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Introduction

"He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down."
Luke 13:6-9

When you notice unfruitfulness, you need to dig about it, to find out why. You have a duty to dig about your life to find out what is making for the unfruitfulness therein.

He said: *"These three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree..."* And the dresser of the vineyard said, *"Lord, let it alone this year also..."*

God annually lifts his people and changes their position. You should expect an annual lift from God. This parable implies that God expects at least a change in position in our lives every year.

God is never at fault or to blame when things are not working in our lives. Nor has the devil any power over the life of a man who walks in the covenant. ***Hosea 4:6*** has the answer. It says:

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee..."

We have a responsibility to locate what is wrong in our lives and put them right. Then things will become right. When we dig into the Word, by the Word we are breaking the ground, to find out what could be wrong with our finances, business, Family, career, relationships, etc. When we do so, and put those things right, our position will begin to change.

Thank God for the law of sowing and reaping, but there are things that make it effectual. The Bible says in ***Job 22:22-25:***

"Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. If thou return to the Almighty thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver."

It is the working of the law that makes the law effectual.

God abides faithful, He cannot deny Himself! If anything is wrong along the line, it must be man, and it must be with man. It is therefore important to keep checking.

The land is flowing with milk and honey, but it's for those who are willing and obedient, not for rascals who want to do things their own way.

God says in ***Isaiah 58:1:***

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."

There are things that enhance the rate of results. In this flambouyant age, when everybody is seeking for position and fame, these things have been forgotten. Consequently, the struggles have ever continued! You can't break scriptures! Anything that attempts to break the unbreakable shall be broken!

This end-time is a covenant time. By God's prophetic agenda, covenant people are going to be the people right on the top, because God will be dealing with His people on the basis of the covenant. So understand the mystery!

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

Your destiny has its root in the quality of your covenant walk with God. It's not the people you know, it's not the people that know you, nor is it the government that is in power. No! It is your attitude that must change, for things to begin to work in your life.

Something is happening! You must not be a victim of this hour of gross darkness upon the earth, but a testimony. People are selling themselves, others are buying possessions, some are growing, while others are dying, and some are multiplying while others are finishing! The only security the godly has now is to become more and more godly.

John Avanzini said that walking with God is not a simple process, but a complex one. Various factors come together to make the whole. We must therefore be sensitive, to identify which one is missing per time, so we can increase our rate of fruitfulness.

Your size in the kingdom is determined by how responsible you are to the terms of the covenant. Your covenant responsibilities are something to rejoice about, not to dodge, but fulfilling them with all excitement.

As long as you and I live and want to stay in the covenant with God, there are things we must get involved in.

Thank God for tithing, thank God for giving to the gospel, but there are little, little foxes that must be removed. There are many Christians today whom it is not well with. It is not well with their business, their Family, their career, their ministry.

The answer is here for you.

Man's placement in the kingdom of God is a function of the secrets made available to him. As you utilise these secrets they will enhance your position.

Divine providence is impossible without an encounter with secrets. In the business world they call it 'trade secrets'.

In ***Job 29:4,*** Job said:

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

By reason of such secrets, he became the greatest man in all the East.

I can see greatness hanging around you. You are not a beggar, nor are you a pauper, to be scratching the bottom of your pot to eat, or borrowing all around from person to person. No! No! Enough of borrowing! You are a man of influence and affluence! God is not a beggar nor a borrower.

Whatever secrets God revealed to Job and they worked for him, will work for you too as you embrace them.

We are here to search them out. All these loose nuts that we shall be putting in place will turn your life on. You will begin to experience the greatest boom from heaven. You are going to contact unusual favours as you put these things to work.

Every time a seal is opened, something wonderful comes out. Something wonderful will come out for you as these hidden covenants are unveiled to you.

There is no idle word in the Bible. Whatever is written therein is significant and important. These things are written to enhance the flow of eternal life. Every instruction in "The Book" is to add colour to your life. The Word is designed to produce changes - changes in attitude, actions, thought patterns and approach to things. Anybody who refuses changes walks in disobedience. And to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams.

We are here to address issues that make you increase. When you receive a word, the power to make it work is released.

I see God bringing about changes in your life. Everything about your life will begin to increase. The peace of God shall increase, divine health and blessings shall increase. In Jesus name.

Chapter 1

Your Responsibility To Your Parents

"Children...Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."
Ephesians 6:1-3

"A son honoureth his father...if then I be a father, where is mine honour?"
Malachi 1:6

Man's placement is a function of the secrets made available to him. As you utilise these secrets, they will enhance your position.

There are many Christians today that it is not well with. It is neither well with their business nor with their families. If things are not well with you, this might as well be the reason.

