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Introduction

The wise person will rule and reign.

Wisdom will cause you to dominate wherever you are. We are in the time when believers will command extraordinary results and do heaven on earth exploits base on the wisdom of God at work in them.

This is the wisdom age and anyone who can access the wisdom of God will command exploits. God created everything we can see by wisdom, as such in order for us to command the same kind of results or greater ones, we will have to operate by the wisdom of God.

If God could do nothing until He created wisdom, then you can also do nothing on earth without the wisdom of God. Wisdom is the tool God has placed in our hands to create heaven on earth.

Wisdom will be our differentiator this end time. When you operate by the wisdom of God, it will show. Wisdom is proven by its product.

Any great work you see is a proof of wisdom at work. As Dr. Oyedepo rightly said, “Only fools doubt proofs,” only a fool disregard wisdom. If you don’t have wisdom it will be proven by what you produce. Just look around, by the produce and works people are producing you will know those who are operating by wisdom and those who are not.

The wisdom of God is deep that is why it commands mighty results and acts. If you are not doing anything outstanding, above what is normal and beyond what is expected, you are simply operating by a lower class of wisdom and that is the wisdom of men.

The wisdom of God is above all, that is why it produces above all kind of results. If there is anything needed more in this time, it is the wisdom of God. King Solomon became the richest man in the world by the operation of God’s wisdom in his life.

He created a lot of things that were mind bugging that kings, queens and noble men had to travel from all over the world to see for themselves the proofs of his wisdom.

Why is it his wisdom? Many people will argue that it is God’s wisdom. Yes, it is.

But the moment God gave him the wisdom, it became his. God will not take it back again.

People may have thought that those people came to see the wisdom of God in display. They came to see the Wisdom of Solomon not that of God. If it were the wisdom of God, all they needed to do is look around them at the mountains and all that God has created to see His wisdom in display. It was the wisdom of God put to work by Solomon.

But despite all that, they traveled a long distance to see Solomon's wisdom at work. God has no challenge giving man His wisdom. All that Solomon did was as a result of his portion of wisdom God has given him. Man must return all the glory back to God for what the wisdom accomplish in their lives. This is also wisdom from above. God only want you to give Him back all the glory, the wisdom is yours to keep.

Because Solomon received and personalized the wisdom God gave him, he was able to produce things that no man had ever produced, created and done.

And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon. 1 Kings 4:29-30, 34

The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, besides that from the traveling merchants, from the income of traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country……. So King Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. Each man brought his present: articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate year by year. 1 Kings 10:14, 23-25

O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions. Ps. 104:24

"But wisdom is justified by all her children." Luke 7:35

If you are not ready to receive and personalized the wisdom of God, then you are not ready to command strange results and do exploits that will command the

attention of the world.

He Kept Asking For Wisdom

Dr. Oyedepo said, “Wisdom should be the basis for any commission or task God puts into your hands. With it as a base, you are billed to reign. When others are stranded, you will still be taking sure and purposeful steps. This is because you are putting the mind of God in you to maximum use.”

In 1998, God sent me to Dr. Oyedepo to learn of him and among the things I see visibly operational in his life is the wisdom of God. Like Solomon, he asked, received and personalized the wisdom of God and as a result, he is producing the kind of results that only very few dare to produce.

He said he asked God for wisdom everyday for two years. You can see visibly from his work and impact that the wisdom was not gotten in vain.

Every believer has access to the wisdom of God, but only those who personalize, own and use it to create heaven on earth will reign by it.

There was a time when like everyone I thought all I needed to do to have results in ministry was just kept on praying. So I prayed and fasted. I assumed that if I am not getting his kind of results, then I need to fast and pray some more.

One day, I was watching TBN and Jettison Franklin was sharing about how he fasted for 21days and got a breakthrough in ministry. So I declared a 21days fasting and prayer in my home. We also needed breakthrough.

We started, but then something happened on the second day. I heard a strange sound in my body as if a car engine had knocked down. After that rather than get the breakthrough we so desired, my wife and I became sick. My two years old daughter, who I have been teaching how to pray for the sick, had to lay hands on me and prayed for my healing.

Why didn’t we get the breakthrough? We lacked wisdom. Of course, it’s there in the Bible but we lacked the wisdom or mind of God concerning it. This is because we only obtain results in areas where we have the wisdom of God (know the mind of God).

The wisdom of God will make you a god on earth with a godlike result and proofs. Prayer is good, but rather than use it to ask for things, ask God for wisdom and you will have everything you need and much more. Wisdom will

produce what you need.

In 2006, I visited Canaan Land for the first time. Rather than go to the hotel where I will stay, I went around the massive Faith Tabernacle asking God for the kind of mind or wisdom that built it. I reasoned that if it was the wisdom of God personalized by Dr. Oyedepo that built it, then I can do same if I own the wisdom of God. It's the same and available for everyone who is desirous. Surely, God wants Canaan Land in every town as He desired the Garden of Eden to spread all over the world. So with my Bible on my head, I walked around asking God for the wisdom operational on God's servant, Dr Oyedepo.

God's gift to you is His wisdom, but what you do and produce with the wisdom is your gift to Him. You can now understand how pleased God is with Dr. Oyedepo. Imagine all the gifts he has been giving God through the productive use of God's wisdom.

Connecting to God's wisdom is tapping into the divine virtue to perform at your maximum potential. So without the wisdom of God you will be limited in life. You will not be able to do all that you have been assigned to accomplish on the earth.

Wisdom is the principal thing you need to succeed on earth. Without it, you will never do anything extraordinary that will astound people. We are to show the world the multifaceted wisdom of God by our works and proofs.

The height any man will reach in life will be a function of the wisdom he exhibits. When you look at where Dr. Oyedepo started and the height God has taken him to and is still taking him, you will not disproof the fact that wisdom is the key to it.

In this book, I want to reveal to you the wisdom he practiced to become who he is and to have the kind of ministry he has. That wisdom is not far from you. It is in your heart and in your mouth. Ask for it. Receive it by faith. Own it. And use it to bring the glory of God to the earth and also to give glory to God on the earth.

Welcome to the dispensation and age of God's wisdom at work in men.

Wisdom One

Give Attention To The Word

Covenant Principles

[Things are hidden temporally only as a means to revelation] For there is nothing hidden except to be revealed, nor is anything [temporarily] kept secret except in order that it may be made known. If any man has ears to hear, let him be listening and let him perceive and comprehend. And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you and more [besides] will be given to you who hear. For to him who has will more be given; and from him who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away [by force]. Mark 4:22-25 AMP

Dr. David Oyedepo sayings:

“The Bible is the most valuable volume in the world. It is the oldest, yet the most current; the most ancient, yet the best seller of all times. It is the most widely quoted of all texts on the earth, and its principles will rule most of the civilized world today. Its laws make up most of the contents of all legal systems worldwide; and its contents touch on all aspects of human existence-spiritual, intellectual, physical, moral, social etc. I believe the Bible is the most dependable and reliable text on leadership. Yea, the written word is in absolute command of all the happenings in the world. The written word rules both the natural and spiritual worlds. Holding to the written word by faith puts you in command of the happenings in this world. Surely, the entire world will continue to grope in darkness without the written word of God.”

Whoever gives attention to the word of God is a wise person. This is because the word of God is the source of the wisdom of God. I learnt this principal lesson from Dr. Oyedepo.

He taught me that the word of God is the key to living a lifestyle of heaven on earth and that one can only experience God through His word. So by giving attention to the word, one is literally committing himself to God.

Therefore, a Christian can only go as far in life based on the attention he or she gives the word of God. Not being serious about the word of God is the reason

why a lot of people are stagnated. The word contains the life of God.

Wise people are always on the lookout for the most important thing in life and once they find it, every other thing becomes secondary. They build their lives routine around it and commit the best of their time to it.

I always thought the Bible was a book full of stories, that God must have nothing to do than to tell stories. Most preachers see it the same way; as a result they render it void of power. The Bible became just a philosophical book that tells the story of a rebellious people and a loving God. That was the idea of the Bible I had.

Then in 1985, God began to introduce me to Bible correspondence courses. Among them all, the one I most remember was the study of the book of John. I was sent a small Bible of John Gospel. I read it on and on. Through the knowledge of that book, I made Jesus Christ my mentor not Lord. That will take another thirteen years to happen.

I believe every new Christian should read the gospel of John on and on to understand who Jesus is. It gave me the right foundation of what it means to be a Christian.

Prior to becoming a Christian, I remember telling someone that there is no need becoming a Christian if I cannot do the same things that Jesus did. I did not know it then, but that statement came out of the word that I had planted in my heart from 1985-1991. Then I heard God tell me, “Greater works than this shall you do. Till that time I had never been a member of any church.

After I became a Christian, God instructed me to go to His servant Bishop David Oyedepo to learn. There I learnt that the word must be the foundation of all I do. That shaped my mindset to the word of God. People complained that so little time is given to praise and worship, but more is given to the word. Why? I complained too. Yes everything done in his ministry is based on the word of God.

That kind of showed me how the man thinks and does his things. Anything he wants to do, he must first have a word for it. That is very important. The word is the ultimate in his ministry.

He is really guilty of the accusation that he gives more attention to the word of God than to anything. But look at the results he is having, they are simply

unprecedented. Many ministries that had given attention to stories, fables, comedies, praise and worship and every other thing except the word, have no such results to show for it.

Giving attention to the word of God is therefore, the beginning of wisdom. If you have no time for the word, then you must be very busy going nowhere.

Everything Dr. Oyedepo says are really the product of the word of God. As a result of the attention he gives the word, his mind and speeches are controlled by the word. He thinks and speaks the word. His words are deep because the word of God has been sown deep into his heart. From the depth of the word, he speaks.

Whatever your mind attends to, your mouth will always leak it out. If you give attention to the things happening in the world, those are exactly what you will talk about. All you need to do to know what someone has been giving attention to is to listen to what the person is saying.

To Dr. Oyedepo, the word is the life of God and anyone who is really serious about making a mark on the earth would have to give attention to the word of God.

Anyone who gives maximum attention to the word of God will reap maximum benefits. Until you give attention to the word of God, it will never enter into you. And when the word is not in you, there is no way you can operate as a god on the earth.

Dr. Oyedepo said about this that, "…… When the word of God enters your heart on any particular subject of life, that entrance automatically makes you a god over that circumstance and causes you to operate in the realm of the gods- the supernatural."

The word of God has the capability of making you as wise as God on any matter. And since the essence of wisdom is to make or create things, it then means you can only create heaven on earth when you give maximum attention to the word.

I reasoned that if Dr. Oyedepo gives so much attention to the word of God, there must be a great benefit behind it. So I also began to build my lifestyle around the word, rather than just fit the word into my schedule. The word became my constant companion.

In this life all you have to do is look at the results someone is getting, if it is

something you admire and desire, then just study the person and know what he constantly give attention to. That is where his secret lies. The Secret of success is in one's daily routine.

Wherever your attention goes to, that is exactly where your life will end up and that is key to what you can produce. It is therefore wisdom to give attention to the right thing and the word of God is indeed the right thing to give attention to.

Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many. I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. When you walk, your steps will not hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble. Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life. My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Prov 4:10-13, 20-22

This Book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." Joshua 1:8

'If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.' John 15:7-8

Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Meditate on these things, give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you. 1 Tim.4:13,15-16

It is wisdom to give attention to the word of God because it makes you wise as God.

Check out ministries that are not growing and prospering and you will discover a pastor and a congregation that does not give attention to the word of God. Dr. Oyedepo command great and mighty result as a result of attending to the word day and night.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Ps. 19:7

But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of,

knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim. 3:14-17

It Means Study

Stop toiling and doing and producing for the food that perishes and decomposes [in the using], but strive and work and produce rather for the [lasting] food which endures [continually] unto life eternal; the Son of man will give [furnish] you that, for God the Father has authorized and certified Him and put His seal of endorsement upon Him. John 6:27 AMP

Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved [tested by trial], a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15 AMP

You men of Israel, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man accredited and pointed out and shown forth and commended and attested to you by God by the mighty works and [the power of performing] wonders and signs which God worked through Him [right] in your midst, as you yourselves know. Acts 2:22

Giving attention to the word means studying and meditating on the word. Nothing gets you approved and certified for mighty works like studying the word of God.

Studying the word is digging deeply into the word in search of wisdom. Those who are too busy to study the words will lack wisdom to produce great results.

No student gets certified to practice without first giving attention to studying. The wisdom of God is the certification you need to practice in the kingdom of God.

As you continue studying the word, you are truly a student of Jesus Christ and when you have well studied and approved, you will have the right to operate like Him.

Dr. Oyedepo is a perpetual, never-graduating student of the word. While many

pastors may have graduated and moved on to something else, the word is still a major part of his life curriculum.

It means Meditation

This Book of law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success. Jos. 1:8 AMP

Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. Ps. 119:97-99

Meditation is simply milking wisdom out of the word of God. There is no how you can have access to the wisdom of God if you don't give attention to it.

Meditation is eating the word of God by thinking on it. Dr. Oyedepo will always say that he eats the word. By eating the word, he optimizes the wisdom that is available in the word. Thinking the word of God is the way to milking it of wisdom. It squeezes out the juice of wisdom out of the word.

For you to produce superior results, you will need to be wiser than the people of the world. Therefore by thinking on the word of God day and night, you will become wiser than the people who do not. Why not make it a lifestyle to always think on the word of God.

People, who think the word of God, don't ever get stranded in life. As you think on the word, your mind equalizes with God and you are able to see other opportunities and open doors that only God can see. You literally see through the eyes of God.

It Means Praying The Word

In this manner, therefore, pray: Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:9, 10

If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. John 15:7 AMP

"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. For by your words you

will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” Matt. 12:34, 37

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. 1 John 5:14-15

Speaking and praying the word is another way of giving attention to the word. People who speak their problems are simply giving attention to them. Each time you speak the word of God, you are declaring the wisdom of God.

Dr. Oyedepo speaks and prays only the word of God and God performs those words. They will never return back to God empty. They must accomplish the reason why they are sent.

Praying the word therefore is giving attention to the word of God. Praying or speaking the word of God is the same as speaking the wisdom of God. As such anyone who prays or speaks the word of God is wise. Dr Oyedepo is full of the word of God as a result the word of God naturally flows out of him. He is simply filled with the wisdom of God and his works are a proof of this.

Everything Must Be Based On The Word

Without the word of God as the foundation and basis for whatever you are doing, your work will not last eternally. The word of God is the only thing that guarantees perpetuity.

The word of God is the bridge between you and eternity and whatever is built on the word will be stable and will withstand any assault by natural and demonic forces because it has its root in eternity.

When I started the church, anything that comes to my mind is assumed to be from God. Without verifying and finding a word from God to back it, I go ahead to implement it and it’s not surprising that I always fail.

But on studying Dr Oyedepo, I found out that he must have a set of scriptures for everything he wants to do. Those scriptures are the certificate from God that he has been approved to execute the task with the wisdom and power of God.

The word of God is the seed from which all supernatural works are obtained. If you don’t base what you are going to do on the word of God, count God’s backing out. No matter your prayers, it will lack the supernatural power of God.

The word of God is the first and principal requirement for any project to be backed by God. Without the word of God, you can do nothing.

God only works with His word and nothing more. Therefore, if you don't make the word the foundation of all that you want to do, God will not be involved even if he commissioned you for the task. If the foundation of your life and ministry is not founded on the word, you are going to labor without results.

If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? Ps 11:3

And they went out and preached everywhere the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen. Mark 16:20

But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Luke 4:4

"If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken). John 10:35

When I began to understand this, I got scriptures for what God has instructed me to do and meditated on them and then began to pray those scriptures as resources for God to work with. Before then, I use to forget those scriptures.

What I didn't get then was that the word must first get planted in my heart before I can reap results from it. When the word enters my heart, it takes up the life of God and manifest as a miracle.

When the word enters your heart, your soul become enlightened to receive all God has made available for you and to receive divine ideas and understand how to go about fulfilling all that God wants you to achieve.

You literally become a god on earth like God. Every result you will get will just be as if it is God that is doing His word. Because in truth, He is the one working to ensure that His word doesn't return back to Him without accomplishing the reason why it is sent.

Do you now see the basis for the kind of results Dr Oyedepo is commanding? If not for the word that is the foundation of all that he is doing, he would not have produced the kind of results he has.

When you begin to constantly allow the word of God to gain entrance into your heart, it will become easy for you to obtain the God-kind of results in your life, family, business and ministry.

Nothing can happen to you above the word of God that has entered your heart. It is the foundation of greatness.

My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart, for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Prov 4:20-22

Your word is a lamp to me feet and a light to my path. The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. Ps 119:105, 130

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. James 1:25

The word is the key to a sweat-less, supernatural exploits.

God will only create and confirm His word that is spoken.

Wisdom Two

God is the Source

Covenant Principle:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Phil. 4:13, 19-20

Dr. David Oyedepo's sayings:

"Someone once asked me: 'Brother David, what is the secret of the exploits in your ministry?" Without hesitation, I replied, 'Absolute dependency on God. This is built on three scriptural philosophies. I have come to a point in life where I have resolved that.

- Whatever God cannot do, let it remain undone.
- Whatever God cannot give me, may I never have it.
- Wherever God cannot take me to, May I never get there.

Absolute dependency on God! God only and God forever."

It is really the highest form of wisdom to make God your one and only source. But it is harder for people who have not come to appreciate the place of the word of God. There is no how you can just wake up one morning and decide that God is your only source.

I tried it but couldn't hold on to that. I heard Kenneth Copeland, Oral Robert and Dr. Oyedepo teach that we need to make God our only source. So I also declared to God that He is my one and only source. But not long after, I find myself looking at other areas to serve as a source. It is a process that begins with getting immersed in the word of God.

It is really easy for many of us under an inspirational teaching to make some decisions, but once we are out and our decision meets the road, we quickly abandon our decision.

Decision like this one is easy when you are a person who has made the decision to commit and attend to the word of God. When I made that decision, I attended more to movies than to the word of God. Your decision will always be proved.

Don’t make decisions that Dr Oyedepo had made until you have made a quality decision to think like him and develop the habits that sustains his decisions.

God is the only wise God, so making Him the source of your wisdom and everything you need is really wise. But that is not possible except your mind is renewed with His word and your heart is filled with it.

There is no one who will ever tell you that God is not their source. Talk is really cheap. It is the practicing of God as your only source that is the challenge. It means your eyes must be focused on His word. God will only use His word to supply your need. So if you are not attending to His word, He is not your source.

