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Introduction

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

The knowledge of the truth is what guarantees freedom. But, *What is truth?* (Jn. 18:38).

This was Pilate's earnest response to the statement Jesus made in the preceding verse:

... To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth....

John 18:37

What is truth?

This is a major question today

among many. But someone came forth and declared:

I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life...

John 14:6

This is a statement that no one has ever tested, nor has any other mortal man declared.

Jesus saith unto him, I am... the TRUTH...

Who is this Jesus? John 1:1 gives us the answer:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Revelation 19:13 backs up this understanding:

And he was clothed with a vesture

dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

This is talking about Jesus. The Truth.

Jesus is the Word of God. And this simply means that the Word of God is the truth.

Jesus prayed in John 17:17

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

The *knowledge* of the *truth* is therefore our only way to escape. To neglect the truth is to ignore freedom.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law

of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Hosea 4:6

The knowledge of the truth is our only way to escape! See what Isaiah 5:13 says:

Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge...

But Daniel 11:32 assures us that:

... but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Until you are able to locate the Word, you won't locate an escape route. Your depth in knowledge will determine the height you enjoy as far as liberty is concerned.

Friends, you can use God's Word to sort out anything! Not just the one you have heard, but the one that has been revealed to you.

So, when we talk about the truth, we are not talking about intellectualism, nor are we talking about philosophy. We are talking about *the revealed Word of God*.

A revelation of the truth comes by the help of the Spirit:

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought.

1 Corinthians 2:6

I therefore pray the help of the

Spirit for you in your search for the truth.

Your level of depth will determine your degree of freedom. The true test of knowledge is freedom. Until it is in place, there is no evidence that you know. You shall know, and you shall be made free. That's what Jesus said.

But how do you encounter this knowledge?

It is a free gift of God to all that are redeemed.

He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Matthew 13:11

No one who is not born again has

access to the knowledge of the truth. Salvation is a major prerequisite for revelation.

This is because your capacity for this knowledge comes by the help of the Holy Spirit, Who is given to only as many as receive Jesus.

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...

John 16:13

And in John 14:26, Jesus said:

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things...

Get yourself set to learn what it takes to walk in liberty! No man can do

it for you. It is your personal responsibility.

Your level of depth will determine your degree of freedom, it will determine the kind of results you get.

Stop wasting energy! Knowledge is the cheapest way to victory.

Friends, it's time to work!

Chapter 1

It's A Dispensation Of Knowledge

...For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:9

Friends, we are right in the dispensation of knowledge! A time when we will be winning our battles on 'technical' grounds.

The Church is going to be turned into a research centre, where God's people will be undertaking adventures, for discoveries.

The Church is no longer just a singing, clapping and jumping arena. No! The end-time Church by destiny is a reigning one. And know that no child is permitted to reign. Even though that child is destined to reign from birth, he won't be allowed to ascend the throne until the appointed time when he would have grown up.

Hear what Galatians 4:1-2 says:

Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

Even the Messiah fulfilled this scripture!

And the child grew, and waxed

***strong in spirit, filled with wisdom:
and the grace of God was upon him.***

Luke 2:40

God is planning to show the Church to the world, but she will need to grow and wax strong in the spirit, before the time of her enthronement will come.

In many nations, if one owned a large estate and willed it to his/her son/daughter who is still a child, the government will not hand that estate over to the heir, until he/she is fully grown and matured. They would rather accept responsibility for it (until an appointed time), by handing it over to trustees or administrators.

A child can't handle an estate. You can't carry a feeding bottle in one hand

and be signing documents with the other!

Friends, if you don't want to groan, make up your mind to grow! If you refuse to grow, you will groan.

We are living in the dispensation of knowledge!

God has said:

... the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:9

God's end-time agenda is geared towards making a flood of insights and revelations available to His Church.

This is not the time to roam about aimlessly! We must settle down, and begin to use scriptural discoveries to

knock out the devil!

Receive an understanding heart, in the mighty name of Jesus!

True freedom is a function of knowledge. You may not need anyone to pray for you. You are living in a new dispensation, but you must be aware of it.

The hour has come for the world to begin to seek knowledge from the Church.

The end-time Church is a glorious, pace-setting assembly. You must make sure you are not left behind! There were more than one hundred and twenty people following Jesus, but how many were actually in the upper room? You will not be left behind!

This is the hour to go after knowledge! Brighter light will give you a brighter life. The brighter the light you're walking in, the brighter your life becomes.

Just like natural plants draw life from sunlight, the same way we also draw our light from the Sun of Righteousness.

John 1:5 says:

...(This) light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Every revolution – whether social or spiritual – has its root in an explosive outpouring of knowledge.

It's time to open your heart! God wants to put something in your hands.

When you grow in the knowledge

of divine healing, for example, you will prevail over sickness. When you grow in the knowledge of prosperity, you will prevail over the downturn in the economy. And when you grow in the knowledge of success, you will prevail over the arrows of failure.

The Word grows in every sphere of our lives, to destroy every harassment of darkness. It is not just enough to know the truth of God's Word, you must also grow in the knowledge of it. You must get to a point where darkness has no hiding place in you anymore.

According to 2 Peter 1:3, God has given us all things; but they will only reach our hands through the knowledge of Him, because we have a destiny of

glory and virtue in Christ.

All things that life demands – good health, sound mind, great strength, profiting, good success, a great family, prosperity, etc – are all available to us through the knowledge of Christ.

You will not fail anymore!

Christianity is synonymous with a dynamic life. Don't just sit down waiting for heaven to open, do something to make it open.

It is time to understand that though we have the same gifts, we may not enjoy the same fruits. It takes knowledge to determine the level of results you will obtain in life.

Friends, we must get on our feet and begin to go after knowledge – the

knowledge of the truth. Once this comes, then you will find yourself in control of whatever is going on around you.

It's time to reign!

It's time to go for knowledge!

IT'S IN THE DEEP!

Luke 5:3-4

And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the

deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

There is no problem on this earth that has not got an answer in the deep. And Jesus said to Peter at lake Gennesaret, “*Launch out into the deep.*”

Peter replied: “*Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing...*” (Lk. 5:5).

The hour has come for your toiling to come to an end.

Peter’s middle name was “Struggles”. There is no evidence to show that this was the only night he didn’t catch anything. But when he responded to the Lord’s command with, “*...nevertheless at thy word...*”,

his story changed! His struggles ceased! Until the Word comes, the toiling continues.

Friends, when you have a working knowledge of the Word, it works for you!

There is always something in the deep. Every situation has a solution there. In the deep, there is always a catch.

There is no treasure you will ever come across just like that. You must dig several feet into the earth before you are able to find oil, for example. Oil doesn't play around on the surface. Precious stones are never found on the streets, but in the belly of the earth.

The treasures of heaven lie in the

deep, the belly of mysteries. We have hung around the shallow waters for too long!

Wonderful creatures of the sea are found in the deep (Ps. 107:23-24). No one finds a dolphin or a whale in a stream. The best you will come across in any stream are tadpoles and tilapias, and these won't make news! No newspaper will bother to report anything about your catch.

There isn't much you can lay hold on in the shallow waters. Jesus said very clearly: "*Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets, for a draught.*"

Once you can get to the deep, you have already gotten a catch. The

solution to every frustration in your life lies in launching out into the deep and letting down your net.

There is no insurmountable mountain anywhere. Whatever seems to be refusing to go, it is because you have not contacted the depth (of revelation) that will move it.

Deep calleth unto deep...

Psalm 42:7

Once you get to the deep, the mountain just must move.

You can build a bungalow without a structural drawing. But you can't attempt that with a two-storey building.

It is time to engage technical insights for supernatural heights!

You won't go far with an anyhow

approach to life. Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.

Your answer is in the deep, for deep mysteries will bring cheap victories in all battles of life.

It is time to go on a desperate search. The answers to your questions are waiting for you in the deep. Stop suffering on the surface!

Proverbs 24:14 says:

... when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward...

There is a finding that helps you locate your reward. There is always an answer in the deep. There is no problem on earth that is higher than what the deep things of God have to offer.

Friends, life will never be more meaningful than your depth in God.

I am glad to announce to you that there is a solution to every problem in life in the deep; no matter the name it is called. When you let down your net, you will have an unquestionable catch.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Psalm 42:7-8

Verse seven sets a pace for verse eight. As the Word of God begins to fall on you like waterfalls, the Lord

will command His loving kindness in the morning, His song shall be in your mouth at night, and all oppressions shall vanish!

It is time to let God have His way. Go out on a search and release your faith, in order to enjoy the benefits. Your faith here represents the net.

Businessmen, if you will only sit down and locate the deep things of God that guarantee success all your struggles will cease.

Inside the deep lies the end of man's frustrations. So, what do we do? We undertake an adventure into the deep, so we can have a catch and stop all frustrations.

ACCESS TO THE DEEP

Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.

For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the

tables of the covenant

Hebrews 9:1-4

Friends, there is manna in the secret place of God: and this is found in the golden pot.

Many of us have just been dwelling in the outer court, the realm where there is a candlestick (which implies that the Spirit is alive), the table and the showbread (referring to the basic Word of God).

After the second veil, what do we see?

The ark of the covenant, overlaid round about with gold, and tables of the covenant. In the outer court, there are tables; but behind the veil are the tables of the covenant. This is the

realm where things are unfolded to you, that shows you what you need to do for heaven to move.

In the holiest of all is the golden censer, the golden pot where there is manna, and the rod of Aaron that is alive. This is not in the outer court, it is right inside the holy of holies.

Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

The Holy Ghost this signifying,

that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing

Hebrews 9:6-8

The golden pot with manna is found only in the holiest of all. There are things for you to discover that you might never recover from the remaining days of your life. There is something behind the veil for you in the holiest of all.

Job said he gained access to certain secrets, which were responsible for the supernatural supplies he enjoyed.

***Oh that I were as in months past,
as in the days when God preserved me;
When his candle shined upon my
head, and when by his light I walked***

through darkness;

*As I was in the days of my youth,
when the secret of God was upon my
tabernacle;*

*When the Almighty was yet with
me, when my children were about me;*

*When I washed my steps with
butter, and the rock poured me out
rivers of oil;*

*When I went out to the gate
through the city, when I prepared my
seat in the street!*

*The young men saw me, and hid
themselves: and the aged arose, and
stood up.*

*The princes refrained talking, and
laid their hand on their mouth.*

The nobles held their peace, and

their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me:

Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.

The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched

out.

***And I brake the jaws of the wicked,
and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.***

Job 29:2-17

Friends, golden Christianity cannot be found in the outer court, you must get into the most holy place.

Some fellows are still busy fasting and begging God to give them a financial breakthrough for their ministry, for example. Breakthroughs of such nature will never answer to prayer and fasting. Only appropriate and adequate insight will do! The master key is insight!

There are some families that just an insight into God's Word is all they need to liberate them from every form

of tension they are going through.

Why should it ever cross my mind to beat my wife? Does the Bible not say that the man and his wife are one flesh? Can you then imagine a man walking along the road, beating and punching himself?

Just an insight into the truth that my wife and I are one flesh, will not permit any devil to ever drop the thought of beating her into my mind. Any man who goes around beating himself is definitely out of his mind and should be sent to an asylum!

Family bliss answers to insight. Once you contact it, you will begin to operate in another frequency entirely.

All you need to become very

peculiar in your society, like Job, is appropriate and adequate insight.

It's time to launch out into the deep!

ACCESS BY THE BLOOD

The deep things of God are impossible to contact without the blood.

No matter what comes your way, weeping is not the answer.

And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath

prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Revelation 5:4-6

He was worthy because He was slain. The blood made Him worthy to take the *Book* and to remove the seal thereof.

There are many innocent and sincere believers who read and read, and struggle endlessly, yet the *Book* remains closed. Entrance into the

mysteries contained in *the Book* (the Bible), is by the blood.

Friends, there is honey in *the Book*, there is water in it and there is meat in it. We have the water of the Word that cleanses. We have the milk of the Word, which helps you to grow and get on. We also have the meat of the Word, that helps you to develop spiritual muscles. Then we have the honey of the Word, which establishes your expectation, and consequently your destiny (Prov. 24:13-14).

Access to it is by the blood. Never sit down to read *the Book* without first pleading the blood of Jesus, for a supernatural access into the honey in it. It is the manna of fulfilment, the

manna of accomplishment, the manna of exploits.

There is in the Holy of Holies, the ark of the covenant, and the golden pot with manna inside it. No one gains access therein without the blood. Many of us have been eating the chaff of the Word, very few have ever tasted the manna in the golden pot. Without the blood, we remain in the outer court, and there is nothing golden in the outer court.

It is time to be tired of just the water and the bread. It is time to eat of the manna that is in the golden pot, which is in the ark of the covenant, placed in the Holy of Holies. You can only gain access by the blood of Jesus.

And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;

Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant...

But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people.

Hebrews 9:3-7

There is a golden pot. It is for us who are under the better covenant, based on better promises. We have

taken enough chaff in the outer court! There is a menu in the inner court. Those who eat it are never feeble. When He fed them with the natural manna in the wilderness, none among their tribes was feeble, no wild beast could devour them, their clothes never wore out, neither were their legs swollen.

There is a manna in *the Book*, no one contacts it without the blood. The letter has no life in it. There is something behind it, there is a life that God has reserved. It is in the Holiest of all.

ACCESS TO THE HOLY OF HOLIES

It takes the blood to stand in revelations, to flow unhindered in the Word, to stand strong in your search for the truth and in the practice of the discoveries made.

The blood holds the key to a continuous communion with God, because it cleanses you and makes you acceptable to God, and provides for you an access into the Holy of Holies, where everything is golden and budding, where bread is also available, and where the ark of God is seated.

It is your eternal inheritance to stand in the Holy of Holies, but not without the blood. You cannot stand in the presence of God effectively without the blood.

The Holy of Holies is the golden centre of worship. The priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. All the priests could get there. However, only the high priest could go into the second, but “*not without the blood.*” To get into the things behind the veil and be able to stand in them is, “*not without the blood*” (Heb. 9:7).

But with the death of Jesus, the slavery ended. Through the blood of Jesus, access is now provided for all into the Holy of Holies. Everyone now has access to the things behind the veil, not only for discoveries, but much more importantly, for the practice.

Chapter 2

The Pursuit Of Knowledge

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having

escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:2-4

We have been called to glory and virtue, not shame and reproach. But this will only become a reality through the knowledge of God.

Callings do not amount to much outside of knowledge. It is the knowledge of Christ that will add value to your calling and election.

Visions amount to nothing but frustrations, outside knowledge. A sound knowledge of the Word is what will add colour to your vision.

Jesus spent three and half years pumping the knowledge of the truth into His disciples. Consequently, after

His departure, they exploded!

Jesus did not only call these men, but equally raised them, before He released them. After they were let go, they began to fly on the wings of the eagle.

Friends, knowledge adds colour, and adds a form of comeliness to any man, any day!

Many are genuinely called, but their calling holds no attraction, because they don't possess the relevant knowledge to make it attractive. Look at what Psalm 49:20 says:

Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

And Psalm 82:5 adds:

They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

Supposing you are to write a geography examination tomorrow, and you preoccupy yourself reading your history notes and textbooks the day before? Even if you know the topics that you're likely to be tested on, do you by studying history have the relevant facts with which to pass a geography examination?

It is not just enough to have knowledge, one must have adequate knowledge!

Many believers might be rejoicing all over the place, that they can quote

one or two scriptures, and do a lot of confessions, but this is not enough.

The glory of any life or ministry will only show when it has access to real knowledge.

It is time to seek to expand our knowledge base, so we can expand our success rate. It takes knowledge to make any calling a reality.

Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.

Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant?

Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.

But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

Isaiah 42:18-22

When you are spiritually blind and deaf you are as good as living in holes. The things that are yours are taken away from you unknowingly, and you can't picture what next step to take, you are only full of guesses. You become a prey instead of a possessor, a victim instead of a victor.

You may even be sincere, but sincerely wrong! Being sincere on its own is not enough, you must get to know what God is saying.

But, your hour of deliverance has come!

Ministry is a big burden to many, and life a continuous cycle of struggles for many others, because they are off track.

Ecclesiastes 10:15 says:

The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

“*My people perish*”, says the Lord, “(not because the devil is so strong and powerful, but) *for lack of knowledge*” (Hos. 4:6).

All explanations for failure are of the devil. You were not created to fail. Stop attributing your problem to where you are located! You have no problem with location.

It's time to locate and identify with the plan and purpose of God for your life.

Every act produces on the platform of knowledge. Whatever you do just because you have seen others doing it, may not produce for you.

You can be giving and giving, but it will never bring you anything, because such covenant exercise delivers only at the instance of knowledge.

Have you not heard?

Who hath blessed us with all

spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ

Ephesians 1:3

And in 2 Peter 1:3, we also learnt that He has given us all that pertain to life and godliness, “*through the knowledge of him...*”, not just the acts.

There are many things you do, they are right, yes, but because you don't really have the knowledge of them, they don't produce!