"Honour thy father and mother..."

This is the first commandment talking to the post pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ. God has a place for our parents. We have an undeniable responsibility towards them. The way you relate with them tells on your well-being.

You are eating so well out there, enjoying yourself, while your parents are somewhere else, suffering hunger and deprivation. Watch it! It may be well with you for a season, but not for all seasons.

There are too many people who are paying tithe and giving offerings, but it is not well with them, because this major covenant is out of place. They eat everything they get, they don't remember they have a father and a mother.

It is your job to honour your father and your mother. Let me tell you something. You can't change your father, it is too late! Nor can you stop honouring them, God says, "I will dishonour you."

You can't be eating turkey, beef, chicken, fish, salad, and all kinds of stuff like that, while your parents are out there virtually starving. God said it won't be well with you!

You say, "But I give my tithe!" Yes, but the scriptures cannot be broken. It is the one you are breaking that is breaking you. There must be a change! We must respond to the demands of the covenant.

You remember the same ***Ephesians 6:3*** says:

"...and thou mayest live long on the earth."

This is an assurance, a guarantee that accident can't claim your life, nor can witches and wizards; because you are on a covenant wavelength with God. Many of you, your parents have never seen your one naira, or one cent if you are an American. No wonder you are struggling and sweating! There is something in parental blessings. You better go and look for it.

There was a man called Isaac, who when he was about to die, called his son Esau, and said to him:

"Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison; and make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die."
Genesis 27:3-4

Parental blessings are important to our lives. They are as important as the blessings of God. We must add this to our Christian conscience. It is part of the covenant that connects you and I to divine providence.

It is your covenant responsibility to honour your parents according to the level to which God has blessed you. You don't have the fattest calf in your flock and carry the blind and the lame to them. You don't take friends to five-star hotels to feast and then send some miserable amount of money to your parents, as though they are beggars.

You owe them a covenant responsibility. It's not an admonition, it's a command. You can't have parents who don't have food to eat and you're wasting food in your home.

Proverbs 20:20-22 warns:

"Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness. An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed. Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee."

I know many of our parents must have done certain unforgettable things. Forget that! Do what God tells you to do. He says: *"Say not thou, I will recompense evil..."*

Even if those your parents have done you any hurt, that does not give you a licence to dishonour them. No matter what they did against you, you are not permitted to retaliate. The covenant forbids it. You are forbidden to revenge.

This is essentially remarkable for those from polygamous set-ups, especially those whose mothers have polluted their minds against their fathers. Now you are a new creation, old things are passed away and all things have become new. Your light will not be put out, in Jesus' name.

I so loved my grandmother, who taught me the ways of God, even though she could not read. It was from her I learnt the importance of tithing in practical terms.

I always watched her tuck away some amount of money all the time. When I asked her about it, she made me understand that tithe was the tenth of anything you have which is God's own portion, and that is the way to keep the enemy off the works of your hands.

The first money I earned in my life, I gave it to her. She asked me how I was going to feed, and I told her the Lord will provide. Then she blessed me saying, "You shall be great!"

There is so much in parental blessings.

Esau wept and wept when he lost his parental blessings to Jacob (Genesis 27:38), but there was no room for repentance. But thank God there is a place for repentance for you right now.

You have forgotten them long enough. Write them now and tell them you are sorry, and put a seed of repentance inside. From then, include them in your covenant relationship with God, and watch what will happen.

Until you start doing what He commands, the struggle continues.

It is time to honour your parents on a regular, viable budget. Something must always go out in love from you to them, with an understanding of God's secrets. And then their soul begins to bless you.

After Isaac ate the venison, his heart went out to Jacob and poured him out a blessing, such that at the time Esau came, he said his soul was now empty of any more blessings. As he blessed Jacob, you could see something leaping from his inside. It is time for something to start leaping from your parent's inside towards you. Whether they say it or not, the covenant-keeping God will watch over His Word to establish it.

The covenant is so strong. I found this secret long ago. I am so religiously committed to doing it like I am to tithing. There was a level at which I started before I got to where I am now.

Stop eating everything, or you will eventually eat up your destiny! There is something in their hearts that you need to draw out before they depart this earth. Whether they are rich or poor is irrelevant.

Is God poor? Is God in need? The offerings you give to God, did He complain to you that He has problems? So why are you giving and giving?

Your parents don't have to be in problem before you fulfil your responsibilities towards them. It is a covenant demand. I don't care how much you are earning. You have a duty towards your parents. Let there be a new beginning!

If you are still financially dependent on any of your parents as an adult, it is a curse. It is not scriptural. There is nothing you do to them that your children will not do to you. So watch it!

