like never before.

3. Father grant me the grace to stay committed to you and to continue in my services to you.

4. Father help me to continue to be in the Shiloh you have put me. May I not depart from my place of blessing.

5. Father put all my adversaries to shame as you demonstrate your love towards me.

6. Father please give me my worthy portion this year.

7. Father thank you for answers to prayers.

God bless you, enjoy your WORTHY PORTION.

MARANATHA !!!.

Securing your destiny

By Phillip Benyeogor

Everyone has a destiny. The bible says God has chosen our inheritance for us. That means it is providentially arranged just for you. It indicates God has divine design flowing from his love and wisdom. In other words, destiny is God's purpose for your life. It is your appointed or ordained future. It is God's unique design for oneself. However, designs can be submitted to and trusted in a way that produces abundant and rewarding living or they can be ignored with attendant consequences.

The Merriam Webster dictionary defines destiny as a predetermined course of events often held to be an irresistible power or agency. Every human being is fearfully and wonderfully made by God. Nothing happens by chance, everyone is created by God and for a purpose.

Destiny is so unique in that God determines it before one is born and God expects us to discover it, walk in them and be fulfilled. Eph. 2:10 says, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." This shows that God has some specific plans, purpose and an expectation and he expects us to discover them and walk in them.

Unfortunately, many spend their entire life on earth not realizing why they were created nor fulfil their destinies. Others discover their destinies and chose not to walk in them. For example, God Himself chose Saul to lead Israel out of bondage to the Philistines. When the prophet Samuel first laid eyes on Saul, the Lord said, "...Behold the man whom I spoke to thee of, this same shall reign over my people" (1 Sam 9:17). The Lord was saying, "Take a good look, Samuel. This is the

man I have chosen to lead Israel" Samuel didn't choose Saul. Nor did Israel choose him at this time. Rather, God said, "I have appointed this man" The Bible says of Saul: "And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy...and shalt be turned into another man" (10:6).

Here was a man appointed by God, moved upon by the Holy Spirit, gifted with a spirit of prophecy, destined by God to lead Israel - and God was with him. What more wonderful things could be said about him, but he altered his destiny through disobedience.

How can we secure our destiny?

(a) Through the word of the Lord. Jer. 29:11 says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." God has an assignment for you that He has predestined you to walk and stand in, and His Word is the best place to start to discover it. God originally spoke this promise to His people Israel who were in bondage due to their rebellion against Him. So in the midst of their bondage and God's discipline towards them, God was giving them hope of a plan that would bring about a desired end and a future with Him. Remember that life is like a road trip, and there are many routes that can get you where you are to where you want to be. Your journey toward your God-given destiny began the day you were born and your goal for you now, as a believer, is to find the will of God in your life in His word, so that you can stay on course to the very end.

(b) Pursue your destiny with all diligence. The Lord has chosen us and called us with a purpose. Once we become a child of God, we must press on to find

out the plan of God for our lives and then pursue that plan with our whole heart. Apostle Paul exerted all his energies to fulfill the plan of God for his life. The Lord has chosen us in order to bear fruit in our lives. When we pursue the purpose of God in our lives, we should not allow any other influence to divert us from our destiny. We should be willing to pay any price to please God and fulfill His plan for our lives. Phil. 3:12 says, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me"

(c) Disregard the past and press forward. Our past achievements or past failures could sometimes hurt our future if not properly handled. As long as we are brooding over the past, we will not be able to make rapid progress towards the destiny of God for our lives. We should not be bound by our failures and sins of our past. The Lord is merciful to forgive all our sins and iniquities. Therefore we must receive forgiveness for all our sins and be cleansed by the blood of Jesus and move on forward towards fulfilling our destiny.

We cannot allow our past hurts and disappointments to keep us in bondage. We must put the past behind us and press on forward towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called us in Christ Jesus. Yesterday is over and tomorrow is a new day and a new opportunity to make a brand new start for the fulfilment of God's divine agenda for us.

Finally, we should not persist in following our old ways and convictions when the Lord is leading us in a new way.

THE LOVE OF GOD

(by Izu Ariwodo)

The Webster dictionary defines love as “a strong affection for another, arising out of kinship or personal ties”. Love is a word that applies to two or more personalities. In the case of this write-up, one of the personalities is God, and the other is man.

Our God is a God of love. It is written in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”. God did not just begin to love His creation (the world) in the book of John; in fact, from the time of creation God has always loved the world.

It was recorded in the book of Genesis, that man was the only creature that God made in His image and likeness, and with

power to subdue and have dominion over the rest of His creation. To put this into context, God gave mankind a preferential treatment above all His creations. This preferential treatment is apparently due to God's strong love and affection for mankind.

The Bible recorded in Proverb 14:34b, that “sin is a reproach”. Our God hates sin. Unfortunately, man is constantly sinning against God. The earliest record of sin by man was when Adam and Eve disregarded God's commandment and ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. But for the love of God, man was spared destruction. Further into the book of Genesis, Man's sin became so great that God said to Noah in Gen 6:13, “The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is

filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth”. Though the earth deserved destruction, but because of God's love, He used the Ark as a way of preserving humanity. A journey through the bible from Genesis to revelation will reveal men's desire and delight to sin, and God's love exhibited by His willingness to forgive men. Our God is a God of many chances.

Once man has sinned, he needs to make atonement for his sins by the shedding of blood. In the ancient times, this can either be achieved by the shedding of the sinner's blood, or by the shedding of the blood of animals. In majority of the cases, God spared the life of the sinner (out of Love), and allowed the shedding of the blood of animals (by way of sacrifice) for the purpose of covering the sinner's sins. Unfortunately, the blood of bulls only cover the sins, it does not wipe-out the sin. For the purpose wiping-out the sin, God needed to do something special for mankind, a solution that would solve the problem forever.

God activated His great love (Agape) for mankind, by sending a special gift. This special gift was His Son Jesus Christ. The bible noted in John 1:4-5, 4In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. It's a pity that many today, have not yet comprehended the light of God, and still takes His special love gift for granted. Christ is the embodiment of God himself, full

of grace, love and might. He is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). He came to show mankind the light of God. When He had finished his mission, He shed His blood and died for the whole of mankind, paying the supreme sacrifice. Thus, instead of shedding our own blood as payment for our sins, Christ paid it for all. There is however a caveat. In John 3:16, the bible says "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life". The caveat is; we must believe in Christ to tap into His atoning grace. In Psalms 3:8, it is written "Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: Thy blessing is upon thy people".

God's love for mankind is immeasurable. It is rich, pure and strong. We cannot fathom the dimensions of God's love for us. His rich, pure and strong love comes with loads of goodies. We need to connect into the rhythm of God's love, so we can benefit from the goodies that come within His love. In Mark 7:27, The Lord said "Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs". Are you a child or a dog? Dogs do not have a special portion on the table of goodies. Their portion is to eat the crumbs that fall from the table of the children. It is called residual blessing by association. Are you satisfied with the crumbs or do you want to upgrade? If your desire is to upgrade, then you need to examine your relationship with your God.

It is essential that the service of God, by God's people be performed with a willing heart. Our reciprocal love for our God is the only way; an acceptable service of God can spring forth. In Joshua 24:15, Joshua said "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord". It is important that we serve our God with a loving heart. It is equally important for our families and relatives to come to the knowledge of the one and true God. Knowing Him will help us serve Him better, and then we all will be able to reap the full benefits that come with the love of God.

Trusting God is one area, where many of us have failed to reap the benefits that come from the love of God. Before Peter could walk on water, he had to put his faith and trust in our Lord Jesus (the maker of all things). When fear overtook Peter and he started to sink, he again lifted up his eyes onto Jesus for saving grace. Do you trust your God or do you trust your parents, boss or other people more? Personally, it's been a spiritual challenge for me. However, I am beginning to learn to rely on the Holy Spirit to constantly remind me of the ever presence of the Almighty God. I can tell you with certainty that the few times that I exercised my trust in the Lord, He never failed. I am still a work-in-progress. These exercises have continuously enriched my faith and will also

help you in your own journey of life.

Going through the 2015 prophecies by our father in the Lord, Pastor Adeboye, it occurred to me that these prophecies can only come from a loving God. Let's take a look at some of the individuals' prophecies;

1. The Harvest of the 100 days fast will be given this year.
2. This year will be full of testimonies; those who have none before, will have some.
3. Some persons will swim in the river of abundance this year.
4. There will be miraculous Completion of project.
5. There will be fulfillment of dreams.
6. There will be miraculous restorations.
7. The song of many will be "The Lord has been good to me".

In concluding, I want to repeat again that our God is full of love. The love of God is immeasurable. It is rich, pure and strong. We cannot fathom the dimensions. It is expedient that we do not take God's love for granted. Our God has made many provisions for us to tap into His love. Let us embrace God's love, so He can help us to become loving. There is a song that says "Let every soul, every beating heart, every nation and every tongue come find hope in the love of the Father".

God bless you.



Divine Restoration

- Timi Daniels



Beloved, I am confident in God that before you finish reading this article, divine restoration will be your portion in Jesus Name. Whatever is missing or stolen from your life by the devil shall be totally restored to you. in the mighty name of Jesus. There are some situations that cannot change unless God by Himself intervene, and I am confident that the Almighty God will intervene in your situation in Jesus Name.

The book of Joel 2:25 says "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you" Beloved the above End-time Prophetic word, automatically gives you restoration rights and privileges, restoration is your right in The Lord and you will not be denied of it in Jesus name.

Firstly what is Divine? It simply means God. And what is Restoration? It is the act or process of returning something to its original condition, the act of bringing back something that existed before, or the act of

returning something that was stolen or lost. Combining the two definitions Divine Restoration means, God's intervention in returning something to its original condition or returning something that was stolen. This can also be referred to as when God turns someone's captivities around for good.

In the book of 2 Samuel 9, Mephibosheth was a man that lost everything, as far as we can humanly see or imagine. Saul and Jonathan died in one day leaving Mephibosheth, a crippled child all by himself. He lost all to the extent that he no longer live in his father's house, it is a sad occurrence for someone that was once a prince to find himself considered as a reject even by his own people. Mephibosheth lost his honor as a prince with no trace to ever been in royalty. The devil took advantage of the circumstances in his family to torment him, because of Saul's disobedience. I pray for you that every power taking advantage of the sins of your father's house to steal from you or put you in bondage will perish in the Name of JESUS.

Nevertheless, when his time of restoration came, it was in full. First the Lord remembered him for good, brought him out of hiding, restored to him all that he lost, including the blessings of His father's house, , and made him sit once again in royalty and honor to eat on the kings table forever. God will do same and even much more for someone reading this article. Your lost honor, glory, privilege, inheritance will be restored back to you. You will seat as a king, eat as a king, live as a king in the mighty name of Jesus.

Many have lost their position, lost their marriages, lost their career, lost their jobs and are in need for divine Restoration, Hear me well, because God promised restoration, It does not matter what you have lost in the past, the Almighty promised that he will restore, therefore in the name of Jesus, be restored back to your rightful position in the name of Jesus.

Furthermore, when the Children of Israel were to leave Egypt after 430 years of slavery and bondage, according to Exodus 12, the Lord gave them such restoration as never been recorded before, all the lost

wages, of 430 years, both the ones there ancestors and forefathers had lost, they got it back in one day, that was why when they got to the wilderness, and they needed material to build for God, they had so much that they kept giving until Moses commanded them not to bring any more. I pray for you, all your lost wages over the years, the years which the enemy ate out of your lives, let it be restored back to you now in the name of Jesus.

The question is how do I receive Divine restoration?

Firstly by Revelation: God's Word says 2 Peter 1:3 "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue. Your restoration is guaranteed in Christ, but it is your revelation that defines the path to your divine restoration.

Secondly, the root of your Restoration is based on the platform of Redemption. Every child of God is ordained for divine restoration once you come to Him, because by redemption, you become a seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:29). And being a seed of Abraham confers the blessings of Abraham on you. (Genesis 12:3). Beloveth, revelation is man's pathway to divine restoration, while redemption is the qualifying bus ticket to accessing it. In redemption, you are qualified for divine restoration of those things the

devil stole from you as in Jesus we have abundant life. (John 10:10). The Lord said I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm and the caterpillar and the palmerworm, my great army which I send among you"- Joel 2: 25

Thirdly, Faith is a vital key to accessing your divine restoration from God. Job's faith was unwavering and his trust was total. If you drop your faith, you have closed the door to your restoration. What you do not believe, you cannot become (Luke 1:45). Hebrews 11:1-2 says "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report". So through faith you obtain restoration.

Fourthly Divine restoration is also a product of Prayer and Fasting (Isaiah 58:6-10): Prayer and fasting is a powerful platform to access and take delivery of your restoration. You engage in spiritual warfare through prayer and fasting, to destroy the hold of the wicked over what belongs to you and posses your possession, you bind the strongman that has your goods and take it back out of his hands. (Luke 11:21-22).

Fifthly the blood of Jesus is a vital force for your restoration. Revelation 5:12 says, "Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. When Jesus shed

His blood, Blood was shed, He took back all the enemy stole from man in order to restore it back unto you and me. Your divine restoration can be accessed by engaging the blood of Jesus in warfare.

Sixthly Prophetic encounters leads to divine restoration, according to 2 Kings 4:1-7, where the widow encountered God's prophet Elisha, her divine restoration came in multiple fold, this restoration prevented the loss of her children to slavery. It was a total turnaround from debt into abundance. God's anointed prophets are agents of restoration. Every genuine encounter leads to divine restoration.

Finally, divine guidance from God leads you to divine restoration. And David in 1 Samuel 30:8; 18-19 inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all. So David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. And nothing of theirs was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them." David recovered all. If you want full restoration of your redemptive dignity, you must open up to divine guidance. This is important to the path of restoration. When God leads He secures, restores, renders the enemy helpless, takes over the situation of the led and

gives divine speed for divine accomplishment. Your change from story to glory has finally come, therefore, be restored in Jesus name!