So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

Proverbs 24:14

I see great deliverances coming

your way!

Having a working knowledge of a subject is the only way to take personal delivery of your inheritance. That's what we see in Acts 20:32;

...I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

God has your inheritance packaged in the Word. A working knowledge of it is the only way to collect it.

I see your eyes opened, and your inheritance come your way!

Friends, knowledge determines your tomorrow, because what becomes of you tomorrow is a result of what you

see today. God said to Abraham:

Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward

Genesis 13:14

Whatever you see in His Word is what you will possess. So it's possible to be a Christian and be sickly! It's possible to be a Christian and yet be poor or be a failure! That you were called like Abraham is not enough. You must see like Abraham saw, otherwise you cannot have what Abraham had. God is no respecter of persons.

It's time to begin to behold wondrous things out of His law – His Word (Ps. 119:18).

I have been so much on health, that sickness now sees me and says, “Oh, I’m sorry! I came to a wrong address.”

Paul saw so much of life that he began to toy with death! He began to play games with death! “Do I want to go or stay? Let me see...! Okay, I’ll stay for your sakes” (Phil. 1:21-24).

May you see too! In Jesus precious name!

Friends, knowledge turns me on!
Oh! It is sweet!

WHY YOU NEED KNOWLEDGE

...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Exploits in the kingdom have their roots in the knowledge of God. The knowledge of God determines your degree of exploits.

It is not the happenings around, it is the happenings within. The environment is not harsh, because while there are many who are having the best of times, others are having the hardest of times.

Those who know God don't go down. The knowledge of God lifts a man up.

Proverbs 24:14 tells us:

So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy

expectation shall not be cut off.

Knowledge has rewards. We want to examine some of such rewards.

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Psalm 45 is a prophetic psalm concerning Jesus, and as the Father has sent Him, so has He sent us.

***My heart is inditing a good matter:
I speak of the things which I have
made touching the king: my tongue is
the pen of a ready writer.***

***Thou art fairer than the children
of men: grace is poured into thy lips:
therefore God hath blessed thee for
ever.***

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

Psalm 45:1-4

Your might is determined by the Word – the sword of the Spirit. As you walk in the Word, you walk in might.

To gird the sword upon your thigh means to walk in the Word. Walk in the Word and you walk in might; and as you walk in might, you do exploits.

“And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth...”. That

means you will not be hindered.

Truth is power! No devil can withstand it! The knowledge of the truth is the power behind the enthronement of the saints.

Nothing can stop the truth! Because the scriptures cannot be broken.

“And thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.” How deep your insight is, determines how high your life will be.

Before I got married, the devil whispered in my ear: “Now, you’ve gone about setting others free, come and show me how you will have your own children.”

I said to him: “Devil, you’ll be surprised I won’t even pray about it!” I

gave him a deadly surprise!

And when he later threatened with a miscarriage, and my wife told me, I insulted him. I said, "It cannot happen! Can I have my food please?" That was the end of it! The threatening abortion was supernaturally dealt with, the pregnancy was sustained and a bouncing baby boy came out of it. I never prayed, I simply resisted the devil by faith built on knowledge!

Friends, there is no mountain anywhere, every man's ignorance is his mountain!

If you will gird the sword on your thigh, you will ride on in majesty and prosperously, because of discovered truth.

With fullness of knowledge, the devil is fully under arrest!

There is an examination that has no time table that you are writing, don't wait till you fail! Love knowledge! Determine to go for it! You must endeavour to conquer the issues of life by going after knowledge.

You know, power gets people drunk, particularly the knowledge of the truth. Paul told us:

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:18 & 17

An understanding of the will of God intoxicates!

You know what that means? Your understanding of the will of God gets you drunk, the way alcohol gets the drunkard drunk.

When you know the will of God, you become rude, very rude, to the hosts of hell! You can say to them, "Get lost!" And you are saying it on the ticket of knowledge. You are not guessing.

Psalm 119:130 says:

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Light will forever be the master of darkness.

Isaiah 60:2 tells us:

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

So, the man that has light is in charge. The light of God lights men up, and once you are lighted, you become an authority in the world of darkness. Jesus said:

Ye are the light of the world....

Matthew 5:14

Therefore, the world must obey your authority, because it lies in darkness. When God's Word gets into you, it will light up your life, so that you can have dominion on the earth.

Once the Word of God gets inside you, you become an authority on the earth. Whatever you say stands.

One day in 1979, I was speaking in a meeting, and by reason of the light that had entered my heart, I asked people who were demon possessed, witches and wizards to come forward. I was amazed at the number that came forward! So, I emphasized that I was not referring to those who merely dream at night, but those that are conscious of their places with the devil, witches and wizards, etc.

I then asked one of them, "What do you do with the devil." She said, "When we want to suck blood, we go to the highways and cause vehicles to

somersault!”

Without any hesitation, I asked, “What about when people like us are coming?” And she answered, “When we sense a higher power on the highway, we clear off the way!”

Now, who is this higher power? It is you and I! we belong to the higher order of power.

Friends, this is what light does to you. When it enters you, it puts you in charge. When an awareness of your authority over the kingdom of darkness becomes real to you, you will announce it, and establish your dominion.

You don't have to be the oldest to be the head! Authority comes by a revelation of Jesus.

I command every spell and enchantment to be destroyed around your life! No one under the sun can stop you from getting married, nor from having children! Not when you are aware of your dominion – It's time to reign!

In Nothing Terrified...!

For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

Job 3:25-26

Fear is an enemy of your destiny!

You can't exercise dominion in fear! No fearful man lays hold on his inheritance. Fear is an enemy! It's the last step to a fall.

Fear is a weapon in the hand of the devil. Until you overcome fear, you have a big problem on your hands!

Job played into the hands of the enemy through fear.

Hear Him:

...Deliver me from the enemy's hand? or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

Job 6:23

Job considered the enemy as mighty. Every time you rate the enemy higher than your person, you have

become a captive.

Friends, I'm glad to tell you that the devil is under you! He is not equal to you, neither can he ever be over you!

Job considered the enemy as mighty and was thus held captive. No! No! No!

From now, I want you to see him as God says he is. You are not under him, he is right under your feet!

Until you size the opposition up with the Word of God, you live under it. Ten out of twelve spies who were sent to spy Canaan came back with this evil report:

And there we saw the giants...and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers....

Numbers 13:33

The devil harasses only those who are ignorant. The moment you know his place, and you put him there, he will learn to respect you.

A man of God said, "Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, and fear comes by hearing the word of the devil" (through dreams in the night, useless discussions in the day and analysis of event in the quiet of your house, between you and your wife, etc.).

And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.

Philippians 1:28

When you refuse to be terrified by your adversaries, you have terrorized them. When you resist fear, you have overcome the opposition.

Every time you give in to fear, you move the devil into operation. And every time you give in to faith, you move God into action.

Every time faith is at work, virtue flows from God. And every time fear is at work, destruction flows from the devil.

I curse the root of fear in you today!

Satan is not important at all! His agents are also at your disposal to deal with as you like.

All the devil wants is for you to be

terrified. When you give in to fear, you open up to his tormenting ministry. But when you open up to faith, you have opened yourself up for the victorious ministry of Jesus Christ.

No one amounts to much in the kingdom of God with fear in him. Fear is a destiny destroyer! Fear is a molester! Fear is a humiliator!

You know what the three Hebrew boys said? *“We are not careful to answer you in this matter. Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us, and he will deliver us; but even if he does not, we are unmoved! Fiery furnace? Make it 21 times hotter we are ready for it!”* (Dan. 3:16-18 paraphrased).

Since Satan couldn't get fear into them, he couldn't operate his ministry. The three boys entered the furnace and it became like an air-conditioner. They moved about freely in the fire!

You too, you will walk about freely in this burning era!

And in nothing terrified...!

You have been told that you are pregnant with child, don't allow a mere blood discharge terrify you! Don't let the results of scanning terrify you.

If you refuse to fear, you will not fall!

Jude verse 6 says:

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in

***everlasting chains under darkness
unto the judgment of the great day.***

That is why Jesus said anywhere you find them, chase them out! Cast them out! They are escapees! They are in everlasting chains. Get them back there!

Friends, there is no devil permitted to be walking on this earth now! No! They are reserved in everlasting chains under darkness!

That was the scripture I read to one demoniac, who was proving impossible to some brethren, who had been trying to hold him down. I quoted that scripture and I said, "What are you doing here?" The man heaved a deep sigh. The demons in him couldn't resist

the power loaded in that verse of scripture. They had to flee!

Every time you ask the devil o get lost, you must be saying it on the ground of knowledge, before it can have effect. God tells us in Isaiah 11:9:

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

This means that knowledge will keep every hurt under arrest. It will put every devil under arrest.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free...

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

John 8:32, 36

Desire the truth that sets free!

Apostolic Walk

The apostolic era is a restful era for the Church. It is the age of signs. Apostle Paul said in Acts 20:24, “*But none of these things move me....*”

That the devil is doing anything around me now sounds very strange to me. I left where he dwells a long time ago! By reason of light, darkness is permanently kept under check. Darkness cannot manage to hide in. It is impossible!

John 10:35 says:

If he called them gods, unto whom

the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken...

Knowledge of the Word is what makes you another man. You can't contact light and not appear rude to those in darkness. It's not possible.

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

I and my Father are one.

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not;

but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

John 10:29-33

Every time God's Word gains full access into you on any subject, you begin to operate in the realm of divinity on that subject.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:1-2

When God's Word eats you up, it transforms you, taking you from the human to the divine realm of manifestation.

How can you explain the fact that Paul the apostle slept in the sea for one night and was not carried to the hospital? Stones were cast at him at another time, and he was taken for dead. But after his enemies left, he got up and went on his way!

All these examples are recorded in scriptures. God is saying to you that you and your Father will become one, when you get connected to Him through His Word. This is the truth.

Whatever cannot hold Jesus hostage, from this hour (as you embrace His Word) shall not be able to hold you hostage!

You are a child of destiny. You are to be envied, not to be an object of

sympathy and pity. So, arise and shine!
The hour of light is here!

This is the era of knowledge, for
apostolic exploits!

Stop explaining away your failures!
You are not destined for failure. Stop
sympathizing with your short-comings!
You are not programmed for defeat.
Arise and fight them or they will
continue to prevail against you!

*And they continued stedfastly in
the apostles' doctrine and fellowship,
and in breaking of bread, and in
prayers.*

*And fear came upon every soul:
and many wonders and signs were
done by the apostles.*

Acts 2:42-43

Steadfastness opened the way for many signs and wonders to take place in the lives of the people. These people were continuously in fellowship.

Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment.

Proverbs 13:23

The apostolic move anchors on an insatiable appetite for the Word.

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Acts 5:42

This is the power behind the apostolic era – daily looking into the Word and eating it. “*They ceased not...*”

It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

Acts 6:2

The devil saw that as long as they kept to the Word, that moved the apostolic era forward, they couldn't be stopped. So, he brought murmuring among the Grecians against the Hebrews, so as to stall the move. But the apostles got the message on time, and came to the conclusion that it is not reasonable for them to leave the Word of God for other things.

Friends, the key to your entrance into the apostolic era is the Word of God.

The understanding of the people

was increasing on a daily basis, so the finger of God was becoming more and more visible among men.

For you to be part of this mighty move, the most enviable move since creation, you must come to a point where eating God's Word becomes your daily desire.

This is very crucial!

Your placement in this move will be determined by your depth of insight in God's Word. And this will be determined by the quality of attention you give to it.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine

heart.

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Proverbs 4:20-22

God's Word is the thing to go after. It doesn't just drop on people.

If you must have a part in this apostolic era, it is important for you to settle down at the feet of Jesus, and receive from Him, so the world can receive from you.

In the past, the Pope was the king of the religious world, until knowledge came through a man called Martin Luther. This was the kingdom channel through which the reformation came. Many books were published by the

Lutheran movement, and this dealt a deadly blow on the papacy!

Remember the Catholic mission rose against the spread of this knowledge, and went around confiscating all his published materials and burnt them. The Roman Catholics were scared of this knowledge spreading.

Friends, it's time to appreciate the generation we are in now, where there is absolute liberty to make any discovery you long for.

The Lutheran movement broke the demonic hold of the papacy. This is where the reformation began.

Now we are set for a revolution! A revolution is stronger in content and

concept than a reformation. Knowledge is what gives birth to every move on this earth. Every invention is a function of new knowledge.

There is nothing your life demands today that is not available. But it takes the knowledge of God to take delivery of it (2 Pet. 1:2-3). We will have unquestionable triumphs in any conflict, and arrive at success as if by magic, all through knowledge!

The apostolic era has its foundation in knowledge, and your crave for it will determine your placement in this move.

Paul said:

But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge...

2 Corinthians 11:6

A young brother in our church heard the Word in my teaching “*Go tell Pharaoh I AM sent you*” and went to a university in search of admission.

He got there and mysteriously gained access to the Vice Chancellor of the university, and said to him, “My Father sent me to you.”

The man asked him, “And who is your father?” And the young boy replied, “His name is Jesus!”

The Vice Chancellor was short for words! He must have said to himself, “Can Jesus send somebody to me and I say no?” So, he said to the boy, “You are admitted!” And that was it!

This is what knowledge can do. It

sets up a fire of revolution! It makes it possible for you to think straight and triumph in spite of all odds.

The “pray-for-me” syndrome we find all over the place in the present-day Church was not in existence in the days of the apostles. This is because they continuously received the light of God. So darkness gave way to them!

Friends, I believe strongly in what Smith Wigglesworth said, “I would rather believe God for a minute, than cry a useless cry all night.”

If you are “lightless”, you are utterly helpless!

The entrance of His Word giveth light. There is no amount of crying that can make you see in darkness, if you

don't have light! If you have lost anything at all, you need light to find it (Lk. 15:8-9), because darkness has covered the earth, and gross darkness the people! (Isa. 60:2).

You have been struggling with darkness in your own energy! I have not seen anywhere where head-nodding is used to gain favour with God.

The man who cried the most in the Bible was Bartimaeus. He cried and cried, but Jesus said, "Settle down. What do you want me to do for you?"

Listen, you use words, not tears to reach God! (Hos. 14:2).

The secret behind the triumph of the apostolic Church was divine light, which came by divine illumination,

through revelations from the Word of God.

Friends, knowledge makes the difference!

And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou reatest?

Acts 8:30

Remember the story of the Ethiopian eunuch? The Holy Spirit told Philip, “*Go near and join thyself to this chariot*”, and he obeyed (Acts 8:29). There he met a religious man making religious efforts. And he asked him, “*Understandeth thou what thou reatest?*”

Understanding what we read is a

very crucial issue. The reading of the Word on it's own is not what will produce results for us, but our understanding it.

The Ethiopian eunuch humbly admitted that he didn't understand what he was reading. He replied "*How can I, except someone guides me?*" And as Philip opened his mouth, his eyes opened, and he was saved.

Listen friends, no proud man has a future in the kingdom of God!

Many Christians explain away their failures as the will of God, because they won't let anybody else teach them. Remember Psalm 25:9 says:

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach

his way.

Jesus said:

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Matthew 11:29

Whatever is not working the way they should in your life is so because you are not prepared to learn how to make them work. It is not that such things cannot work. It is that you have not made yourself available to learn how to make them work!

Multiplication of Grace

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord

2 Peter 1:2

Destiny in the kingdom is a function of grace. Paul said:

But by the grace of God I am what I am...

1 Corinthians 15:10

Your destiny can be enhanced and multiplied by knowledge. Remember said destiny is a function of grace. But grace is not a dormant thing, it is a dynamic substance which is enhanced by knowledge.

Many think that grace is what God gives as He so desire. No! Grace is provoked by knowledge.

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

2 Peter 1:3

we are called by destiny to glory and virtue, but it only becomes a reality through knowledge. Knowledge provokes grace, and grace enhances destiny.

In the scripture above, “*all things*” means whatever life demands. Whatever your spiritual or physical life demands are all provided for, but only becomes available through knowledge.

This means that your destiny and peace can be multiplied. These things

therefore don't depend on God. Rather, they respond to your acquired knowledge.

Job 24:29 says: *When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?*

So when you contact peace, by knowledge, you are protected from trouble.

This means that knowledge has power to deliver to you all that life will ever demand, as well as all that godliness will ever demand.

Knowledge, therefore, is the master key to the framing of man's destiny. Where you are now, for example, is not necessarily where God has put you, it is where knowledge has placed you.

If you see brighter, you will shine

brighter!

Your destiny is not in the hands of God as it were. It requires your active cooperation, through knowledge; which is what determines your ultimate height on earth.

If you work today, you will rest tomorrow. But if on the other hand you go to sleep, you will wake up the same way.

Whatever happens to you now is a function of the level of knowledge you have acquired. If you acquire a little higher, you will rise a little more, and shine a little brighter. It's a law of the spirit. You know the Bible says:

And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by

flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Daniel 11:32

Talking about the covenant of knowledge, those who mock it will end up with flatteries. But those who sign in for it shall be strong and shall do exploits.