Don't ignore your parents in the deceit of civilization. Make your parents understand your Christianity, and see how they will storm into the kingdom! As you show them practical Christianity, they will embrace your Saviour and enter heaven with you.

As you walk in this covenant, as it was with Jacob after Isaac had blessed him (Genesis 27:25-29), your smell will begin to change. You become uncursable. You are not only uncursable, but everyone that attempts to curse you is already cursed.

I am blessed from heaven and I am blessed from human beings, because I am walking in this covenant with full understanding. Words of blessings that come my way, even when I am not there, won't let anybody kill me. Because I'm honouring my father and mother, God has promised that I will live long. So I know no one can kill me!

You must not close your eyes to the needs of your people. If you let your parents enjoy you, you also will enjoy your children and your children's children, because whatsoever a man sows, that he shall reap. Your children will build houses, fully furnished, and hand over the keys to you, because you sowed that seed before.

It's time to start sowing those seeds! Start from somewhere. What you don't start does not grow. A child that is not born does not grow into a man. So start from where you are presently.

If your parents are still alive, write them and let them know you love them. At the slightest opportunity, be on your way to see them, with a blessing in your hand, to collect blessings from them.

The Word of God says you will live long, you shall be full of health and vitality, success and victory, if you honour your father and your mother. It also says it shall be well with you, that is, God will make sure it is well with your business, your Family, your career and your ministry. You won't lose anything to the devil any more!

So, we minister to our parents, as we minister to the Lord. It is a command, not an admonition.

Isaac said:

"Give me the venison...such as I love...that my soul may bless thee..."

Every time you respond to your parents you are giving them the venison that they love, and their soul will bless you.

The blessing that Isaac placed on Jacob made it impossible for a curse to work against him. He was not a candidate for success at all! Even from his name, he should have been a failure. But he was the one who brought the venison, so he was the one that got the blessing. Anyone who brings the venison is the one who gets the blessing.

While Esau was still taking his time, Jacob went through with the venison, and every blessing in the heart of Isaac was poured out on him. By the time Esau came there was nothing left. Nobody must take your blessing!

If you want it to be well with you, your business, career and Family, you must not curse your father or your mother, or your light will be put out in obscure darkness! You must not live as if you are dead to them.

Somebody met me and said both his father and mother are dead, and he knows he did not do what he should have done when they were alive. He was thus asking what he should now do. I said to him, 'whatever they should have been doing if they were alive, be doing it on their behalf.'

I think it's time for a change.

Chapter 2

Your Responsibility To Your Family

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that

your prayers be not hindered."
1 Peter 3:7

Any house that is leaking is not worthy for harvest. Tension within the Family system disqualifies it for divine blessings.

Husband, give honour to your wife. To be wiser than God is a risk.

Deal with your wife according to knowledge, that your prayers be not hindered. That is, that your connection with God be not disconnected. Deal with her according to knowledge, otherwise your heaven will be closed.

You see, every time you give, you are asking, by action. And the Bible is here saying that every time you don't deal with your wife according to knowledge, your prayers are hindered. No response will come from heaven. You are under a leaking roof, it is not worthy of a harvest.

If you have a leaking store, do you keep things in it? If your Family life is leaking, your home is not conducive for a harvest.

Disallow any leakage in your home or the heavens will withold their rain of blessings. Deal with your wife according to knowledge.

What is this Knowledge?

Ephesians 5:25 says:

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;"

That is the knowledge that will check leakage in your Family and help you to experience harvest.

You must not open-up your home to malice. You must not allow discord to enter into your home. You must not give the devil a place, or your access to God's blessings will be blocked. "Giving honour unto the wife..." That's against the African mentality!

Let me ask you, if a car is involved in an accident, who do you question, the passenger or the driver? Who should you blame?

When the 'Eden car' had an accident, who was God looking for? ***Genesis 3:9 says:***

"And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?"

I don't care what your theology is, if there is any problem in your home, you – the man – are the number one suspect. That is the truth! Your knowledge of Family life is inadequate, that is what has led to that eruption in your home. You can avoid problems! You can subdue them. You can overcome them. You can prevail over them.

Let every man understand this today - deal with your wife according to knowledge, give honour to your wife, and shut the devil out in the dark. You will begin to have fantastic experiences in your home and in your relationship with your wife!

Ephesians 5:21 says:

"Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

When you want it your own way all the time, that is the spirit of Pharaoh, not the Spirit of God. The moment your wife can't talk and you wife, your husband can't talk, that is the spirit of the devil! Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.

If the Spirit of God dwells in your house, there must be liberty in your relationship with each other. But by the time you enter like the lion of the tribe of your house, and everybody is hiding under the bed, husband, certainly the Spirit of the Lord is not there.