In conclusion when God restores you, no power can stop it, He will begin to trouble those that are involved in bringing your restoration. That was what happened to Mephibosheth, because David was troubled, he inquired of the house of Saul if there was anyone alive that he may show kindness for Jonathan's sake. Your wasted time can be restored back now! In Matthew 12:13, when Jesus healed a man with a withered hand, He said to him, "stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth: and it was restored whole, like as the other". When Jesus restores you, the old wounds can't be found! Beloved, let go of those old thoughts, the worries about your wasted years and let God restore to you the years you have lost.

In recovering whatever might have been lost to the antics of the wicked, you must first be born again. The grace to enjoy divine restoration is available, if you are a child of God. If you

are not yet born again you can do so now by confessing your sins and accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior as you say this prayer: Lord Jesus, I come to you today just as I am, I am a sinner, forgive me of my sins, come into my life, I accept you today as my Lord and Savior write my name in the book of life. Thank you Lord for saving me, in Jesus name.

Now pray these prayers, I am confident, that your wasted years shall be restored with speedy manifestations in Jesus name:

1. Thank God for the benefits and provision of Divine Restoration.
2. Oh Lord, open the book of remembrance for me in the name of Jesus.
3. Power of darkness hindering my blessings be frustrated in the name of Jesus
4. The Great restorer, change my story to glory in the name of Jesus
5. My lost virtues come back to me now and convert my losses to gain in Jesus name.
6. My father, turn my ashes into beauty in Jesus name.
7. Father, protect my life from every invasion of the destroyer in Jesus name.

8. Continue to pray as the Holy Spirit leads you. Demand for your restoration in every area of life as it meets your situation.

The power of the spoken word is also upon the written word, now say Amen as I pray; Father in the name of Jesus, I pray for the readers of this message, let every activity of the devourer against their lives end now in the name of Jesus. Your word says in Joel 2: 25, I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm and the caterpillar and the palmerworm, my great army which I send among you, therefore I pray, every glory that have been eaten up, stolen and battered, be restored now in Jesus Name. Let the Lord trouble those that are suppose to show you kindness in the name of Jesus. Receive your Divine Restoration in the name of Jesus. I pray let the Lord restore you back to your rightful position in the name of Jesus. Thank you mighty God for in Jesus name we have prayed. Amen.

God Bless you.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Pastor E. A. Adeboye

Who is a shepherd? Simply put, a shepherd is a keeper of a flock of sheep. Not, a keeper of goats? A good shepherd is, therefore, a good keeper of sheep. Psalm 23 tells us the blessings that can be mine when the Lord Jesus Christ is my Shepherd.

1. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4. 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.
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord



lack for rest, because he makes me lie down. If I am his sheep, I would never lack for sleep. Sleeplessness is not for the sheep of Jesus Christ.

"It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep." Psalms 127:2 KJV

2. If I am a sheep of the Lord Jesus Christ, I would be well fed. Hunger would be a stranger to me, because he makes me to lie down in green pasture. If I belong to him, my soul shall be satisfied.

"My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips." Psalms 63: 5 KJV

forever." [Psalms 23:1-6 KJV](#)
The blessings that can be mine, if I am a sheep of Jesus Christ, can be placed into 14 categories:

1. If I am a sheep of the Lord Jesus Christ, I would never

3. If I am a sheep of the Lord Jesus Christ, my thirst shall be satisfied, because he leads me beside still water.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matthew 5: 6 KJV

4. If I am a sheep of the Lord Jesus Christ, I shall not lack restoration, because he said he would restore my soul.

“Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.” Joel 2: 23-26 KJV

5. If I am one of his sheep, I would not lack guidance, because he leads me in the path of righteousness. He said he would arrange for the Holy Spirit to guide me all through.

“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.” John 16: 12-13 KJV

6. If I am one of his sheep, I would have nothing to fear, because I would enjoy his divine presence, even when I walk through the valley of the

shadow of death, I would fear no evil, for he is with me and I would enjoy divine presence.

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Hebrew 13: 5 KJV.

7. If I am one of his sheep, I would not lack for comfort, because his rod and staff, would comfort me anytime I want to stray. His staff would guarantee my protection and I would be comforted all the time.

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” John 14: 16-18 KJV

8. If I am one of the sheep, I would always enjoy generous divine provision, because he promised to prepare a table before me.

“I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.” Psalms 13:6 KJV

9. If I am one of his sheep, I will enjoy divine security, because he prepares a table before me, in the presence of my enemies and I would be secured in the presence of my enemies.

“The name of the Lord is a

strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.” Proverbs 18: 10 KJV

10. If I am one of his sheep, I would not lack anointing, because he said he would anoint my head with oil, so much that my cup would run over. Because the anointing destroys the yoke, no yoke would be able to stay on me.

“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 a n o i n t i n g . ” Isaiah 10: 27 KJV

11. If I am one of the sheep, I would enjoy divine goodness, because surely, goodness shall follow me all the days of my life.

“And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the Lord.” Jeremiah 31:14 KJV?

12. If I am one of his sheep, I would enjoy divine mercy, because he said, surely, goodness and mercy would follow me.

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.” Psalms 103:8,11 (KJV)

13. If I am one of the sheep, my blessings would last, because he said, surely, goodness and mercy would follow me, all the days of my

life, and my blessings would endure.

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." Psalms 107: 1 (KJV)

14. If I am one of his sheep, I would have divine accommodation, both here, and the world to come, because he said I would dwell in his house for ever. He has promised that in his father's house, there are many mansions and he has gone to prepare a place for me. There is a mansion waiting for me in heaven, and when I get to heaven, I would see my Shepherd Jesus, and I would shout hallelujah!

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3 (KJV)

Three major reasons why I know that all would be well. There are many, but we would only take three.

1. I need the great Shepherd, but he needs me also. Why?

a. Without the sheep, there would be no shepherd. You would say, but it is only the loss of one sheep. He knows that if he loses one sheep today and another tomorrow, there would be no more sheep to shepherd. I may be one little sheep, but I

matter to God. Jesus said if a good shepherd has 100 sheep and loses one, he would go looking for the one missing sheep. God would come looking for us, because we are that important to him. Anybody who is my enemy, is the enemy of the great Shepherd, because I am important to God, and I am a V.I.P to God.

"What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost." Luke 15: 4-6 KJV

b. When God knocked down Saul of Tarsus, he asked Saul why he was persecuting him, although the Lord was in heaven and Saul was persecuting the disciples on earth. When you persecute the sheep, you persecute the shepherd. Jesus told Saul of Tarsus:

"And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light

from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." Acts 9: 1-5 KJV

Jesus said when you put him first, he would put you first. He needs you to bear fruits, because when you cut off all the branches of a vine tree, there would be no vine left.

2. The awesome power of the Shepherd is available to the sheep and Jesus Christ has tremendous powers. All these powers are completely useless to him in heaven, because in heaven:

- There is no sickness
- There is no bondage
- There is no serpent
- There is no poverty
- There are no storms

But they exist here. He is going to release all those powers to me. Because he needs me here, that is why I know I am not going to die young, because I am more useful to God here, than in heaven.

- He needs my voice to sing his praise. He needs me here to worship him, despite there being billions of angels in heaven, worshipping him.
- He needs my hands to lay on the sick.
- He needs my feet to go and spread the gospel.

3. What then would my future hold?

- He needs to cleanse me

in order to send me.

"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:1-8 (KJV)

- He would heal me in order to use me, like he healed Simon Peter's mother-in-law of fever, whereby she arose and ministered to Jesus.

"And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered

unto them." Matthew 8:14-15 (KJV)

- I know he would set me free, so that I can be a witness to him, as the mad man of Gadarene.

"And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits

went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel." Mark 5:1-20 (KJV)

4. He would prosper me so I can build his kingdom.

"Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem." Zechariah 1:17 (KJV)

5. He would empower me, so I can bring the world to his feet.

- "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8 KJV?

The Lord wants us to taste of him, because he is good.

- "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Psalms 34:8 KJV?

We should approach the Lord with boldness, knowing that he needs us as much as we need him. We should have the boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.

- "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way,

which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)." Hebrews 10:19-23 (KJV)

The High Priest, the great Shepherd, knows that I matter to God, so let us go to him with boldness and pray our prayers like someone who knows that the God I am praying to values me.

- "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast

our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16 KJV

To conclude, you can only be one of his sheep, and he your Shepherd, if you are born again and cleansed with the blood of Jesus Christ. Are you born again?

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You Will Have A Testimony

By Eniayewu Samson



In the context of this message, I will define a testimony as an account or a report of God's interventive power bringing about the miraculous and supernatural.

We see a report like this in Psalms 126:1 that says "When the Lord turned around the captivity of Zion we were as they that dreamed" God delights in changing situations and circumstances so that our joy may be full; Jesus said in John 16:24

"....ask until your joy be full".

Testimony is a product of transition from sorrow to joy, weeping to laughter, sickness to health, poverty to prosperity, lack to surplus, barrenness to fruitfulness, failure to success, loser to winner, victim to victor, obscurity to limelight, loss to profit, joblessness to employment, bondage to freedom, darkness to light and soon.

Testimony becomes inevitable where Jesus is present because his ministry mission statement

states in Isaiah 61:1-11 (AMP) - "THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the [physical and spiritual] captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound, To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, To grant [consolation and joy] to those who mourn in Zion—to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [expressive] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit—that they may be called oaks of righteousness [lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified"

It is recorded also in Acts 10:38 AMP - "How God anointed and consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit and with strength and ability and power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed and oppressed by [the power of] the devil, for God was with Him".

How am I so sure that you will have a testimony?

1. You will have testimony because you are a born-again child of God; if you

have surrendered your life to Jesus and you have a relationship with him.

When God recognizes you as his child, then you are made, because He will have your back at all times. He will keep you as the apple of his eyes, His presence will abide with you to deliver you from all troubles of life.

Romans 8:28 says "All things work together for good of them that love him and who are called according to his purpose". God will always decide the outcome

of challenges and go throughs in your favour because of the fatherly love he has for his children.

2. You will have a testimony if the Almighty God is all you have(look up to) and all you depend on(trust in). David said in Psalm 121:1-2 AMP - "I will lift up my eyes to the hills From whence shall my help come? My help comes

from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth"

Those who trust in the name of the Lord will not be put to shame. In fact in Isaiah 61;3 says Lord promised to give us beauty for ashes.

3. You will have a testimony because all power in heaven and on earth belongs to our God: The power to solve every known and unknown problems belongs to our God.

In Matthew 28:18 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth". No difficulty or challenge of life has

defied or will defy the authority and sovereignty of the Almighty God.

Jesus healed all manner of sicknesses and diseases while he was here on earth and he has not stopped healing. He is still in the business of making a way where there is no way. He can make mountains plain, he can kill he can make alive.

4. You will have a testimony because with our God all things are possible: there is no other personality on earth that can claim that with him or her all things are possible. It is only with God that all things are

possible. Our God said in Jeremiah 32:27 - "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" Also in Luke 1:37 - "For with God nothing shall be impossible." The Lord is willing to demonstrate through your situation that nothing is impossible with Him and you will laugh again in Jesus name.

5. You will have a testimony because Our God controls times and seasons. Our God decides when the sun will appear and when rain should fall. As a matter of fact the Almighty God can permit the protocol of nature to be broken so that his children may be victorious. The account in Joshua 10:12-14 is a good example. "Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Aijalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel"

He makes all things beautiful in His time as stated in Ecclesiastes 3:11 KJV - "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning

to the end". Our God is never too late or too early, he shows up right on time to intervene. Lazarus' situation is a very glaring example that our God is master over time and never limited by time. Lazarus came back to life after being dead for four days so that the father may be glorified. John 11:1-44.

Jesus specializes in giving life to dead dreams and aspirations. Every dead, buried and long forgotten good dreams, visions, aspirations and desires in your life will hear the voice of the Lord and they will come alive in Jesus name.

6. You will have a testimony because our God makes a way where there is no

way: When God was about to deliver the Israelites from the hands of pharaoh, he did the unimaginable so as to give Israel a testimony. At the verge of losing hope, in front of the red sea, Egyptian army pursuing and almost catching up from behind, God stepped in and parted the red sea to make way of escape for his children. They walked on dry land across the sea but the chariots of Pharaoh and his army perished in the red sea.

Exodus 14:21-31 KJV - "And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued,

and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters."

God will go to any length to make a way for you so you can emerge victorious over that troublesome circumstance.

7. You will have a testimony because Our God is the deliverer who has never lost any battle; your case will not be an exception in Jesus name. The Lord can rescue you from every lion's den in which you have found yourself.

The word of God says in Psalms 34:19 "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all".

8. You will have a testimony because our God can open every door and no man can shut them: Our God has the master key which can open every good door you need so as to have a testimony. He can also shut every evil door.

Remember that He is described as the one with the master key in Revelation 3:7

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth"

9. You will have a testimony because the price for your healing was paid:

Jesus suffered on the cross of Calvary and through that healing has become your heritage as a child of God. In fact, healing is the children's bread in God's kingdom. Isaiah 53:5 says "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed". Jesus is the chief physician, who can heal you and make you whole. He created every part of your body and he has spare parts for the creative miracle you desire in your body. He has long proven history of healing the blind, the lame, the woman with issue of blood, the lepers and any named or unnamed disease.

He is still healing people of

curable and incurable diseases such HIV AIDS, Cancer, Diabetes, cardiac ailment, skin disorder, liver failure, kidney failure, High blood Pressure, e.t.c. God can cure any sickness. He is the chief surgeon and you can entrust your health into his hands right now and be ready to share your testimony.