You have a level of rest now, but you can acquire a greater level of rest if a greater depth of knowledge is acquired. I welcome you to the dominion of rest, in the name of Jesus!

Whatever your life demands is obtainable by knowledge. May you contact it!

More of knowledge determines

more of anything that such knowledge communicates – peace, success, health, protection, and so on.

We are a people of equal destiny. Each one determines where he stops. God does not love anyone person more than the other. We are all equally the beloved of God. How much of that love you can appropriate is determined by knowledge.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Romans 8:30

Predestination sets the pace for salvation. “No one can come unto me

except my Father in heaven draws him". When one is saved he is at the same time justified by the same blood and destined to be glorified!

If no salvation is superior to the other, it means no glorification is superior to another. Each one enters into the level of inheritance in which he finds himself by knowledge. Greater knowledge will place you on a greater height of inheritance.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

While we behold Jesus, while we

behold His Word, we are changed from glory to glory, not from weakness to weakness, nor from failure to failure; but from glory to glory.

Where do you look for satisfactory progress? In the Word!

Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

Proverbs 13:13

No matter how long you have been held down, knowledge will scatter it and give you liberty!

Friends, you don't have any problem! Access to the truth is the end of all problems.

... for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a

rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

Do you want to see God in action?

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Luke 1:45

When you get to a point of belief, performance comes for you! There is no reward for just doing, reward comes as you believe the Word of God concerning that subject in which you desire victory. Until you contact its technicalities, nothing works!

So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hath

found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

Fruitfulness

You are by destiny a fruitful person. This is because you belong to the household of Israel according to Isaiah 5:7:

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Why

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

Isaiah 5:13

There are no dry lands, there are only dry men!

What is it that really makes a man fruitful?

The scripture above makes it clear that knowledge is the gateway to fruitfulness. They were not fruitful (as God lamented in verses 1-2 of Isaiah chapter 5), not because the land was dry. They were on a most fruitful hill! They were a choicest vine! But they

couldn't produce because they lacked the knowledge required for fruitfulness.

God abides faithful. He cannot deny Himself. If anything is wrong along the line, it must be with man.

Listen to this brother's testimony:

"I bought some chemicals in August last year. Those goods were worth a lot of money and suddenly, the market slumped.

I tried everything; I prayed. I told God that if I could sell the chemicals to recoup my capital, He could have the profit. Nothing happened!

But in this dispensation of digging for knowledge for exploits, I bought a book written by Kenneth Hagin on

prayers last week. I got to a point when he was describing agreement prayer.

It became so clear to me that I got the knowledge to the point of application. I called my wife and said, 'Now I got it. Let's apply it'. About four days later, the whole chemicals were sold!"

There is nothing wrong with the country where you live! There is nothing wrong with the economic system! Some people are having the best of time, while others are having the worst of it. It all depends on how you apply yourself to the knowledge of the truth.

The land flowing with milk and honey is for those who are willing and

obedient (Isa. 1:19).

There is nothing wrong with any land! There are only things wrong with the people! Now, whatever is wrong with you, God will correct in the precious name of Jesus!

It's important for you to listen to what God is saying.

I know this end-time is a covenant time. Covenant people are going to be right at the top, because God will be dealing with His people on the basis of the covenant.

There is nothing you need that is not provide for in the Word of God. So, go for it!

If the unbeliever is pushing cocaine, you push the covenant! If they

are using “Juju”, use God! it’s not the people you know, or people that know you. it’s not the government that is in power or out of power. Your own government is eternally in power!

Didn’t the scriptures say that:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from

henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Friends, He ever liveth! So, He ever reigneth! Rejoice therefore! The government to which you belong is intact!

It's your attitude that must change.

Jesus is still the King of kings and the Lord of lords. So, you are not controlled by the policies of the nations of this world. No! You are controlled by the covenant of God with His people.

Friends, if you understand this, you are set for a flight!

If the covenant is what distinguishes people, then we must face

it squarely. Your distinction depends on the quality of your covenant walk with God. You must seek to walk in the covenant in all areas of your life.

You have a covenant responsibility to find out what it takes to increase your fruitfulness on earth!

It's time to go for knowledge!

Chapter 3

Learning

Many are in church, but are not increasing! Because they are too prudent to have access to the things of God.

If you are tired of suffering, hear this:

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and LEARN OF ME...

Matthew 11:28-29

Did He say, “Come and cry?” or “Come and weep?” No! “*Come and learn...!*”

The Holy Ghost said these words into my ears. “Learning is richer than praying. Learning has greater value than fasting. Learning is the master key to living!”

Thirty-year old pile? Five year allergy? He said, “*Come and learn of me!*”

You say,

“I’ve never known what it meant to be successfully married!”

“I am neck deep in debt!”

“Nothing seems to be working!”

All that the Lord has to say is: “*Come and learn of me!*” Not, “Come

and cry to me.”

I said learning is richer than praying. Ironically, it is cheaper too!

Learning has more to offer than fasting. It is also less rigorous!

“Come and learn... My yoke is not comparable to the yoke you are carrying about! What it takes to learn is far cheaper than what you are suffering now. Come and learn of me, and you shall find rest for your souls.”

Listen friends, I don't know what anybody else did, but it was not prayer as it were that made for the growth of the church I am pasturing. I discovered in the Acts of the Apostles, *“The Word of God increased and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in*

Jerusalem". I just took time to learn what it takes to do what I am sent to do. Meanwhile, nobody is suffering! Nobody is under pressure! Except the devil of course!

By the grace of God, I am blessed financially! It's known by even devils. It's known by all angels, and all men can see it too! Yet, I can't remember when I ever said to God, "Give me money." I simply took time off to learn what it takes to be free from poverty.

"Come and learn of me..." That is the secret!

I define knowledge as discovery,
and wisdom as the application of
knowledge. That is, discovery applied,
which equals recovery.

When there is a discovery, and it is correctly applied, it brings instant reward – that is, automatic recovery (Prov. 24:14).

So, we can say, Nothing sets free like knowledge!

What you don't know you cannot apply. Until you apply the knowledge of the truth concerning any subject matter, there is no recovery.

I am glad to tell you that you can be absolutely fulfilled!

One man got so mad about the testimony of my marriage, that he preached so hard to discredit it. Consequently, his twenty-nine year old marriage broke down! Ignorance broke it for him! His wife divorced him for

another man!

Friends, take time to find out what you don't know, instead of scoffing and mocking it!

Your life won't end in the mud!

Knowledge is power!

There is nothing that knowledge can't sort out! If there is a problem in your home, find out those who don't have problem in their own homes, so they can show you what they saw that made it so. Then go home and do likewise, and see the problem solved!

There is no end to learning! You need to update your knowledge of God, through a deliberate vigorous search! For instance, sickness and failure can't stand where the knowledge of the truth

is at work.

You have a destiny, it anchors on knowledge.

The acquisition of knowledge is a personal responsibility. No one can know on your behalf. No one can be saved on your behalf. So, no one can prosper or succeed for you!

Nothing happens on its own. Every object assumes a state of rest, until a relevant force is applied to it.

A man who had been stooling blood since 1977 sat down in the school of wisdom; light came and darkness left! The issue of blood stopped instantly! Another had been using eye glasses since 1957; light came and darkness left. He dropped his glasses and now

sees clearly!

Now you may ask, “What if the light didn’t come?” They would have remained like that till their death!

God is no respecter of persons. The covenant of knowledge is an unbreakable one – “*You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*” (Jn. 8:32).

Therefore hearken unto me ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

Job 34:10

Every wickedness has its root in the devil. In fact, they call his name, “The wicked.” So, God doesn’t do

wickedness to any man, the devil does. But how does he gain entrance?

Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:

That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

Job 34:31-32

Do you know the key to victory, triumph and success in spite of the devil? “*That which I see not teach thou me.*”

I pray that every access the devil has gained into your life will be blocked permanently!

God does not do wickedness! If you are overtaken by any act of wickedness

of the devil, it is because you opened the way to the enemy through ignorance. But now that knowledge has come, he must go!

The learner is a winner, an overcomer, a successful and triumphant Christina, any day!

It is the entrance of God's Word that will make a god out of you. When the truth of divine health, for example, gets into you in its fullness, sickness will respect your stand any day.

When the truth on divine protection penetrates your inside, all the mischievous plans of the wicked around your life will be destroyed! You will walk through fire as if you were passing through an air-conditioned

room!

Listen to me, He did not call them gods, who come to church, or those who are involved in various activity groups. No! It's those unto whom the Word of God came! (Jn. 10:35).

Friends, the scriptures cannot be broken!

You are not an overcomer until God's Word gets into you. You won't gain control over the affairs of life until the Word of God becomes real to you.

Traditions of life seem to have usurped the authority of God's Word. It is so beautiful to know that God's Word is so powerful! God's Word will stir up the flow of divine nature in you

any day! You have divine nature deposited in your inside, that will enable you excel in all areas of life.

Friends, we have a common heritage, yes! But different depths of knowledge! God's Word will provoke the divine nature deposited on your inside and place you on a pedestal of excellence!

You then become a man/woman to be emulated.

It's time for the glory of God in your life to be made manifest!

There are many churches where they spend time casting out the devil before service. But the scriptures tell us that when we come to Zion, we have come to the city of the living God, not

the city of the devil! To the company of innumerable angels! The Church of the First born, not to hell! (Heb. 12:22-24).

In the long list mentioned above, there is no reference to demons. So, it is our ignorance that invites them!

Those who know their God shall be strong. The knowledge of God is what strengthens people.

Tell me, how many chapters were written about the devil in the Bible? We read in the scriptures that Jesus suffered devils not to speak! He made it clear to them that they were not in the same class. There was no day the devil and Jesus sat down and had a tête-à-tête.

Jesus said He has laid before you life and death. It's time for you to make a choice. Choose life, and you shall live (Deut. 30:19).

You must come to terms with the fact that you have been elevated from the ordinary realm of life, to the extraordinary realm of eternal life.

This very life of God will distinguish you where you work and live any day! It will give you a name that no man on earth can give you.

Once I had a big boil that was giving me such excruciating pain. Suddenly, the Word of God came to me: *"Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows"* (Isa. 53:4). By this Word it was clear that we are

not permitted to have any pain.

The Word hit me real hard! So, I told my wife, “I’m traveling!” I got into my car and sat on the boil. Do you know what happened? The pain, in no time at all turned into a sweet soothing sensation!

Friends, God’s Word is living and powerful! It is able to penetrate any difficult situation. It actually destroyed that pain!

It’s time to tell yourself, “Enough of oppressions and afflictions! I am born to reign, not to be enslaved. I have the privilege to step into the shoes of Jesus and live His life.”

I will not go for any less.

There is always a way out. The

moment you do what He has commanded to be done, the struggles come to an end!

In Hosea 4:6 God said, *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Of what to do).”* When you know what to do, and do it, your release is automatic!

Jesus said, *“Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Come and learn of me...”*

So, the key to rest is learning. Every discovery brings your way an added recovery. You can live a struggle-free life!

“Come and learn of me and you shall find rest for your souls”, says Jesus. That is, you will discover secrets

that guarantee rest. Come and learn the way to rest or you remain restless!

Until you respond positively to the Word of God, you keep struggling.

Friends, never mind what is happening! Mind what is written, and all the happenings will begin to respond to your discoveries!

Chapter 4

The Principal Source

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

Joshua 1:8

The Word of God is the master key of life. It opens or locks any door. Nothing has ever been known to resist its power! It arrests cancer, destroys

leukemia, consumes failure, releases success and opens the door to abundance.

There is nothing life demands that is not obtainable in it.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

2 Timothy 3:16

The Word of God is our principal source of knowledge. It is the light that shines in darkness which cannot handle!

The Bible is the answer book to all life's questions. It is not just enough to preach it. No! I have seen many

prosperity preachers wallowing in poverty. I have also seen many teach about good success, while they remain abject failures. Others are busy preaching divine health, and yet are dying in sickness.

Friends, when you are a “liver” of *This Book*, prosperity is guaranteed you, and you will have good success.

Do you want good success? The Bible shows you how. It is *This Book* that opens your life up to good success.

You don't amount to much until God becomes God in your conception!

The Bible is my greatest companion in life. The one I'm using presently is my 16th! It is the food I eat, and it never loses taste! It's the

water drink. It's forever refreshing!

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters...

Isaiah 55:1

And in Ephesians 5:26 we see:

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word

God's Word is the water.

Until you carry *This Book* and it enters your heart, darkness continues to reign! God's word carries life, and this illuminates men. It imparts light to men. This light shines in darkness and the darkness comprehended it not!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:1-5

Some years ago, I discovered in my Bible that two are better than one. So, I began to prepare for marriage. I knew my marital life was not going to be “for better for worse!” God’s Word makes it very clear that marriage is for better.

Ecclesiastes 4:9 states that:

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

While Deuteronomy 32:30 tells us that one shall chase a thousand and amazingly, two shall put ten thousand to flight!

This Word (that illuminated my spirit on marriage) has been confirmed in our home. All these years we've been married, we have not had the first quarrel!

When I was to start ministry, I found God's Word that said that the labourer who labours in the Word and doctrine is worthy of double honour (1 Tim. 5:17). God then assured me that as long as I labour in the Word and

doctrine, He will guarantee double honour for me wherever I turn.

He said to me, “If you will sow spiritual seeds into the lives of men, I will cause material blessings to come your way. For He that reapeth receiveth wages” (Jn. 4:36).

From this book, I knew I was never going to beg. In the scriptures, I never saw the Great Shepherd beg from His disciples.

Do you want to shine? Then you must have Word encounter. Once you have a Word encounter on any issue, you gain control over situations and circumstances on that issue, because God controls all things by the Word of His power – family life, business life,

finances, etc (Heb. 1:3).

It is my prayer that you will enter into the Word encounter realm in your spiritual adventures!

Several promises had been made to Joshua. But at the end of the day, the Lord said to him, “Be strong! This is the book that will give you strength. Handle it daily, and you shall make your way prosperous. My promises will then begin to prosper in your life and you will have good success” (Josh. 1:8 paraphrased).

Friends, it's time to see power in *This Book*. See power behind every word written in it. It is the key!

God is not a magician! He has made us signs and wonders, and by the

Word of God our manifestation is sealed.

This is your hour!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

There is glory in God's Word because it is the carrier of life. God's Word contains inbuilt power to produce on its own.

Jesus told the people at the marriage in Cana, "*Fill the waterpots with water.*" They obeyed. What did we see here?

No shaking! No anxiety! But a simple response to the Word of God.

The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword (Heb. 4:12). It is able to penetrate and take charge of any situation on the earth.

Every accomplishment we are privileged to enjoy in our ministry

right now is a product of God's Word. It works! I pity anyone who doesn't have a good taste for the Word! He has made himself a victim of life.

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

Psalm 25:9

With meekness in your heart, there is no limit to the revelations, nor the insight or height you will enjoy in the kingdom.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

Know how to go about your job by the Word of God. *This Book* will give you definite directions that will

enhance your position.

Many go roaming about town, but very few know the right steps to take.

Ask the Lord to open your eyes, such that you will be able to locate direction from God's Word at all times.

His Word is a lamp and a light, ask Him to show you light in your own area of calling, so that you will know the steps He requires you to take. You can encounter direction through the Word of God.

Friends, turn to *This Book*. There is an answer to every problem of life in it!

Chapter 5

Material Sources

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Daniel 9:1-2

Anointed books are also instruments for the impartation of revelation.

Paul was married to books. No wonder he saw what no other apostle saw! His words were weighty and not easy to understand. He slept with books as a man would sleep with his wife. When he forgot his books somewhere, he sent for them to be brought to him (2 Tim. 4:13).

But for books, my life could not have been 20% of its present worth in God! for twenty-six sold months, I turned myself into a Word-addicted student, as I prepared for ministry! I took adventures into various books. I located everything concerning my

welfare, before I started off, because Proverbs 24:14 says:

...when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward...

Knowledge turns me on! It is sweet to my taste!

I told our Bookshop Manager to always bring me every available new book, so I can check if I already have it in my library. That is what I buy into my heart; for the Word of God has said, “*Buy the truth, and sell it not*” (Prov. 23:23).

I told my fellows that Jesus will be very happy now in heaven, because there are now so many books written by proven, God-anointed men and women, which are helping to boost the

understanding of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

One day, I looked at one of my sons in the Lord, a pastor, and said, “Have you read any book this year? Because your language is very weak!” He looked at me and his eyes were filled with tears. From that time, I see him with a book in his hand all the time.

The supply of fresh wood is what keeps the fire burning. When the fire is void of wood, the fire keeps going down, until it is finally extinguished (Prov. 26:20).

Responsibility is the price for greatness. No matter how much oil is poured on your head, it will amount to nothing if you are irresponsible.

When Saul the king became irresponsible, all the things that the unction upon him carried were lost! Evil spirits came and took over! “*Go and destroy the amalekites*”, he was told. He went there and did what he wanted. God now said, “*Because you have rejected my word, I have also rejected you*” (1 Sam. 15:23).