The way you are living your life, that nobody can talk to you, is the shortest cut to destruction. Your greatest help is your wife. Anything that makes you feel otherwise is the devil.

Husband, you are commanded to "love your wife as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word." You are to do the washing, the cleansing and the sanctification.

Any leakage you allow in your Family is the reason God will not allow any harvest to come in there. God hates waste. After the feeding of the 5,000 men, He instructed them to gather the remnants. You must block every leakage in your home. I see God giving you wisdom!

Provide for your Household

Paul the apostle came by a very strong revelation in ***1 Timothy 5:8:***

"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

The responsibility of providing for the home is the man's job, otherwise he will live a life worse than the sinners' life. When the earth is burning like an oven, he will also be burnt.

Man, it is your covenant responsibility to provide for your household. When you stop looking after your own children, you come under a curse. No matter how much you give to God, it is written off! No matter the tithes and offerings you give, the Bible says you have denied the faith. That is, you will suffer what the unbelievers suffer.

When you embrace the Word of God, your destiny is established. To provide for your Family is your duty as a man. It is your job. It is not to be shared with your wife or anybody else. It must be joyfully accepted and excitedly executed. You will not disappoint God.

You must be concerned about your wife's welfare and about your children's welfare. You must be concerned. It must be seen as your responsibility, you must embrace it. You must be concerned about the clothes your wife wears. It's your job, so you are not disconnected from eternal life.

That your Family has not eaten and you're going about town, is a curse. Return home and make things right, otherwise there is no prayer you pray that God will hear.

The Bible says, *"If any man provide not...",* not if any man and his wife provide not. No! If you are violating this covenant, you need to tell your wife you are sorry and ask her for forgiveness.

How can you be a man and not be bothered what food your children are eating or what clothes they're wearing? What kind of Christianity is that? That is not right. It's satanic!

You have no right to put on a tie except your children are dressed. This is why all your tithes and offerings and Kingdom investments are not yielding anything. Because you are off course! Man, your Family is your covenant responsibility, not a cultural or social responsibility.

You should be glad to ask in your home, "I hope you have all eaten." God did not give you those children by force, you asked for them. Get to work therefore! It's time to walk in the light, so there will be no more occasion for stumbling.

You are not permitted to go about the market, pricing tomatoes, crayfish, pepper, etc., just because you don't trust your wife to handle money. No! That's not your job. I see it as an act of distrust.

There will be no more leakage in your Family, in your home. No more leakage in your finances too!

That out of the little money you earn, you can still map out some amount for each of your children, and it goes into a particular account for them, and it is there and available whenever it is needed. What a joy! What a father!

The Word of God says: *"A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children" (**Proverbs 13:22**).* Now that you have not even died and they are not enjoying you, when will they enjoy you? You have not died and they cannot see anything coming from you. You might as well write your will, instructing that when you die they should open your stomach and put all your money and possessions in there, so you can go with it!

We practise some strange things in my Family - all my children pay tithe. I am initiating them into the covenant walk. You know when one is a witch, for example, he makes a witch out of his son. I am making saints out of my children.

They pay tithe, they make Kingdom investments. And every offering and blessings people give them goes into a bag that is their own. I don't rely on that to take care of them. I have a monthly allocation for each of them. Everybody living in my house has an inheritance. That is why I can't go down! I am too mindful of covenant details.

I deliver this to you today. Please go and walk in this light. Life can be very fulfilling when you walk in the light.

If a husband and his wife are hiding things from each other, such a home is a dangerous place. If you enter into a home and the place is "hot", won't you know? You start apologising for coming and speedily find your way out.

Even so, when an angel comes with blessings and enters such a home, and senses such tension and hostility, he will retreat (with the blessings). Because angels only embrace hospitality, and in a hostile environment, you cannot be hospitable.

May your home be open to angels. You won't lose your blessings any more! I see a new change coming! I see you accepting covenant responsibilities and flying to untold heights by it. I see you looking at your children with excitement, not with a burden. I see you paying their school fees without frowning. I see you buying them clothes with excitement!

It is a new day for you!

"Wives, Submit Yourselves..."

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husband,"

In the first home instituted by God in the garden of Eden, Adam was the head of the government, and God presented Eve to him, to be under his government. This is God's divine order in the home. Any wife that despises it has no access to covenant blessings.

Adam allowed Eve to do whatever she liked, so she walked freely and carelessly about, and got trapped into a conversation with the devil, which eventually led to their downfall.

Many problems in the home today are largely caused by wives over whom their husbands have no control - they buy whatever they like, at anytime they like (according to their whims and caprices), they dress anyhow and go all over the places, as if they don't have a head. They keep any kind of friends they like.