Some years back I confided in a friend that it is easy to believe God for healing than for prosperity. Then I began to hear teachings on helpers of destiny. They actually sounded interesting and convincing, but each time I listen to either Kenneth Copeland or Dr. Oyedepo, they shatter those teachings. There is no helper of destiny like God and faith in Him is all you need for your destiny to be helped.

It is really foolishness to depend on men or things while preaching that you are dependent on God. Pastors may deceive themselves but they cannot deceive God or the people perpetually.

It is hypocrisy to preach what you don’t practice. If your pastor has a job he goes to during the week, he has no right to teach you to trust in or depend on God. If he practices it, everyone will naturally denominate to that experience. God said that everyone who preaches must live by what they preach and not a job.

A lot of things pastors tell their members to do can only be picked through modeling. If I plan my life based on my Salary and not the word of God, I am not really wise. No matter how I teach about faith in God, what the people will see and desire is the job I depend on and not God.

I believe Dr Oyedepo stopped collecting salary because he must have noticed that he was depending on it-looking forward to the end of month. The salary must have begun to take the place of God as his source. It happens subtly. That will definitely limit the blessing of God on his life. And when he removed that out of the way, God became his exceeding reward.

I learnt from Dr. Oyedepo that when God gives you an assignment, don’t ever consider money or resources before you start. Simply lay hands on the word of

God and milk it of all the resources and money you will need. Your provision is not in anything or anyone's hands. It is in the word of God.

Pastors have abandoned their assignments and even the ministry simply because they never got the resources needed to execute God's assignment. A friend once told me that he stopped an assignment. I asked why and he answered that there was no money. That if God wants him to continue, He would have supplied the needed funds. What he doesn't know is that God has supplied all he needs and extra in His word. All he needed to do was get the word and meditate on it.

That kind of statement is embellished with unbelief and coated with ignorance. I have heard pastors say that for every vision there is a provision. Yes, of course. But you won't access that provision until God becomes your one and only source. Prayer won't help if you are not depending on God. Crying and begging Him is even worst. He won't give you attention.

From Dr Oyedepo I learnt that anyone who gives God's word attention and God becomes His source is the person that will have God's attention and at the same time His provision.

We can easily become distracted from having God as our only source. It is far easier to depend on people, your skill sets, abilities and education than on God. It happened to me and I argued with God many times. He will tell me that I am having confidence in my ability and I will say no.

Of course, He knew more about me than I do. Yet I kept disagreeing with Him. Wise people don't argue with God, they accept whatever God said. I was foolish then.

Have you ever noticed that it is easier to disagree with God than to disagree with your mind or flesh? We argue because whatever God tells us to do may sound foolish and kind of humble our flesh. Dr. Oyedepo said, "Your mind is too small to lead you." Our mind and flesh fights back with arguments.

Yet, we depend on it than on God. What you do and say first when you are experiencing a challenge is a pointer to whom or what you are depending on. If it is God you are depending on, you will run to pray and then come out declaring the word but if it is man, you will run to him to beg.

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it,

a sense of God’s wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It’s wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. Phil. 4:6-7 TLB

Trust in God

When you trust God, all fear of what man will or can do to you dies. You only fear men when you are depending on them. The day I saw in the scriptures that I should only fear God who can kill both soul and spirit, I was freed from the fear of man.

When you trust in anything apart from God, when that thing falls, you will fall with it. But God doesn’t know up and down. He is always above all. That’s why the path of those who trust God is ever shinning and getting brighter and brighter each day.

Overconfidence is not trust in God but in either your ability or someone else’s. God is able to use something insignificant to do something great. God’s ways and instructions may not always line up with the way everyone sees it. Let God be the source of your blessing.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. They have bowed down and fallen; but we have risen and stand upright. Ps. 20:7-8

In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? Psalm 56:11

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Isaiah 26:3

When God began to deal with me about trusting Him, I had to teach a series on it that lasted for about three months. I was in full time ministry, but still my heart was not trusting in God. That’s because my mind was not focused on God and His word. The heart of man is really deceptive; it can deceive you to think you are depending on God while in the real sense you are trusting in man or your job.

I really tried. I thought trusting God was something I needed to confess or that I needed to show in my face. But I realized, it is a heart issue and until I fill my heart with the word of God, trusting God was the last thing that would be on my mind.

How do you know who or what you are trusting in? The first thing you say or the person you call when you are faced with a challenge is a pointer to where your heart is.

Instead of believing that He will do what He called me to do; I tried using my effort to make it happen. All I needed to do was to submit my abilities to Him and allow Him to work through them. That is what trust means.

It doesn't mean resigning to fate and doing nothing. Far from it, trusting God is all about taking steps in faith based on God's word, His instruction and direction.

If you are waiting on God and doing nothing, you do not trust Him. You are simply whiling away precious time that you would have used to achieve much.

God is a covenant keeping God, not a promise keeping one. It is the covenant that comes with a promise and not the promise that controls the covenant. Doing your own part of the covenant is what trust is all about with God.

Whatever you base your decisions on is exactly what you trust in. If you will not take a step until you have the whole money in hand, then your trust is in money and not in God.

He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. 1 Thess. 5:24

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be naughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, Who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 1 Tim. 6:17

If you trust God, then you will throw yourself with total abandonment on Him, not caring what will happen, because you know that God will show up on your behalf. You cast all your cares on Him because you are absolutely convince that He cares for you and has the ability to keep His part of the covenant.

Trust is to be fully persuaded that God will never fail you.

Seeking God's Help

Anyone who relies on God for help has made God his source. Forget destiny helpers. If God will not help you no man can.

I know of pastors who rely on destiny helpers, but never amounted to much. To Dr Oyedepo anything that is not included in the word of God is not divine wisdom, so he has no time for that.

Yes, he reads secular books but use the word of God to judge it. If it says anything contrary to the word of God, it is not something to depend on.

Seeking God is proof that you have made Him your source. Check out the lives of people who are doing great exploits for God on earth and you will discover that all of them are God's seekers. It is in seeking God that they obtain the help and wisdom of God in the times when it is needed.

All other people will prefer to call others than call on God; remembers others than remember God. I heard of a humorous story recently. There was an emergency and someone suggested they should seek God about it, and then another asked whether it has gotten to that? No matter what and how it is, big or small, you need the help of God. And that you can only get when you seek Him.

When you start seeking God's help for the smallest issues that affects you, it won't be long when you can run to him for life threatening emergencies. When Dr Oyedepo's daughter was dying, rather than seek any means to heal her, he went to seek God and got the help of God.

He would have been running from pillar to post never finding the solution. But in the bosom of his God is all the help he needs to have all of his needs met. Indeed, God is the present help of anyone who seek Him in the time of trouble.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Ps. 121:1-2

'Be strong and courageous; do not be dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before the entire multitude that is with him; for there are more with us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles." And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah King of Judah. 2 Chron. 32:7-8

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. Ps. 46:1-3

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are very strong, but who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the Lord! Now the Egyptians are man, and not God; and their horses are flesh, and not spirit. When the Lord stretches out His hand, both he

who helps will fall, and who is helped will fall down; they all will perish together. Isaiah 31:1, 3

If you make the arm of flesh your helper in ministry or life, what will happen when he or she leaves or dies? You are in trouble both ways. No man can ever give you what God will give you.

There is no amount you ask from God that He will tell you that Dr Oyedepo and Kenneth Copeland have emptied the account. With all they are doing with the supply that only God brings and that is in billions of dollars, God's account is still overflowing.

No man will ever give you more than he has or even all he has. But God has given you all that is His and much more than that. All you need to do is just to make Him your help.

When you seek God first in all situations, you will have everything you need to do mighty works and great exploits. We lack in ministry, not because we are not reading the Bible and praying but because we are not seeking God for help.

Most times when pastors of small churches pray for a need, they have a particular person in mind who they hope will give it to them. So they try to manipulate the person through spiritual schemes and gimmicks.

God can take care of you using birds. All you have to do is to seek Him. Don't limit and corner Him. He promised to make a way where there seems to be no way. Your problem should not be how it will happen, but to seek Him. If God can furnish meat in the desert to the Israelites, made four lepers to be multimillionaires in a day, use a raven to feed Elijah and multiply loaves of bread and fish, then your case is very small indeed.

All it takes to make you a millionaire is not time but an idea. And that idea will come if you'll give attention to His word. The word will make you rich beyond your wildest dream.

When someone steps into ministry but find out that it is never easy; instead of stepping up his seeking God, he dust his certificate to look for a job to take care of him and the ministry. Your provision for ministry is not in the vision; it is in seeking the provider of the provision.

You can have vision of becoming a billionaire from God and die penniless if you don't make seeking God a constant in your life. It is while seeking God that you

receive wisdom or strategies on how to do what He has called you to do.

If you listen to the testimonies of Dr. Oyedepo, you will find out that every major breakthrough in his life and ministry was a product of spending time with God.

Wisdom Three

Read to Think

Covenant Principle:

And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your hands, as we commanded you; that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing. 1Thess 4:11-12 KJV

Dr. David Oyedepo Sayings:

“Information is an important way to sharpen the mind. As you expose your mind to information relevant to your field of endeavor, transformation into a man of impact in that area becomes inevitable. When a believer gives himself to rubbing minds with others through reading and researching, he can be said to be sharpening his mind or brain. This is because the authors of those books are higher minds, so by interacting with their writings, he is exposing his mind to information that will lead to his transformation. If that is true of books written by human authors, how much more when you sharpen your mind with the word of God, whose author is the only wise God? You will become a star indeed! That is why you need to sit down in consistent and concentrated study.”

Reading will only inform you but thinking about what you read will transform you. Many of us read for the sake of reading, but Dr. Oyedepo reads in order to have resources to milk wisdom from.

The major work of a human being or spirit is to think. That’s why God gave us a soul. Whatever you are thinking about gets created on earth. By default, our minds think of evil, so we keep on producing evil and wickedness. That’s why we need to train our mind to think on the word of God.

I used to celebrate the volumes of books I have conquered. But when asked what I gleaned and can apply from those books, I go blank. I thought all I needed to do was just read and read and read and everything will just happen by itself.

I, like many other people was just ignorant. Eating food will not help you until it is digested. Even though your stomach may be filled and heavy, as long as the food is not broken down into glucose, you will still be malnourished and without energy.

So reading is just the stair case to the throne of wisdom. What gets you into the throne room is thinking about what you have read.

I really had no time to think of what I was reading. The reading process was much more enjoyable. Then when I heard that Dr. Oyedepo studied 26 biographies and analyzed them before starting ministry I began to have a rethink about just reading anything.

I know people who read the Bible cover to cover twice a year, but you will never see the effect of the word of God in their lives. Rather than make wise decisions, they most times are either afraid to make one or rely on others to decide for them. They give away the control of their lives to things.

Look at it; the same word of God they read is the same that Dr. Oyedepo also reads (he doesn't have a special Bible made specifically for him), but the word they read did not profit them because they did not process it through thinking.

If reading on its own will make people wise, then professors and librarians would have been the wisest and richest set of people on earth. But that is not it. If they were rich, they would not need or have to depend on a job or a salary. Wisdom will always come out when we think on the word.

God's word is the source of His wisdom, so by thinking of the word of God you are basically rubbing mind with the wisdom of God and no matter what, it will build you up and sharpen your mind to think and reason at the same frequency God is thinking. You can't rub mind with God and your mind remains the same. It will enlarge in capacity and deepen in thought.

What exercising does to the muscles, thinking does to the mind. Your mental muscles therefore are the wisdom you operate with. So if you are not operating by wisdom, it means you have not been applying your mind to think on the word of God that you have been reading.

Thinking turns the Bible from a story book to the living and life giving word of God. So as long as you are contented to just read the Bible as a religious obligation, nothing really meaningful and worthwhile will happen in your life. Thinking is what makes books come alive in you. It gives creative ability to whatever you have been reading.

I experienced this first hand when I first travelled to the United States. While in secondary school, I read a lot about the US so much so that when I first got there

it was just as if I had been there before. The places just look familiar to me.

Thinking, which is the process for the production of wisdom, creates exactly what you are reading. Anything must first happen in your mind before it will happen in your life. So if you are not reading and thinking of the Bible on a daily basis you will not be creating heaven in your life.

From this I learnt that it is not the volume of scriptures I read in a day that matters but the ones I think about consistently. So all I do is, like Dr. Oyedepo, I pick scriptures that has to do with what I want in my life and just spend time thinking about them and imagining them as real.

Life is simply a mirror of what is happening in your mind. From our minds flows the issue that life is made up of. So whatever you are thinking about whether good or bad, you are bringing about. Life will only give you what you produce by thinking.

The great ministry and wealth Dr. Oyedepo has produced were first created in his mind as he thought about the word of God. That is why he is successful and prosperous in everything that he does. You have to be intentional about thinking the word and be disciplined to watch and monitor what you think about.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, which brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. Ps. 1:2-3

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.” Matt. 12:35

Control What You Read

How many people out there will really like it when someone pours trash into their house or even on them? I believe no one will stand still and not retaliate or attack the culprit. Yet, every day we allow trash to be poured into our minds.

Maybe because most people don’t realize the power of their mind to produce for them what enters into it, so they don’t count it as anything. Someone may dress like a king, and look like a model but will have a garbage can mind. All the trash in the world are thrown there.

I learnt from Dr. Oyedepo that above everything else that I have, I need to

protect my mind. I need to guard it from trash.

Before I learnt this, I was used to reading anything that I find. Both trash and good are constantly being poured into my mind; it didn't take long when the trash became predominant. It occupied all the space.

I began to produce the kind of things I didn't like and rather than blame myself, I blamed the devil, demons and everyone except myself. My mind was playing tricks on me, but I didn't know.

What I did was give the control over my mind to the devil. But I didn't really know that was what was happening. I was aiding and abetting the will of the devil rather than doing the will of God. At a point I thought that was how God made me. It became like a second nature to me.

What I want to do I could not do but the things I didn't want to do I find myself doing. I never knew the problem was what I was thinking. It was producing for me what I was seeing in my life.

How many times have you experienced this? It is called programming. Our thoughts determine our character, habits, actions, belief and destiny. If you are producing the kinds of results you don't like, understand that you are engaging the wrong kind of wisdom through what you think.

Just as God created the human mind to create heaven on earth, so also does the devil perverts it to create hell on earth. Whatever you are thinking about you are simply producing in life. It may not appear at once, but it will eventually. Whatever you expose your mind to will very much determine what you think of.

The result was that I cut off from some people who I identified as people who nurture negative thoughts in me, and then I became very selective of the kinds of authors and preachers I read their books and listen to their messages. Anyone we associate with, transfers images into minds through the words they speak. Like Dr. Oyedepo I became highly protective of my mental turf.

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Prov. 4:23

For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells;

for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. Rom. 7:15-23

And that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will. 2 Tim. 2:26

If you can control what you are thinking, you can take control of your life and destiny. Your destiny will never go higher than what you are thinking. Poverty and riches are a state of the mind. If you think rich, you will end up producing riches. That is what wisdom will produce for you.

It is really amazing that we work hard and long and do everything to be rich except take time to think rich. You may get money but will never be rich, because wealth is the result or effect of people thinking rich.

Wisdom also builds a great church. So if you are having a small church, borrow a leaf from Dr. Oyedepo and start thinking big mega church. Visit Canaan Land and don’t leave until you are able to think big.

At the beginning it may not be easy to control your thoughts, but as you persist in doing so, thinking what you want becomes easy for you to do. It starts by controlling what you see and read.

Here is what I learnt: anything I want to do, I first get a scripture for it and begin meditating on it, then get books, DVDs and CDs by people who are producing the kind of results I want and study their materials until their anointing and thought process sink into me. My aim is to get to a point that I think the way they think.

Imagine What You Read

Imaginations are the reality of an invisible world. Until you are able to breakthrough into the realm of the invisible through your mind, you will be limited in what you are going to achieve on earth.

Dr. Oyedepo understands that wisdom will always create for you in real life what you can imagine. God did not create the earth and everything in it out of nothing.

He created it out of His imagination. Everything God created, He first imagined it.

He created us with the ability to imagine and create things. If you are too busy to imagine how big your ministry should be, you will never have it. Whatever you see is what wisdom will create for you on earth. The world is being ruled by dreamers who unleash the power of their imaginative process.

Dr. Oyedepo share his own experience of imagination in his book, Exploits in Ministry; “I’ve often said that I’m not surprised at where we are today; I would have been surprised if we hadn’t gotten here, because I was walking in its reality many years before they began to manifest. I was walking in the reality of my future long before they materialized. I was sweating and screening while teaching one day in church in Kaduna in 1984. Then I paused and said to the people, ‘wait a minute, don’t think I am crazy. I’m speaking to the large crowd of people I see outside this small building that you cannot see.” That’s why no matter how big our church building is today, people will always be outside! I saw multitudes when we were still very few. The day I was screaming at the top of my voice while preaching, we were less than thirty. I was screaming and the microphone was cracking I needed to scream for those I could see outside with my mind’s eye to hear me. Nobody inside that day understand that I was screaming to an invisible crowd; but what I saw in the invisible has become visible today.”

A lot of pastors hear this and go to their churches and start preaching and screaming as if that is what made Dr. Oyedepo’s ministry to grow. They are too busy to have time to seclude themselves and imagine where they want their ministries and businesses to be. But they want to shout it out. Shouting won’t help you if you have not imagined it first.

What they don’t know is that he always go into his study or office and sit on his thinking chair to imagine what he wants. He is purposeful about what he imagines.

While growing up someone told me that I can travel to all the countries I desire to travel to if I can just read about those nations and imagine myself travelling through their streets. I have had Déjà vu experiences based on what I imagined.

Your imagination is the raw material wisdom uses to create. What you will never imagine you won’t experience. Create the reality of where you want to be and

how rich you want to be first, before doing and saying anything to actualize it.

Your experience in life is simply the product or mirror of what you have been imagining. Everything you can conceive in your mind will happen in your life. It must first be impossible to your mind before it will be impossible in your life. So whatever becomes of your ministry and business must first happen in your mind.

Through your imagination you can walk in the reality of the kind of life you want to live. God will never perform or produce for you what you have not imagined.