When you reject God’s Word, you expose yourself to the risk of being rejected by God. You shall not be rejected!

“*This book of the law...*”, and every other book that helps you understand and assimilate it is what I’m talking about.

What these anointed authors do is

to enhance your assimilation of this solid food, the strong meat of the Word. They break it down, so as to help your absorption capability. So, it goes into your bones and marrows, and strengthens your heart for exploits.

God has set up in the body of Christ, Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Evangelists and Pastors over the Church. They are human gifts, agents from heaven, to perfect the understanding of men.

So, through books, tapes (audio and video), you find the knowledge of God flooding the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

Friends, if you are not a reader, you will soon begin to stink!

Daniel, as gifted as he was with skill and wisdom, could not understand until he read books (Dan. 9:2).

Every spiritual stalwart is a person who has a great thirst for knowledge. Daniel was a book-worm. No wonder he ended up a star! The degree of light at work in you determines how much you shine.

Daniel understood by books, Paul understood by books, and they both excelled! So, Hebrews 6:12 says:

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

You have what it takes to walk in the apostolic era. All you need do is to feed on apostolic food. A baby elephant

does not need prayers to grow, all it needs is to eat elephant food. It is destined to be big, that is its inheritance. As long as it eats what elephants eat, it cannot live like a cow.

What you eat determines how you live. What you feed on will determine your behaviour. You can't feed on apostolic food and end up as just a disciple, No!

This is a new era!

My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:

So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut

off.

Proverbs 24:13-14

It's time to settle down and ask yourself:

“Am I set for this apostolic wave, or do I want to remain a disciple?”

if you are set for the apostolic wave, locate apostolic menu and begin to feast on it.

SEE WHAT BOOKS CAN DO!

In 1977, I read a book titled *Like a Mighty Wind* by Mel Tari, and that sparked off in me a great desire for the miraculous. It set ablaze in me a desire to live the extraordinary life!

And in *The Gentle Breeze of Jesus* (by the same author), I saw people lifting up hands in hunger and God preparing a table before them in the desert of Indonesia and they had food to eat. From that day, it dawned on me that Christianity was not just an ordinary religion!

Immediately after this, I came in contact with a book titled *The Power of Positive Thinking*, by Norman Vincent Pearl. This book has influenced so many lives, through a process of mental revolution. It teaches us about the ability we have to use our minds to knock down mountains!

Friends, books are destiny moulders!

I never knew anything about calling or vision, but God consciously used books to prepare me for all these things.

In 1976, I read a book by T. L. Osborne titled, *The Purpose of Pentecost*. And for the first time in my life, I had the privilege of hearing and enjoying God's voice audibly. Through this book I got to know that the Holy Ghost is not a feeling, but a person, who speaks and guides us.

You can never have a vision except you know how to hear God. Many people mistake feelings for voices, so at the end of the day, what they have is confusion all around them, not vision.

If you have a vision, Habakkuk

says, “*Though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry*” (Hab. 2:3). Whatever does not come to pass is not a vision.

God taught me how to hear Him through T. L. Osborne’s book. Ever since then, I hear God appreciably well.

The Man God Uses (by Oswald J. Smith), taught me the mystery of dedication. After going through it, I began to desire only to live for God, to the point that I said to myself, “I’m no longer going to get married.” My entire being was sold out to God, from the revelation I got from that book.

At that time in my life, I had no plans to go into ministry, but I knew that dedication is a seed whose reward

is enviable.

In 1981, I came in contact with Gloria Copeland's book, *God's Will Is Prosperity*. For the first time in my life, I stumbled on the fact that wealth is not a promise, but a covenant. Until you understand the covenant dimension and perspective of it, you will just keep guessing!

After studying this book, I went on a search, to locate all the covenant scriptures I knew, with my concordance by my side. For the first time in my life, I knew that God deals with people on covenant terms. From that time the yoke of poverty was broken in my life, and I knew I can never be poor!

Friends, it's time to turn to your stronghold! God said, "*Good understanding giveth favour*" (Prov. 13:15). When you are not getting results in what you are doing, it means adequate understanding has not dawned on you yet. A sister gave this testimony in church one day:

*"Before we started attending this church, we had financial problems. When we started worshipping here, we heard about giving and we started giving. But there was no result. I then went to one of the pastors, for counseling. He told me to read one of the Bishop's books, **Covenant Wealth**.*

My husband and I read the book and we discovered why we had no been

seeing results in our giving.

The reason was that we had been giving towards our own need, not to the kingdom of God. We then asked for forgiveness from God. That same week, miracles started in our lives!

My husband was on a salary of 1,200 naira per month. But after reading the book, he had to leave that job. Immediately, God gave him another job.

Someone called him to interpret English for him. My husband is a French man and can't speak English very well. But this man called him to interpret English. The man gave him 9,400 naira for his efforts that week.

The man also said, 'You are a good

man, you are a Christian. You will now represent our company here in Nigeria.' That is not all! God now made way for us to get money without struggling. God showed my husband the way to get money without serving under anybody. He now gets a minimum of 1,000 naira per day!

Also, since we got married, we had been looking for a house, because we had been living in my father's house. But the following week, a brother called my husband and told him to go and look for a house, that he would give him money to pay for three years' rent. Another person called him again and told him to look for a house, that the money to pay for it was ready.

Now, about three different people want to pay for a house for us! They are the ones now hastening us up to go and get a house!”

Friends, knowledge is it!

In 1979, I read one of Smith Wigglesworth's books, and I saw how he despised the devil. I saw from the account in that book, how insignificant Satan was to him. And from that day my attitude towards Satan changed. This culminated in a series of teachings on the littleness of Satan, one of which I titled, *You Can Walk Out on the Devil!*

Satan is no problem when faith is in place. Hear this, spiritual and physical idleness leads to decadence! I therefore

recommend that from now on your perspective of books should go beyond filling up a library shelf.

It's time to fill your heart with light! Every attack you had from the devil was not because your Bible was not with you, but because it was not in your heart!

When God's Word enters your heart, you become an impossible person for Satan to deal with.

This is what books do to you. They bring about a great transformation in your life.

If you have light, darkness will respect you! I therefore appeal to you, to be delivered from spiritual laziness! Exercise yourself in the things of God.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ

Ephesians 4:11-13

When you come in contact with an anointed teacher's book, God has something to add to your life through it.

I commend you to God, for a life of

diligence! It's time to become a diligent Christian. Friends, I am asking you not only to own books, but to devour them!

Michael Faraday, the great scientist, was also an elder in his church and a regular preacher at services. James Owen's and Jonathan Edward's books were his major library items. Men of sound spiritual standing were the source of his inspiration. He was simply rubbing minds with them, and was thus in touch with divine thinking which boosted his scientific mind.

When Daniel was required to interpret king Nebuchadnezzar's dreams, his response was, "*Give us*

time.”

All you need is time. And you have it. Stop spending it! Start investing it! It is the hardest currency in the world. Those who know how to invest it end up profiting greatly.

The ministry of books is the ministry of illumination. The more friendly you are with spiritually anointed materials, the greater your access to contacting the same anointing on the authors.

From now on, anytime you want to bless someone with a gift, get him or her a book, not greeting cards. Learn to give what will impart life to others.

I have never traveled abroad and gone shopping for clothes. But I have

bought books worth thousand of dollars! I once told my wife that the books I have bought (rather than shoes), can turn me into a successful manufacturer of shoe!

Friends, it's time to have a new sense of value for books!

I want you to desire that your heart opens up for a relentless studious lifestyle. Not for the purpose of information, but for the purpose of impartation – learning the ways of God that will help you locate your ways on the earth.

This is the time to invest your time and money in things that matter!

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your

***labour for that which satisfieth not?
hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye
that which is good, and let your soul
delight itself in fatness.***

Isaiah 55:2

Who wants to know where you
bought your shoes or coat from?

Don't waste your life away!

Wherever we have gotten to today,
it is by reason of light; and where we
are going tomorrow, we will get there
by light. I don't joke with that. You
don't progress by wishing, you get
there by working.

A few years ago, a woman said to
me, "Having gone through a few of the
books you have written, I see them as
epistles on living." The same Holy

Ghost that gave the men of old inspiration for the scriptures, is still the same One giving us more things to write, and explaining what have already been written.

You can't follow any man whose secrets you don't know. The secrets of men are in their stories. Here I have revealed my greatest secrets to you. It all adds up to one thing – an insatiable quest for knowledge! This has kept me fresh all my life.

Paul said to Timothy:

Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

1 Timothy 4:13

There is no self-made man! Any man who doesn't make reference to

others, will never become a reference himself.

Working on the things others have said, gives you access to the things you will say.

It Is God-Ordained

The ministry of books is God ordained.
Look at it in Revelation 1:11

Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia...

I believe the ministry of books is the most impactful avenue for

preaching the gospel. Minus writing, ministry will be absolutely limited.

To every church Jesus said, “*Write.*”

Every work of the ministry requires the ministry of books. The book ministry is of God, and it is time to begin to embrace the values and virtues inherent in it.

We will be limited in every phase of our Christian endeavour if we don't place the right value on books.

God is still sending messages through books.

Paul was writing to Timothy and he told him:

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not

to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

And he went on to say, “*Be ye followers of me as I am of Christ.*” This presupposes the fact that Paul was a dedicated student of the Word.

Every man that has ever done anything outstanding in this world, was a friend of books. The more you read, the brighter your life becomes, and the more manifestations you begin to experience in your Christian life.

I strongly believe that the reason many Christians are on the floor is because they have stopped learning! Daniel understood by books. This was a man that God gave skill, wisdom and

knowledge; but he still needed books to bring to light what was inherent in him.

It is time for us to begin to appreciate the place of books in our Christian endeavour.

I have been gathering good quality books for over 20 years now, since 1974. friends, they do something to my spirit, they set me on fire!

Biographies

I have studied about thirty-eight biographies, which help me to balance my approach to life.

I strongly believe that biographies are great assets for human information.

You can't study about the lives of men who have succeeded, and not gather knowledge for your own momentum.

Every time you discover something about somebody who was once lower than you are now, you gain courage, and say, "It can be done!"

I strongly believe that biographies stabilizes destinies. They bring so many hidden things to light – the stresses, strains and humble beginnings that characterize the journey to greatness.

Except you understand where a man is coming from, you may not be able to get the same kind of results he got and is still getting.

There is no time to waste, friends!

When your mind stops being renewed,
you start to go backward!

Biographies will put courage in
you, and establish your confidence for
great heights, any day! They will place
in your hands a brand new approach to
the issues of life.

I strongly believe in biographies.
There is no cheaper way to become
successful in life!

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

Hebrews 6:12

There it is!

Without reading, my message
would have started stinking by now!

Dead flies cause the ointment of

the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour.

Ecclesiastes 10:1

It's time to update your knowledge through a rigorous reading culture! Reading helps to energise my spirit and keeps me on a track of excellence!

There can be nothing called wisdom where knowledge is static. No! Wisdom is the correct application of knowledge. If you don't have the necessary information you need at any point in time, you won't be able to apply it. Information comes as you endeavour to find out how others go about what they are doing. Information helps to establish confidence.

Friends, let's get to work! I don't

care what you are suffering presently, until you are ready to learn, you will die in that state!

I see you going up right now! I see the light of God overcoming and overtaking every dark place in your life!

Arise and shine for your light is come!

Chapter 6

Human Sources

Anointed men and women are yet another principal source of divine illumination available to us in our quest for knowledge.

They are light-bearing gifts from God, the Father of light.

The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

Isaiah 9:8

God has given human gifts to the Body; they cannot be replaced by even the Holy Ghost.

When Jesus ascended on high, he gave gifts unto men:

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ

Ephesians 4:11-12

There are divine human gifts, light-bearing gifts, human illuminators, people who have come unto the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ. These are men of unique insights that pass light on to others. They constitute a great source of light for the believer.

I never saw Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Peter or Paul; but I have seen Kenneth Hagin, Lester Sumrall, Kenneth Copeland, Gloria Copeland, Benson Idahosa, etc.

If you don't come in contact with men who have found what you are looking, your search may never end!

There is nothing new under the sun. Whatever has been done before is what will be done again (Eccl. 1:9).

Every generation thrives on the revelations of the previous one. This great move of God that we see today, begin in the days of men like E. W. Kenyon.

E. W. Kenyon saw so much of the realities of redemption that he was able

to lay a solid foundation for this faith and Word movement we are presently into. This took place immediately after the healing revivals subsided.

E. W. Kenyon was a major source of inspiration to Kenneth Hagin, from whom so many of us are presently taking our bearing in the faith movement. People like Kenneth Copeland and K. C. Price, drew influence from Kenneth Hagin.

Until you are influenced, you will never become an influence!

Today, I am swimming in plenty as a result of an encounter with a woman of God (Gloria Copeland), through one of her books.

She taught me the mystery of

plenty. I contacted light from the light she had previously received, and right now, many are in turn benefiting from that little light I got from her.

Friends, you won't go too far doing it alone! You can't do without the gifts of God among men.

It is not safe to read only the Bible. Many things there are you'll never understand except someone guides you. One will be very limited in insight, because the testimonies of men are what spark off faith in others.

The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

Isaiah 9:8

He sent it unto a man, but it lighted a nation!

Almost every charismatic believer now carries a bottle of anointing oil. Many that you think are against it make use of it at one time or the other.

Friends, there is a new light in the land!

You can't walk in the past and expect to make a mark in the present. Something is happening right now!

There are human gifts within the body worldwide, who are divine instruments of illuminations. They are to perfect the body of Christ and help us understand the Word, so our destinies can be attained.

Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my

mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

Isaiah 34:16 says:

This means no scripture has the power to cancel another.

The reason we are limited in knowledge is because we have decided to let only the Holy Ghost teach us. We have closed the door of our minds to the human agents of illumination. So we walk on in darkness, and all the foundation of the earth are out of course (Ps. 82:5).

God has given to the body of Christ apostles, prophets, teachers, sons of the prophet, evangelists, and pastors.

Even the holy scriptures, the Word of life, made up of sixty-six books,

were put together by about thirty authors.

...holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 2:21

What we call the Bible today, was dictated to men who documented it.

There are many things in the Bible you will never know except you learn from those they have been revealed to. You can sit in your house for twenty years, for example, and not locate the mystery of divine healing, until you hear from men and women who have been anointed to deliver the message to the world.

This is why the learner is the winner and the overcomer, who always

ends up as a successful and prosperous person. The learner's mentality must be built into your system, if you must find a place in this new move.

God has raised men and women who are instruments of illumination, and until you receive their ministry, you will remain in darkness.

Are you struggling with defeat? There is light waiting for you in *Born to Win*. Is your business frustrated and stagnated, there are *Success Buttons to press*.

Is Satan harassing your destiny? Are you always having bad dreams? You can floor the devil by contacting knowledge in *Satan Get Lost!* Are your finances looking bleak? *Breaking*

Financial Hardship will give you that breakthrough you need.

(See back of this book for more information on our various book titles, dealing with diverse aspects of life in which you probably require illumination).

I've never seen where darkness struggles with light! Light awaits you in anointed books, ready to shatter every darkness that is lurking around your life.

***...the light shineth in darkness;
and the darkness comprehended it not.***

John 1:5

God has entrusted the destiny of men into the hands of His chosen ones. If only you will open your heart to

receive the little light God has given me, we will get the same results, at the end of the day, because God is no respecter of persons.

When I tell you that you are born to win, I know what I am talking about, because I win always. I have divorced failure and made covenant with success. Poverty and I separated many years ago. I got married to prosperity, and I have been having a wonderful time ever since.

God sent me to silence the devil, harass failure, trouble troubles, and release men into their destinies.

Friends, the light God has given me is packaged in more than one thousand tapes (audio and video), twenty-seven

books to date, and other materials in bulletin forms. There are also hundreds of volumes from anointed authors from where I draw refreshing myself.

You don't have any business whatsoever with darkness! You just must make a decision. You can't afford to be in the midst of a revolution and be a regret. It's time to begin to appreciate God's gift of men of His body.

Chapter 7

Beware Of Poison!

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Now in this dispensation of knowledge, we still have to be extra cautious. Not everything that looks like food is food. Quite a lot are poison in disguise!

Now that we are being charged to read, what are the precautions to take, to ensure we don't mistake poison for food?

As we are told in the scripture above, in the last days, we won't have only doctrines of Christ, we will also have doctrines of devils.

How do we escape the trap of the doctrines of devils? How do we identify what Christ is saying, as against what the devil is saying, so we don't fall into his traps?

Note that the Bible has warned that we should not be ignorant of his devices, lest he should take advantage of us (2 Corinthians 2:11).

YOU NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT

It's important to mention here that you can't know the truth without the Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit of truth, our principal Aid for the acquisition of the knowledge of the truth.

John 16:13 says of Him:

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...