In God's Family government, the man is the head, while the woman is the subject. Woman, you must wake up to your responsibilities. Your role is to be a help meet for your husband. You are not to lord it over him in any way. You are meant to help him carry out his God-given commission on earth.

Hear this: God is not the author of confusion. He will not give the man a commission to go to New Zealand and ask the wife to go to the United States. A woman who supposedly has a vision which is miles apart from that of her husband, has not seen well. A wife's vision should complement that of her husband, if not directly subject to it.

The wife is to be subject to her husband in all things, even as the Church is subject to Christ. Total submission is the word.

Take a look at the Church in relation to Christ. With Jesus as head, there is neither argument nor debate. He gives the orders. He is the Head and rules the Church in love. What the Church does is to obey. We are all soldiers subject to Christ. So also the wife is subject to her husband.

The only way to a fruitful marriage is total submission on the part of the wife. Until this is in place, every other thing she tries to do will be out of place.

Submission cuts across all spheres of life. A woman who refuses to submit to her husband is disobeying God. As a woman, you might even be a minister of the gospel, and your husband is not, the Word of God still says to submit yourself to him. You might be earning more money than he does, but that does not in any way make the Word of God of no effect. Submit to him in action, in word, in looks, etc.

Peter puts it this way:

"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands."
1 Peter 3:1

The wife is subject to her husband. Note, however, that subjection without meekness is fake. It takes meekness to be submissive. Sarah is a perfect example of a woman whose submission to her husband was total. When he told her to tell inquirers that she was his sister, she readily complied.

Pharaoh the king of Egypt took her in. She was in danger, but she stuck to her husband's command. God was moved. He came down and intervened (Genesis 12:10-20).

God can only intervene in your affairs when His instructions are being adhered to. A woman should be submissive to her husband in all things and not only when he is good to her.

A submissive woman is precious in the sight of her husband. My wife respects me and believes in everything I do. She never raises an eyebrow about any decision I take. This is the reason she is enjoying the rewards of total submission today. She does not need to ask for anything before she gets it from me. I give her all the honour and love due to her.

This is the secret of marital bliss and success in every endeavour of life. Obedience to covenant demands will always establish covenant blessings.

Chapter 3

Consider The Poor

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness."
Psalm 41:1-3

One great secret that Job got among other things was that God told him, "If you will look after the poor, I will ensure that you are not among the poor." In the days of his youth, he contacted this secret by which he became the greatest man in the East.

"As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle...When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil...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."
Job 29:4-13

Job was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame. He would not allow the wicked to go on oppressing the poor. He would pluck the poor out of the wicked oppressor's mouth. He continued this way until he became the greatest.

Jesus never lacked, and from ***John*** *chapter* ***13:29,*** we can see that He was also a blessing to the poor. When He told Judas, *"That thou doest, do quickly."* Some of the disciples thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus was telling him, "Buy those things we have need of for the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor."

Jesus never begged. This was the secret!

I would like to say this with all humility. As soon as this ministry stepped into relief programmes, there came a fantastic jump in our finances. Last year (1994), we had about 400% increase in our finances, over the previous year. As soon as God led me into this secret, He also stepped into my affairs.

To look away from the poor is asking God to look away from you. Job made it by ministering to the poor, and he never lost out, because his latter end the Bible tells us, was several times better than the previous. Satan lost out eventually.

Proverbs 21:13 warns:

"Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard."

If you will hear the cry of the poor, you will not need to cry before God answers. He is a covenant-keeping God. Have you not heard it said in ***Proverbs 19:17:***

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

Friend, nothing pays like walking in the light of God in the midst of darkness. Job said, *"...and when by his light I walked through darkness..."* ***(Job 29:3),*** "everybody was down, but I was up, because I was walking by His light."

When our church put together relief materials for the Rwanda refugees last year, even the United Nations was amazed that such could come from Nigeria, and from a church!

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor...thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness"
Psalm 41:1-3

God made Job's bed in sickness, according to His promise in Psalm 41. Can God make your bed and you remain there sick? No way! *"Blessed is the man*

who considereth the poor..." Since he wants others to live, God will not let him die.

If you will walk in this covenant, you are free from every arrow of the wicked. For the Word says, "...he will not be delivered to the will of his enemies." Many times they tried to destroy Jesus, but they could not touch him.

There is no one who cares for the poor who will not live to fulfil the number of his days. The minimum of your days on earth according to the covenant we have with God, is seventy. So, you will surely see your children's children!

We must locate our security points. Ministering to the poor is it. I would like you every time you go to church, to remember there are some poor in the midst of God's people who need to be touched. Jesus said *"...ye have the poor with you always..." **(Mark 14:7)**.*

Today we get food across to the prisons at least once a week. It is the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, and He has left us an example that we should follow in His steps.