Finally, remember that God cares so much about you and that is why you will have a testimony. He loves you so much; that he gave his life for you to be saved. He will not withhold anything good from you.

In conclusion, Jesus has not changed, he is still as compassionate, merciful and

powerful as he has always been. Hebrews 13:8 Says "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever". You are next in line for a testimony because God is for you, he is not against you. Don't be against yourself by entertaining doubt and fear. Let your mouth be full of thanksgiving, focus on your blessings, count your blessings, do not complain or murmur. Speak faith and trust God; He will surprise you pleasantly. Expectation brings manifestation.

You will surely have a testimony. God bless you.

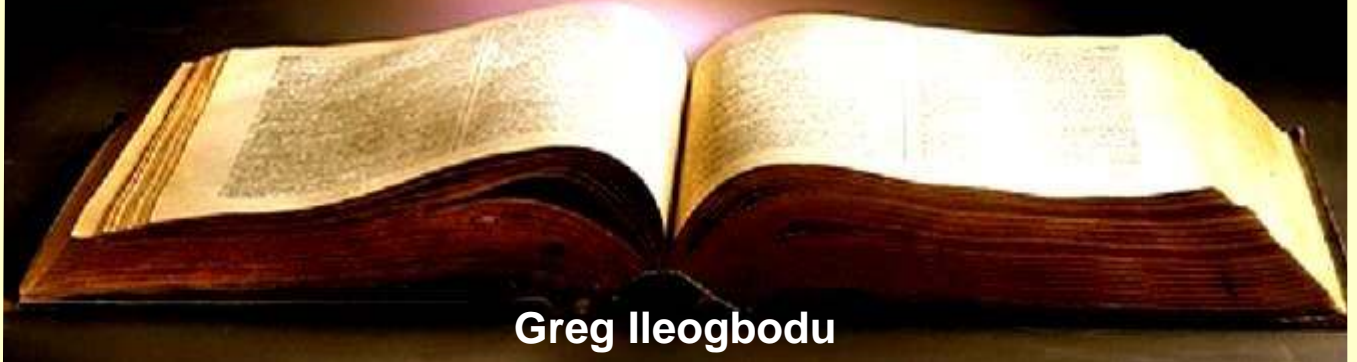
You have been given the grace for every season of your life...not only to endure the season, but to also enjoy it. The book of Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To every

endure the waiting period for that season. God Is Able!!!

God has a place of destiny and purpose for you before the creation of time. God says, He will keep you in perfect peace,

opportunities, His goodness, His blessings, and open doors into your life, He will also use adversities, disappointments, closed doors to move you towards fulfilling your destiny.

GOD IS ABLE



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thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" So, it does not really matter what season you are in, you already have the grace for it and purpose for it in your life! God says, His thoughts (purpose) for you are for good and not evil and to bring you to an expected end, when you trust in the LORD and His Word, you'll be content, in whatever situation you presently are, because you know that the LORD is ordering your footstep, thereby, you'll see each day as a gift and a blessing. Even being appreciative of negative situation, because He is using the situation to work out something testimonial in your life. And with this mindset, comes Peace that strengthens & enable you go through and to

because your mind is on Him and not on the situation. And He says, He will renew your strength daily and as you wait.

Rejoice, because it is in the place of waiting and trusting God that your faith in Him is strengthened, you grow and mature in your Christian walk, which is the commandment given to us in Genesis 1:28growth in all areas and growth in God.

Proverbs 20:24 "24 Man's goings are of the LORD; how can a man then understand his own way?" God is strategic in ordering your steps. He is precise, exact and already knows the plan for your life as His child, to the smallest details. Just like He would strategically bring good things,

But in the times of adversities, trials, stormy season, you are not going to understand it, according to the above scripture, your mind cannot comprehend God allowing trouble and challenges to come into your life. But, God would not have allowed it all to happen to you or happen in your life, unless He has a purpose for it. God doesn't randomly just let these happen. God is strategic, He may not have sent the adversities and challenges, but if He allowed them to happen, He can use them to your own advantage. God sees the big picture for your life, He knows what you'll need this week, this month, this year and even each day, each week, each month of the rest

of your life. He is God, the All Knowing (Omniscient God).

You are not always going to understand why certain things happen in your life...and this is where your trust and faith in Him comes to play a major role. True faith is trusting God when it doesn't make sense, believing that He is strategic and He knows what He is doing. It may be uncomfortable, and you may not understand it, but deep down, if God allows it, it is intended to further you along in fulfilling your destiny. Since the LORD is directing your steps, don't try to figure it out, in doing so, you become frustrated and lose your peace. Just trust Him. Obey Him. Praise Him. Worship Him & thank Him.

It is not God's intention for His people to settle for the status quo, you should constantly and consistently be seeking new ways and opportunities to grow in every area of your life. Have dreams and goals that are far and beyond your capability, because you serve the far and beyond God. Deuteronomy 1:6 "6 The Lord our God said to us in Horeb, You have dwelt long enough on this mountain." Wherever you are and whatever your position is in life, you can do better, climb higher and conquer even more & bigger mountains. "....they that know their God shall be strong and do great exploits - Daniel 11:32

It does not matter, whatever it is that you are trusting God for, it's nothing new to Him...God does not need to consult with anyone on how to do it, it is a simple thing for God! He has done before and He can do it again. As a matter of fact, God has a thousand different ways to do one specific thing! It is all about your mindset and perspective in the waiting time. How do you see the situation or challenges and how do you see the God you serve? When you are tempted to worry and be anxious, stand on the Word of God concerning that challenge and thank God that the solution is on the way. The Word of God says "6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."- Philippians 4:6

Even that which the enemy meant for evil in your life, God will take it and use it for good. God used all adversities in the life of Joseph to direct him to fulfill that dream of being a ruler, a dream he had as a child. God used adversities to move David to becoming a king. It is in the place of adversity that you are trained and prepared for greatness. God will NEVER put you in a place of greatness, without adequate and thorough preparation. Behind every greatness is a story of great adversity (adversities)!

All things (good & evil), work

together for good to them that love the LORD (Romans 8:28). The Bible didn't say some things, or only the good things. The challenging situation in your life, is going to work out for God's glory to be seen in you and in your life in Jesus Name.

Looking at the story of the blind man in the book of John, the man was born blind, the disciples asked the LORD, who sinned, the man or his parents? And Jesus said none of them, but that the works of God should be made manifest in his life. (John 9:2-3).

Concerning Pharaoh, God said for this reason, have I raised you up, to show my power....(Exodus 9:16). God wants to use everything in your life to show that He is that God who is Able.

When you learn to see God in all situation, good or bad, and you're in constant attitude of praise, worship and thanksgiving, it pleases God; special angels are then deployed concerning you, making you stand out for special miracles. When you complain, you remain. If you praise, you will be raised.

Adversity is the trial of your principle. Without it, a man hardly knows whether he is honest or not. This is simply saying, as a child of God, adversity brings out the warrior in you, to display the power of

the Most High in you. For He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world (John 4:4). God told Gideon to arise, because God saw him as a mighty man of valor, but Gideon didn't see himself like that at all! For God is not seeing you, for who you are now; He sees you for who you'll become. When Satan fights you, he is not fighting you for who you are now; he is fighting you for who you are going to become. Moses was born to be a deliverer, funny enough, that is when a law was passed to kill all male children because Satan already saw a deliverer for the people of Israel and wanted to terminate the life of that deliverer.

Self-discipline plays a major role in your life, as a child of God. Are you going to be disciplined enough to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit, and patiently wait, letting God work it all out in His own way and timing? Or you want to be like Sarah, that chose to help God, by presenting Hagar, the maid to fulfill the promise? Jehovah does not need your help...God is able!

Whilst waiting, you should show gratitude and appreciation to God, walk in love, go out of your way to help others, when you serve others and meet other's needs even though you are in need too, it is an indication that your focus is on God and that your trust is

in Him alone and not man. Jeremiah 17:5 "5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD." Beloved, you must never at anytime shift your focus from God to man. If you do you are trusting in man and your heart is departed from God, who can do all things.

Yes, it is good to want to do things ourselves, but we must not try to help God do what He wants to do, by trying to forcefully speed up the process!!! You have limited ability and wisdom therefore look up to the hills, from where cometh your help.

In this waiting period, celebrate and rejoice with others who are rejoicing and celebrating and be full of expectation for your own miracle, knowing that Jesus is still on the throne. We all have our race to run in life, it is not a sprint, it is a marathon. Run your own race, just because God is making it happen for others, in less time, than for you, does not mean God has forgotten about you. Your own miracle may come bigger and better, and so it may take longer time for Heaven to package and deliver.

Ecclesiastes 9:11 "11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet

favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."

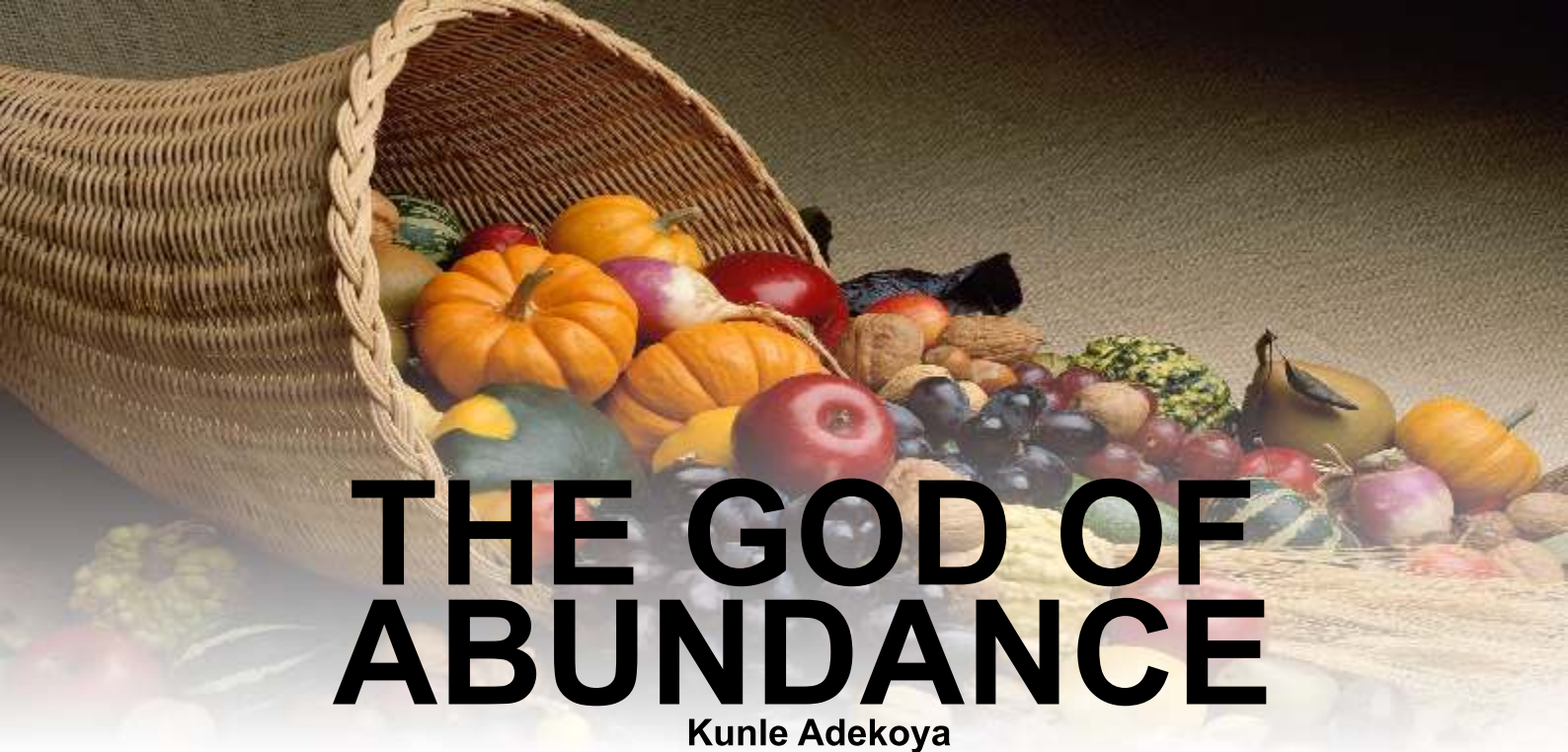
What God wants to do has nothing to do with your skills, your strength, your abilities, knowledge or wisdom, your connection, your contacts, relatives, but it is the Mighty Hand of God taking your natural ability (faith and complete surrender in Him) and bringing a supernatural result and testimony. Whatever it is, just KNOW that God is ABLE!

Ephesians 3:20 "20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,"

May God give you the grace, wisdom and enduring power to wait on Him. 'According to the power that works in us'

Power of gratitude, Power of faith, Power of worship, Power of praise, Power of righteousness, Power of obedience, Power of holiness, Power of walking in love, Power of humility, Power of your belief system, Power of your confidence in Him that has promised it! GOD IS ABLE....Just leave it at His Altar and remain in an attitude of thanksgiving, faithfulness and total obedience as you wait for the manifestation!!

God bless you.



THE GOD OF ABUNDANCE

Kunle Adekoya

"And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl" Duet. 28:1-5

It is time for you to enjoy God's unprecedented abundance in every area of life. The Lord had put the word "abundance" in the heart of our General Overseer, Pastor E.A Adeboye as part of this year prophecy. Therefore, be ready because we serve a God who is more than enough and one thing I know is that we do not serve a stingy God who gives just enough to sustain us

but He is the God of abundance. 2 Corinthians 9:8 says, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have abundance for every good work". Looking at this scripture, it is crystal clear that, it is God's will that we never lack at any point in time and there is no deficiency with our God but 'all sufficiency'.