Even if you are blind, and you have a guide, you are safe! Isn't it? The Holy Ghost is our guide into all truths, so we must release ourselves unto Him, saying, "Spirit of God, take charge!"

1 John 2:20 tells us:

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

The Holy Spirit is that unction. We must lean heavily on Him these end-times, to be sure we don't get trapped with the doctrines of devils.

Talking about signs and wonders (which we have come to know is characteristic of the apostolic era, there are also lying wonders. Oh yes! The Bible says so (2 Thess. 2:9).

So we have to be sure that what we are doing or following has a proper root in the Word of God. And the Word of God is nothing else but the truth.

KEEP A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.

1 Timothy 4:2

We need to keep a very neat conscience, a right conscience. Proverbs 4:23 reiterates this:

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

In the parable of the sower, the Bible says the good ground is the one with a good and honest heart (Lk. 8:15). That is, you are not just pretending, you are sincere in your search, with your heart open to obey Jesus; your conscience healthy, not seared with iron.

I believe very much in the words of

Solomon in Proverbs 11:3:

The integrity of the upright shall guide them.

People who speak heresies lack integrity of heart. They can't find what they are preaching or teaching written in the Word of God, but for whatever reason, they still want to go ahead all the same.

It's not just the mind, our hearts have to be sanctified with integrity.

All those prophets who operate by lying spirits know, but it has become their business. So, they have decided to let go of their conscience, so as to carry on with their business.

Integrity of heart is a basic requirement for the knowledge of the

truth. When you are approaching God, do it with an integrity of heart. Say with all sincerity, “Spirit of God, help me. I am looking for the truth, nothing but the truth.” There’s no way you’ll miss it!

Friends, the integrity of the upright shall guide him!

I’d like you to embrace integrity in your quest for knowledge. Otherwise, it will be so easy for the enemy to just run you off to the other side. But God forbid!

A good and honest heart is a requirement. Uprightness and integrity of heart is a requirement, if you must look onto the truth and advance in the knowledge of the truth.

IT MUST SPEAK PEACE

I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

Psalm 85:8

There is nothing God does without a purpose.

Let's find out the purpose of the Word. The moment you can't locate that purpose, then know that something is missing.

If you hear any doctrine or word, watch out for peace. If it does not speak peace, then it is not from God. If it is not accompanied by peace, it is not

from God!

The gospel of Jesus is the gospel of peace. So watch out! If it is adding to your peace, then it is an increase in the knowledge of the truth. But if it is subtracting from your peace, then watch out! The enemy is seeking an opportunity to bring you into heresy.

I mean peace, not pretence! The peace of God that passes all understanding, the one that cannot be upset. The one that is established and firm, that is the Word from the Lord.

IT MUST BE PROFITABLE

Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer,

the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Isaiah 48:17

If it is the doctrine of Christ, it will add to you, teaching you to profit. The Good News version of Colossians 1:6 says the gospel keeps bringing blessings.

When it is not adding to you, watch out! It is not the gospel! *“The thief cometh not but for to steal...”* To steal means to reduce, that is, to reduce you. But Jesus said, *“I am come that you may have...”* that is, to add to you. When that new discovery is not adding to you, it is not from Christ, it is the

doctrine of devils!

2 Timothy 3:16-17 tells us:

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 perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The principles of Christ in the scriptures are profitable. When it is not profiting you, it is not a doctrine of the scripture, it is a deception of the devil. So watch out!

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them

that heard it.

Hebrews 4:2

This simply means that the mission of whatever word preached is to profit the one who receives it. When it is not profiting you, when it is not adding to you, it is not the Word.

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

1 Timothy 4:8

friends, following God is profitable in all realms! Progress in business, progress at home, everywhere, peace galore!

I welcome you to the profitable realm of life!

Once again, if it is the doctrine of Christ, it comes along with peace. If it is the Word of God, the mission is to profit you, to add to you. It doesn't reduce people.

From today, you will no longer reduce!

Chapter 8

Start Thinking!

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...

Proverbs 23:7

Our lives are determined by our thoughts. The Bible shows that great thinkers effect great exploits. God commands thinking:

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Isaiah 1:18-20

Thinking is therefore a law in the kingdom. If only you will observe this law. Thinking in line with God is what I am talking about – thinking through the Word of God.

The woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5:25-34, thought her way through. She said in her heart, “If I may but touch the hem of the garment of Him that is healing the sick and setting free the captives, I shall be made whole” (paraphrased). Her

thought prepared the way for her action, and her action resulted in a manifestation for her.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

Romans 1:28

Every time God's knowledge is rejected, the mind becomes reprobate, unproductive and unclean! Everyone who is not saved carries a reprobate mind. But everyone who is born again has a regenerated mind.

Friends, you have a gift of God on your inside. It is the gift of a sound mind (2 Tim. 1:6-7). You will begin to

obtain sound results as you engage your mind in reasoning.

There is good in the land, but it is for those who reason and think.

God said, “Come let us reason together. “Everything blocking your access to the good of the land, I will expose to you. As I expose it to you and you deal with it, you will begin to eat the good of the land.”

“But we have the mind of Christ” says 1 Corinthians 2:16. So, you cannot be stranded in any situation. You have the mind of Christ, Who is also called “The Way.” So, you have the way out! What a joy to know that you cannot be hedged in by the wicked! Thinking is as strong as praying.

In Ephesians 3:20, the Bible says:

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

So, God answers our thoughts as He does our prayers.

According to Romans 12:2, transformation of life is for thinkers. In history, great thinkers have been known to be pacesetters. You can't get more from life than what your thought pattern presents!

THE PRODIGAL SON

Thinking is a responsibility for anyone

that desires transformation.

The devil couldn't stop the prodigal son from coming to himself. The Bible said he came to himself. That is, he spoke to himself, he made an altar call for himself, he responded to the call by himself, and led himself home to his father.

And he said, A certain man had two sons:

And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with

riotous living.

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee

Luke 15:11-18

And immediately, his shame was exchanged for dignity!

Deep thoughts will produce great results.

The great character problem we have in the body of Christ today is as a result of the non-thinking multitudes of Christians, complacent Christians, who just think that things will change on their own.

Nothing changes its own. Every change is consciously effected. And no change takes place without thoughts!

A thought gives birth to a decision, and a decision that is acted upon becomes manifestation.

Stop and think!

Come let us reason together...”

That is, thinking – through the ways of God, the plans of God, and the purpose of God for your destiny.

In the book of Job we read:

I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

Job 32:7-9

It is meditation that provokes inspiration. And inspiration sparks off manifestation!

When Jesus came to this earth, the Bible says the Spirit of the Lord gave Him quick understanding in the fear of the Lord (Isa. 11:3).

When you are born again, it is that same spirit that is fired into your mind, to burn off the impurities there. This is what makes your mind superior to a natural mind. It is a mind that has a spirit in it (Eph. 4:23).

So, there is a spirit in your mind that charges it to produce excellence. It is called “an excellent spirit” (Dan. 6:3). It resides in your mind, to produce excellence and dignity. Scientists have it that all brains are of the same human make up. So why doesn't yours work the way it should?

Why should a redeemed soul wake up in the morning confused? When the scriptures have made it clear that you have a sound mind.

Friends, it's time to convince yourself that you have the mind of Christ. How then can you be stranded? The reason is simply because you didn't bother to stir up your mind. It's time to stir it up (2 Tim. 1:6).

When you stop thinking, you start stinking!

Get ready! Start thinking! So you can turn everything around you around, until you become the envy of your community, your nation, and the whole world!

WORK ON YOUR MIND!

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

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

Every transformation begins in the mind. There is no change in life outside the mind. The mind sets the pace for every change that a man or woman

experiences in life.

No change ever comes to be except as initiated in the mind.

A local dialect in Nigeria has a very powerful word for repentance. It calls it “thinking to change your character or habit”. This agrees with, “*But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...*” It is a change on the inside that brings about a change on the outside.

We don’t cry for a change, we think through for a change! A breakthrough in mind equals an automatic breakthrough in life. I wish that all the “praying throughs” that people do were appropriately changed to “thinking throughs”. Then, we would have been

through long ago!

I once came across a quote that says, “Very many think once a year, few think twice. I have set a record by thinking at least once a week.”

There will never be a change except as initiated by a change in the mind. Unfortunately, very many are not thinking, so very many are not changing.

It is not prayer that brought the prodigal son back. Luke 15:17 says, “*And when he came to himself...*”

He didn't bind the devil! A change in his thought was all he needed for his change of destiny. He said, “I will arise and go to my father, enough is enough!” He didn't say, “Satan, let me

go!”

Isaiah put it in a very colourful way. He said, no matter how neck deep you are in sin, the Lord says:

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isaiah 1:18

No matter the depth of waywardness, covenant provoking thoughts will rescue anyone from the dungeons of Satan!

We have cried enough! If we think half the way we have cried, our light would have since broken forth out of obscurity! There are very few thinkers!

That's why there are so many "stinkers". The Bible says:

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?...

1 Corinthians 2:11

No other man knows the level where you really are now, but you. Nobody's light shines without thinking! It is the quality of your thoughts that determines the intensity of your thoughts that determines the intensity of your light. The brightness of your light is determined by the brightness of your thinking. That is the way out.

There is no transformation without mind renewal. It is a change in the

mind that effects a change on the outside.

Thinking is a lifelong responsibility!

If you don't want your sun to go down, get into covenant Bible – based, thoughts, that will cause every darkness around you to be subdued, and the light of heaven to cover you and overtake you.

It takes quality thinking to shine brightly!

For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

Luke 14:28

So the depth of your spiritual

thought determines the height of your tower.

There is no chain on you that covenant thoughts cannot break! I see a breakthrough in mental dignity coming your way! Bringing you out from every trouble and every chain!

Just settle down and think! Stop pointing accusing fingers at others! You are absolutely responsible for your present position. If you want to have a breakthrough, stop looking for who to blame.

The prodigal son didn't say "If it were not for that friend who misled me..." Nor did he say it was Satan that deceived him. He was simply available!

You have been giving tithes and offerings, and you can't see the results. Sit down and think, "Why is this thing not working for me also?" All that a wife-beater needs to sit down and think. If that thought is deeply rooted in the Word of God, it will liberate him! He will just walk into liberty as though that bondage never existed.

You can shed off any weight, you know! All you need to do is sit down and talk to yourself. "Where am I going? Who am I? what is my target? What do I see in my destiny? How do I get there?" Just sit down! Until you sit down, you don't return! You need speed to return from your prodigal journeys, before the Father closes the

gate! Isaiah 30:15, *“In returning and rest shall ye be saved.”*

He said *“Come now...”* Now is the time to reason with God.

The devil knows the importance of the mind. He knows you never gain access to light without the mind. So he blinds people's minds.

For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

2 Corinthians 4:4

When the mind is blinded, nothing shines!

The Holy Ghost is the one that sharpens your mental capability. Isaiah 11:3 says, *“And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the*

Lord...”

Your baptism in the Holy Ghost is not just for speaking in tongues. It also enhances mental prowess, surprising intelligence, the ability to reason in the class of God, to enhance liberty and freedom! It's time to reason!

When you are born again, your mind becomes an asset for a revolution.

By the grace of God, this ministry is where it is today by quality thinking. Thinking gets me excited!

You locate solutions if you give your mind to reasoning. You will be able to chart a course for yourself. There is no problem without solution. You only need to sit down, and think

through!

You must place value on your mind, in order to do exploits. No matter what you might be facing today, you will only get to know the way out through your mind. If your mind is dead, you won't appreciate God's ways.

When the Church starts thinking, our faith will begin to produce much more than we have ever seen. God won't think for you! You have to think for yourself.

Proverbs 16:33 says:

The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.

It's time to tell the Lord, "I think

this and that, what do you think about this?” He will either tell you that you are correct, or tell you to make certain amendments.

You can't say, “Now, God, think for me, I'm ready.” He doesn't think for people. You have to commit yourself to thinking.

The only way you can prove what the perfect will of God is, is by making use of your renewed mind.

If you want life to be very fulfilling for you, it is your responsibility to think.

...for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8

Friends, I do a lot of thinking. I reason, I see my mind as a treasure for exploration and exploitation. I want to make a mark on this earth, so I have to put my mind to work.

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

1 Corinthians 10:23

Your new mind is activated as you set out to identify where God is leading you. Until your mind begins to actively co-operate with God, things in the kingdom won't be meaningful to you.
We need to engage our senses in an active participation with our faith, in order to move in the direction God is

leading us.

Don't forget that great verse in the Bible that says, "*We have the mind of Christ*". What an asset! Jesus was never confused. He knew what to do at every point in time. You have that same mind that has all the potentials to bail you out whenever you are stranded.

Every gift of God lies dormant until you stir it up. Paul said to Timothy, "*Stir up the gift of God that is in thee.*"

So, it's time to work on your mind!

If only we will use our minds the way we are supposed to, our rigorous prayers will reduce.

Instead of crying and shouting, let's start reasoning together with God.

There are some prayers I write down before presenting them to God. I sit down comfortably and make sure I organize my presentation. Then I say, “Lord, this is the issue at stake; but because You said so and so, I perceive that what is going on ought not to be so. It’s time for You to act, Lord!”

Friends, you have talked to God long enough! It is now time to sit down to reason with him.

He said:

Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Isaiah 43:26

It’s time to start reasoning together with God and engaging our minds

adequately in the pursuit of excellence.

Having walked with God for something now, I have come to appreciate that every assignment heaven hands down to a man requires his mind for it to be executed. All God does is show you the task, you then have to settle down, engage your senses, and consider how you are going to accomplish the task.

Your mind is a friend, take advantage of it, and reap the heritage that you have in God!

You were created to think. I pray that your mind be opened today, for excellence and exploits!

Your mind is a covenant asset that will lead you to your inheritance in

God. Stir it up! Engage it adequately, until it produces results for you.

Some Christians are trying to run the race with only the Spirit. It's not possible! God does not approve of stupidity in the name of faith! Our senses must come alive.

It is time, for example, to start thinking of how you can distinguish yourself in your trade. It is time to set a new fire ablaze in your brain! You will then begin to operate the wisdom of the ancient.

You are licensed to reason, but let God have the final say on the steps you are taking. When God has spoken, He has spoken; but to make His Word produce requires your active

participation. You need to engage yourself actively in the pursuit of excellence. Get into excellent reasoning! Once your mind is sharp enough, no one can deceive you.

Your mind must be put to work before things will begin to happen for you the way you expect. It's time to take advantage of this treasure.

Spiritual things require an active engagement of the mind to be comprehended.

Ministry, for example, is a spiritual assignment. I set myself apart to reason, before stepping into it. I had so many questions that God had to answer. I didn't want to beg! As a matter of fact, I hate begging!

Consequently, from an early age, I have always loved work.

Friends, it's time to stop running about like the horse and the mule that have no understanding! It's time to return the gold back to the temple.

I read about a man, who at 80 became the head of department in a university! He was still sound in mind, writing and making powerful presentations! And there are some at 40, looking 90, because their minds are old!

The older your mind, the older your body, because as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. If your thoughts are not updated, your life will become very old!

THE POWER OF IMAGINATION

Whatever you will become in life is a product of what you think. Your mind is the battle ground for the conflicts of life.

Every man is a captive of his thoughts. But your hour of deliverance has come! You are a child of destiny! All you need is a sense of responsibility, so as to retain God's great plan for your life. Your tomorrow is well-defined and you are going forward!

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

And it came to pass, as they

journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

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.

Genesis 11:1-6

God cannot stop your imaginations from becoming manifestations. When you imagine success, it comes your way.

The issue of imagine centres around the mind. Instead of fighting the devil day and night, let us face what goes on in our minds, and we will discover how helpless the devil is!

If you can't stop a man from thinking success, you won't be able to stop him from speaking, acting and eventually enjoying success. Everything a man will ever say is a

product of what is going on in his mind. For:

...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Matthew 12:34

You can't stop a man from talking sickness if he has not stopped thinking sickness. Nor can you stop a man from talking success, as long as he thinks success.

What you think is what you will talk. And what you talk is what you will get. God can't stop your imaginations.

I met some people some years back, who were of the opinion that the reason they were backward was because they were from a certain part

of the country. It is sad to know that so many Christians still think that way till today. They have forgotten that God answers thoughts, the same way He answers prayers. Ephesians 3:20 says:

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

If you want to enjoy unlimited success, or total liberty, then begin to think it. I was reading the story of the most successful pastor in the world, David Yonggi Cho. I discovered that when he had 300 people, he was treating them like 3,000 people. So, eventually his church became 3,000. And what happened next? The church

just kept growing and growing!

Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward.

Genesis 13:14

This is what imagination is all about. What you see in your tomorrow is what you will actually encounter. Thank God for visions. But thank God also for imaginations. They are a mystery in Christian adventure. Every battle of life is either won or lost in the mind.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through

God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Strongholds include negative imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. No matter how sound your imagination may seem to be, once it is against the knowledge of God, cast it down! Many of you seem to have so much confidence in your dreams. If you are not careful, they will become your god, particularly when they are

against the knowledge of God.