And the Lord said to Abraham, after Lot had separated from him: “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are-northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.” Gen. 13:14-17 emphasis mine

And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Gen. 11:6 KJV

Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, “I see a branch of an almond tree.” Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word.” Jer. 1:11-12

The only limitation to what God can give you is how far you can see. He can only do exceedingly abundantly based on what you see. The exceeding abundant of God multiplied by you seeing nothing is nothing.

Go to the Bible and look for words that has to do with what you want and begin to imagine the word happening. The way I learnt to do this is to read the scripture thrice or more a day and ponder it. Soon I will begin to dream of it and imagine it as real and then it will begin to happen.

Possess a Spiritual Mind

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the spirit, the things of the spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor

indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Rom. 8:5-8

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Cor. 2:14-16

While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor. 4:18

It takes a spiritual mind to produce supernatural results. A carnal mind does not mean a sinful mind but rather a mind that is focused on the things of this world rather than eternal things.

It is a mind that is focused on what it can see presently and not what will be tomorrow. A carnal mind is not concerned about imagining what God has promised and creating it on earth. But what already exist and can be seen and by so doing perpetuating it.

There is no how you can have a great ministry or business if your mind is still carnal. It takes a spiritual mind to make a difference on earth.

Dr. Oyedepo understands this, that’s why his mind is always fixed on God, His word and assignment. He doesn’t have time for everything. Focusing your mind on the word makes it to operate at the frequency of God.

The spiritual mind is in partnership with God and as a result produces the God kind of supernatural result. The carnal mind is dead to spiritual things and cannot produce anything that has to do with God.

It can still produce something but not in line will what God expects you to have. I was taught that confession brings possession, so I confessed a great ministry and wealth. I never possessed it because my mind was carnal and can’t imagine and produce it.

The meditation of my heart and the confession of my mouth must be in agreement for the supernatural to happen. If not I am just on my own. When I attend to spiritual things (the word of God is spirit) my mind will become spiritual and my mouth will declare spiritual things and wisdom will bring the words to pass.

Wisdom Four

Say Only What You Want to See

Covenant Principle:

Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands? For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is vanity. But fear God. Eccl. 5:6-7

Dr. David Oyedepo's Sayings:

"This is the substance in your spirit, which you give voice to. This is what you hope for, what you see in your heart. So, when you give voice to it, it produces in the physical, because you have conceived it in the spirit. What you desire or hope for must be conceived on your inside before your words can produce them in the physical."

It is wisdom to only say what you want to see happen, which means, it is the highest form of foolishness to keep on saying exactly what you don't want to have.

That was the state I was in. I will declare in the church that the church will grow but once I was with my friends, I will pour out my frustration. I kept telling them that it is hard to grow a church. Why should I care? I believed I was saying the truth and it was glaring to everyone.

To say anything else would have been a lie. That's what I thought. But we kept on praying that God should increase our membership. We did everything to make it grow except change what I was saying. I became a hypocrite before God and as a result my words no longer have meaning to myself and to the angels of God.

As I continued to talk about the stagnant, not-growing church, that image was being built and fortified inside of me. I began to blame the devil, the city and the people, for the church not growing.

One day I was listening to Jerry Savelle and he talked about how he asked Kenneth Copeland that despite all he had done, he still was not prospering. Kenneth Copeland simply told him that his big mouth was the problem. At first

Jerry Savelle got angry and threw away all of Kenneth Copeland's tapes. He could not comprehend it. He took it personal. But eventually he got back the tapes and listened to them.

I had a tell-it-as-it-look mentally. Dr. Oyedepo later made me to know that what I am saying in private is the reason why the church was not growing. I still could not believe it. How can what I was saying have any connection to the church growing or not growing?

I began to suspect that he must be involved in some metaphysical, mind-over-matter thing. To me churches grow no matter what you say.

Then one day I heard him said that he told his staff that anyone who ever says there is no money will be fired. My conclusion was that he must be a very wicked person. What connection is there between saying there is no money and having no money? I reasoned that surely if there is no money, is it not lying to say there is? A lot, but then I was very ignorant. I reasoned that if there is no money, saying there is, is tantamount to lying. He must be encouraging lying then. I was not only ignorant of this wisdom, but ignorant of the fact that it is a spiritual and a covenant principle.

Years, later when I looked back at those times of ignorance, I laugh. I wonder how many ministries are stagnated today because the pastor continually say what he doesn't want to have and keeps having what he doesn't want but kept saying it.

I mean it doesn't take anything to make the connection. The whole world was made out of words as such is controlled by words. It responds to any word you say. So also does your body respond to the words that you speak.

Whatever you have right now is what you have spoken about many times before. You will never have anything in this life that you didn't open your mouth to say. Your life is meant to be satisfied by the words you continually speak and not by your salary or effort.

This means anytime you open your mouth to say anything, like God you are engaged in a creative process. God creates everything by the words that He speaks and you are created in His image and likeness, which means you have the same speaking-creative ability.

But you may wonder why you have been declaring something and they haven't

appeared yet. The only things you are permitted to create by the words of your mouth are the things that are abundant in your heart. That is what you have thought about, imagined and believed.

Take someone who never keeps to a promise or time for instance. It gets to the point that he doesn't believe his words, why should angels even believe what he is saying? Not keeping to a promise or time of appointment is really a form of unbelief in manifestation.

God spoke what was in His heart into reality not just because He was God. If it were not first in the reservoir of His heart in abundance, He would have continued to say it and nothing would have happened. It is a principle that He set in place that even Him must abide by it. He cannot break it even if He wants to.

Words are carriers of images and whatever image you have formed within you will eventually be manifested when you keep saying it and never doubt.

As I was reading a book by Pastor David Ibiyeomie of Salvation Ministries, a protégé of Dr. Oyedepo, he said the church he is pastoring was built to greatness by the words he kept on declaring. I guess he must have learnt that from Dr. Oyedepo who must have done the same thing.

Dr. Oyedepo said, "If you believe, then you must express your faith by saying what you believe. You have potent spiritual substance (faith) in you. When you speak it out, you release it into the atmosphere, to accomplish the spiritual things you have settled in your heart. Your mountains are removed spiritually when you believe, but are only manifested physically as you speak what you believe."

The image of what you want must become real on your inside before your words can produce it. There is no how you can produce prosperity if the image of poverty is abundant in your heart. You can declare prosperity for hundred years, and just be a poor old man as long as the image remains that of poverty.

Speaking transfer what is in your heart and make it real on earth. The words you believe and speak will always become flesh. That's how to craft your world.

So as long as a pastor has the image of a small church, no matter his declarations and confessions, nothing will ever change except he purposely decide to change that image. Your words only manufacture in real life the image in you. It brings forth the substance of whatever is in you.

"For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For

every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." Luke 6:43-45

A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth. Prov. 12:14

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. Heb. 11:2

Your ministry will never grow based on what you see. In actual sense, the people you see in your church are simply the effects or echo of the people you are able to see in your mind. Whatever you have not conceived, your mouth will never birth into reality.

Hide yourself until you have really developed the image of what you want in you before you declare it.

Be A Man Of Few Words

From my studies, I found out that men of exploits are men of very few words. They say few words because they concentrate all their thoughts, feelings and will in speaking those few words.

I was used to talking and long after I had finished talking I would feel dissipated of energy. By the time I would be praying or declaring the word of God or even preaching it, I would feel empty. But if you talk about the word more, you'll get anointed with the spirit and full of power.

Dr. Oyedepo taught me that the last person you need to hear from before going to preach should be God and not man and as such, you have to remain still and quiet. Because in that stillness, that is where you will know and see God in manifestation.

You see, every time you talk so much about other things in life you are simply leaking power. When you need the power or anointing you would have been emptied. It is wisdom to be a man of deep thoughts and a man of few words.

If you are given to much talking about everything except the word of God, you will only be speaking empty words. The Bible calls it idle words.

Dr. Oyedepo speaks to produce. That is his profession. He knows that his mouth

was given to him to produce heaven on earth, so if he is to use it to talk trash he won't be able to use it to talk about heaven and expect it to be a reality on earth. So he minimizes his talk and concentrates his thoughts.

Just study small church pastors and you will understand what I am saying. They are talkers. They talk about everything that is happening around them. They become news broadcasters rather than heaven broadcasters. They know all about the evil that is happening in town but don't know what is happening in heaven. Rather than talk the word, they talk what they see around them.

In order to become like Dr. Oyedepo, the first thing we did was to give out our television set and the satellite dish. And stay away from the news papers in order to concentrate on the word of God. It may sound unconventional to many people, but I tell you it is helping us and keeping us undistracted.

Yes, we may not always know what is happening around us but we do know what is happening in heaven and what God needs. And that makes our words much more operative and powerful.

Since I don't really know what is happening, I can't discuss it with people. But I know what is happening in heaven, so I talk about that more with the sole aim of producing the same on the earth.

"Should a wise man answer with empty knowledge and fill himself with the east wind? Should he reason with unprofitable talk, or by speeches with which he can do no good? Job 15:2-3

In all labor there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty. Prov. 14:23

A serpent may bite when it is not charmed; the babbler is no different. The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious, but the lips of a fool shall swallow him up; the words of his mouth begin with foolishness, and the end of his talk is raving madness. A fool also multiplies words; no man knows what is to be; who can tell him what will be after him? Eccl. 10:11-14

And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. Luke 24:11

O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. 1 Tim. 6:20-21

But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. 2 Tim. 2:16

God gave you a mouth so that you can speak heaven and His will into existence. That's why you will give account for every idle (inoperative and nonworking) word you speak. It is really evil to speak anything other than the word of God.

If Jesus is your Lord, then your mouth should be used to speak only what He has assigned you to create. You are not permitted to talk about all the evils that are happening around you. You are to be a man of few words who only speak what God wants done on earth.

Really no one ever taught us that our mouths were to be used to bring heaven to the earth. I thought it was for eating, gossiping, bite biting, and complaining, blaming and evil speaking but not to bless and create heaven here and now.

No wonder you find parents cursing their children with it. God sees that as wickedness, evil speaking. You are not even supposed to use it to talk about the evil things that are happening around you.

Everything you keep on talking about end up coming about. Rather than talking about heaven, we speak multitude of words about the evil around us and it continues to escalate, yet we are surprised why.

Don't be! Because by talking about evil, you are simply planting hell on earth. Whenever you imagine evil, close your mouth and don't utter a word, because you will be creating that evil on earth.

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Ps. 34:13

Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven and you on earth; therefore let your words be few. Eccl. 5:2

If you have been foolish in exalting yourself, or if you have devised evil, put your hand on your mouth. Prov. 30:32

Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it. Eph. 4:29 AMP

The greatest evil is for a pastor to climb the pulpit and talk about all the evils that are happening in the world. That is very shameful and debasing. No matter what is happening, Dr. Oyedepo will never mention it but rather will preach the message God has given him and declare the blessing of God over it.

That is matured wisdom. Be a man of few words and use your mouth to do the will of God on earth.

Speak The Word Of God Always

And I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, that I may plant the heavens, lay the foundation of the earth and say to Zion. “You are my people.” Is. 51:16

He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receive His testimony. He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.” John 3:31-32, 34

And He said to them, “You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him…… When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.” John 8:23, 26, 28, 38

“For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.” John 12:49-50

…..The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. John 14:10

It is wisdom to always speak the word of God. The word of God is wisdom, so speaking it makes you wise too. But many Christians think they are wiser than God, so they speak their own words and not that of God, yet they expect God to bring them to pass. They are walking in disobedience.

God is not your slave. If you don’t seek His will, your words are meaningless to

Him. Jesus got all His prayers answered not because He was the Son of God but because He spoke the word of God.

Really I am amazed at a lot of pastors. You can talk for hours with them and never hear them speak the word of God. They are too full of the world that it chokes the word of God. I remember one in particular that I visited one day; I would take us into the Bible to discuss and talk the word and the next thing he would take us out of it. I told myself that this kind of person will never succeed in the work of God.

Many people deceive themselves to think they are in ministry while all they are doing is working for the devil and not God. If you are working for God, then you will always speak His word. There is no vacation from God's work.

The work of God is faith and faith will always speak the word of God. Which means if you are not speaking the word of God, you are not doing the work of God.

One thing I am very sure of is the fact that he speaks the word of God always. There is no how you can make so much impact like him and not operate by faith. The supernatural is triggered by speaking God's word and his ministry is a supernatural ministry.

He said, "Since whatever a man sows is what he reaps, the things you say are what will happen to you. So, begin to say exactly what you want to see, because until you say it, you won't see it….. It is not always the first time you say a thing that you see it. But keep on saying the right words in faith, until the harvest manifest. The more contrary things look, the louder you must declare the way you expect them to be, and you'll have what you say. If you must enjoy the supernatural, you need to mind what you say about your life, person, business, career, marriage, property, children etc. Until you know how to use your tongue correctly, you can never enjoy a colorful future."

If you want to enjoy heaven in your life then keep speaking the word of God. As you speak the word, you become anointed with wisdom, the deep multifaceted wisdom of God without measure.

As you speak the word of God, you become the voice of God on earth and His angels are bound to attend to everything you say. The same authority that God's voice carries, yours will carry too if you keep speaking the word.

Wisdom Five

Walk With The Wise

Covenant Principles:

Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass. For they do not sleep unless they have done evil; and their sleep is taken away unless they make someone fall. For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. But the path of the just is like the shinning sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble. Prov. 4:14-19

Dr. David Oyedepo's Sayings:

"A man who befriends ungodly men and listens to their counsel will be destroyed. The man that will be blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly. Wood cannot sharpen iron. Look for another sound mind to share ideas with. Make friends with wise men and you will be wise, you will grow from strength, enjoying God's eternal blessings."

Friendship is by choice and not by force! How very true this is.

When I came to Akure to start ministry, I thought foolishly that every Christian can be your friend. Someone accused me that I think everyone is like me and that was the truth. That was one of the first mistakes I made in ministry.

Subtly, I was influence to do the wrong things that one should not do. I stopped tithing and my life became very tight. I couldn't pray enough and never heard from God for three years. I couldn't buy books to read because those people don't read. It was really my darkest days.

Now I make sure that I choose the people that I allow around me. I met a pastor recently who said he knows that he is cheating himself (not studying and praying) but at least he is making money. That same person expects me to visit him.

Another pastor came visiting me and when I shared with him about this project he tried to discourage me with style. Then he confessed that God had instructed him to pray for Dr. Oyedepo but that he has not obeyed. In my heart I said this

person may be a pastor but he has lost track of God and not fit to relate with Him.

That someone is looking good doesn't man his walk with God is right. He may have departed from God long ago. You have to qualify the kind of association you enter into. I have only one association with God, Kenneth Copeland, Dr. Oyedepo and my family.

A pastor also suggested that my wife and I should join an association of pastors. We didn't even need to reply him because that is not the way we operate. He always talks about network and equally complains about it.

Dr. Oyedepo has really taught me that I need to protect my mind and time like a hawk. Someone who has no plan will just want to make sure no one has a plan too. Some people, pastors inclusive, know that they are going nowhere, so they want to carry everyone along with them.

Not me. I know where I am going to and if you are not heading in that direction, you can go your way. Most especially in ministry today, we have a lot of busy bodies. Like Dr. Oyedepo, I am not busy but about my Father's business. I can only associate with people who are in similar business with me and are putting in all their effort to make sure it works. My friends don't waste the grace of God.

I cut off from anyone who has a disrespectful word towards God, Kenneth Copeland and Dr. Oyedepo. Those are people who God sent me to and they have fed me and are still feeding me with rich food from the hot coals of God's presence. And it is balanced diet. If you don't honor them, I can't honor you with my presence.

A colleague once came and said, with what God has placed in my heart to do I need to go and see the pastor who towers as a father over the city where God had sent me. I told him, God has not told me to do that and that I am on my way to becoming the father over the city and nation.

This same man of God had the privilege of associating closely with Dr. Oyedepo. But one day I began to notice he was associating with Pastors who are calling Dr. Oyedepo names. Then I heard him say that Dr. Oyedepo uses people and dump them. Of course he does, but the man was speaking out of anger and strife. So I began my investigation to ascertain this.

I discovered that for one he is not even at the same level as Dr. Oyedepo. So this

means Dr. Oyedepo was graceful enough to associate with him. It took Dr. Oyedepo one year to complete Faith Tabernacle, but it took this man of God years and raising multiple offerings to complete a building that is not even up to one wing of Faith Tabernacle. You may say that doesn't matter. It does, just be patient.

Clearly Dr. Oyedepo was not his colleague in ministry but a mentor. This means if Dr. Oyedepo associated with him, it was for his benefit and not that of Dr. Oyedepo. Why the offense then? Because he sees Dr. Oyedepo as a colleague and as a result an association that would have benefited him was cut short. It may be that his anger may have been borne out of eny.

At first, I didn't understand any of these. I thought since God is love we ought to love and be friends with everyone (I had mistaken that for the admonition that we should be at peace with everyone). That is not Biblical. Jesse Duplantis puts it in perspective for me when he said that God commanded us to love people unconditionally, but to like them conditionally. You have no choice but to love your neighbors as yourself. But you have to make a choice on who you like. Who you like is your decision to make. You can love people from a distance; it doesn't have to be close.

When I read how Dr. Oyedepo instructed Pastor Ibiyeomie and Rev. Sam Adeyemi to stay on their assignment and not move around town associating with everyone as though they are on a popularity contest, I decided to model my life and ministry after that advice. I stay on my assignment and work it.

Be careful of the kind of people you associate with when you are called into ministry. It is not everyone that appreciates the wisdom of God. I was told of the story of a pastor who left Dr. Oyedepo's ministry to start his own. He ended up associating with the wrong people and that ended up cutting short his life.

If you must have friends, then look for people who will challenge you to grow. I ask people around me what book they are reading and what they have learnt from it, and then I quickly go out to get a copy for myself. I want to be reasoning at the same level as the people I am relating with. And if they have not learnt anything new in months, I review that association. Jim Rohn taught me this.

I learnt from a Pastor who served Dr. Oyedepo that he always instructs them on people and pastors not to relate with. It is not control but for their good. Because one wrong association will destroy a life time of labor.

Rehoboam, the son of Solomon lost the Kingdom as a result of association. Samson, Absalom and Ammon (sons of David) lost their lives as a result of wrong association. Some people want to associate with you to destroy your destiny; they are agents of darkness masquerading as men of God. Stay sensitive. They have destroyed many ministries and great lives. This is why Dr. Oyedepo protects whoever he makes friend with.