Remember, our God is an Ephesians 3:20 God which says, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us." observe the three words mentioned here, "Exceedingly", "Abundantly" & "More". These words inform us that our God is God of abundance. No wonder, David, the man after God's own heart said in Psalm 23: 5, "...My cup runs over". He was talking about abundance that overflows. I see you speak like David before the end of this year in Jesus' Name.

We need to remind ourselves

that the scripture tells us much about God, but we can never fully comprehend his greatness or the abundance of his riches. His judgments are "unsearchable" and his paths "beyond tracing out" (Romans 11:33). Paul speaks of the "unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8). He says that "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

However, you have a role to play so that you can tap into the river of abundance which is flowing all over. Let me suggest some of the things you need to do to receive this overflowing abundance promise of God:

YOU MUST BELIEVE: If you don't believe the prophecy, you can't be a partaker of it. Remember, "He who doubts...should not think he will receive anything from the Lord" (James 1:6-7). The author of Hebrews commends Abraham, who believed a promise that

seemed impossible of fulfilment, "because he considered him faithful who had made the promise" (Hebrews 11:11). We must believe that "nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37), and "everything is possible for him who believes" (Mark 9:23).

YOU MUST BE A GIVER: Generally, giving is a choice in life, just like Jesus said if you give, it will be given back to you according to the way that you give (Luke 6:38). Jesus taught that if you give, you will receive a "four-way gain clause" good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over. Anyone who wants to enjoy abundance in life must be a giver. Nothing multiplied by nothing is zero; God multiplies seed that is sown. 2 Cor.9:6 say "he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly". It is a law of harvest. Conversely, if you sow generously, you will reap generously. Only those who key into this prophecy by giving will swim in abundance of plenty. You will gain largely when you give largely.

YOU MUST BE THANKFUL: Being thankful for what you already possess allows your energy to flow in the direction of creating and attracting more good things. We need to be thankful, to "forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2), to

"give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). How can we expect God to bless us with new gifts if we are not thankful for what we have already received? In John 6:5-13, God took the meal of a young boy-five tiny loaf of bread and two fishes, multiplied them and fed a crowd of 5000. You would observe in John 6:11 that the emphasis was on being thankful. After the boy's meal was brought, Philip, like many of us, had a pessimistic view and demeaned the handful offering. Jesus, however, thanked God for the little and it became more than sufficient. If you want to enjoy a life of abundance, you must learn to be thankful.

YOU MUST BE DILIGENT: Our God is not lazy so we must equally be a "worker". There are two kinds of people God will not bless: lazy people and stingy people. You cannot be successful without hard work. God's Word does not teach an entitlement mentality that feels others owe you something. It teaches that a lazy person will live in need and have nothing, but the soul of the diligent will prosper (Prov. 13:4). The greatest way to fight lack and poverty is to get a job and for you to be a partaker in this "promised abundance" you must find something to do.

YOU MUST BE READY TO CHANGE: You must allow God to change you, you must be willing to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2), to put off the old self and put on the new self (Ephesians 4:22-24), to become "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). See! You must "throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles" (Hebrews 12:1) and you must choose to live in accordance with the Spirit and not in accordance with the sinful nature (Romans 8:5-11) which can never lead to a life of abundance.

Above all, God wants to be your Father, and He wants His children to prosper. When you delight in God, everything you do will prosper (Psalm 1:1-3). You need to understand the generous heart of God for you to have abundance. He wants to change your poverty mentality and make you live in abundance the rest of your life. Make sure you remain a child of God no matter the situation and I can assure you under God, you will no longer experience lack. God bless you.

Maranatha!!!

Alone but not Lonely

Christy Utulu and Nora Daniels

"You're not alone, For I, am here; Let me wipe away your every fear. Oh yeah, My love I've never left your side, I have seen you through the darkest night, Your darkest night, And I'm the one who's loved you all your life, All of your life" (Lyrics in the song "You're Not Alone" by Meredith Andrews)

To be alone is to be without other people, that is to say no other person is with you.

To be lonely is to be unhappy because other people are not with you.

From the above definitions it is clear that being alone is not same as being lonely, we must not confuse being alone with being lonely. However being alone can lead to being lonely if the time of being alone is not well handled as a child of God should. Definitely loneliness and the negatives effects can begin to take such a person over And this is what we intend handling in this write up.

Being alone and feeling lonely does not start and end with being single, although if the time of singleness is not handled properly it could be a factor. It is however possible that one can be married and still feel lonely...not an ideal situation but it does happen, so if you are presently single do not rush into a relationship or marriage just for you to fill the vacuum created by loneliness.

At one point or the other in the journey of life we go through a season of being alone, God can even orchestrate it for some special reasons. At such times when we feel we are all alone, the gospel truth is that we are not alone, we are never alone and so we must never allow loneliness and it's negative effects to take its root in our lives.

EXAMPLES OF TIMES YOU MIGHT FEEL YOU ARE ALONE

1. When you just got born again or you decided to go deeper in your love for God.
2. When you refuse to follow multitude to do what is wrong according to God's Holy word
3. When God calls you for a special assignment or ministry.
4. When you have an uncommon God given vision or goal.
5. When you are ignored because you don't meet people's expectation especially those who feel you need them to succeed
6. When you are set up because you refuse to succumb to ungodly or evil pressure
7. When you are falsely accused and no one seem to believe your own side of the story.
8. When friends and relations forsake you for whatever reason.
9. When you are single and you desire to get married.

Brethren the list is endless, if you can't find your situation in the ones listed above you can add yours to the list.

THE GOOD NEWS

Beloved, we serve the God that

is all knowing, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, nothing can take Him by surprise. God knows that we will experience times like this and therefore He had made proper provisions for our times of being alone and He also makes sure while going through it, we are never alone.

David declared in his period of aloneness in Psalm 27:10... "when my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will bear me in his hands". Perhaps this is a word for you this season. You are not alone and as you continue in your walk with the Lord Jesus you will never be alone. Go ahead right now and declare as David did that God is bearing you in His hands, say it loud and clear....I AM NOT ALONE.

Beloved the whole world may forsake you but God will never forsake you. He will not leave you alone.

I was told the story of a child of God who embarked on a long journey one day, he was actually driving alone and someone asked him, how many of you are going. He responded, four of us. The person asked who and who are going with you, the traveller responded, God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit are traveling with me so we are four.

Also I know an elderly sister who whenever she is home alone will always say "we are four in one at home."

The trinity (God the father, God the son and God the Holy

Spirit) residing in her makes her four in one. This is the reality brethren, we have great company, we are loaded, we are full.

As funny as the above stories may sound, it is the absolute truth. It depends on the way you receive it. This is part of why Jesus said we must receive God's kingdom like little children.

We have examples of great people in the bible who at one point or the other seem to be alone, but they knew that the presence of God was with them and they were not alone and therefore not lonely.

When Joseph was thrown into the pit by his own brothers God was there with him.

When he got into Porthipar's house he appeared to be the odd one out, living to please God. He recognized the presence of God with him and that was why he rejected the devil's offer of promotion through fornication and adultery.

Even in the prison, Joseph knew he was not alone and so did not go about feeling downcast and begging for pity but rather behaved well, became head of prisoners, noticed fellow prisoners who were worried and helped them interpret their dreams.

Beloved, you are never alone, do not believe the lie of the devil that you are alone no matter the situation. Whether you are in a kind of pit situation, a kind of prison, or a kind of wilderness, you are never alone.

Paul a great man of God at a time also felt like he was alone. 2 Timothy 4:9-17. Paul was a faithful man of God that devoted himself to the service of the Lord. See how he described his situation "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge." 2 Tim. 4:16

Paul wrote most of the epistles in the bible which we read today and we receive so much blessings from when he was in prison a time when he was alone. But we can see clearly from those great revelations and inspirations from God, that God was with him. He couldn't have written all those words of his own knowledge and wisdom. The presence of God with him was very evident in his writings.

David another great man in the bible also felt as if he was alone at one time or the other.

At a time there was no one to encourage him the people with him felt so disappointed and hurt, they were all weeping. The bible recorded in 1 Samuel 30:6, that David encouraged himself in the Lord. I believe David must have reminded himself that he is not alone, that God was with him and instead of allowing loneliness, feeling of guilt, defeat or depression to overwhelm him, he rose up and encouraged himself in the Lord. The situation was still same but he chose to rise above it. You too can do the same. You are not an object of pity. Rise up and encourage yourself in the Lord right now.

There is nothing you are going through that someone else has not passed through. It is not new.

Abraham was also alone in his mission to offer Isaac as sacrifice unto God.. He could not tell anyone, not even Isaac himself, but God was with him every step of the journey, God spoke to Abraham at the right time. Abraham travelled that long journey of 3 days with God alone. Don't be afraid in your journey with God alone, God is with you.

Abraham's situation here is even a more difficult one, there were people with him, in fact his own son was there in the journey but he could not share with anyone his mission, vision and the full assignment. They only knew they were going to worship God and make sacrifice but the extent to which the sacrifice was to be made and the kind of offering demanded for by God he could tell no one. What a time in the life of Abraham.

Abraham made the best of that time alone with God. He did not mess up, you too will not mess up. You will make the best out of every season and period of your life. the God of time and purpose is with you in the journey so do not permit loneliness.

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11(NKJV)

GOD'S PROVISION FOR OUR TIMES ALONE

1. The assurance of His presence

The promise of God is ever sure , as He promised His disciples back in the day when he was ascending to heaven, He is doing the same today saying “I am with you always, even to the end of the age” ([Matt. 28:20](#)). And even more reassuring for this generation is the constant presence of the Holy Spirit within us, and He will remain there forever ([John 14:16-17](#)). In times of weakness, singleness, being alone, remember that the Lord will always be with you even when it seems that you can't feel or perceive His presence. When we feel His presence is undetectable, our courage to face isolation and difficulty weakens, but at times like this we need to learn to not just depend on our feelings but on the fact that He that has promised in Hebrew 13:5 will definitely bring His words to pass.

2. The provision of His divine strength

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me” ([Phil. 4:13](#)). The powerful presence of God produces the unexplainable strength that flows through us in our time of loneliness. His presence gives us divine strength to move on even when it hurts to take the next step. Look at what He says again in His word; “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness” ([2 Cor. 12:9](#)). Give not yourself to hopelessness in your loneliness, let go and let God.

Remember, when you are emotionally, physically, or spiritually weak, you are in a prime position to witness firsthand the power of God working within you. God will always give the strength and courage you need to endure whatever you are going through.

3. The fulfillment of His calling and purpose over your life

At time like this you can always depend on the fulfillment of the faithfulness of God in your life, God will always empower us to fulfill His purposes for our lives. Going back to Paul one of our examples, the bible confirms that Paul said that the Lord strengthened him “so that through [him] the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear” ([2 Tim 4:17](#)). It is possible you are alone because God has an assignment for you that involves your destiny and that of others. All you have to do is keep still, trust God and see the salvation of the Lord. Let Him do His work and you will surely come out of this unharmed, strengthened and refreshed for the work He has ahead of you.

GODLY RESPONSE DURING YOUR TIME ALONE

Perhaps in your quest for lasting solution, friends, families or coworkers might have suggested some possible solutions to you, such as, taking time off work and doing some traveling, or they might have even gone to the extent of suggesting to you to join a certain club or society or get

more social , please be careful, they are not the lasting solution. Below are some Godly responses to consider at times like this:

1. Self-cross check your Spiritual Foundation

An unwavering steadfast walk with God is a solid foundation for building relationships with others and a great cure to feeling of loneliness. If you are a believing child of God and experiencing constant loneliness, this is a good time for you to take a good inventory of your life and walk with God. Ask yourself if you are fully possessed of the abundant life God wants you to have. How much quality time are you spending with God on a daily basis? How much involvement do you have in your local church? The bible says in Hebrew 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Some people tend to use the period of loneliness as time to isolate themselves from associating with fellow believers, this is the trick of the enemy to further isolate and separate you from God. Ask God to lead you into a deeper and closer relationship with Him and show you His purpose for greater involvement with fellow believers in His vineyard.

On the other hand, If you have no clue of what we have been talking about, having a deeper and closer relationship with

God, this might be a good time for you to open up your heart in surrender to God and invite Jesus Christ the only son of God into your life to fill up that vacuum loneliness has created. Now is your time of salvation, do not delay, tomorrow might be too late because it's not promised. My brother, my sister, choose the path of life today and you will never regret taking this step. Having Jesus in your life will put you on a path that leads to intimacy with God, new friendships with fellow Christians in this life and an eternal place in God's presence in the life hereafter.

2. Get busy in God's vineyard. Get busy working for God, you feel God's presence more as you do.

3. Fellowship with the brethren regularly. Iron sharpens iron.

4. Develop friendship with brethren and be committed to others welfare. What you make happen for others, God will make happen for you.

5. Maintain an Eternal Focus - Set your mind always on heavenly treasures, and not just on the here and now of this life, life is much deeper than that. Let the testimony of Paul be your own testimony too at the end of your sojourn on this Earth. "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that

day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:6-8. (NASB)

6. Keep reaching out - Whatever your hand find doing, do it well. An effort to make new friends in Christ, and developing new habits that builds up your inner person with the help of the Holy Spirit, might not be a bad idea. "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:8-9 (NASB).

7. Hold no grudges - Remember in the case of Paul he chose to pray rather than exercise grudges, do likewise.

When no one supported him at his trial, Paul said, "May it not be counted against them." 2 Timothy 4: 16. (KJV)

8. Stay in the WORD

Constant and steady meditation on God's Word daily for relaxation and to ease the effects of stress on your life will go a long way in breaking you free from lonely feeling. Practice looking at yourself from God's perspective and not what people perceive of you. Study the Scriptures and meditate on verses that depict God's view of His children and encourage you in your walk with

God.