Supposing you dreamt that you had an accident, and you then begin to expect to have one at the very place you saw it, watch it! Your imagination will not be restrained from becoming manifestations. The moment you don't cast down negative imaginations, they will cast you down!

I do believe that more than 90% of the evil that come people's way are pre-meditated.

Thank God for wonderful dreams! Joseph dreamt a dream that was in line with his destiny, and he held on to it.

Some already know the age at which they will die. How? They have had one dream or the other, so, they set

their minds on it. You hear people say things like, “Well, anything can happen at any time!”

Watch it friends, negative imaginations are nothing but traps of the devil to get you stranded! Don't allow yourself to be a victim of them.

Until you stop thinking success, you won't stop succeeding. Until you stop thinking good health, you won't become sick.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...

Proverbs 23:7

Some singles have already seen themselves struggling to have children; it is right there in their minds. And they claim God revealed such things to

them. Anything against the knowledge of God is a trap of the devil.

There are many, however, who have been lifted and exalted by their positive imaginations; while many others have been ruined by their negative imaginations.

What are you supposed to do with negative imaginations? Cast them down! No matter how high they may seem. It's time to bring every thought to the obedience of Christ.

And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 10:6

You must be smart enough not to allow negative thoughts to remain on

your mind. As they occur, you must fight them! Arrest them! The Bible commands us to “*prove all things*” (1 Thess. 5:21).

Friends, God tempts no man with evil. Every evil thought is a scheming of the devil. Fight it! That medical report you are thinking about is not the truth. Hear what Lamentations 3:37 says:

Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?

Your family cannot be broken!
Your children cannot fail!

You have a job to do! Don't watch the devil destroy your destiny! Fight him!

Mental warfare is so important, as every evil deed starts from the thoughts of the heart. Don't let any negative thought last a second in you. Fight it!

“Having in readiness to revenge...”

Stop it! Tell the devil you are going to live to fulfil the number of your days. Don't let him harass you with the thought of death.

Every revelation you encounter in your studies, integrate it into your imagination. Let your discoveries mould your thoughts, and great shall be your future. Friends, until this aspect of your life is in place, your destiny is not secure!

You must tame your thoughts before they tear you down!

God's Word makes it clear that until you are born again, you have a reprobate mind that thinks and evokes evil (Rom. 1:28).

But once God's Word is used to flush your mind, you will begin to think things that are pure, lovely and of good report.

There is a syllabus for your thought life. It's in Philippians 4:8:

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

The truth available to you must affect the way you think.

I am so sure I can never fail. How do I know? God's Word has renewed my mind. I now think in line with God's thoughts. The Bible is made up of the thoughts of God, packaged in written form. These are the ways of God (Isa. 55:9). God's Word will renew your mind, so that you begin to think His thoughts.

The devil knows how powerful imaginations can be, so he infuses devilish imaginations into people.

We need to locate the right weapons of war and fight anything that is out to corrupt our minds, so as not to allow them corrupt our lives.

Imaginations and every high thing includes philosophies of men, doctors' reports, Central Bank reports, etc – everything that any rank or caliber of man has to say, that is contrary to the knowledge of God. You must cast them down by putting on the whole armour of God, and using all your weapons.

When you receive the truth, the power of God begins to work to effect it. In the same way, when you receive a lie of the devil, his power begins to work to bring these lies to pass.

Friends, you have a great future! Don't let the devil steal it from you!

I want you to know that the Word of God works! Whatever is contrary to the truth originated from the devil.

The Bible says to resist the devil and he will flee from you. And 1 Peter 1:13 says:

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ

God says whatever you imagine, no force can stop. When you imagine good, it will come. When you imagine evil, no man will be able to stop it either. The choice is yours.

Your imagination will either make you or break you! It will either build you or destroy you! It will either make you or mar you! Make your choice! As far as your eyes can see, you will

possess.

Chapter 9

Going Beyond Hearing And Reading

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:1-3

David is one of the most enviable characters in the scriptures. His walk with God was a triumphant one.

The Bible says we must be followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promise. This is the reason we are considering this Psalm of David.

Now, what did the man in our text above do?

First, he chose the right company. Next his delight was in the law of the lord, and upon it he meditates day and night!

Every time you ponder on God's Word, you get refreshed. Your leaves never wither, so that you bring forth

fruit in due season, and whatsoever you do, prospers.

MEDITATION

Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalm 37:4

It is time to despise every other thing and exalt God, so that He can grant you the desires of your heart. Don't delight yourself in things, delight yourself in the Lord.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Psalm 63:5-6

When God becomes the centre of your meditation, your soul will be satisfied with fatness.

You can't be a "mediator" and remain on the floor! If you want to enjoy the full benefits of the Christian life, it is time to give yourself to meditation. Then you will be surprised at what the Lord will do.

I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

David, the ever-winning kind, was the one talking here. And why was he always winning? Because he wouldn't stop meditating on the word.

Any testimony you hear, and you desire to see the same come to pass in your life, you just must sit down and digest it. Agree that God is at work, and He will manifest Himself to you.

O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

Psalm 119:97-99

Meditation was one of the key secrets behind David's triumphs. He was a God-thinker! Not a man overtaken by thoughts of what to eat or what to put on. No!

When you get into the act of meditation, you are rubbing your natural mind with God's divine mind. And just as iron sharpens iron, God's mind will quicken your mortal mind.

Somebody once asked me, "Do you cram scriptures?" I can't remember when I last sat down to consciously memorize scriptures. But I eat them! (Jer. 15:16).

Now, no matter how dull you may be, if I ask you to remember what you

ate for lunch or dinner two days ago, you will. Friends, once you begin to “eat” scriptures, you won’t forget them!

God’s Word must become your real food, and you must begin to digest it properly, so that it will produce amazing results for you.

And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

Genesis 24:63

As you go forth to meditate, as you lift up your eyes, you will begin to see the camels coming, bringing your answers along!

I went out to meditate one evening.

I was thinking about the majesty and faithfulness of God. I got so filled with God's presence, and then I saw the "camels" coming! They came and never went back.

Spend some time just walking around your church premises or your family compound at home, lift up your hands and eyes to the Lord, and say, "Lord I know prosperity is real. I know you don't lie. Nothing is too hard for you. You are a covenant-keeping God. You are ever so dependable and reliable! I love you Lord! Show me what needs to be put right".

There was a day I was pondering on the story of creation and I discovered that God didn't create microphones,

tapes, tables, etc. Human beings created them. How? By exhibiting divine nature! That challenged my mind to supernatural productivity!

Hear some observers' comments on Michael Faraday:

“Michael Faraday read the gospel very slowly and reverently, with such an intelligent interpretation of the meaning, such that I thought I had never heard the gospel before.”

Another said, *“Faraday seemed to make the most out of the words of scriptures, to get the best out of every statement of scripture.*

His sermons reflected a thorough knowledge of the Bible, as he quoted extensively and accurately from

scriptures”.

This goes to show us the source of true knowledge. Faraday had a thorough knowledge of the Bible and quoted extensively and accurately from it. This is a product of qualitative meditation. Friends, you can affect your generation!

This man was a star in the field of science, yet he spent all his time studying the Bible.

God said to Joshua:

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

way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8

The Bible is the book of success. It is indeed the success story of the Creator, the secret behind His ability.

Every man's wisdom is brought to light by the words he speaks. Whatever a man voices out reveals how wise that man is.

You want to be prosperous and have good success? Then you must find out what meditation entails, as it is a basic requirement for success.

You may contact ordinary success without it, but good success comes by meditation.

WHAT REALLY IS MEDITATION?

God's Word is food, food for the spirit.

Jeremiah 15:16 says:

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

When you begin to see God's Word as food, you will easily grasp what meditation is all about.

Physical food makes no impact on the body until it is digested. Meditation could be likened to digestion; but this time around, the digestion of spiritual food.

Many people have been taught of the need for them to pray through (that is, to have a breakthrough), but I think more solutions will come our ways by just thinking through. Because:

... Wisdom is better than strength...Wisdom is better than weapons of war....

Ecclesiastes 9:16, 18

No food is useful to the body until it is digested. Likewise, God's Word, will not have any impact on your life until you digest it.

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

There must first of all be a mixing of the Word, before its profit will come our way. Something must go on with the Word you have heard or read, before you can profit thereby.

The word meditation means to ponder on, to think through, to examine in details, or to use your thinking abilities.

The hour has come for the Holy Ghost to open the eyes of your understanding!

Many of us have *The Book*, but *The Book* has not been part of us, because we have not digested it. Mediation is a type of mastication, digestion, assimilation and absorbtion. Until the

Word is properly absorbed, it won't find its way into your system. This is where many of us miss the profit that is in the Word of God.

You have read certain scriptures, but you just don't seem to be feeling their impact. Why? You have not yet absorbed them into your life.

Paul the Apostle said to Timothy:
Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

1 Timothy 4:13-16

It's time to ponder upon the things you are hearing and reading. Give more earnest attention to them. Separate the dross from the silver, and you will have profits that cannot be hidden.

Many hear, many read, many learn, but very few take out time to think over the things they have heard and learned.

Friends, it takes meditation to get the treasures out of the Word of God. It takes qualitative meditation to draw virtue out of God's Word.

Anytime you have problems with

your digestive system, you discover that it becomes a major problem to your whole body. Until you are able to grind the Word of God properly, it will not benefit your life.

Many years ago, I was meditating on the kind of brain Daniel and his colleagues had. As I was doing this, I got to 2 Corinthians 3:7-8 which says:

But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

As I was pondering over this great Word, and at the same time imaging Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, I could clearly see that what they had cannot be compared to what is available to us today.

The Bible tells us that of all men born of woman, none was greater than John the Baptist, and this includes those Hebrew boys. And yet the least in the kingdom is greater than John. This means that the least in the kingdom is far greater than Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Immediately this Word entered into me, my brain was circumcised! Fortunately, I had an examination to write the following day, so I had

enough opportunity to manifest in this new realm of insight.

With ease I was able to answer the five questions given. As I was writing the fifth one, I felt like my brain was going to explode! I was blessed with such powerful insights into the question that I answered the question from an angle that was nowhere near what we were taught in class.

At a stage, I decided to take it from my lecturer's approach also, just in case this new insight of mine doesn't please him. At the end of the day, he marked the six answers right, and I scored 120%! He then came to himself and realized that I couldn't possible score 120 over 100! So, he cancelled

120 and wrote 100%.

Friends, no matter how sweet the juice in an orange is, until you squeeze it, it won't come out.

Meditation connects us to the source of soundness.

It is very important to understand that anything you hear or read, and you don't take time to ponder on will just add weight to your system. You will just be looking duller and duller because the food is undigested.

It is important to note that reading and hearing, without meditation equals frustration. You can't avoid meditation and expect to arrive at excellence.

If you must partake of God's divine nature, you must eat divine food and

digest it properly. You just must create time to think.

How many chapters you are able to read is not as important as how much you are able to grasp. What matters really is the impact of what you have read upon your life.

There is so much profit and benefits in God's Word, but it will take you knowing how to approach it, to get anything out of it. Until you experience a definite impartation, you don't stand to benefit from what you have read.

It is time for the sick to begin to ponder on healing scriptures, such as:

And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness

away from the midst of thee.

There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

Exodus 23:25-26

It's time to tell yourself, "Truly I serve the Lord, and He abides faithful and cannot deny Himself. He has already taken sickness away from me, so whatever appears like sickness is fake. It is just an attempt of the enemy to confuse me. If I am faithful enough to serve God, He will always be faithful enough to commit Himself to what He has said."

It is time to settle down and assimilate some of the powerful words you just rush over. You will then see

how much benefits are awaiting you therein.

You are the one to determine what becomes of your future. Nobody is to blame if you are not doing well.

If everybody in the body of Christ will dare to become a “meditator”, the volume of what we hear and read on a continuous basis is enough to establish a revolution.

No one can read for you to pass an examination. No one can think for another. Meditation is a non-transferable responsibility. No one can meditate on your behalf.

The devil will go all out to distract you, because he is not ignorant of the inherent power in meditation. What

does he do? He makes sure that your mind begins to wander, and you start asking yourself, while still gazing at the Word of God, “How will I pay my bills? How will I pay my house rent?” He knows you won’t enjoy the benefits of the Word, except you get connected to heaven.

I wish some of you who go to pray for seven days will just think for two days. It is in the process of meditation that the benefits of scriptures are released.

I have never had to say a word of prayer about my family since I got married, but I live the Word in that area. It rules me and my decisions.

Religious warriors may not

understand what I am saying. I am a spiritual winner, so I don't care what you might feel. Rather than get worried on an issue, I settle down to meditate, and begin to suck honey out of the rock!

In the process of meditation, God will always tell you what to do. Did the people pray at that marriage in Cana of Galilee? No! But wine came! Jesus will always show you which way to go. *"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it"* (Jn. 2:5).

Friends, if we can only create time to think, this world will fear the Church of Jesus!

I believe strongly that whether it is a book or the Bible I am reading, every

line has some benefits. So, I take out time to ponder on what I am reading, line by line, at the end of which I come out with a solution without sweat!

Listen to me, your cries don't make any impart in prayers, only your "strong reasons". And it is only strong thinking that brings about strong reasons.

Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.

Isaiah 41:21

Friends, it's time to settle down!

No one will ever become wise without thinking. Wisdom is simply the ability to think well. Resourceful, productive thinking is what is known as

wisdom.

Beginning from this hour, the world around you will begin to take notice of you!

Just get hold of the Word of success and ponder on it. Take hold on the Word of prosperity, of divine protection, of divine health, and dig deep into them.

Never assume that because you know where a scripture is, that you are already tapping from it. Terrific discoveries come to you by meditation!

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the

world through lust.

2 Peter 1:4

you can only draw virtue from these great and exceeding precious promises by meditation.

It's time to go beyond hearing and reading! You must begin to absorb what you have heard and read, and thins will take a new turn!

May the Lord give you grace to settle down with God's Word, until its benefits begin to work in your life, in Jesus precious name!

Chapter 10

Spiritual Demands

Responsibility is the price we must pay for greatness. No irresponsible person will ever become great. It takes discipline to be distinguished.

And one thing that turns dreams into reality and impossibilities into possibilities, is unequalled dedication. No irresponsible person will ever taste greatness.

Ecclesiastes 10:5 says:

There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as AN ERROR which

proceedeth from the ruler

Three things are outlined as being responsible for bringing down the prince. The first thing that brought down the princes was lack of direction.

But Ecclesiastes 10:10 says:

...Wisdom is profitable to direct.

Lack of direction robs people of success. Don't be a Jack of all trades and master of nothing! You must know where you are going and take time to learn how to get there.

The next is found in Ecclesiastes 10:16:

Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning!

This is a typical example of

indiscipline.

Irresponsibility dethrones people, it robs covenant children of their covenant success. You can't go on behaving like a child and expect to be enthroned. Galatians 4:1 says:

Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all.

If an heir to the throne loses his father at the age of ten, will he be enthroned? There is no way God will enthrone anyone who is still a baby! When you cry every five minutes, and find yourself pointing accusing fingers at one person or the other, how can you ascend the throne? The blessings of God come in weights:

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory

2 Corinthians 4:17

God is not a wicked God! He won't place glory on you that is more than what you can handle. For example, there are people that God can't give a million naira or a million dollars today, because He might lose them and lose the million! They will take off at such an alarming speed!

If you belong to this group, cry as you may, God won't take you higher than where you are now.

Indiscipline is the major problem of many Christians!

Can you imagine that a man and his wife are both unemployed, and yet they have two cars parked in their garage. And rather than find a job or a solution to their situation, they both sit down at ease, watching television, with their legs crossed!

This is malady! Irresponsibility to the core!

Why should a man wake up in the morning and not know what to do?

An heir as long as he is a child differeth nothing from a servant...

When you are a baby, even though it is your covenant right to occupy the throne, you won't get there. Men may hail you and prostrate to you, but they are only deceiving you, since they are

the ones still making decisions on your behalf. Under such circumstances, you are no better than a symbol, a mere figure head!

Can you imagine someone who earns three thousand naira a month, and lives in a house of three thousand naira a month! This man is living in debt! It is nothing but a demonstration of gross irresponsibility. He won't see greatness that way.

Have you ever seen a new born baby that is five feet, four inches tall? Many of you need to find your level now. Stop living and eating in debt! You are a child of destiny. Even Jesus the Messiah needed to grow. Luke 2:40 says:

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Indiscipline disqualifies any covenant child from mounting the throne. It turns a prince into a servant.

It takes responsibility to deliver your throne into your hands. Most of the time you find yourself borrowing, it is simply because you lack enough discipline to manage what you have.

We used to pay a hundred naira a month as rent when this ministry first started. Two rooms served as our office then.

But what do you find today? People want to start business, and you hear them say such things as, “Our office

must be air-conditioned, etc.” And when you ask him how much he has, he tells you, “I am believing God.” God won’t answer him!