It's a new day for you today!

Obey your Master

There is another powerful covenant in Ephesians chapter six which forbids servants undoing their master.

"Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ."
Ephesians 6:5

And again ***1 Peter 2:18*** says:

"Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle but also to the froward.

Not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free."
Ephesians 6:6-8

Many servants get into undoing their masters, in a bid to rise. Every step you take against your master robs you of your promotion. Every step you take against the source of blessing that God has placed around you, goes on to undo your destiny. ***Proverbs 27:18*** assures you that:

"Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof: so he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured."

When you wish your master evil, you have invited evil upon yourself. No matter what you have sown as seed, it dies and curse replaces blessing!

Every time you begin to undo the place where you are working, you are undoing your destiny! If you don't have goodwill for where you are working, you will not enjoy goodwill. For whatsoever a man sows, that he shall reap.

Please take note of this, because the enemy has trapped many in this curse. You must not allow God to touch you for evil. Honour whosoever He has honoured and bless whosoever He has blessed.

You must ensure that you keep a clean heart, and allow goodwill to ooze from you all day long towards your master, towards the place where you work, then your destiny is guaranteed.

The only way to be honoured is when you recognise the position of people that are placed over you. Not to worship them, but to hold them in honour and not allow your heart to curse them.

When you wait on your master, his kind of heart is transmitted to you.

"As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of a man to man."
Proverbs 27:19

You also reflect the dignity and honour he carries. Please lay hold on this secret.

In 1 Samuel 24:5-6, we see a man, David, who waited on his master, even to the point of taking his own life in his own hands - for if Saul had woken up, David would have been a dead man. Saul did not wake up, yet David did not kill him. He dared not touch God's anointed! He kept the covenant and the covenant kept him.

In ***1 Chronicles 29:28,*** it was said of him that,

"...he died in a good old age, full of days, riches and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead."

Because he did not destroy the throne of Saul, his throne was not destroyed. He saw his son to the throne. God protected his throne for an everlasting covenant, because he protected Saul's throne.

Friend, nobody needs to die for you to rise! The one who needs to die for you to rise has already done so. His name is Jesus!

Leave the curses alone, and go for the blessings. If you see a man who has no regard for his master, run away from him. Run for your life! This is the secret behind your welfare and long life.

Your level of giving is amazing, please let your level of rewards received be equally amazing. A great spirit is the only way to go without curses. Be sure from today that you keep a good heart.

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters in the flesh. I don't care where you are working, be obedient to your master, with fear and singleness of heart as unto Christ. Do service as to the Lord and not to men.

Many businesses have been destroyed today by the people who are working there, either with their mouth or with insincerity in their dealings. It is not enough to pay tithe and give offerings, and invest in the Kingdom, it is also important to represent Jesus where you are working.

Concerning Joseph in ***Genesis 39:2-6:***

"And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a godly person, and well favoured."

That establishment, that business where you are working should not die, if you are standing right with God. As long as you don't desire the rise of the place where you are working, neither will you rise yourself. If you are not faithful in the thing which is another man's, no one will give you that which is your own (Luke 16:12).

Let every clerk know that if he doesn't want to die a clerk, it is time to be faithful and do his service as unto the Lord. Joseph was a houseboy and God blessed the house of his master for his sake, and consequently, he enjoyed favour and promotion, until he ended-up as Prime Minister in a land where he was a stranger.

Many people have been paying tithe and giving offerings diligently, yet nothing is forthcoming as harvest! Something is wrong. It is the little foxes that spoil the vine. A car doesn't need to have a major problem before it is grounded. Just a faulty plug is enough.

God is showing you these things so you can escape. Servants, let your heart bless your bosses! If you want honour, wait on those whom God has placed as leaders over you. You will in turn enjoy the shields over their lives. Curse them, and you are cursed! That is the covenant!

Chapter 4

Keep Your Eyes on the Plough

"And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."
Luke 9:62

Unfortunately, many Christians have become Lot's wife in business. They look backwards all the time. Those who look backwards remain backward. Only those who look forward go forward.

Jesus, in the scripture above, says that anyone that puts his hand on the plough and looks back, there is nothing the kingdom has to offer that will be available to him.

Those who do know their God, they shall be strong and they shall do exploits. Exploits in the kingdom therefore, has its root in the knowledge of God (Daniel 11:32). Those who "know their God", not those "who cry or weep", not those "who run around".

There was famine in the land, Isaac prospered. There was famine in the days of Abraham, yet he went forward. There was famine in the days of Jacob, yet he could afford to import food from a foreign land. Those who do know their God shall be strong and do exploits.