He is very fast at cutting off from people and that grace is what I have been trying to get multiplied in my life. Anyone who doesn't add to you will take from you and if they stop getting, they will call you names. So cut off fast before it becomes worst than what it presently is. Make friends slowly, but cut off fast.

If you decide to keep on relating with people who do not obey God and don't pursue personal and ministry growth, you will end up like them in the refuse can of stagnation. You will lose value. People won't like you when you don't befriend them, but that is their cut of tea.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God come upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. Eph. 5:6-7, 11-12

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 2 Cor. 6:14-15

But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us. For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: if anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish his as a brother. 2 Thess. 3:6, 10, 14-15

Do not be deceived: "Evil Company corrupts good habits." 1 Cor. 15:33

Don't take association lightly. It has the power to either make or destroy your life and ministry.

Seek To Be Challenged

I am a companion of all who fear You, and those who keep Your percepts. Ps. 119:63

So you may walk in the way of goodness and keep to the paths of righteousness. Prov. 2:20

He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed. As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. Prov. 27:17

I discovered that Dr. Oyedepo is constantly seeking out men who will challenge him to do much more than he had done and is doing. He reduced the time he spend associating with people who do not challenge him, to increase the time he spends with those who challenge him. God challenges him to do more, so he spends more time with Him. There is no way you can spend time with God without being challenged.

It is wisdom to always speak the word of God. The word of God is wisdom, so speaking it makes you wise. If he associates more with people who do not challenge him, he will get to a point where he feels he has arrived and that will become the end for him.

He wrote in his book, Exploits in Ministry, that: “I have a companion in the ministry like this. A testimony from him stirs me up. I rejoice with him, and I want to be the one to share the next testimony. We share intimately, heat-to-heart and by the grace of God, the two of us have made our humble, but notable contributions respectively. Every iron should look for another iron to relate with, it pays off at the end.”

One challenge with us is that, we seek the place of least resistance where our egos will be boosted rather than where our mental capacity will be challenged. People stay away from anyone who will make them to think and task their brain but go to people who whet their ego.

If you associate with people who do not challenge you, you will end up not growing. Today, I have a regime that is getting close to that of Kenneth Copeland and Dr. Oyedepo. Simply because I deliberately associate with them so that they can continually challenge me to grow. I don’t need to go and visit them to ask them questions. I am connected to them through the Spirit of God.

Anything I want to do, I ask myself if they would approve of me doing it. I try to

see things through their eyes. Before I associate with anyone, I ask if they would welcome such association. That has protected me. They both challenge me to do more. If I want to relax, I ask myself would they approve of me relaxing at this stage and the answer is always no. So I keep on firing.

Don't seek an easy crowd, you will never grow. Go where people have high goals and expectations and they demand more from you. They will challenge you to do much more than you are presently doing.

My best friend is anyone who will recommend a great book or CD for me. That kind of association is priceless. The gift of knowledge and wisdom is the greatest gift anyone will ever bestow on you. Money you will spend, food you will eat and clothes you will wear out. But wisdom will keep producing for you.

Deliberately seek out performers, winners and successful people to associate with. Those people must exhibit and live consistently the kind of values and skills you want to acquire and develop. Be intentional about who you relate with.

Ask yourself the following questions always: Who am I associating with? What influence are they having on me? What are they having me read? What are they making me say? Where are they having me go to? What are they having me think about? What are they having me watch and listen to? And what are they having me become? What desire and passion are they stirring in me? You have to answer these questions truthfully. If they are okay with you, then continue relating with the person, but if not limit your association with the person.

Your results in life will be the average of the five people you associate with or the multiple of the great men you associate with.

You have the freedom to determine who you associate with. No one will ever report you to the police simply because you refused to associate with them. Be selfish about this. Take care of yourself first.

Be Intentional

I discovered something strange about association. Each person that comes near me pulls something out of me. Some pull out wisdom, while others pull nothing. That makes me understand that associations will either nurture my strength or weakness or enhance my focus or distract me.

So to stay in the area of my strength I will have to seek to associate with people who will nurture my strength. To protect my focus, I have to intentionally seek

out people who will help me protect my focus.

If you are a pastor who associates with civil servants or people outside ministry, you will be distracted. Where they are going is completely different from where you are going and if they are succeeding in what they are doing, you will be tempted to abandon ministry to join the civil service or start a business that God never instructed you to start.

I have seen a lot of pastors make this mistake. At the end they start hearing the voice of their friends and take it for the voice of God, which end up taking them away from ministry.

Dr. Oyedepo associates only with people in ministry to protect his focus. Check out pastors who decide to join politics, you will find out that they have been associating of late with politicians and as a result, they begin to have visions of politics. They begin to look at the money thinking money will make ministry. They become deceived, ensnared and distracted from their major.

Am I saying that God cannot call pastors into politics? No. God does call people into politics. To abide in your call you need to associate with people with your kind of call. If a pastor associates with someone who is passionate about evangelism, that pastor may turn his ministry to be evangelistic. So also an evangelist, who associates with pastors, may begin to nurture the dream of having a church, which God never instructed him to plant in the first place. At the end he gets distracted from his major call.

Saul was not a prophet, but when he associated with prophets he prophesied. If Saul was living in our times, he would have rented a hall, placed a large poster announcing that a great prophet is in town. Vision by association is not a vision from God.

When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. And it happened, when all who knew him formerly saw that he indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, “What is this that has come upon the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?” 1 Sam. 10:10-11

Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as a leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they prophesied. And when Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. Then Saul sent

messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then the spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, “Is Saul also among the prophets?” 1 Sam 19:20-24

You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. Brethren, let each one remains with God in that state in which he was called. 1 Cor. 7:23-24

There are many people in ministry today who have no business being in ministry, but they felt called when they associated with other pastors. So also there are many people in business who have no business being in business.

There was no evidence that Saul prophesied again after leaving the presence of the prophets. I believe he lost the kingdom because he began to see himself as a prophet too simply because he prophesied before.

Be intentional about the people your associate with. Associate only with people who are going on the same way as you and you will end up there in time.

Run From Mockers

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. Ps. 1:1

Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave, yes, strife and reproach will cease. Make no friendship with an angry man and with a furious man do not go. Lest you learn his ways and set a snare for your soul. Prov. 22:10, 24, 25

An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression. Prov. 29:22

Like people will stay away from a plague, run away from any appearance of a person who complains, scorns and mocks anyone in ministry. As a result of this, 3 million Israelites were not allowed by God to enter the Promised Land.

Complaining and excuses dampen the spirit. If you have a friend who is always complaining about ministry, it won’t take long before you join the person in complaining also. It is highly contagious.

Associate with people who take personal responsibility for their lives and as such will not sympathize with your excuses, complaints and blaming games.

Those who will challenge you to do much more than you think you can do.

Anyone you share a vision with who try to talk you out of it, should not make the list of the people you are to associate with. They will always try to discourage you from doing whatever God lays in your heart to do. As long as you are relating with these kinds of people, you will be like an eagle whose wings have been clipped.

Don't allow anyone to clip your wings and potential through mockery, scorning and complaints. The mockery of a friend is sharper and hurt more than the mockery of an enemy.

Complaining people will take you out of God's will for your life. When they see God using you and not them, they will use every form of devilish tricks to get you out of your call. You will know them by the fruit they bear.

So anyone who complains about what God has called you to do, run away from that person. A pastor visited me one day and said ministry is tough, I advised him to stop saying that. He may complain to others but not to me. I still believe God is faithful.

I don't want anyone to contaminate my faith. That's what mockery and scorning does. Dr. Oyedepo shared a story how in the early days that he was preaching prosperity but it was not showing on him. He was invited to minister somewhere and one of the speakers, I should think, got up and dressed him down. It bite deeper. That mockery would have stopped him from preaching prosperity. He said he got back home, covered himself in his blanket and cried, but he resolved never to stop preaching prosperity. And today it is more than speaking.

He wrote in his book, Exploits in Ministry: "When you keep asking yourself what people will think or say when you put your faith into action, then you are not ready for your desired blessing. In order to walk the walk of faith, you have to be immune to mockery, ridicule and scoffing."

To get immuned, run away from associating with complainers, mockers and scorners. Seek out people who will fire your faith.

Wisdom Six

Be Diligent

Covenant Principle:

The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich. Wealth gained by dishonesty will be diminished, but he who gathers by labor will increase. Prov. 13:4, 11

Dr. David Oyedepo's Sayings:

"If what you are doing is not engaging you enough, add something else to it. Life operates fundamentally on the law of seedtime and harvest. This means that you can never get out of life more than what you put into it. Do not mistake going to work for working. Many people close after eight hours in the office and cannot point to any traceable input they made all through the day. Can you imagine someone with a lot of land, but who has not planted any seed and is expecting harvest? He may visit the land every day, but there will never be any produce traceable from it. Do not mistake sitting behind a desk and making private calls for working, or wearing a tie and a coat for labour! That's not work, it's a joke! Until you begin to work, nothing works!"

It is wisdom to work. Jesus is the wisdom of God and God is the only wise God, yet they are busy working. Dr. Oyedepo also works.

Which means people who do not work are really not wise? Work is wisdom functioning. You put wisdom to work when you work.

I grew up under a father that loves work and taught us the dignity of labor. And I started work at the age of eleven. When my daughter was three, she served as my secretary, opening my mails and preparing them for me to read. Someone accused me of working too much and I pleaded guilty.

The only problem was that my dad was an employee. So he trained me to work as an employee and not an employer. As an employee, the employer has an already predefined, clear-cut role for him to play. So from morning to evening when he closes, the employer has something for him to do.

As a result, I had a major challenge when I got into ministry. I was now an employer who has been trained as an employee. Rather than work, I was waiting

for someone to tell me exactly what to do. I assumed that just by having an office and going there each morning, I was working.

The only problem was that nothing was changing or happening, the bills were simply pilling up. The ministry too was not growing. I was reading the Bible and writing down my thoughts and the big revelations I was getting from God.

When you see me in the office you will think that I am really going somewhere. Of course I thought I was. Only that the days kept dragging by. It has become fashionable for pastors today to have their own offices for the sake of it. To them, one is not in ministry until he has an office.

Even if nothing really happens in the office, they want to give people the impression that they are working.

Sometime back I decided to really find out how many pastors with offices really go there to work. There was none. All the offices were not opened by 12 noon.

It is really amazing. Those pastors may come in around one or two, chat and then go home and that is work for them. No wonder nothing is really happening.

Why set up an office when you have no objective for it? Why try to impress people, when you clearly are not benefiting from it? Why even go to office when you have no goal to achieve and a plan to achieve it?

Most of us learnt about work from our parents who are employees. They groomed us with the employee's mentality. Rather than work they will look for a job. Meanwhile work is all around us. There is always work, its only jobs that are scarce. This is because work creates job.

Work creates prosperity, but a job only earns a salary. There is a wide difference between work and a job. But since we think both are the same, we tend to think that by working a job until the ministry can meet our needs, we are doing ministry.

That is not God's plan for the ministry. Working the ministry will turn your ministry into a wealth producing and creating machine. People who work it, enjoy what it produces.

Instead of being employers in ministry, we become dependent on members of the church and if they can't take care of our needs (as if they are the ones who called us into ministry), we go out to look for a job. Pastors complain that there is no

work in ministry. Ministry is spelt WORK.

This is the reason why the society sees anyone going into ministry as being very lazy. Instead of working (no one knows what to work on), most pastors prefer to talk and move around town. They know everything that is happening in town. Nothing misses their attention. They are the radar of the town.

I told someone humorously recently that all I need to do if I want to know what is happening in town; is to visit some pastors and I will get all the details. Since they assume that there is no work in ministry, idle chatter becomes work for the few who will not look for a job.

Ministry is not a job, it is work. Nothing sets one free like work. A job enslaves you to the will of another, but work reveals who you really are. Ministry is bone crushing hard work.

In Nigeria, Dr. Oyedepo brought the innovation of the church office. He didn't set up the office for the fun of it but so that he can work.

If you don't work your ministry, it won't work. No one will make it work for you. You have to do it. Your members and partners will never join you in making things happen until you begin to work it out.

But first you have to change your mind set. Think like an employer and a creator. That is your call as a servant of God. A lot of ministries have decayed and gone into oblivion since because no one is working.

In a job, all you need to do to get a salary is to be physically present. There are some places where you can instruct your co-workers to sign the register on your behalf while you go about your pleasures. A job doesn't really need you to think, the employer has done all the thinking for you. All you have to do is follow the guidelines he has thought out and you will succeed.

I teach employees today that they are not to go and start a ministry or business simply because they just lost their job or retire. They should first take the time to renew their minds from conformity to being employees and get transformed to be employers and they should understand the difference between work and a job.

Ministry growth and prosperity doesn't happen by accident. It happens by intent; on purpose. And that is what work is all about. If you are not ready to work, then simply go and look for a job. That is a sound advice; if not hundred years from now the ministry will still be at the same level that you started.

Are you getting the point I am trying to make? Work is what makes ministry to grow and money to abound. Most pastors still think that ministry is just preaching on Sunday. Unfortunately for them, it is much more than that.

If it is just preaching, then God would not need to be working still. He should be resting till on Sunday to work. He works everyday because you need work to unleash your full potential, become the person you are created to be and make life better for humanity.

Work will place a demand on your mind to think. If you are not thinking, you can desire all the good things of life but the only ones that will come to you is poverty, vexation and frustration.

Ministry is not employment to a job but a call to emulate the work ethics of the caller.

Dr. Oyedepo wrote in his book, Exploits in Ministry, “When God called me into ministry; He didn’t tell me to open an office or employ staff. I worked that out by myself. The Monday after the commissioning of the ministry, an office was opened. This was quite unpopular at that time, because no one thought ministry needed an office. Since its inception, every action has been carefully documented. Income and expenditure are well marked out. Expenditure has never been above income. We always have something left over, because we cut our coats according to our cloth, even while we continue to press on to greater heights. We had invested tirelessly, and it has produced results and is still producing. Ministry holds profit for those who understand that it needs a business-like approach.”

Work means you have to know what you want to achieve, plan how you will achieve it and then execute your plan. If you don’t have this in place each day, then you are heading nowhere. You will simply be praying for growth and prosperity but be having stagnation and poverty.

It is not the tithe and offering that comes in that prospers a ministry or business. It is the work that is carried out. The work is the cause of everything you see. Prosperity and growth is the echo or effect of work.

Going to the farm each morning doesn’t qualify as work. Even if you go to the farm from morning till night and just keep on clearing the farm without planting a seed, you are not working. You are only toiling. The purpose of going to the farm is to plant and nurture the seed to growth and then harvest it. That is work.

It is only in Nigeria that we tell people, “Well done” even if they are doing nothing or going nowhere. Work is equal to thinking. It is mentally, spiritually and physically tasking. It must be purposeful and have a goal it plans to achieve. Without this, you are not working.

You can have all the staffs you want to have, if you don’t have work for them, you will pay them while they do nothing. They won’t contribute to you achieving your overall goal and following the plan you have in place.

But Jesus answered them, My Father has worked (even) until now, (He has never ceased working; He is still working and I, too, must be at (divine) work. John 5:17 AMP

He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a wise son; he who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame. Prov. 10:4-5

In all labor there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty. The plans of the diligent leads surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty. Prov. 21:5

He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, but he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough. Prov. 28:19

Because of laziness the building decays, and through idleness of hands the house leaks. Eccl. 10:18

If you take a great business or ministry and give it to someone who doesn’t know what it means to work, he will make the business as small as he is.

God does not just commit things to anyone. He commits them to people who can work them out. He is not looking for the available. The one that is available may just be because he is unemployed and lazy. God commits His work to those who can work and add value to what they are given.

God calls us to work alongside Him, but our gift to Him is the value we add to His assignment by diligence. People who are working things out are the people God is looking for. There are many people available during Paul’s time, but God didn’t consider them. He was out working to get Paul because he was a worker. Nothing spoils in the hands of the diligent.

People who do nothing are wasters and they will cause the ministry to leak into

oblivion.

Use Your Mind

If work is all about physical labor, then Africa would have been the richest continent on the earth. Nothing happens on the earth until it first happens in the mind. Work is chiefly a function of the mind.

A lot of people have well developed physical muscles, but their mind is plagued by rickets as a result of malnutrition and unused.

Dr. Oyedepo is way ahead of his contemporaries because he understood very early in life that growth and prosperity are the products of man's capacity to put his mind to work. Which means if you are not working your mind, nothing will work for you? It's that simple.

By default, I was programmed to work physically than mentally. So when I am faced with challenges, the last thing that ever crosses my mind to do was use my mind. It was easy to blame and play the victim than to use the mind to think.

If you tell someone who has no results that he doesn't think, he will argue with you and if he would have just thought, he won't have argued. Thinking stops every argument. Just look around you, if nothing is working you are not thinking. I don't know why thinking doesn't come easy for us. We have built inertia in that area. Our brain has frozen from disuse. To start it working requires massive effort.

It was Dr. Oyedepo who said that God gave us a brain so that He can rest. Not rest from working, but rest from doing our work for us. Creating the earth and everything in it was not supposed to be the responsibility of God. It was that of man. So when God created man and gave him a mind, God rested from doing man's work for him.

Yet we are still asking God today to think for us. I used to pray that God should change me. It really sounded right, but it is not biblical. The responsibility of changing myself lies within me. All I have to do is change my mind, what I am thinking, and I will change.

In the early days of ministry, I used to pray that God should give me more members and money to do His will. Then someone made me understand that I am praying a religious prayer and that no matter how long and loud I pray it, I will never get God's answer.

He now said that all I need to do to have more of all I desire, is to become more. And that God will never give me more except I become more. This was profound wisdom to me. And to become more I have to put my mind to work, for as a man thinks, so is he. If I think more, I will become more.

Studying Dr. Oyedepo, I began to notice that he completes what he wants to do in his mind before physically doing it. That was insight for me. He doesn't just jump into working until he has completed it in his mind and writing a blueprint on paper. That made work easy to do and finish.

Look at Jesus. He was crucified in the mind of God before the foundation of the earth. Once it was finished there, God began to declare what had been completed in His mind and before you know what, exactly that came to pass. God's mind planned everything in advance. What we saw happened was a scripted drama.

Your work must start and finish in your mind before it will progress for everyone to see. If the mind is not working, nothing will work. To mind your business or ministry is to mine it for profitability.