I never bothered to ask for the price of an air-conditioner when we first started. To go and ask for the price of what you know you don’t have the money for is irresponsibility? To see a friend wearing something and covet it is no better than stealing. Covetousness is a trap of the enemy!

Friends, you need to become sound in your spiritual adventure. You must be yourself!

Do you know why Adam fell? God “mistakenly” created him as an adult! The day he was born was the day God

started speaking to him. He was given responsibilities before he learnt responsibility.

Whatever you don't make, you won't keep. Whatever you have not earned, you cannot sustain. For, *"Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished..."* (Prov. 13:11).

No small boy will ever ascend the throne in the kingdom. If God must add any weight of glory to your life, your spiritual stamina must increase. Your yea must be yea, your nay, nay.

You must accept responsibility before you will experience reality. Responsibility is the price we have to pay for greatness.

A child is *born*, but a son is *given*!

Before God will place this kingdom on your shoulders, you must leave childhood to sonship.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

God will never deliver a kingdom to children. For somebody to be in business and not know what he makes per day, nor his profit per week; not to have a balance sheet, nor be able to produce an end of year report, portrays him to God as nothing but a waster!

In 1984, one of my sons in the Lord came to me and in the course of our discussion, I asked him what he did for a living. He told me he had done an interview and was waiting for a job. I then asked him who owned the car he came in. He said, "Oh, it's mine, Sir." I immediately replied, "Then you already have a job! Drive to Kano (the neighbouring town) twice a day and you will find yourself earning more

than the boss of that establishment you applied to for a job.”

He said to me, “But I don’t have good tyres.” I told him that if he promised he would do what I have told him to do, I will give him two tyres. He accepted, and friends, not long after that, it was so obvious that God had blessed him!

It takes more energy to steal than to work. If you can remove plumbing materials in the night, then you should be able to make a good plumber in the day! If you can disconnect electric wires while everybody is asleep at night, you will be a very successful electrical contractor in the day.

Irresponsibility is what makes what

is not yours attractive to you. If you are not a working Christian, the whole world will know you are a failure! If you are not a worker, you will be a washout!

It takes discipline to ascend the throne. You have to prepare for tomorrow. Work out our own salvation. Nothing ever goes up that does not start from the bottom. Paul said:

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

1 Corinthians 13:11

We need to put away childish things! Never make a vow you know you will not pay. Who are you trying to

impress? Don't let God be angry with you, and destroy the works of your hands! (Eccl. 5:4-6).

Stop behaving like a child! If you want to enjoy success indeed, you must become a man. Become responsible! You must have a time you go to bed and a time you wake up, a time you eat and a time you read. Life must take on a new meaning for you, so that you will see results in succession.

It is not enough for you to remain a child of God. Until you become a son, your beauty won't reflect.

Receive grace from God right now to take on a new order of discipline and responsibility in your spiritual adventure. Don't be a playboy! Don't

be a lay about! Make up your mind that you are going to work the remaining days of your life. Tell the Lord to teach you discipline, and show you how to live a disciplined life. Stop playing baby!

You must be accountable for every step you take in life. There is no point engaging in whatever doesn't offer you any profit. Paul said:

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

1 Corinthians 10:23

Whatever is not expedient, it is irresponsible to engage in it. In Songs of Solomon 1:6, one man lamented:

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

Stop interfering in other people's affairs! Stop looking back!

Those who look back, go backward. Those who look forward go forward! Backbiters remain behind. Don't stay at the back, move forward!

It is irresponsibility to meddle in other people's affairs. From now on, you will do your business and face your work. What you came to the world for must not fail! Face the task given to you! Everybody has the same twenty-

four hours a day at their disposal. What you put into your today is what you will reap tomorrow.

Make the most of your time therefore! Whatever you put into life is what you will get out of it. You will no longer be irresponsible, in Jesus name!

When you have not done what you are supposed to do for God, but you go about doing other things, you are irresponsible! And the moment you are found to be irresponsible, you won't count in God's eyes.

Will a king beat his wife? Or borrow money all about town? I have never borrowed! Why? Whatsoever God places in my hands is just enough for my taste. I can't imagine how you

will wear dresses you haven't paid for, and they won't burn your body! How can you buy shoes on credit and they won't pinch your toes?

Why should you put on gold for which you are paying installmentally? Why should you sleep on a hire-purchased bed? Now, why should a pastor go into ministry and borrow money to buy drums? God knows you will be a shame to His kingdom, so He will just leave you at the level you are.

Friends, it's time to be free! Life is in phases, men are in sizes! To operate above your size is to burst. Accept responsibilities. This is the only way up. Should the price of the house you are living in rise above your income

level, locate one that you can afford. You have a life to live!

I see you taking on a new order of spiritual responsibility.

There was a man called Reuben. This is what his father had to say about him:

Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

Genesis 49:3-4

By irresponsibility and indiscipline, this young man destroyed his destiny.

Your own destiny shall not be destroyed!

Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

...put on thy beautiful garments...

Isaiah 52:2, 1

Shake off the dust of irresponsibility, so that the beauty of God can be seen on your life.

Friends, you need time to matter!

A good hold on your time is a sign of responsibility and discipline. Making the most of your time makes you matter the most on the earth.

I want you to curse every tendency for spiritual irresponsibility in your

life. Curse it with a very strong determination!

Making everyday count, making every hour count, that is practical Christianity! Invest every hour towards your ultimate goal in life.

God has made you a king (Rev. 5:10), don't make yourself a slave! Accept responsibility, and your royalty will be established.

As you ascend your throne through responsibility, everything that is anti-royalty, everything that is anti-success, will drop off from your life!

Your destiny is stuffed with royalty, it takes responsibility to make it a reality.

The time has come for your

spiritual complacency to give way to spiritual dignity!

Until somebody becomes financially responsible in the kingdom, he never enjoys financial dominion. It is impossible!

When you are not straight in your financial responsibilities, God will so flog you!

As you accept spiritual responsibility and discipline, from now on:

- * Everywhere you turn, the forces of life will accept you as a king!

- * Whenever you shout at sickness, it will loose its grip and flee!

- * Whenever you shout at failure, it shall fade away like a cloud!

* When you shout at stagnation, it will turn into manifestation!

* Obstacles shall be turned into miracles for you!

* In the name of Jesus, begin to receive the forces of responsibility over your life right now. Your slavery is ended!

* I declare you a king from now on!

* Your royalty in Christ has now become a reality.

* Enter into a new realm of wisdom and authority!

* Be Lord over sickness, over failure, frustration, circumstances and stagnation!

* Whatever you say from today on comes to pass!

* Your authority over demons shall be recognized, in the precious name of Jesus!

Chapter 11

Now, Get To Work!

Labour is the pathway to deliveries. Labouring in the Word guarantees discoveries.

Any woman you see carrying a child knows the meaning of labour. The labour begins from when she carries the baby in the womb. She can no longer do exercises she could perform before, like running, jumping, pounding, and so on.

But no one can help her to labour for the birth of the child! It is personal

labour for personal delivery. Until Zion travailed, she didn't bring forth her children (Isa. 66:8).

You don't bring forth by washing, you bring forth by working (labouring).

Can a woman suddenly deliver and say, "I didn't even know I was pregnant?" No! there is a gestation period of nine months, during which you are very sure you are carrying a weight, not that you were told!

So why are you thinking of producing results unconsciously? For instance, by just sitting down and saying you are confessing the Word!

Labour, friends! There is no triumph without travail. There is no delivery without labour.

LABOUR IN THE WORD!

John 6:27 charges us:

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Not that you are going to preach and then the concordance suffers! The Word of faith can't be in you without you knowing it. I ate up the Word of faith, and I knew I did!

When I found the mystery of long life and victory over death, I knew. So, I know there is no occultic power, no armed bandit that can cut short my life!

It's not prayers, it's discovery!

There is no discovery without delivery. So, go and work!

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth

Deuteronomy 28:1

This is talking about exploits. It has its root in the Word. Labouring in the Word guarantees sure deliveries.

Now, there is what is called rest. Hebrews 4:11-12 says:

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after

the same example of unbelief.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

So let us labour in the quick and powerful Word of God, so we can encounter faith that guarantees rest.

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:9-10

I have never prayed for peace in my

family once! Why? I already gave birth to (brought forth) peace before I was married.

I have preached on sweatless, hitch-free married life, by reason of discoveries. I wasn't married then, yet I taught the greatest mysteries on marriage. I had made outstanding discoveries on marriage. Not one of them has failed!

The Apostles said:

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:4

Our ministry has simply been run on discoveries. Everything that has come forth here, came by the Word.

Hebrews 11:3 tells us:

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Effective labour in the Word will result in outstanding deliveries in the world.

The man of God, Kenneth Hagin, was in abject poverty, until suddenly the light of the Word came into his heart concerning prosperity, and then there was a delivery! That was in 1953. He had been in ministry since 1934! But his financial struggles ended only when he encountered insight.

God is no respecter of persons or

age. Only a discovery will bring forth a delivery.

I wish all “prayer warriors” will also become “Word warriors”, we would have had greater victories than we presently have in the world.

Where you stand in the Word determines your place tomorrow. Everything on earth answers to the Word, because everything on earth was created by the Word.

Every issue of life answers to the Word of God.

I used to get very angry in those days. One day, I was meditating and two powerful Words were fired into my spirit!

Be not over much wicked, neither

be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?

Ecclesiastes 7:17

And Ecclesiastes 7:9:

Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

So, an angry man is a foolish man! And a foolish man will die before his time. So, an angry man is cutting short his days. God's Word handled that issue in my life.

Every woman goes to the labour room to bring forth. Do you want to bring forth? Then you must go into the labour room. The labour room here is the Word of God.

Every outstanding delivery is as a

result of a discovery. The greater the discovery, the greater the recovery.

Labour! Not pleasure! That's what it takes.

Honour in ministry is a function of your labour in the Word.

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1 Timothy 5:17

God once said to me:

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Proverbs 22:29

This man God is talking about lives for the assignment God gave him. He is

not ashamed of it. For him to live is his assignment, and to die in it is gain.

So, to stand before kings, you don't need to lobby. You only need to settle down and do your job as if it is the only thing in the world. When you do this, kings will desire your presence.

When I came into ministry, I made up my mind that no part-time minister will do better than I. So, I committed my entire life to this endeavour.

Hard work doesn't kill! It only refines. Otherwise, God would have died! And scripture tell us that He neither sleeps nor slumbers. And Jesus said, "*My Father worketh hitherto, and I work*"

There are too many lazy drones in

ministry, who have never bothered to read even one book that will answer the questions in their lives.

Friends, to get a degree you must first write examinations, and if you want to do well, you must go to a library and study to gather facts. Many don't seem to understand this, so they get carried away by hearsays, rather than sit down and make discoveries.

Haggai 1:8 says:

Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

That's an uphill task!

There are many Christians who don't believe labouring in the Word is

tasking. They are too relaxed to be anything in the kingdom. To them, Christianity is nothing but funfare. To many, going to church is nothing but the vogue. What happens to such people?

Every miracle they see happening is not working for them, because they will not embark on the labour that causes such things to come to pass for them.

Our labour is principally spiritual. For to be spiritually-minded is life and peace, but to be carnally minded is death (Rom. 8:6).

But to be spiritually minded involves spiritual labour, it involves sitting down with God for an indepth

search, because he that seeketh, findeth.

It's time to devote more energy to your search for a greater depth in God. It is time to separate yourself and make up your mind to labour in the Word for growth.

What you are hearing in church is not enough to write life's examinations with. It is purely informative. You must undertake a spiritual adventure for the purpose of positive development.

Let us labour...

Some didn't believe this charge, so

they missed it. They took the words for granted. Others accepted responsibility, and invested their time and energy for their development.

If you don't take heed to this charge as a pastor, you will keep preaching the same message until you dry! If you are a businessman, you will keep going about on the same spot.

Many people scan through the Bible the same way they scan through newspapers, and they mistake this for studying.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Some think this scripture is talking to only preachers. No! Is there anybody who wants to be ashamed? This verse is talking to everyone who doesn't want to be ashamed. Anybody can be put to shame. But it can be avoided.

The only way you will not be ashamed is when you have the right Word for every challenge that comes your way. Not the Word you heard, but the one you found.

The entrance of God's Word gives light, and he that walks in the light has no occasion for stumbling.

As soon as a challenge comes, you must be able to draw your sword and say "*It is written.*" Just make sure it comes from your heart. Faith must

have its root in the heart. Then you can give it expression through your mouth.

Whatever is not in your heart that you say with your mouth is no better than blabbering! It doesn't carry any weight! Until your heart imbibes the truth, what your mouth says will be as dry as what natural men speak.

I don't just glance through scriptures! I take my time to study, with various versions of the Bible, so that I can have enough confidence.

Knowledge gives you confidence. And this is the master key for heaven's contact, according to Hebrews 4:16:

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help

in time of need.

The Word of God is the compass. When the sailor loses touch with his compass, he will get himself into trouble. We are not concerned about people's opinions (in our ministry), because we are following the compass. Thus, we can't hit the rocks!

Friends, it's time to exchange your energy for what is genuine. Don't invest it in what is fake!

Even though you live in a city where everybody is in a hurry, don't also become someone who goes all about without a compass. Plan your time and sit upright. Put your alarm clock under your pillow, so that it wakes you up by force. Jump to your

feet and wash your face. Take your Bible and say, “This week I am dealing with first Peter”, and eat it up!

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Jeremiah 15:16

I want you to experience a holy drive that will make you walk with Jesus! A drive for profitable labour, that will bring you into God's rest.

I thank God for where people have been to and where I am today. But no man has mistakenly found himself anywhere without labouring to get there. Every time I go on a search into

any of the books of the Bible, I always find something I never saw before, and which applies to the life I am living and enhances it.

Paul was such a studious apostle, so much so that his contemporaries concluded that his words were weighty and difficult to comprehend!

He was locked up in prison, but he saw it as an opportunity to study. He spent so much time writing and studying, that anybody who never really had the opportunity to learn from Jesus could learn so much about Him from Paul.

Many pastors are over-dry, because there is nothing that makes for life in them.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

2 Timothy 2:15-18

You must study to be effective. It is time to shun every form of profane and vain babblings. Gird up the loins of

your mind, so you don't get polluted.

If you don't want to be ashamed, you have a job to sit down and study, because the examinations of life have no time-time, they come at random – in the night, in the afternoon, any time!

So study!

I commend you to God for a more serious approach in your walk with Him.

If we divert half the energy we expend in trying to succeed, to build ourselves up in the quickening Word of God, we will have ten times the success we are experiencing right now.

There is a way you will stand before people and they will have no choice but to do what you say, because

of the covering of God's glory that is all over you! People will begin to run helter skelter to satisfy you.

How much you build up your spiritual life determines how much your outer man stands to enjoy. Build yourself up therefore, or it will begin to look as if God loves some more than others.

Friends, we have had enough fun in church! It's now time for business!

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

Romans 12:11

Your profiting must appear to all. It is not something that should be hidden.

Everything that God knows, He also wants men to know. Thank God, you go

to Church and you give. But if giving is the only thing you understand, it's not enough. You also need to understand receiving.

All that you have heard in church so far is not up to ten percent of what you need to pass the examinations of life. So, go on a search!

Those of us who are teaching are still discovering new things. I am challenging you to go and study. Study and discover things about your unborn children, if you have none yet. Study to excel in everything you set out to do.

Study!

If you won't seek, you won't find. If you don't knock, no door will open to you.

I know you are busy. You probably come home every day at 9.00p.m. But what is a man doing sleeping from 9p.m to 6a.m the next morning? Is he trying to win a sleeping contest?

Friends, if we will stay with the Word as drunkards stay with their drink, we will be intoxicated with blessings!

It's time to approach the Book as wine-bibbers approach wine. Get filled with the things of the spirit, then you will be addicted to the blessings of God and reflect the power that backs up the covenant!

It's time to work!

Don't mistake your family altar for a thorough study life. It's time to settle

down! It pays to walk with Jesus! I challenge you to undertake a fruitful studious Christian life.

For many years I have stopped studying to preach. These days I study to benefit my life.

What you receive will make your tomorrow, so receive more of His goodness.

God did not create you for shame. But if you will not labour in the Word, you will be ashamed in the world!

Prayer cannot take the place of studies. Praying on an empty spirit is affliction! Get loaded, and your prayers will be productive!

The reason many people's faith have not produced results for them is

because they think it is a short cut to brighter living. No!

It is an uphill task, which places a demand on you. And until you respond to this demand, you won't enjoy the blessedness of faith.

You must invest time and energy to enjoy the rest of God.

Friends, you will succeed!

The secret of your tomorrow lies in knowledge.

Go for it!

Until there is knowledge, there is no freedom.

Go for it!

Chapter 12

Testimonies Of Freedom!

“NOW I AM FREE!”