Your problem is not in the environment, it is in the mind. It is not the happenings around, it is the happenings within. The environment is not harsh. Many are having the best of time, while many are having the hardest of time.

Don't say, "It is because I know God, that is why things are like this for me." Those who know their God don't go down! The knowledge of God does not bring a man down, it lifts a man up!

Don't say, "It is because I'm a Christian. If I was still there like I was before, and doing the things we used to do..." Beware! otherwise you will become a pillar of salt! Those who look back don't see the front, neither do they get to the front!

It is not possible for life outside Christ to be comparable to life in Christ. No! To say that the former days are better than now, is to act like a fool. It cannot

be sweeter anywhere else than with Jesus, nor can it be better anywhere else. There is nothing that has value outside of God. Nothing!

I would like to show you what it is like outside Christ.

In 1923, there was a company of people, about seven of them, who met in Chicago. They were the world's greatest financiers. Among them was the president of the largest private steel industry, the president of Bank International Settlement, a member of the president's cabinet, etc. These seven men controlled more wealth than the wealth of the United State of America's treasury.

But all that was outside Christ!

Three of these seven world's greatest financiers ended up committing suicide! One of them became insane! Another ended up in prison! And the president of the world's largest private steel company died penniless! after living on borrowed money for five years.

That is the bitter end of possession outside salvation!

But for the believer,

"Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit"
Ecclesiastes 7:8

Life outside Christ is worthless! It doesn't matter what you think you're worth, if it is outside Christ, it is deception! God's ways might be slow, but they are sure! If the facts are in place, your destiny is certain!

God is more than enough! Inspite of whatever economic constraints and pressures you find yourself in, you can work by His principles and still thrive and make great progress in life.

It is also important to mention that you are by destiny a fruitful person, because you belong to the household of Israel, according to Isaiah 5:1. All you need is to apply yourself to the things you are hearing. There is no dry land, there are only dry men! You can stand out and stand right, and overcome, and win, and flourish!

After the black man was set free politically from slave trade, he re-entered it personally. Just like in the days of Joseph in Egypt, when there was heat in the land and people offered themselves for sale—"Buy us..." they cried out. Africans in search of solutions, re-entered situations and established more problems for themselves.

But thank God the prison gates are lifted! You will not be enslaved any more. There is nothing wrong with any land, there are only things wrong with the people!

There is a ministry in a certain country that wrote us, desperately desiring financial assistance. But in that same country, there is another ministry that has built a university. They call the man "the Oral Roberts of that country."

Whatever is wrong with you, God will correct it!

There was no food in Egypt, Egyptians were dying, yet God was blessing Israel! The Egyptians were offering themselves for sale, and Israel was increasing on the other side, in the same Egypt! (Genesis 47:27).

What was the reason for the difference? Covenant!

Push the covenant! Nothing compares in value with the covenant. The other man is pushing drugs, you, push the truth! That other man is using charms, you, use God! Let's see which is greater - God or charms?

The problem with people is that they don't want to face the root of their problems. They would rather look for how to explain other people's success. There is nothing you need that is not provided for in the Bible. So go for it! From the Word of God we have seen that even if money fails, you still have room to succeed.

Is it not you God told that you will be a succourer to the hungry? He said, "I was hungry, you didn't give me food..." (Matthew 25:42). That is because he knows you have food to give. You will not beg! You belong to that royal company, you can't keep living like a slave!

It has nothing to do with the government in power in your country. The government of heaven, of which you are a citizen, is still intact and in power. It is your attitude that must change!

Jesus is still the King of kings and Lord of Lords. So you are not controlled by the policies of your nation, you are controlled by the covenant of God with His chosen people.

You cannot run your business like the heathens in your country or you will fail as they fail. You cannot beg from under like they do or you will keep crawling underground! You cannot be giving money from behind or you will stay behind for life!

Any business that will not let you walk with God is a business that will walk you down to hell! Get out of it into something else! We have heard diverse

testimonies that show that Jesus is more than sufficient to make a star out of anybody who will stick with Him. He said in ***Hebrews 10:38:***

"Now the just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."

You belong to the order of the choicest vine. So you must mind the little, little things that make it difficult for you to be fruitful and successful. Mind them and then be able to free yourself from them.

All I am saying is to help you know that where you are facing is the right way to face, and what you have been told to do, is the right thing to do. And if you follow it that way, you are on your way to the top.

Chapter 5

Forgive!

"Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses."
Matthew 18:23-35

If anybody is owing you, and you know he is not in a position to pay, just say, "I forgive you". God has more for you than what any man is owing you. Forgive the person, then watch to see whether God is more than that or not.