In conclusion, make every effort to make the most out of your time alone and, remember being alone is not necessarily a negative experience, but it can be a positive one depending on how you put it to use. I once read something very interesting in a CBN article and I quote, "Aloneness, or solitude, gives us a chance to reflect on our lives, to meditate on God's will for us and to find healing for the wounds inflicted

by the world. Many experts feel that we spend too little time alone and that we would all be better off by planning regular times of solitude in our lives."

Beloved, don't allow the devil to hijack your time alone and turn it to loneliness, rather allow God whose presence is with you to use your time of being alone to reveal His glory in you and through you.

"Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You

guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds." Psalms 73:23-26, 28 (NIV)

God bless you.

Wikipedia defines harvest as the process of gathering mature crops from the fields. This involves reaping, which is the cutting of grain from harvest. Harvest marks the end of the growing season, or the growing cycle for a particular crop.

Harvest is the natural consequence of planting. The natural results of past labor or efforts, hence, harvest time is joy time and the social importance of this event is marked by seasonal celebrations, found in many religions.

The principle of sowing and reaping or harvesting, is also very important to God. If you get a good understanding of this principle, it would help you to understand God's ways. The law of seed-time and harvest is God's method, put in place for our benefit. It is so important that God made a promise that as long as the earth continues, there would always be a time for planting and a time for harvest.

"Then Noah built an altar to honor the Lord. Noah took some of all the clean birds and some of all the clean animals and burned them on the altar as a gift to God. The Lord smelled these sacrifices, and it pleased him. The Lord said to himself, 'I will never again curse the earth as a way to punish people. People are evil from the time they are young,



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but I will never again destroy every living thing on the earth as I did this time. As long as the earth continues, there will always be a time for planting and a time for harvest. There will always be cold and hot, summer and winter, day and night on earth” Genesis 8: 20-22 ERV. King James Version puts it thus: “While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”

There is a right time for everything and it is our responsibility to find the right time to plant and the right time to harvest. I like the way the Good News translation puts it.

“Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses. He sets the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for pulling up.” Ecclesiastes 3: 1-2 GNT.

We should also note the preparations Noah made in the building of the altar before he made the sacrifice. If we want to reap bountifully, there are preparations we must make, before we can harvest.

Why do some people not harvest? It is either because they sow rightly at the wrong time, or wrongly at the right time. Obedience is key to a bountiful harvest. At the beginning of the year 2014, The General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, declared that the Lord asked members to fast for 40 days, to start at a certain period. The wise complied. Now in the year 2015, God told him it is the time to harvest the previous year's fasting. We shall indeed harvest in Jesus

name.

“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.

There are 4 steps involved in harvest. Understanding the principles driving the four steps is key to the quality of harvest to expect. The four steps are:

1. The seed
2. The soil
3. Tillage
4. Harvest

The Seed

In Genesis, God had commanded the soil to yield crops of its kind.

“And God said, let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good” Genesis 1: 11-12 KJV.

The law of Genesis is one of God's divine laws. Everything produces after its kind and the seed is in itself, it works that way in everything, whether physical or spiritual. The seed of hate is in hate. If you are the hateful type, the seed of hate in you would create more hate. If you give love, you will harvest love, because the seed is in itself. If you sow bountifully, you would reap bountifully.

“There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty” Proverbs 11: 24 KJV.

The Kingdom of God works similarly. Our Lord Jesus said it can be compared to a man who casts seed into the ground.

“And he said, so is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come”. Mark 4: 26-29 KJV.

A good seed is necessary for a good harvest, but people think it's going to happen just because they say it. Those who grew up in the village, know that during the planting season, before planting, the best of seeds are planted. Not insect infested seed. Similarly, you must examine your seed before you plant it, to make sure it is in line with the will of God for your life.

There is life in God's Word and God's promises are seeds for a harvest. To get result, you need to mix what you say with faith. This is illustrated below by the Lord Jesus to his apostles. Our Lord is also saying faith is like a seed, that you grow when you say it.

“And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye would say unto this Sycamine tree, Be thou rooted up, and be

thou planted in the sea; and it would obey you" Luke 17: 5-6 ASV.

You do not need a mountain of faith. All you need is a small seed of faith that grows when you say it, and it would turn into a mighty tree.

The Soil

The quality of harvest is dependent on the type of soil. Is the soil the road side type or rocky type? Is the soil amongst thorns and weeds or good and nourished soil? This is well explained by our Lord Jesus Christ, in the parable of the sower.

"Then Jesus used stories to teach them many things. He told them this story: "A farmer went out to sow seed. While he was scattering the seed, some of it fell by the road. The birds came and ate all that seed. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where there was not enough dirt. It grew very fast there, because the soil was not deep. But when the sun rose, it burned the plants. The plants died because they did not have deep roots. Some other seed fell among thorny weeds. The weeds grew and stopped the good plants from growing. But some of the seed fell on good ground. There it grew and made grain. Some plants made 100 times more grain, some 60 times more, and some 30 times more" Matthew 13: 3-8 ERV.

"Hear then ye the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the evil one, and snatcheth away that which hath been sown in his heart. This is he that was sown by the way side. And he that was sown upon the rocky places, this is he

that heareth the word, and straightway with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway he stumbleth. And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that heareth the word; and the care of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. And he that was sown upon the good ground, this is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; who verily beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty" Matthew 13: 18-23KJV.

What kind of soil is your heart made of? Remember our Lord Jesus said it is in the heart that the Word of God is nurtured. Is the soil of your heart made of dirt as by the road side? Or is it made of soil on the rocky ground that is not watered? Is your heart like the soil that is amongst thorny weeds, where distractions reign supreme? Is your heart like the good soil, that is aired, watered, and properly nourished with the word of God.

Another reason why people have poor harvest is laziness and carelessness. They are busy sleeping instead of tendering their seed and soil, thereby giving Satan the opportunity to wreck their seed.

Tillage

Tillage in agriculture is when you till the soil to remove weeds while sparing the crop plants. Similarly, as shown above, the heart of man is the soil and there are many forces contending with the word of God in a man's heart. What do we do with the word of God in

our heart? Do we go to bed or jealously nurture the word of God in our heart? Do we nurture the word of God in the soil of our heart with fasting and prayers?

"Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares also among the wheat, and went away. And the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? whence then hath it tares? And he said unto them, An enemy hath done this. And the servants say unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he saith, Nay; lest haply while ye gather up the tares, ye root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn" Matthew 13: 24-30ASV.

In the parable above, our Lord gave the example of a good seed being sown. We are not told what kind of soil it was sown in, but it does not matter, because while men slept, the enemy came and sow weeds among the seed.

Jesus said that we are the one planting the seed. We speak it out of our mouth, and when we speak it out of our mouth, it is a seed, that goes into the heart, the human spirit, where it begins to grow and produce. This shows that the heart of man is the soil, or ground and there are many

forces contending with the word of God in a man's heart. We see here the importance of your

heart to a bountiful harvest. Is your heart right with God?

Some of the forces (tares) contending with the Word (seed) of God in our hearts (soil) that would affect the type of harvest we obtain are, to mention but a few:

1. T.V.
2. Internet
3. Career
4. Greed
5. Lust
6. Gluttony
7. The list is limitless, you can add to it.

Harvest

As earlier mentioned, harvest is the natural result of planting, natural result of labour or effort. Harvest follows a process and a divine compensation and reward for past labour, sacrifices, sowing. If you follow these principles, be rest assured that you would smile and the harvest would come, because there is joy in harvest. Sometimes people give up before the harvest. Don't give up before your harvest come. It takes a while between sowing time and harvest time. Learn to wait for your time of harvest.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" Psalm 126: 5KJV.

Some facts about harvest

1. "Some people are too lazy to plant seeds. So at harvest time, they look for food and find nothing" Proverbs 20: 4 ERV.
 2. It is what you sow, that you will harvest. Do not deceive yourself.
- "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" Galatian 6: 7KJV.

3. The quality and quantum of the seed sown, will determine the quality and quantum of the harvest.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7KJV.

4. Pray and trust in the Lord, who is the Lord of the harvest, believing that He would reward you accordingly.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" Matthew 9:38KJV.

5. When you sow, according to God's will for you, expect your harvest.

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour" 1 Corinthians 3:6-8 KJV.

Examples of seed we can sow in God's kingdom

1. **Time:** We can sow seed of time by spending time in God's presence and engaging in activities that promote God's kingdom. We should work for God. In the book of Isaiah 38;1-5 the story was told of how Hezekiah got years added to his years because he had spent time doing the things of God. When the time came and he demanded for harvest, God heard him and added years to

him.

2.Talent: When you use your talent and special ability for God you will be rewarded. Joseph used his talent and ability to help people and a kingdom and he reaped bountifully . A man's gift maketh way for him.

3. Treasure. We should sow our treasure, resources, money in God's kingdom . Give it shall be given to you

4. Love and kindness: Sow love into lives, especially the brethren. Their father in Heaven will surely reward you. God is the father to the fatherless and the husband of the widow. "He who has pity on the poor lends to The Lord" Prov 19;17.

5. Fasting and prayers: God rewards us when we sow in fasting and prayers.

6. The word of God: Share God's word with people, believers and unbelievers. Instead of engaging in careless talks that leads to gossip, share the word of God With people. Evangelise and testify of God's goodness. The word of God is a powerful seed that will bring harvest of souls and great blessings which in turn earns you lots of reward. He that wins soul is wise.

7. All good seed: Sow every possible good seed. Whatever we do is a seed we are sowing. Let us make sure it is good and the very best. "Finally brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praise worthy—meditate on these things" Phil 4;8.

God bless you.

Ecclesiastes 12:1 KJV

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

Our entire human life is like a house that is being built; the durability of the structure of the house depends on the strength

clock to have a make up in life, especially when irreversible mistakes are made. The choices we make must be made with careful considerations.

It is therefore imperative to give our creator; the one who knows our purpose in life; the driver seat.

The earlier we hand the wheel

have a fire extinguisher before a fire

outbreak occurs. Knowing our creator, giving our maker a preferential consideration at the start of our journey in life gives us competitive advantage in life. Young Daniel had a great

relationship with the Almighty God right from his youthful

IN THE DAYS OF



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of the foundation and the quality of the materials used in building the house.

Our human life can also be compared to a project. Vital decisions that will determine the

success of the project are usually taken during the early stage and beginning of the project.

The days of our youth are usually when the decisions that will shape our life are taken. We

develop habits during this stage of our life. This stage of our life is very critical; considering that we cannot turn back the hands of

of our life over to him, the safer and the quicker we will arrive at our desirable destination in life. Inviting God into our affairs sooner in life will enable us enjoy his counsel and advice which will prevent us from making painful and often unrectifiable errors in

life. God has the best of our interest and he is willing and able to guide us in the best path that will give us joy and fulfillment.

The best time to turn on the GPS navigation system is not when you have been lost for hours

but right before you start the journey. It is always better to

days; this made his life exemplary and powerful. Daniel 11:32b (KJV) - "but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do

exploits".

Remembering our creator in the days of our youth will make us wise. The almighty God has all

the wisdom in heaven and on earth. The bible says in Proverbs 13:20 (KJV) - "He that walketh with the wise will be wise, But the companion of fools shall be destroyed" Wisdom will prevent us from

tragic mistakes and foolish decision. Wisdom will also set us apart, distinguish us and

make us great in life. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Remembering your creator early in life will keep you from being destroyed by youthful lust. God will teach you his ways early and this will help you escape temptations and deceitful traps of sin. The alluring power of youthful sinful desires is highly destructive. Sin after it is fully matured

leads to death. James 1:15 Says- "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when

it is finished, bringeth forth death" . Sin has the power to alter and destroy one's destiny. Joseph's

destiny was almost cut short by Potiphar's wife's desire to sleep with Joseph. Fortunately, Joseph escaped because he understood God's ways and the devastating consequence of sin.

As a result, Joseph was elevated and promoted by God; he fulfilled destiny and sin could not

overpower him because he revered God in the days of his youth. The FUN things that are

sinful can lead to FUNERAL of bright destinies.

Remembering your creator early in life will help you avoid seeking vanity and vain glory. Young people are often seeking self esteem through vanity such as gang-related activities and

fraternities. Seeking your creator early in life will help you discover the fulness of your self-worth

in the Lord God Almighty. God's approval becomes more important to you than human approval. God defines your identity and you will know who you are rather than trying to become who the media and the society wants you to be.

In addition, knowing your creator early in life, teaches you that God is dependable for all you will ever need or desire in life. You will not have to suffer from human disappointment due to the

unstable, inconsistent and unreliable human promises. You will learn early of God's faithfulness and you will realize that the help of human beings has limits and not always trustworthy. God will not fail you.

Connecting with God early in life will empower you to sow the right seeds that will bring forth the future you desire and most importantly; the future that God desires for you. God's principle will

teach you the right actions that you must take today for the tomorrow you can be proud of.

Galatians 6:7 KJV says " Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Also knowing God as a youth will help you devote the strength of your youth age towards

serving God ;which will attract a very immense reward in the future. Remember that your

glory

as a youth is embedded in your strength -Proverbs 20:29 KJV- "The glory of young men is their

strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head".

For success to be guaranteed in life, we must get our priorities right. Connecting to our creator

early in life must become our priority. Endeavour to set the horse before the cart. Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". Give God first place in life and he will ensure that you always come first in life.