The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat. Prov. 13:4

A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. Prov. 16:9

He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding will find good. Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger. Prov. 19:8, 15

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep-so shall your poverty come on you like a prowler and your need like an armed man. Prov. 6:10-11

If you don't have a goal and a plan for your work you are not working with your mind and as such you won't make much progress that everyone will see. It will have to happen in your mind before anyone will see it. You will never break that order.

A call to ministry is therefore a call to put your mind to use. When you put it to work, it will produce for you beyond your expectation.

The Harder Worker Rules

The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

Prov. 12:24

By me (wisdom) Kings reign, and rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth. Prov. 8:15-16

To be under forced labor is to be forced by lack to be employed as a slave. But dominion is for those who know how to work and work harder than others.

It is not really dependent on the vision you have. There are a lot of pastors out there with mind blowing visions. The hard worker with one vision will draw cycles around the person with multiple visions who would not give leg to his vision.

Dr. Oyedepo is ruling today in the body of Christ not because he has a greater vision than most of us, but because he is a hard worker. I recently heard him say that up till date he has not been cured from working hard and late in the office.

God rules in heaven not because He is God but because He is continually working. Any pilot who decides to switch off the engines of the plane simply because they have attained a certain height is calling for disaster. Gravity will pull it down. But as long as the engines are working it will defy gravity.

So anywhere you get to and then decide to stop working, mediocrity will pull you down to the ground of stagnation. You have to keep working to keep ruling.

This is why focus is very important. Any business man who stops doing the things that took him to the top will find himself crushing down like a pack of cards. You have to keep working and changing your strategies to keep on ruling. I put it this way that you have to always work your engines at 200km/hr, if not mediocrity will catch up with you. There is no place to rest or relax.

Always be going on full throttle if you don’t want to become a slave of someone. There are people who all they know to share is the story of how they would have been reigning today but missed it when they got distracted.

Everyone wants to be a master of their own self to own their own business and be employers. I keep on telling people that you don’t just desire to be a master, you work yourself to become a master. There is no substitute for hard work when it comes to succeeding in ministry and business.

I learnt from Dr. Oyedepo to work hard. Though I may not be able to work the way he does, but I know that I work and my body enjoys it. I work around the

clock. There is so much to do that I wonder why some pastors will be saying there is no work in ministry.

I have more than enough work with targets that I wonder if I will have the time in this part of the world to do it all. Yet I am not overwhelmed. I work on them as they come to me.

As I task my brain and work my body, God commits more to me and I immediately program them. When God instructed me to document into book form all I had learnt from Dr. Oyedepo, I was writing books then. I was working when he gave me the work.

Rather than put it aside, I immediately started work on it and completed the first manuscript in 7 days. God said write, so I could have chosen to write just one book. But I decided to write the lessons in more than ten different books. I used my brain. And I kept working on them day and night.

Most people when given that assignment would have gone around town telling everyone what God had told them to do without taking a single step to work on it. These same people will now be wondering why things are not working for them.

Since I have work to do, I have very little time to know about what is happening in town. I don't even have time to go visiting people. I stay on my job and God is causing me to rule among my peers.

You don't confess your way to ruling among your peers, you work your way. Hard work doesn't kill as Dr. Oyedepo said; it is the only "Cure to a hard life." No one rules except the person who works on his assignment.

The person who works well and harder is the one that will be elevated to rule in the midst of men. You can never beat God when it comes to working hard. He is always working, and that is forever working.

"So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them." His Lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant, you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord." Matt. 25:20-21

And he who-overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations-'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be

dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels-as I also have received from My Father, and I will give him the morning star. Rev. 2:26-28

To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcome and sat down with My Father on His throne." Rev. 3:21

Jesus overcame by working hard. He finished the work of God by working day and night and not by confessing or just praying. You don't overcome by chance, you overcome and rule by working hard.

Stand Before Kings

Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before unknown men. Prov. 22:29

The man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon, seeing that the young man was industrious, made him the officer over all the labor force of the house of Joseph. 1 King 11:28

Paul and Apollos had to excel in their work before God brought the increase. You are not entitled to promotion until you excel in what you are doing.

To excel means to be superior; go the extra mile and surpass every expectation placed on you. Mediocrity is when you do everything the way it is expected of you, but excellence is going the extra mile and doing much more than is expected of you.

To stand out from everyone in business and ministry, you will have to do more than they are doing. When Dr. Oyedepo started ministry, the normal thing was to do it part time. But he chose to go the extra mile and do what most people were not doing. He went full time and he declared that there is no how anyone doing it part time can surpass him. Today, everyone can see the effect of him going the extra mile.

Anywhere God send you to work, study what the best there do and exceed it. If they pray each day for two hours, pray for four or five. If they study the Bible twice each day, study it ten times a day. If they hold only two services a week, schedule 5-10 services a week. Don't do what they are doing if not you will not surpass their results and as a result get differentiated from everyone else.

When I began to prepare to have a 7,000 member church in a year, I started preaching three services each Sunday morning at home. I preached for 3 years.

Then I increased it to four. I was only preaching to my family. It was exciting. I was preparing myself for a large church. I was working more than the pastors in town. The grace of God towards me was not wasted; it was put to good use.

When you get superior results, you will be differentiated and distinguished. That is what will usher you before kings. If you have submitted to mediocrity, to do what everyone is doing, no one will know anything about you. You will be lost in the crowd.

The key here is to do something that will set you apart and above the crowd. If people are zigging, you need to be zagging. Don't ever follow them. That's why you must burn your boats and focus on what God has called you to do.

Study Dr. Oyedepo and you will find out that he is in a class of his own. The class he created to distinguish himself from the pack. He does much more than anyone is doing.

When he established Covenant University, every other church began to do the same. So he went the extra mile and established the second, the third and going on to the fourth. No one is following him. Everyone is comfortable to maintain.

The normal mile is crowded, but the extra mile is not. So when you stretch and get to the extra mile, you will be differentiated and kings will seek out your company just as they did Solomon. It is wisdom to work yourself to the extra mile.

If you start something and everyone begins to copy you that is the time to stretch to the extra mile. It is a breaking and no go area for many people. People are just too lazy to go beyond their comfort zone. Since only very few people love stretching to the extra mile, you will stand out and everyone will want to be around you.

It takes passion for your work to be different in other to make a difference. If you are not different there is no how you can stand out. If you want to succeed in ministry and business, learn from Dr. Oyedepo and work on what will make you and your work different and outstanding.

Excellence is that extra mile. Everyone is pleased to have enough as it is but no one wants to excel. You are advised to be as perfect, superior and different, as your Father is. If you are not different, you are not emulating God.

Wisdom Seven

Submit to Divine Direction

Covenant Principles:

There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler: folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place. I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth. He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him. Who so removeth stones shall be hurt therewith and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby. If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct. The labor of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city. Eccl. 10:5-10, 15 KJV

Dr. David Oyedepo's Sayings:

"Whoever will not follow God's direction will not arrive at his destination. The world is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God; these are those led by God. You are a son of God. This is why God gave you a vision in the first place. You only retain your sonship when you allow yourself to be led by God. You need direction for each step you take in ministry. It is dangerous to step out at anytime without having received adequate direction from God. He is willing to lead you."

Your mind, feelings and friends are too small to lead you in ministry and life. It is wisdom to submit to God's direction.

Most of us in ministry today don't even know anything about direction. Once we begin to conceive an idea in our head, we quickly assume that God wants us to go ahead and implement it and the result is that our work becomes hindered.

Look at Moses: At 40 years old he felt the call of God as a deliverer for the children of God. Rather than seek God for direction and how to go about it, he quickly wants to achieve it with his own strength. That singular act set back the prophecy of God, as a result the children of Israel had to endure bondage for another forty plus years.

I have had my own share of falling into the ditch because I didn't submit to the

direction of God. A foolish man is someone who doesn't know how to get to where he wants to go, but instead of asking for direction chooses to go on his own. Every one with him will end up frustrated and worn out.

There are many ministries that are dead today simply because they refuse to follow the direction of God. They were looking at what people will say. Whether you follow God's direction or not, people will always talk. To them that's why they have a mouth. They will always have an opinion.

In 2009, when God instructed me to close down the church I was pastoring, I decided to hold a conference and after that stopped the church. I had already invited people to the conference and the speakers too. We prayed for funds and nothing came. I went beyond the time God had given me. But I finally stopped it.

After that God led us to a place to learn. I mean it was a wilderness. If I had continued, I would have been frustrated out of ministry and town by now.

We normally publish a four paged newsletter. One day while seeking God, He told me to stop the newsletter. But in my wisdom, I decided we needed to do another issue to get people's postal address so we can mail them the magazine we will be upgrading. That month we struggled to get fund to produce the newsletter. But we eventually did it in disobedience and no one even cared to send their postal address.

A month after that, God instructed me to begin publishing smaller books. The cost of producing those books was almost five times what we were spending on the newsletter. The funds were available and we printed those books in a week. That was how we end up publishing 70 books and giving them all out for free.

I won't have known anything about divine direction if not for Dr. Oyedepo. I am grateful that he took the time to submit to God's direction and then taught it to the body of Christ. Wisdom is really profitable to direct.

In 2006, I held a seminar called "Be the Best". God instructed me to turn it into a book. I wrote the book and we published it and began selling it. By the time the book was out, I had held another seminar tagged, "You are a God to Your World" and we were struggling to publish it. God had instructed me to distribute the book for free, but I was trying to sell it. Finally in frustration, I gave out all the books and before we know what, there was fund available to print the second, the third and the seventieth.

People today are quick to copy what another person is doing and not follow what God is instructing them to do. Even Jesus confessed that He can of Himself do nothing. I mean why can't He? He is the Son of God. Surely, He can do anything. But here He is saying on His own, He can do nothing and that He depends absolutely on the Father for everything He does.

In ministry today people depend more on their knowledge and certificates than on God. To them their certificate is profitable to direct them and not God. No wonder there is so much frustration and stagnation in ministry today.

I told myself that no matter how fast someone is getting his results, I won't leave where I am if God never instructed me to. I am dead to what people say. But I am alive to what God will say. That is all that matters.

Do you think Dr. Oyedepo was never tempted to follow what he feels and thinks? He has many times. He shared this story in his book, Understanding Divine Direction; "In 1990, we went to Japan for a programme on invitation. From what we saw, it was obvious that there was a dire need for the gospel in the land. When I saw the spiritual depravity of the people, my heart longed to be a part of bringing about an awakening there. As a matter of fact, in the course of my message, the interpreter burst into tears, because she had never heard what I was saying before. The Mayor's wife was in our meeting and a key government official was healed, so you can imagine the waves that permeated the city. There were clear indications that our ministry was needed there. A piece of property had been acquired and given to us for free. So I felt, "Why not, we can be there!"

He assumed because of the need on ground that God wanted him there. He was led by need rather than God. That they got the land for free was not an indication that God was involved. God doesn't led people by free things; it is the devil most times that trap destines through free things.

Many pastors would not have even sought God again; they would have continued planning and moved to execution. But he sought God when they came back to Nigeria. And when God said He was not involved in his going to Japan, he cancelled the entire plan. He said "I knew that there is no regret in following divine plan."

God has a plan for every ministry and that plan is blessed. What we do most of the time is to plan and then seek God to bless our plan. But He is not our servant. He doesn't bless people's plans. His plan is the only thing that has His blessing

stamped on it. The best thing to do therefore is to first of all seek Him for His plan.

You need to know the mind of God first concerning whatever you are doing if you want the world to mind you. God has a specific thought and plan about what you are to do. People who have led themselves have done that to their early grave.

God's plan is called the master plan because it encompasses everything you need to succeed in a grand style. The only way you can get directed is if you are submitted to God's plan for your life and ministry. You don't get all the details of the plan at once that's why you need to keep on seeking God to get them.

For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Prov. 14:12

For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matt. 6:32-33

Your provision is not in your vision, but in your work and can only be accessed by following divine plan. When you don't follow God's direction, you become a candidate for indignity, dishonor and frustration.

Lack of growth in ministry is the same thing as death. The ministry will only be alive when it is connected to God's plan and not that of humans.

Pray for Insight

"Call to me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know." Jeremiah 33:3

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel." John 5:19-20

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom

and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Col. 1:9-10

If you lack understanding on what to do, ask God to shed more light on it. Insight is simply the ability of seeing into a situation and discerning what needs to be done.

Without insight, you can see a situation and think that is the end of your life and ministry. Jesus had no option but to keep calling on God to understand situations.

When Lazarus was sick, He knew that it was not unto a permanent death. How did He know that? He asked the Father. When He needed to feed the multitude, we were told that He knew exactly what to do. How? He asked the Father.

You only become confused and frustrated the moment you stop asking God for insight.

I see a lot of pastors running from one meeting to another trying to get the secret behind church growth meanwhile all they needed to do was lock themselves up in a room until God reveals to them what they needs to do. It is easier going from one meeting to another but hard to stay with God.

God instructed me to stay with Him and He will cause the wind from His presence to blow everything I need to me. Now staying with Him does not mean just doing nothing; it means asking Him for insight.

Dr. Oyedepo always shared how before he started ministry he had to settle something with God. What he was doing was praying for insight.

Another word for insight is light. When you gain light, every form of darkness will disappear. The world is full of darkness so if you don't get light from God you will be confused and lose out of this glorious race.

Praying for insight is asking God questions based on His word. You have the word in you but you just don't understand it. So you need light. When God shines His light on the word, the task before you becomes easy and simple.

God is willing to give you insight, ideas and concepts on what He has called you to do. But He will never show them to you if you don't ask. People are confused because they are just too proud to ask God for insight.

But children are not like that. They will keep on asking you questions until you are able to answer them in a way that they understand. Only then will they set you free.

As we grow up into adulthood we lose this child likeness. We begin to assume things and take steps based on this assumption. A pastor once told me that I should not have stopped pastoring the church; I should have been using trial and error. You see, despite the fact that I told him that God instructed me to do that, I wasn't confused.

How can a pastor advise someone to do trial and error, except you want to destroy that person's life? There is no trial and error in the kingdom of God. Either you understand what to do or you don't. Always humble yourself to ask God for understanding of what you need to do.

In 1984, when the church was not growing the way Dr. Oyedepo expected it to, he went to God and asked for insight and God gave him insight into Ps. 23:2, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Based on that insight the church has been experiencing exponential growth.

There is no gate fee to approach God to gain insight. It is free. May be if God had placed a gate fee, people will see how valuable and important it is. But I don't know why people don't ever do that. They prefer to complain to men than to ask God why it is not working the way they expected it to. As a result they keep on going in darkness. That's what happens when you lack light.

"The Lord will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart. And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you." Deut. 28:28-29

He takes away the understanding of the chiefs of the people of the earth, and makes them wander in a pathless wilderness. They grope in the dark without light, and He makes them stagger like a drunken man. Job 12:24-25

Great is the darkness in you when you are doing ministry without the light from God. You are going nowhere. You don't need physical human-made light to succeed in ministry. You need the enlightenment that comes only from God through His word. That light is the life of men.

Inquire Of The Lord

So David 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 went…… And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away, and David rescued his two wives. And nothing of their’s was lacking, either small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything which they had taken from them; David recovered all. 1 Sam. 30:8-9, 18-19

Then they told David, saying, “Look, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and they are robbing the threshing floors.” Therefore David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go and attack these Philistines?” and the Lord said to David, “Go and attack the Philistines, and save Keilah.” But David’s men said to him, “Look, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we go to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?” Then David inquired of the Lord once again. And the Lord answered him and said, “Arise, go down to Keilah. For I will deliver the Philistines into your hand.” And David and his men fought with the Philistines, struck them with a mighty blow, and took away their livestock. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. 1 Sam. 23:1-5

It happened after this that David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go up to any of the cities of Judah?” And the Lord said to him, “Go up”. David said, “Where shall I go up?” And He said, “To Hebron”. Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David King over the house of Judah……. 2 Sam. 2:1, 4

So David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand?” And the Lord said to David, “Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand.” So David went to Baal Perazem, and David defeated them there … Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the valley of Raphaim. Therefore David inquired of the Lord, and He said, “You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees. And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, and then you shall advance quickly. For then the Lord will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines.” And David did so, as the Lord commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba as far as Geza. 2 Sam. 5:19-25

I took the liberty of coming up with the scriptures above so that you can have a better perspective of what it means to inquire of the Lord.

David was a warrior king with a great army but still he understood that he will

never win any battle without the backing of God. He has made it a habit to inquire from God what to do before he goes into every battle. No wonder he never lost one single battle.

Inquiry gives you access to the strategy of God on how to succeed. You are simply asking God to instruct you on what He would have done if He is the one in your shoes and when you follow His instructions, you will enjoy His support and backing.

The safest and surest strategy to succeeding in every endeavor is to receive instructions from God and act on them.

Instructions when followed results in provision, protection and backing. These are all exemplified in the life of Dr. Oyedepo.

I am really amazed at David. No wonder he was the man after God's own heart. He never assumed anything or even depended on his experience in battle, prowess and army. He depended on God to direct him on what to do, where to go, and how to do it.

Dr. Oyedepo said, "The reason many are frustrated in ministry is because they celebrate vision, without instruction. They have the mandate but don't have the approach. God is an orderly God. No matter how hard you try, whatever God has not commanded can never come to pass. When you hear from heaven before you act on earth, every barrier will be turned into signs and wonders."

When you follow divine instructions you will get cheap victory and will end up in places where you will be celebrated and not where you will be tolerated.

Dr. Oyedepo has this same understanding, so he does not do things simply because that's what everyone is doing or it's a trend. He doesn't take a step until he hears from heaven. Instruction from God places you on the highway of heaven to transact business with God on earth.

God's instruction will teach you how to profit, lead you in the way that you should go, make the crooked places straight and break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron and give you treasures of darkness and hidden riches in secret places.

When you follow God's instructions you will always succeed in whatever you are called to do. If you are not succeeding presently, then you need to inquire from God in order to receive fresh instruction from Him.

In the Kingdom of God, you succeed by following God's instructions and not human wisdom. You triumph by following the charge of God not by might; you prevail by following the order of God and not by subjugating people and you are set far above by obeying God's commandment and not by being connected to men.

Set Above The Nations

"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God. Deut. 28:1-2

"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." John 14:21

Your making it in life, ministry and business is only guaranteed when you hear and obey the voice of God.

We lack in ministry not because we are not called but simply because we refuse to heed the voice of God. We are under in ministry not because that's where we are supposed to be but because we refuse to obey the commands of God; that is the command that proceeds through His voice.