*“I came in contact with one of the Bishop’s books, **Born to Win**, while in the prison. I collected it from a Christian warder. I was attracted to it by the title. I was in the prison, awaiting execution in a cell for the condemned, when suddenly light dawned on me that there is still hope for me, only if I can understand through the book (**Born to Win**), the drama at Calvary.*

The book made me understand that if only I could comprehend the finished work of Jesus Christ on that cross, and what I was originally made to be by God the Father, my problem would be over. This was so explained that even the dumbest person would understand it. This made me to develop faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and brought about my deliverance from death by hanging!

I was not saved when I began to read the book, but on the day I finished reading it, I was both saved and filled with the Holy Ghost! I came to understand that I was born to win; for victory and not to die like a fowl. My God, I could not contain myself anymore!

This was my first time of knowing that, I, as a human being, can have power with God, to change situations when my sins are forgiven. My whole life style was turned around! I started to walk in the opposite and positive direction that leads to life. My faith was established and I began to shout aloud in the cell. 'I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.'

In the night of the day I finished the book, I was in a dream and saw many people around me, in white clothes, and singing a song. They were singing, 'I love the man of Galilee, for He has done so very much for me. He has forgiven me all my sins and sent the Holy Ghost to me, I love that man of

Galilee.' Since then, till now, my life has not remained the same again! Though I was still in that condemned cell physically, my spirit was no longer there. I saw my spirit set free since the day I was born again.

Sometime in 1990, I had a case of murder and was charged to court. In July, 1992, I was sentenced to death by hanging and was immediately taken to the prison, awaiting the day of death, with all hope lost.

If I forget anything, I will never forget when I got to the page of the book that said, 'I am a born winner.' In fact, here I stopped reading and said it was time for practical. I said if what I had read in the book was the truth, as I

also believed it to be, then let it come to pass, let it be made practical in my life.

I took a very strong hold of God when I understood clearly that Jesus took my place on that cross. Oh! He died in my place! He had died my horrible death! He took it off me! I will no longer die for my sins. I started to confess positive life-producing words. I stopped confessing words that constitute death or that were in line with the death sentence. I said, 'I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord.' I confessed it and believed it. I said, 'If Jesus died in my place, then I should not die again for the same sin'. I believed I couldn't die if truly

Jesus had taken my place.

In December 1993, I was in another dream and a man appeared to me and gave me a Bible and asked me to open to the book of John 20:21. And as I was trying to open to it, I woke up. When I woke up, I found a Bible and opened the scripture and read it.

That same day I called on the warder who loaned me the book and told him of my dream. In fact, he was embarrassed initially, but afterwards said, 'God knows everything. With God nothing is too hard or impossible.' He prayed with me and said the will of God should be done. And on February 3rd 1994, the government sent a letter to the prison to set me free and let me

go!

I was immediately released to go home! Jesus set me free, because I believed in Him through the faith I developed in His death on the cross from the book. It is true. God cannot lie. I am born to win. Many who have died like that were born victors, but ignorance and blindness caused them their lives. The death of Jesus on the cross has done so very much for me as the song in my dreams says. The death of Jesus on the cross is so real and meaningful, but I was blind to its significance.

But I thank God that the Bishop through the book opened my eyes to it. Now, I am free and free indeed! I have

gone through a Bible School in Warri and I'm setting up a young church in Abraka now, where the Lord has led me to. This work started three months ago.

I have vowed to preach this great gospel of deliverance of the Lord Jesus Christ throughout my life.”

- Omugbe, D.

OPEN DOORS AND BREAKTHROUGHS!

“First, I would like to praise God for raising a man like you in this world, through whom He would bring people out of failure and poverty, into His glorious liberty and to provide quality

and purposeful leadership to the Body of Christ.

Personally, I have been blessed by your ministry this past few years and encouraged in the ministry of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pastor the **Family Life Church** in Jos, Plateau State. I have been reading and teaching my congregation from your living books and the results have been tremendous!

Recently, I read one of your latest books, titled **Breaking Financial Hardship**. After which I decided to teach, word for word, the contents of the book, and the result is that within a period of three weeks, we were able to build a 400 capacity building to

roofing level, without any fund-raising or appeal fund!

Our people were so blessed that almost everything about us changed. Testimonies of God's goodness, open doors and breakthroughs became the order of the day in our church.

This week, we have just finished a 21 day seminar, where we studied three of your mini books – **The Mystery of the Anointing Oil, The Blood Triumph and The Wonders of Praise**. And the result? I anointed a woman, whose husband had been irresponsible by not taking care of the family. I told her to go and meet her husband, a highly placed man in the Federal government parastatal, and demand for anything

she wanted. And lo, the man gave her everything she asked for! This and many other testimonies followed the teaching sessions.

You have indirectly pastored our congregation for this long, with tremendous blessings. By the direction of the Holy Spirit, I decided to formally bring to your notice, and to surrender our ministry to you.

At present, our ministry has the church as our primary vision. We also run a nursery/primary school. We intend to launch the Mercy Outreach, which was born out of a vision received after reading your book, **The Hidden Covenant of Blessings** early in 1996.

Once again, thank you for being

there to provide the light and leadership worthy of emulation.”

- **Rev. Adebola Ogunmokun**

“I WOKE UP WHOLE!”

“Sometimes ago, I was reading the Bishop’s book, **Satan Get Lost!** While reading the book, I began to feel a very terrible pain on my back. It was so bad that it began to affect my chest, I couldn’t breath properly.

Initially, I was accommodating the pain, though I couldn’t confess that I was sick, because it was forbidden for me. But while reading the book, I realised that Satan was under my feet,

that he was a useless person.

I then anointed the spot that was hurting me and said, ‘If I sleep and wake up and still meet you here, you will see what I will do to you.’ And behold the following, I woke up whole, with no pain whatsoever! I could now breathe properly!”

- Olaosebikan, B.

NO MORE GLASSES!

*“I’d been using a pair of glasses for eight years. In fact, I used to sleep with it on. When I bought one of the Bishop’s books, **Keys to Divine Health**, I read a portion where he said, ‘If there*

is any sickness in your life, it is a plague. Using gadgets is a curse.'

Immediately, I took off my pair of glasses and went to have my bath and washed my face. After then, the Holy Ghost ministered to me to anoint my eyes with oil. I anoint them and placed my mantle on my eyes. And behold, no more eye pains. I don't use glasses anymore!"

- Fakanlu, J.

"I DON'T KNOW HOW HEADACHE FEELS"

"Before, I used to suffer malaria attacks quite often. I had quite a lot of

malaria drugs behind my bed and I used to take them often. I also have a sister, who as a nurse advised me to make sure I take my drugs regularly, because of the frequency of the attacks.

But when I came here for the April, 1995, Breakthrough Seminar, the Bishop taught us on **The Mystery of the Supernatural**. On getting home, I went over my notes again.

And then I saw, 'Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the Most High.' I said to myself, 'Must a god be sick? Must the children of the Most High be taking drugs? No, it's impossible.' I continued studying the Bible and again I saw, 'He took your infirmities and by His stripes, ye were

healed.' I saw this was written in past tense. Then I thought to myself, that I must then be a thief if I'm still suffering from malaria.

I immediately decided to drop it. I came out of my room and declared, 'As from this hour, I CANNOT be sick! The Bishop is not lying. As from this hour, I CANNOT be sick!' My mum said, 'What are you saying?' I told her I knew what I was saying.

The devil came to try my declaration, by afflicting me with sickness again. But I said I won't take any drugs. At a point, my mum was afraid and called everyone. I told them that I wasn't sick, that I was okay. And since then, I don't know how headache

feels! That was in April last year!”

- Oloyede, T.

18 YEARS HYPERTENSION GONE!

*“For 18 years, my mother suffered from hypertension. But she got hold of one of the Bishop’s books, **Keys to Divine Health**. She read in the book that the devil is not a gentleman and immediately decided not to be taking her drugs again, but to rather claim her healing.*

For over a month now, she has not taken the drugs. And when she went for a test last month, the test confirmed that her blood pressure had come down

to 120/80. This has never been in the past 18 years! The test also confirmed that she does not have hypertension anymore.”

- Babalola, P. O.

TOTAL TRANSFORMATION!

“In 1994, I came back home from Europe. I was a drug addict, who smoked, drank, fornicated, fought my wife at home and so on. My wife invited me to the church and when I got home after the service, I told her, ‘Look, I’m tired of stories. In Europe, that’s how we hear stories.’

I even told her that the Bishop was

a 'big guy'. I said, 'Look at him. Look at the people around him.' On another day, I saw the senior pastor preaching, I told my wife, 'Look at that pastor, he speaks like an American. Do you think you just come to this place and give them even your last 50 kobo and leave just like that?'

But in March/April, I went with my wife to one of the mission houses. There I saw one of the Bishop's books, **The Blood Triumph**. One of the pastors said to me, 'Why don't you take this book and read it?' I took the book and read it.

I told my wife, 'Look, I've got the trick.' I told her I would stop smoking. She asked how I would do that. I told

her that any time I felt like smoothing, I will call on the blood of Jesus. I told her that since I've stopped smoking, I will stop drinking too, because if I drink, I feel like smoking. But if I don't drink at all, I won't smoke. I also told her that if I don't drink, then I don't think I will womanize again.

We came to the church in April and I told her that I will give my life to God that day. And since March last year, I don't drink, smoke or fornicate anymore!"

- Olu-Abraham, M.

“IT WAS GONE!”

“Before the end of last year, I noticed that one of my son’s testes was swollen. My wife and I took him to the clinic. The doctor’s verdict was that it will have to be corrected by surgery.

My heart almost failed, because I had thought it was something like an infection. We found out that such surgery was going to cost us about 20,000 naira.

When we got home, my wife told me that if we agree to that surgery, it will be the greatest mistake we will ever make. She suggested that we look unto God to perform the healing. I believed her and agreed with her.

We prayed and laid hands on him and continued to confess our healing

covenant with God. Yet, there was no change, rather the swelling increased. It was then that the Lord spoke to me to go and look for a book on divine healing.

I went to a Christian bookshop. To the glory of God, I came across this book, **Keys to Divine Health**, written by Dr. David Oyedepo. I told myself I wasn't going anywhere, that, I'm taking two days off to read this book.'

The first day I read it and read it again. The second day, I told God that all I needed was just a key, to deal with the situation.

To the glory of God, the Lord led me to pages 23-26, and I discovered that my problem was Satan, the

tormentor. Satan was tormenting my son.

So, I called in my son, told him to lie down. Then I said, 'Satan, I command you, come on appear before me right now!' I asked him, 'When this body was created in 1991, were you part of the creation?' He said, 'No'. I asked him again, 'When this body was created, was it created in your own image?' He answered that it was created in the image of God.

I further asked him, 'Was it created with this sickness?' He said no! So, I commanded him, 'Satan, now take your thins and get out of this house, in Jesus name!'

I turned to the condition (the

swollen testes) and I said, ‘Look, I have deal with your commander-in-chief, now, I curse you. Wherever your root is located, wither from your root and die!’ And within one week, it was gone!”

- **Madueme, E.**

HEAVEN’S SUPPLIES IS A REALITY

“Before the Tuesday feet washing service, I went to the bookshop and bought the book, **Keys to Answered Prayer**. I felt there were certain things wrong with the prayers I have been praying, because it was like they were

not being answered.

I was able to contact certain things from the book and fortunately for me also, the Bishop said we should list out all we needed on a sheet of paper. I thank God tonight, because God has done everything I listed that day!

I went through a diploma course in computer programming in 1994/95. I finished in August '95, but I was not able to complete my tuition payment. I had actually relied on some uncles and aunties to provide the money, but it was like all had failed.

I came very early to church that Tuesday and bought the book. I sat down and really put things together. At that service, when the Bishop said we

should write down our desires, I listed everything with faith in my heart.

And today, while the service was on, a sister called me and handed an envelop of 4,000 naira to me! The money not only settles my bills, but also leaves me with some extra amount! I also had an accommodation problem, which I also listed that day. A sister again called me this evening and said, 'If only you will be patient, by Sunday, it will be ready for you to move into'."

- Dike, O. (Sis.)

"I HAD AN ENCOUNTER"

“Since 1991, I’ve been believing God for the fruit of the womb. Last year, when the Bishop declared June as our month of fruitfulness, I took in. This is the baby today.

Secondly, my two previous children had all been by caesarean operation. But while I was pregnant for this baby, I read the Bishop’s book, **Releasing the Supernatural**. I had an encounter and the spirit of fear was destroyed!

I used to have pregnancy induced hypertension, which was what normally led to the caesarean operation.

But after reading the book, it was dealt with. I collected power and the spirit of fear died. This baby was delivered normally, even like the

Hebrew women. The labour was less than one hour.”

- Ezi, S. (Mrs.)

“I DEVoured THIS BOOK...!”

“I became a chronic asthma patient since 1968. In fact, the doctors even said I’ll have to be on drugs and meditation for life. I was on drugs and injection, which even polluted my blood.

Whenever I came to church, I always took the flesh and blood of Jesus, and the anointing oil, but I was still not healed. So, I had the feeling that there was something missing.

When this month was declared our month of wisdom, I was charged, saying that this was what I really needed to send away the power of death in my life.

Honestly speaking, I knew I was always very scared of the disease. Any time I wanted to climb the stairs, immediately I count up to 10, it comes back. I could never sit underneath the fan, otherwise, I got an attack. I couldn't take anything cold, nor could I enjoy what any normal person enjoyed.

So, when the Bishop said we should go and look for books and study then, I was fortunate to get one on **How to Overcome the Spirit of Fear**. I devoured this book and there was a

paragraph there where the author stressed that problems bring fear and worries, and worries lead to anxiety.

I got healed from that book! The day I finished reading that book, I went into the kitchen and I fried all that I had been allergic to. I faced the smoke from the oil and nothing happened. The next day, I ran to church!

I normally don't climb the stairs, but I climbed the new 7-storey office building, up and down. When I came down the stairs, no attack! Nothing! The third day, I came to read in the classroom and had to go to the last floor of the 4-storey block, because I wanted to keep my faith working.

Till now, the asthma has

disappeared!”

- Adeyemi, A.

**“I GATHERED MYSELF
TOGETHER!”**

*“I came all the way from the east, to give this testimony. I got born-again in 1981, though I worship in another church. But a miracle happened in my life two months ago from reading the **Sign and Wonders Today** bulletin.*

*The miracle is this: **Signs and Wonders Today** gathered my shattered heart and life together!*

I was poisoned in 1993, and as I was on the verge of death, deadly sick,

that all hope was lost, I was discharged from the hospital. I got home and people were expecting the devil's death, not mine. But I had faith in God.

When I was almost giving up, all my faith having deserted me, I remembered that my fiancé who worships here had sent me a letter, which contained some copies of this miraculous **Signs and Wonders Today** bulletin. I opened it, but could not read.

With the little strength I had left in me, I said, 'God, give me only this grace to glance through this.' And as I read the first one, the second one, the third, and on the fourth, I stumbled on a testimony of a girl that was restored

by God. And as I read the story, joy came into me, life came back in to me and I gathered myself together!

Peace came into me and that was how after reading it, I, who used to pass urine where I lay and do everything on the bed, got up, took my bath, ate, and began to read my Bible!”

- **Okeke, A.**

FAVOURS GALORE!

“During the last Breakthrough Seminar, I gave myself to a rigorous study of the Word of God. I read the book **Releasing the Supernatural**.

I've been believing God for a

business of my own. And on Tuesday following the Breakthrough Seminar, I anointed myself with the all-purpose anointing oil and went out. As I was standing at the bus-stop, I met a friend whom I had lost contact with for two years.

She asked if I would be interested in selling some things for her. I told her that I was “very rich”, and could not collect anything now. She told me that she wanted me to sell the materials for her because she knew I was “very rich”. She at first gave me one and a half dozen of bed-sheets and later increased it to three dozens. She told to sell them for 1,500 naira.

I went back home, anointed them

and then went out to sell them at 1,700 naira. That same day, I went to my school (I'm a teacher). At school, I met another friend, who asked m to help sell some clothing materials. I told her I didn't have any money with which to collect them from her. She said I should collect them and not bother about money yet.

The following day, I ran into another sister, who again gave me soap to sell, without collecting any money from me. And since then, the demand on those articles have been very high.”

- **Oladunjoye, K.**

“I’M NOW AT PEACE”

“I was a brawler of the highest order before attending the Word of Faith Bible Institute (WOFBI). I could fret at the slightest act of provocation. To both my children and wife, I was a terror that could just flare up when they misuse the family toothpaste, for example.

Though born into a Christian family, I never believed in forgive and forget. I could forgive but could not forget. By my own estimation, I have been living below average as a Christian. Worries of this life consumed me to a point that my spirit broke down in me and affected my outward appearance.

But the to the glory of God, all

these changed when I began the WOFBI course. Not changed, but STOPPED! Now, though I have been out of job for some time now, my former co-workers can't believe that I don't have a job yet. To them, I look more pleasant now than when I was working.

I now relate better with my wife and children. This has in fact made my wife vow to attend the next WOFBI course. Things that used to matter to me before have now lost meaning and I've discovered that I'm now at peace more than ever before."

- Olowa, S. T.