In conclusion, the journey of life becomes enjoyable when the all-knowing is leading you all the way. Establishing a relationship with your creator early in life will prepare you to win in life. You will enjoy the wisdom which God gives to those who are his; for sound decision and choices you will not regret. With God leading and guiding you, you will avoid irreversible mistakes that

can cost you your destiny. You will have a dependable, reliable, unlimited, helpful, loving and

caring partner who will not leave you nor forsake you. Remember that God will not fail you when you serve him with your strength, time and devotion. He will take you beyond places you have ever dreamt of.

God bless and keep you.

So many parents think they don't have enough Bible knowledge to teach their children. That is far from the truth. You can teach your children God's Word.

Help your Children to Study the Bible.



dividing the word of truth."

Let your children know that you also love to learn the word of God, let them see the efforts you make to learn and be

instructed in the word of God.

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The first step to take is to know that you have that responsibility, believe that you can do it, don't entertain fear of inability and be a lover of the word of God yourself.

God has given you everything you need to do this. You don't have to be a seminary-trained theologian to read the Bible and talk about it. Besides, God would not have given you the responsibility unless He knew you could handle it.

The role of the home in teaching the Bible

Contrary to popular belief, the home—not the church—has been entrusted with the primary responsibility of teaching children the Bible.

In our age of professionalism we tend to hire out virtually every parental responsibility. We want George to succeed at sports, so we hire a professional for private coaching. We want Jenny to get into a good college, so we hire a special tutor to boost her SAT score. We want our children to be upstanding citizens and Christians, so we hire children pastor or youth minister.

There is nothing wrong with wanting our children to succeed (as long as we have a biblical view of success). Nor is there anything inherently wrong with

seeking help when we need it. However, it will be wrong if we have gone beyond seeking help to abdicating our responsibility.

If giving our children a biblical worldview is the why of family driven faith, giving them biblical instruction is the what. Our worldview shapes the way we think, but learning and memorizing the Scriptures determine what we think. For example, a child with a biblical worldview may understand the inherent dignity of his parents as human beings created in the image of God, but a child with biblical instruction also knows that the God who created his parents says, "Honor your mother and father." It is not an either or proposition but a both and mandate. We must give our children a biblical worldview, and we must instruct them in the Word of God.

In fact, without the Word of God there is no biblical worldview.

Take time to read the bible with your Children.

Attend Church bible study yourself, lead the way for your children to follow.

2Timothy 2:15 says "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly

Memorize the verses suggested for each God Idea. Write that verse in places where your child can see it: posters, computer screens, mirrors, etc. . Psalm 119:11 says "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Stay in God's Word. Every time and every where you go, Be proactive and intentional in teaching the God Idea,. Deuteronomy 6:1 to 9 records God's command to teach your children when you rise up and lie down, go out and come in. Wherever you go, keep the God Ideas in front of your child.

Use instructional materials and add fun to the teachings. For example you can use sock puppets to help you tell stories to your children and to act out situations with your child such as sharing, being kind to others.

Watch what you say to your children about others and what you say to them when you're angry. Say positive words to your children every time.

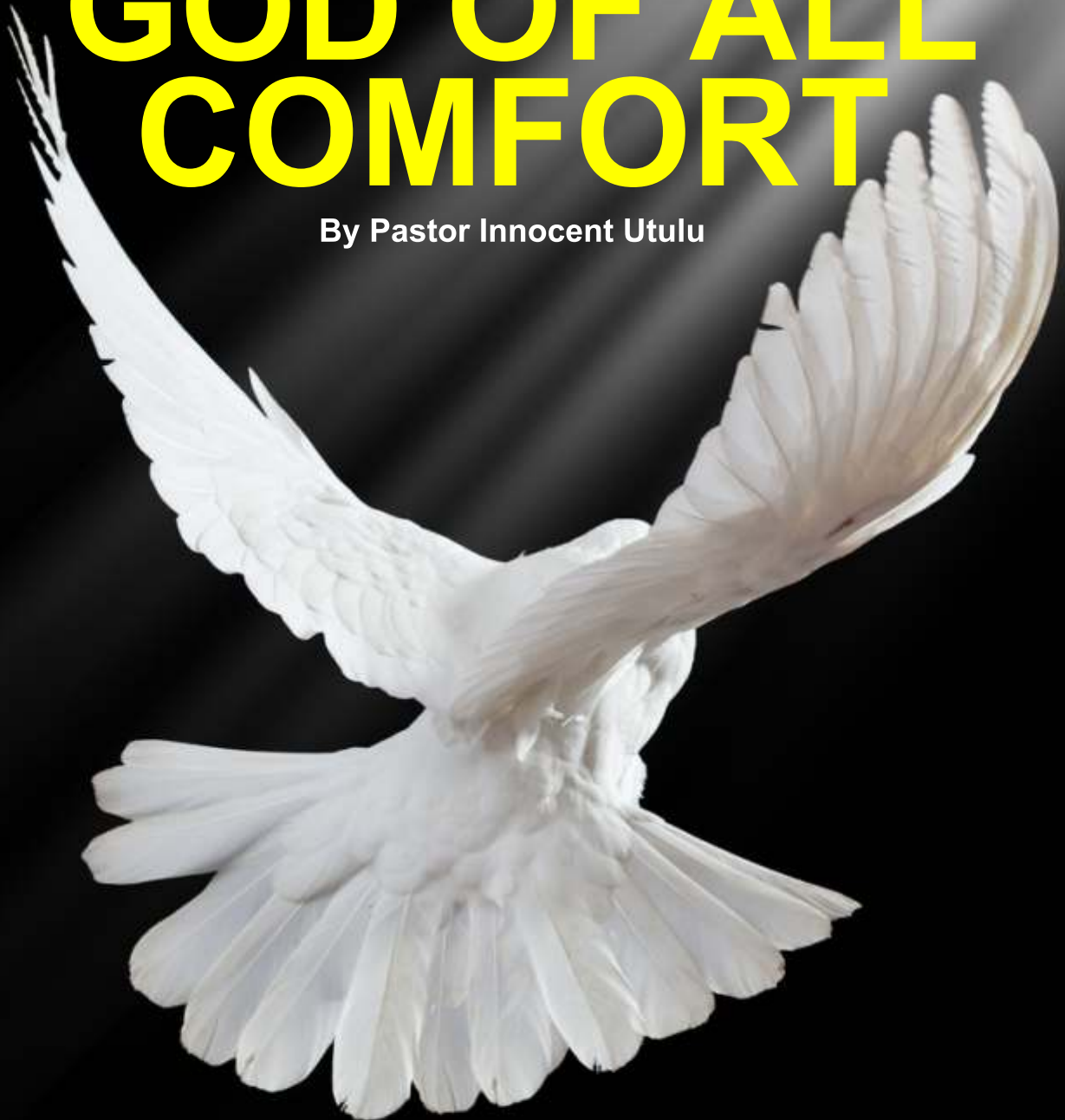
God bless you as you help the Children to study the word of God daily in Jesus name. Amen.

Please don't fail God, may The Lord help us all in Jesus name. amen.

God bless you.

GOD OF ALL COMFORT

By Pastor Innocent Utulu



“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” 2Cor 2:3-4

COMFORT means to sooth, to reassure, to bring cheer, to support and to encourage. It is

a state of ease and satisfaction of bodily wants. It also means relief or satisfaction.

In John 14:18 God assured us “I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.” Our God is the God of all comfort. In other words, He is a God Who comes to the weak and hurting with strength. (com-with, fort-strength).

We all need comfort at one time or the other in life and we have a very gracious and wonderful

God Who cares for His own. He indeed cares and will always comfort His own.

There are various unique ways God brings comfort to His children.

God can send people as instruments to be used to comfort us as He did in Exo 3:7-10 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know

down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

In the story recorded above we can see that the people cried, we can also say they prayed, God saw their affliction and He came down to help them, to comfort them and sooth their pain. How did God do it? God raised instruments that He used. God used men as extensions of His hands to reach His people that were hurting and needed comfort.

Let us see below different ways and means that God comforts or strengthens His children.

1. God comforts us through our faith in Him

Faith is the essence of the Christian life. Through faith, we have access to everything we need. Hebrew 10:38 says "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7)

When a Christian casts all his or her care upon the Lord, he is doing so by faith. He or she is fulfilling the word in Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." "He is putting his trust in the Lord, for he knows the Lord genuinely cares for him." "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5)

The woman who touched the hem of the Lord's robe was given encouragement and comfort because of her faith. "But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour." (Matthew 9:22)

This woman had suffered with a disease for twelve years. She had heard of the wonderful miracles of Jesus and believed that if she could but touch His clothing, she would be healed. This she did, and the Lord turned to her and encouraged her saying her faith had been rewarded. Our God rewards those who exercise faith in Him by comforting them. "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)

The woman with the issue of blood received her reward as she was comforted. I pray for you today that God will reward your faith in Him and comfort you. I encourage you to

continue in faith, keep trusting, keep believing, the God of all comfort will not deny you of comfort in every area you may be hurting in Jesus name.

2. God comforts us through His Word

Psalms 119:49-52 "Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law. I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself."

A Christian can find comfort from the word of God as written in the Bible. Romans 15:4 says "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Hebrews 13:5)

What great comfort that comes to the child of God when he is given the wonderful promises in the Word of God!

See how comforting and assuring the scriptures quoted below are;

"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." (2 Corinthians 1:20)

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;

and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3)

-There is great comfort in the Scriptures!

3. God gives us comfort by using other human beings as His instruments

All of us do go through some difficult times of great testing once in a while and during times like this God does send us comfort as He sends people to us. Paul had Titus as comfort at a time in his life, he also sent Tychicus to be a comfort to others

2Co 7:4-6 and verse 13 "Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation. For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus. ... Therefore we were comforted in your comfort: yea, and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because his spirit was refreshed by you all.

Eph 6:21-22 "But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: Whom I have

sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts."

We are comforted by good news we hear. According to Proverbs 25:25 "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country."

I pray in the name of Jesus that God will send you your comfort today through by sending people to you.

4. God gives us comfort through answers to prayers, meeting needs and making expectations to come through

Psa 126:1-3 "When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.

There is much comfort when needs are met. The joy and gladness that comes when prayers are answered and desires are granted can be very comforting. God will answer your prayers and meet your deepest desires today in Jesus name.

You cannot begin to imagine the comfort that Sarah received when Isaac was born.

Gen 21:6-7 And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me. And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should have given children suck? for I have born

him a son in his old age

Or the comfort that Hannah received when Samuel was born, she became a composer, a poet overnight. May God give you the blessing that will make you compose songs and write poems of praises to God in Jesus name.

1Sa 2:1 "And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the LORD, mine horn is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation."

Also you cannot begin to imagine the comfort that the lame man at the beautiful gate received when he was able to use his legs like others.

Act 3:8-9 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

5. God comforts others through us.

You can become an agent or instrument that God can be used to comfort others.

It is not all about God comforting you but you yielding yourself to God as a channel of comfort to others that may be hurting.

To be an agent of comfort does not mean that you are not in need of comfort but you chose to subsume your need of comfort under God to be used to comfort others that may be hurting.

In addition, God can allow you

to go through certain situations so that when you receive comfort through Him you will be able to empathize and comfort those that may be going through what you had gone through.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 says "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation."

Thessalonians 4:18 also encourages us to comfort one another. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."



Child of God, believer in Christ Jesus you will definitely at one time, one day cross the path of someone who needs some comforting, at that particular time, day or season you become the agent or carrier of the comfort such a one needs. At such times, please be a blessing and respond accordingly.

Allow yourself to be used to bring comfort and relief to others and you will see God move on your behalf.

There is this joy and blessing you receive when you are in a position to bear the burden of another and you actually go ahead to do it.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Jesus invites us all "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

God bless you and comfort you on all sides.

MARANATHA !!!



PROOF

An atheist professor of philosophy speaks to his class on the problem science has with God, The Almighty. He asks a believer...

Prof: So you believe in God?

Student: Absolutely, sir.

Prof: Is God good?

Student: Sure.

Prof: Is God all-powerful?

Student: Yes.

Prof: My brother died of cancer even though he prayed to God to heal him. Most of us would attempt to help others who are ill, but God didn't. How is this God good then? Hmm?

(Student is silent.)

Prof: You can't answer, can you? Let's start again, young fella. Is God good?

Student: Yes.

Prof: Is Satan good?

Student: No.

Prof: Where does Satan come from?

Student: From...God...

Prof: That's right. Tell me son, is there evil in this world?

Student: Yes.

Prof: Evil is everywhere, isn't it? And God did make everything, correct?

Student: Yes.

Prof: So who created evil?

(Student does not answer.)

Prof: Is there sickness? Immorality? Hatred? Ugliness? All these terrible things exist in the world, don't they?

Student: Yes, sir.

Prof: So, who created them?

(Student has no answer.)

Prof: Science says you have 5 senses you use to identify and observe the world around you. Tell

me, son, have you ever seen God?

Student: No, sir.

Prof: Tell us if you have ever heard your God?

Student: No, sir.

Prof: Have you ever felt your God, tasted your God, smelt your God? Have you ever had any sensory perception of God for that matter?

Student: No, sir. I'm afraid I haven't.

Prof: Yet you still believe in Him?

Student: Yes.

Prof: According to empirical, testable, demonstrable protocol, science says your God doesn't exist. What do you say to that, son?

Student: Nothing. I have only my faith.

Prof: Yes. Faith. That is the problem science has.

Student: Professor, is there such a thing as heat?

Prof: Yes.

Student: And is there such a thing as cold?

Prof: Yes.

Student: No, sir. There isn't.

(The lecture theatre becomes very quiet with this turn of events.)

Student: Sir, you can have lots of heat, even more heat, superheat, mega heat, white heat, a little heat or no heat, but we don't have anything called cold. We can hit 458 degrees below zero which is no heat, but we can't go any farther after that. There is no such thing as cold. Cold is only a word we use to describe the absence of heat. We cannot measure cold. Heat is energy. Cold is not the opposite of heat, sir, just the absence of it.