The voice of God will birth your dream and break in pieces anything that will stand as a hindrance on your way to achieving God's plan for your life.

When God led the Israel with His voice for forty years in the wilderness, they lacked nothing. Their clothes were not worn out, so also their sandals. They were fed well.

If you are able to secure the voice of God concerning any issue that you face, that issue is settled forever. The voice of God possesses everything God has. You can never separate a man's voice from his person. You identify a man when you hear his voice. And whatever the voice says that is exactly what the man is thinking or planning or even doing.

God will always back whatever His voice says. His voice when obeyed will make you a high flyer, set you above and not beneath, make you the head and not the tail, a lender and not a borrower. Always position yourself to hear the

voice of God and quickly obey it and you will be a candidate for the good of the land where you are sent.

If you are His sheep then you are bound to hear His voice speak to you. His voice doesn’t make suggestions, it commands and issue out orders.

Your only guarantee to hearing the voice of God clearly is for His word to dwell in abundance in your heart. It is upon the waters of His word that His voice is heard.

Wisdom Eight

Ministry Of The Word

Covenant Principles:

Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, who we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.” Acts 6:2-4, 7

Dr. David Oyedepo’s sayings:

“The word of God is what determines our ultimate worth in life. The revelation of the word of God is what will reposition the church in her rightful place here on earth as the light of the world, the salt of the earth, and as a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden. The depths of insight and revelation will make the church become the envy of the world. As a result, all nations shall flow to her, asking to be taught by her. The destiny of the church-your destiny and mine-anchors on the word of God, which is the custodian of our glorious destiny. How much of it we are able to connect with is what defines the limit of our destinies.”

There was a time when I always wondered why Dr. Oyedepo emphasizes the word above every other thing in his ministry. We were all looking forward to more time of praise and worship than time for the word. We wanted to be entertained rather than educated and transformed.

I can remember vividly how we used to complain that the emphasis on the word is too much. You pray the word, preach the word, confess the word and even sing the word. Can’t we just have a little break from the word? Can’t we have some motivational stuff than the word, word and more word? That was my reasoning.

Along the line I began to understand why he emphasizes the word. You will never hear him or one of his pastors ever say he doesn’t have a word to preach. He makes sure that their priority is the word.

You can imagine what Israel went through in the wilderness eating manna every day. Their mind must have become too saturated with manna that it oozes out of their body and they smelt it everywhere they went. They cried to God for the fish, cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic they ate in Egypt. I mean they cried for God to give them those varieties instead of the manna.

Surely, I reasoned, a church that focus on the word every year will soon lack what to preach. There is no variety like philosophy, wealth, science, technology and so on. Those are varieties the church needs. I don't know if I was alone in this, but I sure made it known that this "manna" is just too much. I was very naïve and ignorant.

All the varieties that I mentioned are all part of the word of God and much more. I was just blinded and was unable to see beyond what I was hearing. Dr. Oyedepo knows something about the word that I didn't know.

Despite my opposition, I pressed on because God had sent me to learn from him. I found out that the things I complain about are the lessons I needed to learn. I did complain big time.

My mind was full of the world and all the negative things you can find in it. So the last thing it really wanted to have was the word of God.

You see, God was the Lord of my heart, but the devil was in charge of my mind. How can that be, you may be wondering? By getting born again, I submitted my heart to God but by the kind of things I thought about every day, the devil's throne was resident in my mind and the last thing the devil will ever do is give up a territory.

So as the word was being preached, the devil built a wall against it so that it bounced back at the pastor. He does this to protect his turf. I am was in church but impervious to the word.

The ones that entered into me were the ones the devil allowed and those words got me offended at Dr. Oyedepo. I was so offended at him that I called him names. I didn't know what I was doing. I really thought I was doing the right thing and helping God, not knowing that I was busy doing the will of the devil.

It really took me a long time of studies and persistency to get to understand things about the word. The devil or the anti-Christ spirit that was operating through me was not against the anointing but against the word of God.

Most people try to protect the anointing thinking that's all the devil is after. Then he would have been a very big fool and Jesus would not have needed to die to defeat him. Check out in every church, no one is ever against the anointing, what people complain about is the preaching of the word.

The body of Christ agrees on the concept of the anointing, the challenge is in the interpretation of the word of God. The devil uses the minds of men to give his perverted interpretation of the word. And his interpretations eventually become the standard for most congregations.

As long as the anointing is in force everyone is happy. But when you begin to teach the word of God as revealed by God, all the devil's kingdom is let loose against you, saying "we must stop him from preaching the word."

The devil really used me against the word of God. And there was no one to really teach me all those things about the word of God. Imagine someone who is blind trying to teach what he does not know to other people who are blind. I was blind and was teaching blind people and leading them into the ditch.

My persistence eventually paid up and the ray of God's light began to shine in my mind as the word began to take its rightful place in my mind. How did that happen?

God directed me to learn from Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. They taught me about the word, its power and its effect. Today when people call Brother Copeland a prosperity preacher, I always wonder. The man is not called to preach prosperity, but the uncompromised word of God. Prosperity is just the effect of him attending to the word of God.

So I followed their example and got lots of scriptures and began reading them aloud three times a day. It was challenging to really keep up. The devil was fighting. He kept on telling me that it is not working, that it is better to read the word silently than aloud that I am disturbing other people.

Thank God for Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. They taught me that anytime the devil is saying something is not working, it is a lie because it is working against him. So I kept confessing the word. Little by little the beam of God's light began to shine in my mind. The word prevailed in my mind and then began to prevail in my life.

That is where the battle of the word is fought: in your mind. The person who

gets born again is a new creature indeed after the Spirit, but he has the old nature after the image and likeness of the devil. There is nothing much one can do for God on earth if the devil is in charge of one's mind.

The word of God is the spiritual weapon I used to dismantle and dethrone the devil and his kingdom from my mind. In the church I was a saint, but outside I was manifesting the nature of hell because of the devil being in control of my mind.

After anyone gets born again, the first thing to do is for the person to dethrone the devil from his or her mind. That is what the Bible calls the renewal of the mind. It is not something you do once and for all; you have to do it continually.

I believe Dr. Oyedepo had this understanding at the very early stage of his walk with God. Because you can never do all of what he is doing if the devil is in charge of your mind. You know what the devil would have done? Use his mind to scatter his ministry.

Anyone or anything that keeps you away from the word of God is keeping you from God and His life. God and His spirit can't help you that much if you don't know His word concerning an issue. Ignorance, which is the result of a mind blinded by the devil, expands the gates of hell and not that of heaven.

"But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." Matt. 6:23 KJV

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 2 Cor. 4:3-4

……. You should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. Eph. 4:17-19

And that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will. 2 Tim. 2:26

Therefore my people have gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge; their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

Therefore sheol has enlarged itself and opened its mouth beyond measured, their glory and their multitude and their pomp, and he who is jubilant, shall descend unto it. Is. 5:13-14

Poverty, sickness and disease, violence, stagnation, failure and all evil belongs in hell not on earth. Anyone who is poor is simply blinded and the devil is in charge of his or her mind.

The devil uses people's mind to bring the lifestyle of hell into their lives. That is why some preachers can't just understand why Kenneth Copeland and Dr. Oyedepo are rich. They are blinded, so all they see is poverty and not abundance.

Meanwhile, Kenneth Copeland and Dr. Oyedepo are constantly beholding abundance as they renew their mind with the word of God. As they read the word of God, they don't just see God in it; they see themselves in God as He is.

The devil never wanted me to see that and have the image of God formed in me. Once I am able to see that image I will become free of his influence and can now see the abundance that only God has. And as I continued to behold the word, I became free of his influence on me and became transformed to be like God.

That was what the devil was afraid of me knowing. Once I become like Christ, a god to my world, then he will have no place on earth but in hell. Fighting the word then was simply fighting who God has created me to be.

The word of God is the light of God and as the word entered me, it liberated me. Dr. Oyedepo's assignment is to liberate human by preaching the word of God in season and out of season, whether fashionable or not. That is the reason everything he does is word focused and ruled. The word shatters darkness and when manifested as light destroys the works of the devil.

Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its eternal, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the (entire) renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]. Rom. 12:2 AMP

Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make

you free." John 8:30-31

If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken)." John 10:35

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom). And all of us, as with unveiled face [because we] continued to behold [in the word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another, [for this comes] from the Lord [who is] the Spirit. 2 Cor. 3:17-18 AMP

Today, when anyone tells me that Dr. Oyedepo has missed it, I will ask them whether he has stopped preaching the word of faith. If he has then we need to pray to God and write him to return back to his assignment. Our nation and the world is in trouble if he starts preaching anything but the word of faith.

But as I have come to know him in the spirit, he is a man that will never stop preaching the word. I believe he preaches the gospel even in his dream.

Preaching the Word

Only a free man can set another free. If you are blind, you will never be able to lead others to freedom. Yet that is exactly what is happening all around us. Men whose minds are held captive by the devil have taken over the pulpit in the nations.

The word of God only become potent and a two edged sword when it is being preached. That is when it becomes light, fire, hammer, rock and sword. I wonder if pastors really understand this. But Dr. Oyedepo clearly does.

Whatever you preach will become a reality to you. Pastors who are poor, preach poverty and end up with members who are poor. Even if a rich man joins that church, the power of preaching will turn him into a poor man.

Dr. Oyedepo wrote in his book, The Release of Power, "Many Christians are under plagues today by their own making. There are many ministries today whose destines have been thrown to the dogs, as a result of the kind of things their ministers say. Such ministers climb the pulpit and all they do is tear down another ministry. Consequently, and gradually, they begin to go down, and they descend until nobody recognizes them anymore!"

Preaching make the word of God come alive. That's why Jesus said, "The word I speak to you are spirit and life (John 6:63), which means as He preaches the word, it takes on the life of God and infuses spiritual life into everyone who hears and believes it.

I learnt about the power of preaching the word from Dr. Oyedepo and as a result I made sure no one preaches anything on the pulpit except the word of God and such a person must be free from the blindness of the devil.

You can preach all you can, but if your mind is held captive by the devil and the word is not in your heart, don't be surprise when nothing is happening and things are getting worst in your ministry. The life of God must first be in your heart before it can flow through your mouth. Preaching is just a vehicle to convey what the word has become in your heart.

A poor pastor can never make you rich. So also a sick pastor can never heal anyone who hears his preaching. He may even be preaching about healing. The reason is that he doesn't believe it. Whatever you want your preaching to do, must first of all be in your heart.

Today, Dr. Oyedepo's preaching has liberated many people from sickness, poverty, backwardness, all kinds of evil and unemployment simply because he has first allowed the word to liberate him. Therefore, if the word of God is not working for people when you preach it, it means you don't believe it will work for you.

Your preaching can only build people up and give them an inheritance if you believe it so. That is the word would have first built you up and given you an inheritance before it will give others.

If you preach the gospel from a heart full of faith in God, people who hear you will have no option but to have faith birth into them by the word of God. But if you don't believe it, it will just be you telling a story, or cracking a joke. Nothing extraordinary will come out of it. That is the condition of most churches today.

Whatever the word has done for you and mean to you is exactly what it will do to people when you preach it.

Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, and make them holy] by the Truth; Your word is Truth. And so for their sake and on their behalf I sanctify (dedicate, consecrate) Myself, that they also may be sanctified

(dedicated, consecrated, made holy) in the Truth. John 17:17, 19 AMP

So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Acts 20:32

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Rom. 1:16

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10:14, 17

Don't go out and start preaching until you have labor in the word and see it produce in your life. I advise pastors that apart from the preparations they have made, before they start their ministry, they should lock themselves up with the word until it produce in their lives.

It is as you continue in the word that the word will set you free continually. If you decide you are free enough and have no need for the word you are deceived.

Anointing may bring you people, but only when the word of God is working will the people be cleansed, set free and empowered with faith to chase out the devil and take more territories for God. When you preach from a heart of faith, people will have faith to receive the inheritance of God.

Don't be so concern about the anointing. The anointing is in the word of God and as you preach it with faith, the anointing or power of God will be available to heal and draw multitudes to your ministry.

Dr. Oyedepo wrote in his book, Understanding Divine Direction, "In March 1984, in Kaduna I went before the Lord to inquire from Him, "Lord, why is this church crawling? What would you have me do to set it in motion?" He said to me, "Keep sowing the seed, and as the grass grows, the sheep will come for it." Then I remembered the scripture, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures" (Ps. 23:2). God said, "Just keep the grass green. They will not only come, they will lie down there." Very simple! The preaching of the word is the main source of growth in our church. The word rakes in about ninety-nine percent of worshippers to the church."

Like many pastors, I really thought it's all about preaching the word. But I was wrong. It's about preaching the word that has affected you and created faith in your heart. That is the word that changes and impact lives.

And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. John 1:5

And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. 1 Cor. 2:4-5

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them: but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. Heb. 4:4

They didn't mix it with faith simply because their mind was blinded and filled with darkness. But when the word is preached by someone who has light, the light will shatter the darkness and set the people free to believe.

Preaching is the power of God in motion.

Publish the Word

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it. Ps. 68:11 KJV

…… What you see, write in a book and send it. Rev. 1:11

…….. According to the gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evil doer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. 2 Tim. 2:8-9

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

God has instructed us to go into all the world and preach the gospel, but the only challenge is that no matter how we try we are limited. We can only be in one place at a time. It is physically impossible to be in two places at once.

We are constrained really. But that doesn't mean we should allow the word of God to be constrained like us. That is why there is a need for creativity and innovation when it comes to preaching the gospel all over the world.

No one needs any special calling to unchain the word and send it to the nations of the earth. You don't need any special calling to commit the gospel to book and

CDs. You only need skill and discipline which many lack.

When I talk to pastors about committing their messages into books and sending them into the world, I hear a lot of excuses. And chief among them is that God has either not call them to write or given them the ability or anointing to write.

No matter how you try, there are places on earth that you will never reach or get to. There are nations on earth that no one will allow you to preach in. If you can't get in, surely your books, CDs, DVDs, music and movies can be allowed.

I once read the story of how communism took over China. At the time, Christian missionaries had been in China for a hundred years and have built schools, churches, hospitals and many social amenities. Then a communist met one of the missionaries and informed him that in ten years time they will be chasing Christianity and the missionaries out of china. The missionary laughed.

But exactly ten years after, the communist have taken over China and had asked all the Christian missionaries to leave. The missionary sought out the communist and asked how they were able to do it. The communist informed him that while the church was solving social problems, which was good by the way. The communist were writing their manifesto in common people's language and sending it out to every part of China. At the end, God had the spirit of the people, but the communist had their soul and body. So the soul voted to chase the missionaries out.

Since I read this story, I have resolved that God will not only own the spirits of men but their souls and bodies too. Today nations like Iraq and Saudi Arabia are closed to preachers but they are not closed to the word of God.

Russia was also broken from within by the word of God. The communist did not allow people to preach (they have declared God as dead) but the wisdom of God will continually humble human wisdom and make it nothing. I once read how Don Moen and others smuggled Bible on tapes into Russia for distribution. The persistent sending of printed materials and media into the country in spite of the boundaries set, brought about the collapse of communism in that country.

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty, and the base things of the world and the things which

are despised. God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. 1 Cor. 1:21, 27-29

Where no one can reach, the word of God can get there when package. Nations that don't allow the gospel to be preached, allow pornographic movies and magazines. So why not package the gospel as movies and magazines that can be allowed in.

Dr. Oyedepo said, "Getting the word across to people has been the Lord's heartbeat and still is. The word of God must be preached to every creature and the role of the media in this commission cannot be over emphasized. I personally have had series of personal encounters with God through the media."

The media gives us the ability of having ministry without walls. With the internet, our messages can reach farther than we can ever imagine.

Dr. Oyedepo's ministry is an example of the word of God not being chained. I believe the media has enabled him to be preaching 24/7 to thousands if not millions of people, without him being necessarily involved. That is the power of publishing the word of God.

I learnt this lesson from him and then took time to develop my writing and speaking skills so that God can use them to send His word to the nations of the world even while I am here in Nigeria.

The call is to write whatever Jesus tells you in the secret and broadcast it on the mountain top to the world. That is the key to building a great ministry. Those who put the word in other forms and send it out end up with greatness.

Ministry should no longer be restricted to the four walls of the church. Most people should first encounter you through your books before they will come to you. God is committed to confirming the word you send out. That is how to have a ministry without walls.

Your preaching may cleanse and give them faith, but it is what they read that ground them in the word of God.

Make Prophetic Declarations

Wise people use their mouth to create exactly what they want by speaking boldly the word of God concerning it. What are they doing? They are imitating the only wise God. That's how God created the earth and everything in it.

Prophetic declaration is one of the inventions Dr Oyedepo brought to the body of Christ and it is a key factor in the supernatural results he is getting in life and ministry.

He said in his book, Releasing the Supernatural, “A cardinal step in the release of the supernatural is the production of sound. It is the production of sound based on the word of God revealed to you that will compel supernatural forces to work in your favor. That is what brings about the signs you desire. Soundless Christians are therefore signless Christians.”

I used to be the see it and say it as it is kind of Christian. I thought my mouth was given to me by God to eat and just talk anything that comes to my mind. But Dr Oyedepo taught me that God gave me a mouth to rule on earth and to create heaven on earth. The mouth’s purpose is dominion not mere talk. You are not wise if you are not using your mouth to dominate circumstances, but allow circumstances to rule you.

Your mouth is an instrument for dominion because it carries the authority to either make you live in dominion or in servitude. It is under your control, you can determine what you say. When you begin to use your mouth to declare God’s will, you become the voice of God and a co-creator and co-ruler with Him to dominate the earth.

The earth was not created by the hand of God but by the word that proceeded out of the mouth of God. Every word of God carries authority to enforce whatever He says. He said it and it happens. Since the word of God has power to dominate, anytime you speak the word, you will be in dominion.

Anyone who wants to be wise will make declarations that he wants to see. Dr Oyedepo makes declarations over the church and its members and sees exactly what he desires to happen, happen. Every part of his ministry was established and built by his prophetic declarations. Nothing happens except in answer to his declarations. This is the way to manifest the supernatural power of God to create heaven on earth. Anyone who will not boldly declare what he wants should not expect to see signs and wonders. Because signs and wonders are products of what you declare.