(There is pin-drop silence in the lecture theatre.)

Student: What about darkness,

Professor? Is there such a thing as darkness?

Prof: Yes. What is night if there isn't darkness?

Student: You're wrong again, sir. Darkness is the absence of something. You can have low light, normal light, bright light, flashing light, but if you have no light constantly, you have nothing, and it's called darkness, isn't it? In reality, darkness isn't. If it were, you would be able to make darkness darker, wouldn't you?

Prof: So, what is the point you are making, young man?

Student: Sir, my point is your philosophical premise is flawed.

Prof: Flawed? Can you explain how?

Student: Sir, you are working on the premise of duality. You argue there is life, and then there is death, a good God and a bad God. You are viewing the concept of God as something finite, something we can measure. Sir, science can't even explain a thought. It uses electricity and magnetism but has never seen, much less fully understood either one. To view death as the opposite of life is to be ignorant of the fact that death cannot exist as a substantive thing. Death is not the opposite of life: just the absence of it. Now tell me, Professor. Do you teach your students that they evolved from a monkey?

Prof: If you are referring to the natural evolutionary process, yes, of course I do.

Student: Have you ever observed evolution with your own eyes, sir?

(The Professor shakes his head with a smile, beginning to realize where the argument is going.)

Student: Since no one has ever observed the process of evolution at

work and cannot even prove that this process is an ongoing endeavour, are you not teaching your opinion, sir? Are you not a scientist but a preacher?

(The class is in uproar.)

Student: Is there anyone in the class who has ever seen the Professor's brain?

(The class breaks out into laughter.)

Student: Is there anyone here who has ever heard the Professor's brain, felt it, touched or smelt it? No one appears to have done so. So, according to the established rules of empirical, stable, demonstrable protocol, science says that you have no brain, sir. With all due respect, sir, how do we then trust your lectures?

(The room is silent. The professor stares at the student, his face unfathomable.)

Prof: I guess you'll have to take them on faith, son.

Student: That is it, sir. The link between man and God is faith. That is all that keeps things moving and alive.

Story of Genesis to Revelation

I went to Genesis Hotels through Exodus road. On the way, I saw Leviticus recording the Numbers of people at Deuteronomy, while Joshua was waiting at the beautiful gate for Judges to see Ruth calling loudly "Samuel, Samuel".

At a stage, the first and second Kings of Chronicles were coming to visit Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther for the misfortune of Job their brother. Then they noticed that Mr. Psalms was teaching his children Proverbs concerning Ecclesiastes and Songs of Solomon.

This coincided with the period

that Isaiah and Jeremiah were engaged in Lamentation for Ezekiel and Daniel their friend. By that time, Amos and Obadiah were not around. Three days later, Hosea, Joel and Jonah traveled in the same ship with Micah and Nahum to Jerusalem. Habakkuk then visited Zephaniah who introduced him to Haggai a friend of Zechariah whose cousin is Malachi.

Immediately after the old tradition, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John got involved in Acts with the Romans who were behaving like the Corinthians, who were also always at loggerhead with the

Galatians.

At that time too, the Ephesians realizing that the Philippians were close to the Colossians, suggested to the Thessalonians that they should first of all see Timothy who had gone to the house of Titus to teach Philemon his younger brother how to read and write in Hebrew.

On hearing this, James asked Peter to explain to him how the three Johns have disclosed to Jude the Revelation of my journey.

THE CALL FROM GOD

One Saturday night, a pastor was working late and decided to call his wife before he left for home. It was about 10:00 PM, but his wife didn't answer the phone. The pastor let it ring many times. He thought it was odd that she didn't answer but decided to wrap up a few things and try again in a few minutes. When he tried again, she answered right away. He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she said that it hadn't rung at their house. They brushed it off as a fluke and went on their merry ways.

The following Monday, the pastor received a call at the church office, which was the phone that he'd used that Saturday night. The man that he spoke with wanted to know why he'd called on Saturday night. The pastor couldn't figure out what the man was talking about.

Then the man said, "It rang and rang, but I didn't answer."

The pastor remembered the mishap and apologized for disturbing him, explaining that he'd intended to call his wife.

The man said, "That's okay. Let me tell you my story. You see, I was planning to commit suicide on Saturday night, but before I did, I prayed, 'God if you're there, and you don't want me to do this, give me a sign now.' At that point, my phone started to ring. I looked at the caller ID, and it said, 'Almighty God'. I was afraid to answer!"

The church that the pastor attends is called Almighty God Tabernacle.

PHOTONEWS



Christmas Celebration



Women of Impact Quarterly Fellowship



Naming Ceremony of Victoria Eniayewu



Victoria Eniayewu



Sade Okuyiga @ 50



Faith Oyinlade @ One



Couple's Dinner



Inauguration of Couple's Fellowship

Men's Special

Mighty Men of Mercy Hall 2nd Annual Conference
March 24 - 27, 2015

WELCOME ADDRESS

BY MOYOSORE OKUYIGA

On behalf of our Senior Pastors, Pastors Innocent and Christy Utulu and the Mighty Men of Mercy at RCCG Mercy Hall Parish of Katy, TX, I welcome you to the 2015 Men's conference.

The inaugural event that was held last year has now, by the grace of our dear Lord Jesus Christ, metamorphosed into an ongoing time of celebration and introspection in this church. It is really an honor for us to have you partake in this event with us this year.

The theme for this year's conference is "Worthy Portion". The dictionary defines worthy as something having great merit, character or value. Thus, a worthy portion is part of something that has greater merit than a single portion. It is indeed a double or more parts of a whole. It is a choice part of an object.

To be granted a worthy portion is indeed a desirable thing.

Over the next few days, we have many programs that will prompt us to give ceaseless praise and worship to God. We will start on Thursday with Faith Clinic in which some of our men will be speaking to us on the theme of our conference "Worthy Portion". On Saturday, the men will meet for some team building exercises. On Sunday, we have the grand Finale and special thanksgiving as the men under the leadership and a unction of the Holy Spirit will be directing most aspects of the church service. We shall be having a man of God who is very much part of us in Mercyhally share the word of God with us. I believe God will use Him to bless us as we all look forward to a glorious time in God's presence.

I invite you to join us in thanking and praising God for all he has done for us as individuals, families, group and Church over the past year. We pray that our Almighty God will give all of you Worthy Portions.

You are all welcome.



WORTHY PORTION

By IFEANYI NWANGWU

Worthy portion is having a valuable, deserving and estimable part.

HOW DO WE ATTRACT A WORTHY PORTION

1) **PRAYER & WORSHIP** : Prayer is a spiritual communion with God as in supplication, thanksgiving, adoration and confession. The Bible says in PHIL.4v6-7 = "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your heart. and your minds in Christ Jesus."

JOHN BUNYAN said ; Prayer is a shield to the

soul as sacrifice to the God and a scourge for satan.

2) **SACRIFICES** : It is the act of giving up something highly valued for the sake of something else considered to have a greater value.

Therefore I enjoin us today to start a sacrificial walk with God and fellow brethren 1SAM.1V7a = "AND AS HE DID SO YEAR BY YEAR."

3) **GIVING** : We must be obedient to God in our giving of **TITHES & OFFERING**.

Also seek out places we can give in the body of Christ through seed sowing and reaching out to the needy.

4) **HUMILITY** : Humility and humbleness in the face of odds brings lifting .As children of God

we should try to be respectful, sincere, and obedient.

EXAMPLES OF THOSE IN THE BIBLE THAT RECEIVED WORTHY PORTION.

HANNAH : 1SAM1V4-5

JOSEPH : GEN.48V21-22

JESUS CHRIST : PHIL2V9

CHARACTERISTICS/QUALITIES OF THOSE THAT RECEIVED WORTHY PORTION

a) They are loved 1Sam. 1:5b

b) Humble Phil. 2:8

RELATED BIBLE VERSES ON WORTHY PORTION Isaiah 61:7, 1Tim. 5:17

IN CONCLUSION - WORTHY PORTION IS EXCELLENT, VIRTUOUS, VERY GOOD ENOUGH, SUITABLE AND ATTAINABLE PORTION WE CAN ATTRACT THROUGH A QUALITY WORK WITH LOVE TO GOD. (GOD BLESS YOU)

Worthy Portion

- Timi Daniels.

Beloveth, in this article I will by the grace of God be discussing with us on the topic Worthy Portion. I am confident in God that before you read to the end of this message, you will see your portion in Jesus and you will take delivery of it In Jesus Name. Whatever worthy portion of yours is under the siege of the devil, today as you read this message, it shall be totally released unto you in Jesus name. Isaiah 61:7 "For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them" this shall be your portion today in Jesus name, !

Our bible text is taken from the book of 1 Samuel 1:4-5 "And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb" Elkanah gave portions to others but when he came to Hannah, he gave her, not just a portion, but a qualified portion "worthy portion"

Firstly what is a portion? This is a part of something that is shared with or between other people. To better understand this study let us also define the word 'worthy', it means having value, estimable, honorable, meritorious, having sufficient worth or importance. Therefore when put together, we can then define 'Worthy portion' to mean the act of giving a valuable, estimable and honorable something/gift to someone which has sufficient worth and importance.

Beloveth, life in itself, is of inestimable worth, no one has ever been able to give himself life, no man has ever been able to create a being and give it life by himself. The only giver of life is God, and that life is of inestimable value, it's the life of God given unto you to live. Therefore every true born again child of God is supposed to give a worthy portion of all that we have and we have been to God. In the process of you giving worthy portions to God, your value ,your worth and your qualification in Christ also goes higher. Your passion to give a worthy portion of all to God determines the quality of your testimony and the speed of your

recovery. I pray for you that the Grace to give God a worthy portion of everything He deserves and of everything you have, you will receive now in the name of Jesus.

Praises for divine Increase

In Psalm 67:5-7 the word of the Lord say, "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!" When your praises go up to God then your divine increase in life comes up from Heaven to you. For you to get a worthy portion of your increase in the land, it is essential to understand that the power of praise can rightfully deliver it to you. Praise to God is what we offer in acknowledgement of God's excellent being. Thanksgiving describes our attitude towards what God has done, while praise is offered for who God is.

Isaiah 43:21 explains that praise is one reason we were created, "This people I have formed for myself; they shall declare my praise." By showing forth God's praise your increase is inevitable.

Furthermore, in giving God a Worthy praise your worthy deliverance is made manifested, Psalm 18:3 says "I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies"

Acts 16:25-34, shows the awesomeness of God to deliver even to the uttermost when He showed up in the jail house and shook the foundation of the prison house where Paul and Silas were kept. Do you want a worthy deliverance, give him a worthy praise. I pray for you as you praise God wholeheartedly, let there be a shaking that will break open your prison door in the name of Jesus. Every prison door of the mind, thought, imagination, career, marriage, business, controlling your life, let it be broken in the name of Jesus.

"Where do I begin?" you may ask. "How do I start praising God?" Praise God for who He is to you, proclaim that God's goodness is without measure; it is abundant and overflowing! Praise God for His holiness, mercy, and justice (2 Chronicles 20:21, Psalm 99:3-4). Praise God for His grace (Ephesians 1:6). Praise Him for His goodness (Psalm 135:3). Praise God for His kindness (Psalm 117). Praise God for His gift of salvation for mankind (Ephesians 2:8-9) And as you do, your worthy portion of glory in Christ will be delivered unto you in Jesus Name. Praise is not the inevitable byproduct that comes when everything is going right in our lives; it is the driving force. Praise will get our focus where it needs to be on

God. If we start praising God in the middle of our problems, our problems will shrink so much that we'll hardly remember to bring them to God

Offering for Opening

Malachi 3:10 says – "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" Beloveth, let the truth be said, to experience your worthy portion of open heavens, then you must be faithful in your tithe and offering. Tithing is giving God the first tenth of all your increase. Apart from the fact that it's a spiritual command from God to make us walk in obedience to God's Word and support the work and vision of God's work, it is a unique force in the manifestation of your open heavens for worthy portions of blessings rain down upon your lives in accordance with God's Word. This is God's way of ensuring that your portions of blessings including financial breakthrough, becomes your portion. Furthermore, benefits of tithing, includes worthy provision for the house of God, Opening of the windows of heaven to pour out a blessing so great that there will not be room enough to receive it, the rebuke of the devourer (Satan) so that he will not destroy your portion, you will be recognized as blessed by men, you will enjoy God's favor on your life. 2 Corinthians 9:8 says "And God

is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." Give God your tithe, give him a worthy Offering and Worthy Portion of God's promises will be yours in Jesus name. Receive the grace to give in Jesus name.

Thankfulness for a tank-full portion

Beloveth, some individuals act as if they had nothing to be thankful for, a lack of thankfulness is a lack of thoughtfulness. Ingratitude is probably the less attractive attitude anyone could possess, the bible says in Psalm 50:14 "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High". Psalms 68:19 also emphasized this, "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation". This literary means God daily fill us with our portion of worth.

Thanksgiving describes our attitude toward what God has done, when you thank God for what you currently have, then a much more worthy portion of those things will be delivered unto you. Thank Him because of the prosperity he has given unto you, Deuteronomy 8:10 says "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee". Thank Him for making you measure up, Colossians 1:12 says "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in

light". Thank Him because that is His will concerning you, I Thessalonians 5:18 elaborated that "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you". For victory over sin and death thank Him, I Corinthians 15:57 says "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Furthermore, Philippians 4:6 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God". Thankfulness brings you worthy answers to your prayers. Thank Him for deliverance and salvation, and your portion of freedom is guaranteed, thank God for all of His Gracious Provisions Psalm 104, then you get worthy increases, thank God for His revelations through His Word, then your worthy portion abounds forever, thank God for His wondrous work in the lives of others - Ps 107; then we become a wonder worthy of emulating. Thank God for what he will do, according to His purposes & promises, then we have a worthy and a glorious future. Everything you thank him for, your lives will be tank full of the Worthy Portions of such, I pray for you, receive grace to be forever thankful in the Name of Jesus.