You will also declare a thing, and it will be establish for you; so light will shine on your ways. Job 22:28

For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. Psalm 33:9

A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth, and the recompense of a man’s hands will be rendered to him. Prov 12:14

Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. Acts 14:3

When you open your mouth wide, God will fill it with wisdom and power to make heaven come into your life and ministry. Don’t expect God to fill your mouth if your heart is not brimming with His word. You can only make declarations for what you believe and see it come to pass.

Through those prophetic declarations, Dr Oyedepo pours his heart and God’s blessing on people. And God has always been very faithful in confirming those declarations because they are based on His word and Dr Oyedepo believes them.

The supernatural must be in your heart and mouth before it can be manifested. Whatever you declare boldly whether good or bad has the power to become the reality for you.

Mind what is coming out of your mouth, because they are prophecies about how your life will turn out. Speak the things you want to see and be into the atmosphere, and angels will be on assignment to bring them to pass.

The measure of the words you speak- prophecy over your life- is the measure of life you are going to have and live.

Wisdom Nine

Birth Everything Through Prayer

Covenant Principle:

“Before she was in labor, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a man child. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such a thing? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children. Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?” says the Lord. “Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?” says your Lord. Isaiah 66:7-9

Dr David Oyedepo’s Saying:

“Prayer is not just telling God your needs, because He already knows them (matt 6:32). It is getting Him to intervene in your situation on the basis of His word. God is your heavenly Father and He knows your needs, but you require His help to overcome the enemy.”

Someone said God does nothing on earth except in answer to the prayer of the righteous. This means if you want God to do anything on earth, you must first pray. No prayer means, no act from God. And your prayers must not be a silent one. It is wisdom therefore to pray about everything you plan to do.

After the release of the first book in the series, “Business Secrets of David Oyedepo”, the king (Dr Oyedepo) sent for me. On entering his office and ushered into a sit, I was amazed that the first thing he did was to pray that God should guide us in our talk. I was amazed because I didn’t expect he would pray before talking with me. But that shows his wisdom.

Within me I asked, what is the essence of praying? Surely, he doesn’t need to pray to discuss anything with me. But that only reveals who he is and how he is able to get the results he is getting. He depends on God for everything. He always prays in order that the will of God will be birth in every circumstance he is involved in. I learnt a great lesson that day.

I believed that it was me who needed to pray before our meeting, so I took three hours to pray in tongues to prepare. You don’t go to a person like Dr Oyedepo in the flesh. He can smell carnality from a far, because he is always in the spirit. I

did this because I have learnt from him that you can never be wrong when you depend on God and commit everything in prayer to Him for guidance (I decided to add this chapter after meeting with him).

No man can ever do the kind of great work Dr Oyedepo had done and is doing without spending time seeking God. Canaan land is God working through a man who prays. Without prayer there won't have been Winners Chapel talk less of Faith Tabernacle and Covenant University. Everything you can see in his ministry was birth through prayer. Without prayer nothing was done that was done.

You don't grow your church or prosper in God without praying. Now, I am not talking about the kind of prayer most of us engage in, where we only talk about our problems to God. No!

I am talking about reasoning with God, committing things to Him and getting to know exactly what he wants done and aligning yourself with His will and agreeing with His plan on how to bring it to pass. You can only get divine direction in the place of prayer.

Prayer is communion with God but most of us have turned it to talking to God. We don't take time to listen to God say His mind. It is like a man getting to know his wife carnally. It is the only means through which you can get to know God and His will.

When you pray, you open up your heart to God to impregnate you. Dr Oyedepo is really a pregnant man. A man of prayer is a man impregnated by God. And God will not make pregnant and not bring about delivery, except of course if you stop praying. What is conceived in prayer must of necessity be birth through prayer.

The pregnancy is known as vision. Everyone who had done great things for God, was a man of prayer. It is wisdom therefore to always seek God in prayer. Whenever you pray to God, the heaven must open in response. Keep quiet and listen (Luke 3:21-22).

When God speaks to you in prayer, His words are the seed or sperm that fertilize your womb (heart) to conceive of the vision of God, just as Mary conceived of Jesus, the vision of God.

Every vision Dr Oyedepo had received from God were gotten in the place of

prayer. The place of prayer therefore is the place of conception. If you don't make out time to pray, you won't conceive of all that God wants to do through you. And without conception, there will never be a need for delivery.

I used to think that all you need to do to have a vision was just to close my eyes and imagine. Whatever comes to my mind is a vision. It was really hard. But when I learnt that vision comes when we communicate and discuss with God, it became really easy for me to have visions.

You conceive vision by prayer and must bring about the delivery by prayer. Therefore prayer becomes the foundation for success in life and ministry. This means that pastors who have had visions from God and are not living in the reality of that vision have stopped praying. Pastors with growing churches that are doing exploits are pastors who pray.

God is searching for people who will come to Him in order to conceive and carry His visions for the earth and with His help bring them to pass. You will only receive help from God in the place of prayer. It is the place to receive strength to carry and deliver a vision.

Everything you do in life and ministry must and should be birth through prayer. Because only what God births can overcome the world and withstand every storm from hell.

Whenever you pray in the secret place, you will conceive and God will birth whatever you have conceived in the public before everyone to see and acknowledge that it is born of God and not men.

No man ever has sex with his wife in the open for people to see. It is always hidden. When she conceives, no one knows. But eventually it begins to show until it becomes very clear to everyone that she is pregnant. But if after months of marriage, there is no difference in the woman's physique people begin to wonder what is happening. So also you should wonder when a man says he stays with God but doesn't have visions from God.

The truth is, like the pregnant woman, when you conceive of a vision from God, things will begin to change about you. You become different. Your desires too changes.

Don't do anything, except you have first prayed through. Prayer is taking steps in the spirit. You must first overcome in the spirit realm before you should take

the first step in the physical.

A lot of lives and ministries have been cut short through assumptions and presumptions, simply because they took steps in the physical without first overcoming in prayer. Be clear about anything and everything before you start doing it. A vision becomes clearer as you keep on praying.

Dr Oyedepo would have first prayed over many projects and be assured of victory before he will take the first step to bring them to pass. Even when he takes a step he still continues seeking God about it. He is wise and knows that only what is born of prayer overcomes the world. By then he had secured the backing of God and everything happens with speed and supernaturally provided for.

I didn't know this. When God gives me an idea, I run to implement it. Along the way I become discouraged and at times I lose energy and strength. Even when I get those ideas from staying with God, I don't wait for maturation before stepping out. And because I stepped out prematurely, I experience failure most times. No one gets interested in the project and I don't see God's provision and hand to work signs and wonders.

Anyone who will labor in prayer will be the person God will work through to build a mind blowing ministry on earth. Pastor Adeboye is Dr Oyedepo's spiritual father and I learnt that before the crusade in Lekki that drew the highest number of people, he prayed for 72 hours none stop. He was in the presence of God, hearing and seeing what God was doing in heaven and agreeing with God to do the same here as such multitudes thronged the meeting.

The massiveness of RCCG is a testimony, proof and product of the prayer life of Pst Adeboye. Now you can understand why Dr Oyedepo is a prayerful man.

When you ask pastors of small churches about prayer, they will tell you that it is not so important. If they can preach well, the people will come is their belief: that the word is much more important than prayer.

Yes, no doubt the word is very important but without prayer the word is mere letters. But with prayer it becomes a double edge sword that is sharp, swift and effective in its workings. Prayer causes God to breathe upon His word and make it come alive in your mouth.

During prayer, God will place a word about what you will achieve in your heart.

His word becomes the light that enlightens the darkness of your heart so that you see and know all that He has for you. This is the key to being fruitful in ministry and in life.

Prayer, therefore, is the foundation of a great ministry. People who engage in prayer are humble, therefore wise. In prayer, you will hear God and know all that He wants you to do and then provide you with all the backing you need.

Dr Oyedepo always says that the reason why they are having the kind of results they are having is simply because they do as commanded. How does he get the commands? He gets them in the place of prayer.

Wherever you stop praying that will be the level at which you will stagnate and begin to retrogress. Churches that are not growing are churches with pastors that are not communing and communicating with God. There is no how you can commune with God and your church and business will not blossom and flourish.

Before the devil will attack your word bank, he would have first attacked your prayer habit. People who are not producing much fruit and pastors whose churches are not growing have had their prayer house over run by the devil. Your closet is the place where the growth and prosperity of your church is born.

Why would God want men to pray? This is because prayer is the visa God requires to enter the earth and act on our behalf. When you pray, the borders of the earth will open up for Him to visit. He set a law that would not allow Him to enter the earth. So He gave you authority over the earth and only you can invite Him and that can only be done through prayer.

I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected. Then the Lord answered me and said: “Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Habb 2:1-3

“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” Matt 6:5-6

“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptations. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Matt 26:41

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. Col 1:9-10

Prayer is the foundation of success and a prayerful man will be a successful and praiseful person. Prayer is the key to doing exploits on earth, because it is the only means through which God will reveal Himself to you.

Commit Your Work to God

When I joined Winners Chapel, apart from the attention given to the word, the other thing I noticed was that they prayed. Whatever they want to do and expect God to do, they pray it into reality.

They don’t just pray it once and forget about it, they pray it until they have committed God to fulfilling it. That’s why they don’t pray the situation to God but His word, which is the solution and what they expect to happen.

The prayer system of Living Faith Church is really the systemized prayer habits of Dr Oyedepo. What you see there is really what he does personally. Meaning, you can never have a praying church if the pastor is not prayerful. No prayer warrior can pray your church to growth, if you the pastor don’t pray. It must start from the head.

Even if God tells him to do something and he sees it in a vision, he will still take time to pray over it until the Holy Spirit brood over it, formed it within him and then bring it to pass. The key is to pray your vision and projects to reality.

Like a child, he is always depending on God and not relying on his ability or intellect to bring to pass the things that God wants to do through him.

It is a sign of great faith to continually commit the vision of God back to him.

That’s one of the grandest forms of trust and it is the secret of the wise. In prayer, God’s desires become yours.

Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. Ps 37:4-5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Prov 3:5-6

People who do not commit their works to God are unwise and that is a sign that they have more confidence in their abilities than in God.

It is a sign of humility to commit God’s work back to Him for its fulfillment. He gave it to you, but expects you to call on Him to bring it to pass by His power and wisdom. You will struggle over any project that you did not commit to God.

I believe from the time when Dr Oyedepo conceived of the vision that became birth as Faith Tabernacle till it was built, he was constantly praying about every aspect of that massive project. The more he prayed about it, the bigger it get and the more real it became. Soon it was so real in him that he knew the time had come to build it. Whatever God showed him, he commits back to God and God work through him to bring it to pass.

That’s why the projects he embarks upon are mind blowing because they are God made and produced.

Everything God shows you at first will look small. That’s because he is inviting you to commune with Him to get the full picture. He knows that if you get the whole vision at once you will get discouraged, so He shows you a little part of it.

When God told me to write about all I have learnt from studying Dr Oyedepo, I thought it was just a book. As I prayed about it, it became 10 and now I don’t know how many it is going to be because God is continually showing me more as I pray.

God will show you something small at first and you will think you can achieve it with your own strength and knowledge. Some may even go ahead to do it without seeking God more. It’s just the tip of the iceberg. The bigger part can only be access when you seek Him. But Dr Oyedepo tarries in prayer. He may not mind staying for years praying about an issue knowing full well that when he eventually gets the go ahead to do it, he will do it in record time. That’s why

building Faith Tabernacle took only a year.

What he was doing was just a rehearsal of what had already been done in the spirit. And as he tarries in prayer, God begins to reveal more about the project to him until it becomes so big that only God can achieve it. And by that time, his faith would have grown bigger than the project. So that when others are looking at how impossible it is, he will see how impossible it is not to be.

Without God you can really do nothing. When you humble yourself to pray and commit your works to God, He will exalt you and partner with you to bring it to pass in a grand style. The word that He gives you, when returned back to Him will achieve its purpose. God works with the word you pray to Him concerning the vision He gave you to bring it to pass.

“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” Isaiah 55:10-11

Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?” And I said, “I see a branch of an almond tree.” Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well, for I am ready to perform my word.” Jeremiah 1:11-12

And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen. Mark 16:20

Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. Acts 14:3

If you want your projects to be done miraculously with the power of God, then pray back to God the word He gave you for the project. Keep praying until He makes the project and your church or business a praise on the earth.

You must become a watchman that never rest nor give God rest until He births what you have conceived by His word.

I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isaiah 62:6-7

“And shall not God avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?” Luke 18:7-8

The more you commit your vision to God in prayer, the bigger it gets and the more assured and fully convinced you are that God is able to bring it to pass through you.

Becoming Wise Like God

God is the only all-wise God, so when you associate with God through prayer you will end up as wise as Him. Your mindset will get expanded.

That is the only way to actualize the vision God has given you by His power and wisdom. It must be done by the wisdom of God and until your wisdom gets upgraded to become equal to that of God there is no way you can actualize that vision.

God’s dreams and visions can only be achieved by the wisdom of God and prayer is the means through which you can access the wisdom of God.

Dr Oyedepo said that at the start of the ministry, he prayed for God’s wisdom everyday for about two years. And everyone, including the devil, knows that the wisdom of God is operating in him.

There is no how you can achieve the kind of massive results he has without your wisdom equaling that of God. Human wisdom has no capacity to achieve the vision of God. You need the wisdom of God to do that.

God does His works by His wisdom and the earth and everything in it is a proof of the wisdom of God at work. Through prayer, you get to intermingle with the wisdom of God to make your vision a reality.

O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions. Ps 104:24

He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed. Prov 13:20

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the

wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double minded man, unstable in all his ways. James 1:5-8

The wisdom of God is His strategies to accomplishing His goals and objectives; it is the blueprint to follow to realize your vision. It is God working through you.

The words of the wise are full of wisdom. As such when you open yourself to communicating and associating with the wise you will end up as wise as they are.

Every word that comes out of God's is full of wisdom and power. God literally communicates His wisdom to you each time you come to Him in prayer. The word becomes implanted in you. Unfortunately, most people are so caught up hearing their voice that they have no time to hear the wisdom of God.

Wisdom is hearing and doing exactly what God tells or shows you in prayer and by so doing, you can obtain His kind of result. Everyone acknowledges the wisdom by which Jesus operated simply because He only does what the Father shows and tells Him. That's great wisdom.

Now I believe you can understand how Dr Oyedepo gets the amazing kind of results he produces. It's not rocket science. You too can do it if you will take time to pray. Wisdom is the key to results in ministry, but prayer is the pathway to it. The eagles don't know the way to it, only the prayerful man can find it.

His projects are so astounding that only the wisdom of God can do them. By that wisdom he builds, furnishes and fills them with all rare and precious things. That wisdom is speaking for everyone to see and hear.

Prayer Gives Power to Perform

…The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results. James 5:16 TLB

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Acts 4:31,33

"Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. Luke 24:49

Prayer is the birth place of power; that is the ability of God to bring things to

pass. You will never encounter the power of God to accomplish God's vision for your life, until you have sought God in prayer.

It takes the power of God to have a church of 50,000 holding four (4) services each Sunday morning with branches spread all over the world and people flowing gladly into them. And Dr Oyedepo is so restful and at peace you will wonder whether he is the one doing all those projects. Many people who don't even do anything are looking tired already. Everything you see in Dr Oyedepo's life is the power of God at work.

He is restful because He labored through prayer to enter into the rest of God. The work of taking care of those projects has been committed to God. He has cast all the cares of the ministry on God and has taken the yoke of God which is easy and light.

If you carry the work on your head, you will become full of anxiety and will never have peace. The yoke will become hard and the burden of ministry will be heavy. It is wisdom then to pray and leave the load of ministry to God. Don't carry any. Drop them all on God, He promised to carry them no matter how heavy they are. Only fools carry the burden of ministry on their heads. It's not your work, it's God's. Your responsibility is to commune with Him to receive His power to do it.

In executing your vision, you will encounter oppositions from enemies like Nehemiah went through while building the walls of Jerusalem. Ministry is building the walls of the earth so that the devil will have no way into it. But when you begin to pray, the greatness of God's power will be released that will lift you far above your enemies and cause them to submit to you.

This is how Dr Oyedepo was able to transform the camp of witches into the garden of God. He practically seized the land from their hands by the demonstration of God's power. Power is the key to possessing your possessions and getting great results.

The goal of every opposition is to challenge your position of prayer. If you give in and let go of your prayer altar then you will submit to the enemy and they will strip you of dignity and all your possessions. But if you stay put in that place of prayer and never give up your position, you will bind the devil and spoil and dispossess him of all his possessions. You will gain more ground in prayer.

When anyone opposes you, run to God in prayer and all they have will end up

with you. People oppose you because they have something that belongs to you. The devil is just using them. But only power will cause them to submit to you all that is yours that they have held on to illegally. The angrier and violent they get, the more you should pray. It shows the power of God is working on your behalf. Don't mind how they act, just mind your place with God in prayer. Stay with God and victory will be assured.

When you operate by the power of God you are literally in charge on earth. Through prayer you get empowered to dominate and stay in charge of wherever you are. Those who stay away from prayer get dominated and subjected to servitude by the devil. That's why it is a great evil to see Christians who are kings acting like slaves while slaves are lording it over them. Those Christians have been deceived and have left their place of prayer.

A prayerful man is a powerful man who is in charge anywhere he goes.

When prayer becomes a challenge to you, your life and all you have will be challenged by the devil and you will be taken captive and dominated by him. Without prayer, you can protect nothing. Even your title deed (faith) to all the promise of God will be taken from you. Who are you then without prayers?

Do you know why multitudes come to Winners Chapel? Power draws them willingly, of their own accord with no compulsion. When prayer becomes a lifestyle to you, you will always be empowered and you will become stronger than the strongman and he will have no choice but to give up that territory and all the things in it for you. You are in charge.

The hand of God is the power of God in display and manifestation and it is triggered by prayer. When the hand of God is upon you, you will achieve great results without much effort.

You can only manifest your sonship and possess your inheritance in God through power and the demonstration of it. And prayer is the gateway to the God-kind of power.

Dr Oyedepo is very wise and powerful because he is prayerful. If you want his kind of results then learn to pray the way he prays. Only foolish and deceived people will think that prayer has nothing to do with his results. God is no respecter of persons, if you will pray like him God will release His hand to work wonders on your behalf.

The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. Elijah was a human being with a nature as we have [with feelings, affections, and a constitution like ours]; and he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, and no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months. And [then] he prayed again and the heavens supplied the rain and the land produced its crops [as usual]. James 5:16-18 AMP

Prayer should be a delight to you. It should come to you naturally. The prayer closest is the generating set of power for exploit in life and ministry.