Love Portion

In the scripture we read at the beginning, what qualifies Hannah for a worthy portion was LOVE. The love Elkanah had for her. Same manner in

John 3.16, the Bible says "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. The LOVE of God automatically qualifies you for a worthy portion of eternal life. That love gives you the opportunity to give your life to Christ, and partaker of the kingdom heritage. In offering a worthy portion to God and getting your worthy portion in life, you must first be born again. Confess your sins and accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Please say this prayer out loud with me, if you are ready for this life changing and worthy encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. "Lord Jesus, I come to you today just as I am, I am a sinner. Forgive me all my sins, come into my life, I accept you today as my Lord and Savior write my name in the book of life. Thank you Lord Jesus for saving me." Amen. I congratulate and welcome you to the fold of Christ, continue steadfastly in Him and you will see how your worthy portion in Him will be rightfully delivered to you on daily basis.

Now pray these prayers, I am assured in Christ Jesus that your worthy portion in Christ, shall be delivered unto you, in Jesus name.

1. Thank God for the life you live.
2. Power of darkness hindering me from getting my portion in the land, be destroyed in the name of Jesus
3. My lost portion of glory, come back to me in the name of

Jesus.

4. Father, protect my portion from every invasion of darkness in Jesus name.
5. Every ancestral power loose your hold over my glorious portion in Jesus name.
6. My internal enemy, wither in Jesus Name.
7. My life, arise and shine, in the name of Jesus

The power of the spoken word is also upon the written word, now say Amen as I pray, Father in the name of Jesus, I pray for the readers of this message, let all activities of hell to hinder them from enjoying their portion of heaven on earth be terminated in the name of Jesus. Your word says in Gen 48:22 Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow, therefore I pray the uncommon portion that will place you above all, receive it now in Jesus Name. Let the Lord trouble every waters, where your glorious portion have been buried, and let it be release back unto you in the name of Jesus. Receive your worthy portion in the name of Jesus. I pray let the Lord restore unto you all your lost portion in the name of Jesus. Thank you mighty God for answers to prayers. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Enjoy your Worthy portion.

God Bless you.

Secrets To Receiving A Worthy Portion Blessing

By Elder Ojo

A blessing is the opposite of a curse. When you are blessed by the Lord, God would summon unforeseen forces, people and circumstances to come to your aid, and you would succeed where others fail.

To receive a worthy portion means God would bring to bear unparalleled help to make you succeed.

There are many characters in the Bible who received worthy portions, notably, to mention a few:

1. Elisha
2. Joseph
3. Hannah

What are the secrets employed by these patriarchs to receive double (worthy) portions? For lack of time, we would only take a few.

A) ELISHA

"And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." 2 Kings 2:9 KJV

1. Ask

Make your request known to God. Often, we do not ask and expect to receive. Jesus commanded us to: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7 (ASV)

When Elijah requested Elisha to ask what he wanted done for him, Elijah asked for a double portion of his anointing.?

2. Sacrifice

Elisha was a wealthy farmer, involved in mechanized farming. He left all to follow Elijah.

"So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was

plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him." 1 Kings 19:19-21 (KJV)

3. Persistence

Three times Elijah asked Elisha to turn back from following him; Elisha refused to be dissuaded. Elisha also did not allow the sons of the prophets to discourage him from achieving his goal (2 Kings 2:1-13 (KJV)

B) JOSEPH

"Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow." Genesis 48:22 (KJV)

How did Joseph achieve a worthy portion?

1. Sensitivity

Joseph had the ability to hear from God and was sensitive to the voice of God. He dreamt of his brothers and parents bowing down and worshipping him.

"For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream

more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me." Genesis 37:7, 9 (KJV)

2. Diligence and heart of Service

Joseph was diligent in the house of his master, and as a prisoner in the dungeon, he interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's butler, baker and the dreams of Pharaoh (Genesis 40). You should not wait to reach the mountain to serve; you can serve in the valley.

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." Proverbs 22:29 (KJV)

No wonder, he stood before Pharaoh and was commended thus:

"And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?" Genesis 41:38 KJV

3. Sincerity

Joseph was tempted by his master's wife to commit adultery with possible attendant benefits, but refused to yield to temptation. He was sincere to himself, sincere towards God and sincere towards others (Genesis 39:7-11).

4. Be humble and attribute glory to God

Joseph was humble about his achievements and attributed his abilities to interpret dreams to God. In all your achievements, attribute the glory to God, and not to self (Jeremiah 9:23, 24).

C) HANNAH

"And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up her womb. And her

adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the Lord had shut up her womb." 1 Samuel 1:4-6 (KJV)

How did Hannah achieve a worthy portion?

1. Worship

Despite the provocation by her rival Peninnah, because she had no child, we learnt that every year, Hannah went to the house of God to worship and to present her petition to God (1 Samuel 1:7).

2. Brokenness of Heart

Hannah realized her limitations and that only God could remove the reproach of barrenness from her life. She approached God with a broken heart.

"And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore." 1 Samuel 1:10 (KJV)

3. Vow

Hannah vowed to give back the child to God, should God remove the reproach of barrenness from her (1 Samuel 1:11). God answered her prayer. God honors our vows.

"And Israel vowed a vow unto the Lord, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities. And the Lord hearkened to the

voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hormah." Numbers 21:2-3 (KJV)

CONCLUSIONS

In concluding, how did people achieve double portion in the Bible?

1. Ask, make your request known to God.
2. Be prepared to sacrifice all for God.
3. Be persistent in your demand.
4. Be sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit.
5. Be diligent and have a heart of service, no matter your situation.
6. Be sincere to yourself, to God and to others.
7. Be humble about your achievements and attribute the glory to God; do not share in God's glory.
8. Have a heart of worship.
9. Be spiritually broken, do not be puffed up in your own eyes.
10. Make your vow to God and keep your vow.

God bless you.

SHALLOM.

Worthy Portion Through Tithing

- Charles Onwuachi

1 Samuel 1:5

"But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up her womb". (KJV)

But to Hannah he gave a double portion, for he loved Hannah, but the Lord had given her no children. – (Amplified)

"When Elkanah sacrificed, he passed helpings from the sacrificial meal around to his wife Peninnah and all her children, but he gave an especially generous helping to Hannah because he loved her so much, and because God had not given her children" – (Message)

When we take a look at the scriptures as it pertains to worthy portion we see that it is one portion of blessing that consists of double of what others receive and could be related to an unspecified quantity above what others receive hence the bible calls it "especially generous"- Beyond one's expectation or imagination.

This description is the same description that God presents in Malachi 3:10

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Here we see that God describes one blessing that continues to multiply until there is no more room to receive it and mandatorily it extends to other generations and nations around

Tithing is a secret to obtaining a worthy portion of blessing from God. When we read Malachi 3:12 – "And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts".

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We find that the worthy portion received from tithing will cause all nations to call you blessed. This testimony is found in Luke 1:48 – "For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." This was the testimony of Mary when God visited her and released the source of all blessings on her life. While others were having normal children after being with their partners, Mary was blessed with a child that would be the savior of the world and blessing to all of mankind. This scripture clearly without doubt tells us that she was a tither.

Also in Genesis 14:20 we read of Abraham paying tithes to Melchizedek and in Genesis 24:1 the bible declares that God had blessed him in all things. Hebrews 7:9 lets us know that Levi paid tithes in Abraham to let us know that the benefits transcends to unborn generations.

The blessings of tithing extend to security. There were about 120 disciples gathered in the upper room on the day of Pentecost and we know that Jesus had 12 special disciples that were with him. They heeded his call and consecrated themselves to him. In John 17:12 Jesus declared concerning them all that he had kept all the disciples and none was lost except for the son of perdition that needed to go for the scripture to be fulfilled. Tithing guarantees security and protection. The blessings of tithing are too numerous to count.

The tithe is 10% of one's income. In Leviticus 27:30 God tells us that our tithe is holy unto the Lord and that we need to give tithe of all – Gen 14:20

May God bless us all as we obey him in paying our tithes as it will certainly grant us access to our worthy portion?

Worthy Portion, The Seed Factor

By Eniyewu Samson

A worthy portion is an outstanding, peculiar and extraordinary share or lot awarded generously and favourably by the benefactor.

Contributing factors to enjoying worthy portion are as follows:

THE SEED OF WORDS

I Everything that exists begins with a seed

I The heavens and the earth were created by the seed of the word

Sow the seed of the word to create the worthy portion you desire.

I You shall decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways - Job 22:28 (KJV)

You shall decree worthy portion and it shall be yours

I Say unto them , 'As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you.- Numbers 14:28 (KJV)

I God is committed to enforcing seed time and harvest time for as long as the earth remains - Genesis 8:22

I Joshua and Caleb sowed the seed of good report by faith through their words and they inherited a

worthy portion. The spoke their way into the promise land. Canaan land was the worthy portion they harvested as a result of the seed of the word .Positive faith declaration through words works wonders.

A worthy seed usually brings forth a worthy harvest

The harvest from a seed is always quantitatively more than the seed sown.

A seed of orange will yield a tree of



oranges.

THE SEED OF GIFTS

Givers attract worthy portion. When you honor the Lord with your substance, He will bless you in return.

A worthy gift to the Lord will attract a worthy portion of blessing. Solomon got an unimaginable portion of blessing when he honored the Lord with the gift of a thousand burnt offering. God lavished him with a worthy portion of wisdom and much more.

Luke 6:38 KJV

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

2 Corinthians 9:6 KJV

But this I say, He which soweth

sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Proverbs 3:9-10 KJV

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be

filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

THE SEED OF COMMITMENT

God rewards sincere commitment and faithfulness with superior portion. Ruth's relationship with her

mother in-law is a very exemplary example of commitment and faithfulness. Ruth was enriched with a

worthy portion of good husband and she was favored to be in the lineage of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your commitment to God will commit God's hands to establishing a worthy portion in your life and

generations to come after you.

Your commitment and faithfulness to God will make heaven notice you.

Your commitment and faithfulness to God will secure you the most worthy of all portions - HEAVEN

Cornelius got God's attention through his commitment to God in prayers and charity, God visited him as a result and he gave him the most worthy of all portions - gift of salvation Acts 10

Sow a worthy seed for a worthy portion.

God bless you.

At the beginning of this year, God spoke through our Daddy in the Lord that this year is our year of worthy portion. We were encouraged to pray and fast and we actually fasted for a specified time as a congregation. We were encouraged to read and study the word of God and seek the face of the Lord at all times. God has laid a wonderful foundation for us already.

Brethren, God is faithful, there is no problem with God fulfilling His promises but we need to do our own part so that we can possess our worthy portion.

When our biological fathers send us to school, they provide us school fees, accommodation e.t.c, they make all the necessary materials we need to succeed available to us, but we must play our part by studying hard and also doing all it takes to have good grade. We shall not fail in Jesus name. We shall be looking at some parts we have to play in order to possess our worthy portion;

1. Engage in Good Habits and eliminate procrastination

A popular saying goes: "Watch your thoughts for they become words. Choose your words, they become actions. Understand your actions; for they become habits. Study your habits for they will become your character. Develop your character, for it becomes your destiny."

To begin with, what are habits? Habits are routines of behaviors that are repeated regularly and tend to occur subconsciously. They are recurrent and often unconscious patterns of behavior that are acquired through frequent repetition. They are practices we engage in without realizing we are doing them because they have become a part and parcel of us.

Merriam Webster's online dictionary, on the other hand, defines a habit as:

An acquired mode of behavior that has become nearly or completely involuntary. The prevailing disposition or character of person's thoughts and feelings.

Habits can be good and positive or bad and negative, depending on the effects they have on us and on the people around us.

Good and positive habits help to create routine and order that make us



HOW TO POSSESS YOUR WORTHY PORTION

By Sola Fatoki.

to be efficient and effective in life's endeavours, while bad and negative ones do the opposite.

Brethren, we should swing into action and stop every bad habit. Do what you should do immediately. Don't leave the assignment of today till tomorrow. Procrastination has kept a lot of Christians from possessing their worthy portion, eliminate procrastination.

2. Adequate Planning

Planning is a key to success in life. We need to do proper planning in our day to day activities. Take note that

majority of people that fail do not plan to fail, but they fail to plan.

In Luke 14: 28-32 the bible says "for which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying this man begin to build and was not able to finish."

Brothers and sisters, our life is like building a house, the builder needs to have the idea of the type of house he or she wants to build (planning).

He also needs to know how to get there and then work towards achieving it.

The truth is most achievers in life are planners. And we have a better chance as Children of God because as we plan the Almighty God through his mercies and favor will back us up.

Please note also that what defines us are not the big things we plan once in a while or occasionally, but the little things we plan on a regular basis. That is why it has been rightly submitted that greatness is borne out of adequate planning. On the other hand, failure also follows the same rule. People fail because of the lack of adequate planning.

3. Choose the right friends

Successful people are people who leave nothing to chance; they have a grip on how they use their time, how they allocate their resources, actions they take, activities they engage in and the people they associate with.

The bible says in 1 Corinthians 15:33 "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." Also in Proverb 27:17 the word of God says "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

You cannot surround yourself with chicken and fly like an eagle.

Your association is very important because we all need help and proper mentoring to attract our worthy portion, for example, Elisha had Elijah as his mentor, Joshua had Moses as his mentor and Timothy had Paul as his mentor to in attracting their worthy portion, please chose the right friend.

May you possess your worthy portion in Jesus name. God bless you.



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