Wisdom Ten

Govern Your Domain

Covenant Principles:

Good advice and success belong to me. Insight and strength are mine. Because of me, kings reign, and rulers make just laws. Rulers lead with my help, and nobles make righteous judgments. Prov. 8:14-16 NLT

Dr. David Oyedepo's Sayings:

"Revelation 5:10 tells us that by the blood of Jesus, we have been redeemed unto God as priests and kings, and we shall reign on the earth. He redeemed you to reign, and it is by wisdom that kings reign, and princes decree justice. You don't have a place in the end-time army without the Spirit of wisdom, because it is a reigning army……. No one has encounter with the Spirit of wisdom without making outstanding marks in life. Joseph took over government in Egypt by the Spirit of wisdom".

Yes, we are redeemed to be kings and to rule in the domain where God has sent us to. We are representatives of God sent to the earth to bring the rule of God to the earth.

When I started ministry, the last thing I knew anything about was ruling my domain. I was ruled by the devil, controlled by circumstance and captained by lack. I really thought I was being humble living that way. I was looking forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus when I will finally reign in glory with Him.

So everything I am going through on earth, I thought, was part of the training for me to qualify eventually to reign in heaven. Ask me where I got that from and I will answer that I don't know. But still I believed it to be so.

It is like the case of a child who will endure beating outside while wishing that he would just get home to tell his dad. Only that by the time he would have gotten home, he would have been beaten to a pulp.

There was this song that was sung then, "Take the world and gave me Jesus." I really believed it. I believe we are to suffer here on earth. And the quality of our endurance is really a key to our reigning in heaven.

So as a good soldier of Christ, I endured slavery under the devil and his kingdom. And when I read that Jesus called him the god and ruler of the world, I submitted to his authority without any resistance or challenge.

The only problem I had was that the devil is not merciful and loyal. He doesn't care about anyone but himself. I really tried never to challenge him. I wanted to be one of his highly subservient slaves on earth while I look forward to being his master in heaven. But he was really making things tough and rough for me.

I was reading the Bible wrongly because the devil was in charge of my mind. He lied to me when he said that God has all the power in heaven but he has been given power over the earth. As such anyone who challenges his authority is resisting and rebelling against the ordinance of God, which means that it must be God's will for us to be submitted to the devil no matter the evil and hardship he unleashed on us. That's a lie!

He said that he was deported from heaven to take charge of the earth and all the people in it. He planted that lie into me and I took it in. I believed it. As such sickness, disease, poverty, lack and death were the normal things we are to experience on earth.

And most pastors I see and listen to, who should have known better, were also lied to. They believed a real Christian should not be rich and must go through hardship, sickness and diseases on earth. They see death as an act of God, not the devil.

There are many pastors who are still enslaved with these lies. Others even believe that sickness, poverty and disease are the will of God. But I always wondered why they take drugs and go to work. I reasoned that if sickness is the will of God, then people should submit to it and not try to get cured by taking medicine.

Why work to earn money when poverty is the will of God? Surely working will be disobeying God. And those same people will curse you when you wish them short life, poverty and sickness. It was all very confusing.

Under the ministry of Lester Sumrall I learnt about faith, but I saw it all as a theory. Because while he was preaching one thing; I was seeing the believers around me live practically as slaves of the devil. Who should I believe?

I reasoned out that, may be the devil was not in the United States where Lester

Sumrall is. Because people around me were living like the devil was the advocate Jesus promised to send. They were very careful how they address him. They fear saying anything that will make him angry.

Rather than see the devil as their enemy, they see people as the devil and their enemies. That wisdom is from the devil and he uses it to rule over people up till today.

Dr. Oyedepo was the first person I heard who cursed and challenged the devil to his face. He boldly called sickness, disease and poverty as the works of the devil and not the works of God. He said that the devil has been stripped of all power and those powers belong to us in Christ.

It took me years to get to understand all these. I kept at it. At a point, the devil had to begin to whisper to me that Dr. Oyedepo is actually the devil not him. That all those miracles he was doing were not of God. Those miracles passed away with the apostles and those are from the devil because he is not submitted to the will of God. And ignorantly I believed him.

I began to call Dr. Oyedepo the anti-Christ. My mind had been taken captive. I thought I was really doing God a great service by saying all those things. I was just being used by the devil so that I will miss the purpose for which Dr. Oyedepo was sent to me.

But as I continued in the word and kept listening to Kenneth and Gloria Copeland and Dr. Oyedepo, the veil kept coming down until one day on 26th December, 2004, I realized that I had been deceived by the devil. I asked God's forgiveness. I became a student of the word and a farmer of the word.

Through them I learnt that I was redeemed to reign over the devil and the world. I am a superior being than he is. What kept me enslaved to him was ignorance. All I needed to know is the word of God, but he blinded me. Dr Oyedepo said, "Every man's mountain is his ignorance." The devil is not the mountain that hinders you, but your ignorance.

Being born again is good and great, but I believe the greatest thing that will happen to anyone is for their eyes of understanding to be enlightened. As long as it is darkened, they will remain under the government of the devil.

To operate under the government of God and rule over the devil and all his minions, you will need light. Only revelation of the word of God will place you

practically as a king and lord to govern on the earth.

When your eyes of understanding get flooded with light, you will see yourself as God created you to be: a ruler and governor of the earth. Light from the word of God is the scepter of your rulership and that is exactly what the devil tries to keep from you.

You are made a king, but you will only govern on earth when you have insight or light from heaven. You are only a governor on earth by virtue of the knowledge of the word of God.

Your revelation will only authenticate your rulership. After you get born again, you need to stay on the word to renew your mind. Dr. Oyedepo wrote in his book, “Walking in Dominion”, “Revelation is impossible without Salvation. Until you are saved, you don’t have access to the mysteries of the kingdom of God. And inside these mysteries lie your triumph and dominion. Every scripture carries power; and all you need do is gain access into them. When once you do, they become your inheritance forever.”

Continuing in the word of God is therefore the way you apprentice as a ruler over the earth under King Jesus.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His Kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7

Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Matt. 16:17-19

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the

working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. Eph. 1:17-21

Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:12-14

So as you can see it is lack of revelation and insight into the word of God that is the reason for enslavement. It is not just reading and knowing the stories in the Bible but seeing who you are created to be.

You don't have to read the Bible from cover to cover to see that. There are many people who read the Bible from cover to cover twice each year, but still slave under the power of the devil. Revelation is the cure for slavery.

Reading the Bible will only make you a proud slave with information but having revelation from the word will transform you into a ruler like God. The word becomes a mirror for you to see God and be transformed into His image from glory to glory.

Revelation reveals to you the nature of God that you receive at new birth. It shines God's light on His nature and image that is already in you at new birth. This was what the devil was keeping from me when he blinded me so that the glorious light of the gospel of Christ would not penetrate my heart (2 Cor. 4:4).

I stayed in the word until I could see not Christ but myself in His likeness, then I discovered that I was also the lion of the tribe of Judah. I am Christ, the son of the living God. I am a king under Jesus Christ. I have all the authority in heaven, on earth and in hell. I am a ruler of men.

Darkness will always bow when light appears. So when I received this revelation I became the light and god of this world, ruling on behalf of God. I dethroned the devil. I became God's governor of the earth with the express mandate to colonize it and bring heaven to it.

The assignment of the devil was to make sure that the word of God never enters my heart. Because if it does I will realize who I am and that will end his rule over me. By continuing in the word, I beat him to it. The word entered me, gave

me light and made me the light of the world. The world has no need for any physical light; I am its light and its savior. This is God's wisdom at work in David Oyedepo.

When the word enters you it becomes truth and that truth is the light of God that shatters darkness and sets free. Any area of life that the light of God shines in you, you can become a ruler in that area.

I learnt from Dr. Oyedepo that you can be a ruler over sickness and disease by the light you have in that area but be a slave of poverty if you don't have light in that area. So to be a ruling and reigning believer you need light in all areas of life.

The whole world is under the sway or power of the devil but we are above him when the word of God enters us. In the book Pillars of Destiny, Dr. Oyedepo wrote, "Light is your guarantee for dominion in the world of darkness, as light will never lose in any conflict with darkness. When you are in possession of light, you are in command of all the forces of darkness….. The entrance of the word gives light and understanding to the simple (Ps. 119:130). When the word of God gains entrance into your heart, understanding comes, and when you understand, you are enlightened for dominion. Everyone can be lighted, and how enlightened you are determines the degree of dominion you will command."

But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. II Cor. 3:18

Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 4:4, 6

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in the world. 1 John 4:4, 17

But hold fast (continue in the word) what you have till I come. And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations-'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like

the potter’s vessels’-as I also have from My Father; and I will give him the morning star. Rev. 2:25-28

And have made us kings and priests to our God and we shall reign on the earth.” Rev. 5:10

He who has the revelation of God’s word will govern and rule the earth. You become a partaker of the throne of God to rule on earth.

Kings Executes Righteousness

For if by the one man’s offence death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ) Rom. 5:17

You are already full! You are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us-and indeed I could wish you did reign, that we also might reign with you! 1 Cor. 4:8

You are God’s king to reign on earth. To reign means to preside or rule over. God intent for you is that through His many-sided wisdom, you will rule on earth over the devil and not men. His wisdom is His power (Eph. 3:10, Ps. 110:2).

We are taught in secondary school Government class that government is divided into three arms: the executive, legislature and judiciary. And in a democracy, those arm are separated in order to have check and balances.

But in the kingdom of God, which is a theocracy, all of those functions are placed in one person. As a king you are to reign by executing righteousness. That means you are to develop the earth to be like heaven.

Righteousness means look alike or in conformity with. When you execute the principles of God, your environment will conform to heaven. If your environment is not becoming like heaven then you are not playing your role as the king that you are, to make the place like heaven.

Solomon executed righteousness so much so that Jerusalem became a reflection of heaven during his time. Just as gold was common in heaven, silver and gold became very common in Jerusalem. The peace in heaven became reflected under his domain.

The weight of gold that came to Solomon yearly was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, besides that from the traveling merchants, from the income of

traders, from all the kings of Arabia, and from the governors of the country… All of king Solomon's drinking vessels were gold, and all the vessels of the House of the forest of Lebanon were pure gold. Not one was silver, for this was accounted nothing in the days of Solomon. So king Solomon surpassed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. Now all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. Each man brought his presents articles of silver and gold, garments, armor, spices, horses and mules, at a set rate year by year... The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland. 1 Kings 11:14-27

Your role as a governor or king is to develop the area God has sent you to and make it look like the Garden of Eden just as Dr. Oyedepo transformed a forest into the city called Cannanland.

To execute righteousness is to obey the instructions, directions and commandments of God. When you do, heaven (God and the hosts of heaven) will come down to your domain and transform it to be like heaven.

'Behold, the days are coming", says the Lord, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. 'In those days at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; he shall execute righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: The Lord our righteousness.' Jer. 33:15-16

Jesus acted as the governor when He obeyed only the instructions of God and by so doing manifested heaven on earth.

Make Laws

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people. Gen. 49:10

Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways. Job 22:28 KJV

Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:3

As a king, you have the power to legislate; that is to make and enact laws. You are the law giver. In democracy, it is called laws but in the kingdom it is called a decree. A decree is an order that is backed by the law of God.

Your role therefore is to decree or legislate based on the laws of God that had already been established in heaven. If it is not already established in heaven, it will have no power backing it and no legitimacy.

I learnt from Dr. Oyedepo that he has legislated that no witch or evil person can operate within a certain kilometer radius of where he is. Then one day he travelled to Liberia and on getting there one of the witches was staying in the same hotel as him. Without any confrontation, she packed her load and left the country immediately.

You don't have to fear anything, just make a law. Out of you will come the law that governs how your workplace and society should be run. If evil is prevailing around you, it is just a sign that you have not legislated anything. You presence anywhere promulgates the law of God over that territory.

When we moved into a certain neighborhood, the electricity supply was worse. At times for weeks on end we would not have supply of electricity. So rather than complain about it, I went to God and asked Him how He was able to power heaven 24/7 and He said by His word and that He has the best light.

So we began to legislate that we also have the best light just as God has the best light in heaven. One day we were doing Bible studies and some landlords came around. They asked us whether we were using a generator or something. We asked why. They said that our light is better than theirs. Our legislation was enforced.

Forever, the word of God is established in heaven. The word is the law of God. Our role therefore is to turn those laws into decrees. And as we declare them on earth, they become decrees, laws to be enforced. It is the business of angels to enforce these laws.

Anywhere you go to and the prevailing circumstances are not in conformity with the lifestyle in heaven, it is your responsibility to begin to decree what is obtainable in heaven and as you do that, they will come to pass.

If you see violence legislate peace. If it is evil legislate good. If it is poverty legislate abundance and wealth. If it is sickness, legislate healing and divine

health. If it is unemployment, legislate employment. Whatever you legislate is exactly what will be done for you.

From this you will understand that all the challenges we see in the world are simply because either the church is quiet or is not doing anything about them.

People flow to Dr. Oyedepo's ministry for solutions because he has legislated that no sickness, poverty, evil and curses shall be found in the life of anyone who encounters the word from his mouth. And angels are always on assignment to ensure that what he legislates come to pass. He legislates only what is obtainable in heaven.

When people legislate what is not obtainable in heaven, God will not be involved in bringing them to pass. When God created the earth, He made a law that set everything in its boundaries. But when man disconnected from God and has no way of knowing how heaven is, the waters also rebelled against the law. All creation rebelled, as a result death, sickness and disease, lack, poverty, barrenness, unemployment and soon became a norm.

Man stopped legislating what is obtainable in heaven and began agreeing with all the evils on earth. But Jesus came. A man who had been in heaven and knows that God's plan for the earth is not what it presently is. He declared that; "But from the beginning it was not so." (Matt. 19:8)

He began to declare what is in heaven. Then He asked us to pray to God that He will show us what is in heaven so that we can legislate His kingdom on earth in order for His will (law) to be established on earth as it is in heaven.

New birth confers on you the right to see and perceive the kingdom of God, but renewing your mind confers on you the right to enter heaven and see what is obtainable there in order to legislate it on earth .

Forever, O Lord, your words are settled in heaven. Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. They continue this day according to Your ordinances, for all are Your servants. Unless your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction. Ps. 119:89-92

When He prepared the heavens, I was there, when He drew a circle on the face of the deep, when He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the deep, when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters would not transgress His command, when He marked out the foundations of the

earth. Prov. 8:27-29

Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, when the Lord has not commanded it? SoS 3:37

For if by one man's offence death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also many will be made righteous. Rom. 5:17-19

Your right to legislate is only in force when you are submitted to God. His word must abound abundantly in you. The law must come out as a fruit of the word that has been planted in you for it to have power to operate. That is why you are on earth.

When you establish the law of God in your life, then you can establish it in your society. That is how to maintain heaven on earth and if we all will be legislators, we will practically bring heaven to every place that we go to.

Executing Justice

And has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man. I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and my judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me." John 5:27, 30

"You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me." John 8:15-16

"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave me a command what I should say and what I should speak." John 12:31, 48-49

"Of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged." John 16:11

Anyone that breaks or transgress the commandment of God has to be judged and

declared guilty. That is the work of a judge.

If you study the life of Jesus, you will find out that He acted as an executioner, legislator and judge of God's law. As a judge, He did not judge people, He judged the devil. Because He knew that most of the evil that happens on earth are sourced from the devil.

You can only judge the devil when you are stronger than him and your strength only comes from revelation of the word of God. To bind simply means to pronounce judgment on the offender.

Take for instance, a thief. In as much as the thief is human but you should know that he is carrying out the commands of the devil. The devil and his demons are the culprit, so all you have to do is to pronounce judgment against him based on the law of God he is transgressing. When you bind (execute judgment against) the devil, the person will be freed.

Your judgment must be based on the word of God and spiritual in order for it to be effective. The reason is this, every law of God is spirit and it is manifested in the physical.

It must also be by faith so that it can be of God. God has given you all the power and authority and has committed all judgment on earth to you.

When you hear Dr. Oyedepo cursing the devil he is pronouncing judgment on the devil and all his works. He understands that anytime he pronounces a righteous judgment, the devil gets bound, his works get destroyed and people get liberated from all the oppression of the devil. The effect of the judgment is what people call miracle.

Your judgment must be pronounced in the power of God because power is what brings the devil under the feet of Jesus. Which means the judgment must be based on the word of God.

Dr. Oyedepo said, in his book, Walking in Dominion, "When you go about proclaiming the gospel, you find yourself walking about with supernatural shoes on, with which you tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, without hurt…. Close-mouthed Christians will remain eternal victims, rather than walk in dominion as they are destined to. It's time to make full use of the power of God available to you. Stand up, and make the devil know he doesn't have a hold on those lives. This is how to walk in dominion."

Say to God, “How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You. Ps. 66:3

But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 1 Cor. 2:15

… Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one. 1 John 2:14

“And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.” Luke 11:19-22

The reason why we underestimate our ability to govern on earth is simply because we prefer to operate by the wisdom of this world rather than by the wisdom of God. We are governors of the earth and that is only possible if we have the wisdom of God.

We are kings in potential form until we begin to operate by the multifaceted wisdom of God and these multifaceted wisdom of God are: The Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

When we operate by this wisdom, “We shall not judge by the sight of the eyes, nor decide by the hearing of our ears, but with righteousness we will judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; we will strike the earth with the rod of our mouth, and with the breath of our lips we will slay the wicked.” (Is. 11:3-4)

By the operation of the wisdom of God, heaven will come to the earth and nothing shall hurt or destroy in God’s kingdom, because the whole earth will be covered and filled with the knowledge and glory of God just as the waters covers the sea.

This means that just as the wisdom of God in operation in Dr. Oyedepo created the Garden of Eden in Ota called Canaan Land, so will it be for anyone who will put the wisdom to work. God wants the whole earth to be like the Garden of Eden.

To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. Eph. 3:10-11

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. James 3:17-18

Thus says the Lord God: “On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. The desolate land shall be filled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. So they will say, “This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.” Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.” Ezekiel 36:33-36

With the wisdom of God, you are to reign over pain, sickness, disease, evil, violence, poverty, lack, blindness, deafness, unemployment and so on. It’s time for you to reign on earth as Jesus is reigning in heaven. As He is reigning in heaven right now, so are you supposed to reign on earth. This is the wisdom of Dr. David Oyedepo.

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