Don't bind your brother or sister because he or she is owing you. Don't make them live under tension. Perfect love casts out fear. Fear has torments. Don't torment your business any more!

Now, tell me, if that money was taken by your son and he is not able to pay you, do you disown him? Jesus said,

"so shall the Lord do to everyone of you, if you will not from your heart forgive your brother."

Where the person is not in a position to pay you, don't become possessed with the situation. Every form of hatred has torments! Today, that brother or sister needs help, but tomorrow he can become a source of help to you.

God is faithful! You can let go today.

Pay Your Workers Well

"...For the labourer is worthy of his hire."
Luke 10:7

If you are in a business where you hire labourers, people who work for you, and you are living in splendour without considering them, you are a fraud! Your business will not flourish. That is the Word of God, the scriptures cannot be broken.

To put a secretary on seat to work from morning till late at night and all you pay her is 1,200 naira. That's wickedness. You don't need a secretary. Carry a pen and paper and be writing the things down yourself.

I'm glad to tell you that God pays His people. He is a rewarder of those who diligently serve Him. If you are not in a position to pay your worker, let them know and give them a chance to choose either to go or to stay. May you allow people under you to grow!

Pay your workman or do your work yourself. You go to Five-star hotels to squander money, feasting friends and so-called business associates, and you pay your workmen 1,000 naira a month! You are a wicked fellow.

Mind you, a maid or slave today is not going to be one tomorrow, so don't look at him as a slave. Remember Joseph? Remember, your Father in heaven is a loving father.

You will eat all the fruit of your labour. From today you shall be reckoned with by all around you as very great!

These are all hidden covenant mysteries that make your seeds to bring forth in hundredfolds, now in this time, and in the world to come. Thank God for all that you have given in the Kingdom. Thank God for all your tithes. Thank God for all your offerings. These are other covenant responsibilities that make those ones produce.

There will be no more leakage in your home, in your Family. No more leakage in your finances too! Let's invite the harvest.

Diligence

There is no affluence without input. The Bible says in ***Proverbs 13:11:***

"Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase."

At creation, we saw God as a worker. Jesus came, we saw Him as a worker too. Abraham came, and at 75 years of age, we still saw him working. Isaac and Jacob also came, and we saw them as workers. Now, who are you going to resemble, going about idling? Idleness is a self-inflicted curse.

We just must know the secret behind increase. Greatness never comes by accidents. In ***Proverbs 22:29,*** the Bible says:

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before mean men."

There is dignity in labour! Jesus said "I must Work..." And Paul the apostle in ***I Corinthians 15:10*** said,

"...but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

There is no future for the idle in the kingdom. ***2 Thessalonians 3:10*** says:

"...if any would not work, neither should he eat."

The prosperous Church is a doing Church. The prosperous Christian is a doing Christian.*"...and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper"* ***(Psalm 1:3)***. Many of us carry ideas bigger than our size about. ***Proverbs 13:23*** says:

"Much food is in the tillage of the poor."

If the poor man will choose to cultivate and till the ground, he will discover much food where he had been suffering hunger. Jesus said,

"My father worketh hitherto, and I work"
John 5:17

Your father is working, your master is working and you are sleeping! How will you escape? A wise man once said "There will never be another you, so make the most of your life. There will never be another time, so make the best of it today."

Many of us have sown a lot of seeds but have not created avenues for returns, because our hands have not become working hands.

"In all labour, there is profit..."

Labour is the word! It is time to start working! If your father is working and your master is working, it only makes sense for you to be a worker.

A wise man once said that people who think they are too big to do little things are perhaps too little to be asked to do big things. Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises, and I say smallness is the sure foundation for greatness. The longest journey is made step by step.

You have a great future, but the scriptures cannot be broken. You can't continue in laziness and idleness and expect greatness. If it comes by any mistake, it is a trap. Remember "Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished".

Labour is the pathway to increase. Dr. Fred Price said, "We have not succeeded by accident". If wishes were horses, all beggars will ride. Stop wishing and waiting! Great is your future. Increase comes by covenant labour.

We must ensure that none of our children are idle any more. Show them by examples that there is dignity in labour.When you work, God is committed to make you fat, and also fatten your work, your finances and your health also.

When the Lord called me into ministry, I told a friend, "You know the reason I'm going full-time? It is so I can go full-length". So I told him that it's my determination that nobody who is doing it part-time will match me in the race. It is impossible!

You can't be tired of hearing me, because I am not tired of working. I study, I meditate, and I document! I also write. I know my job! I am doing my job! So I must be paid by the One who employed me. I do not have any other interest in town. My job is the only reason I'm here. I am a labourer. I am a "gospeller". I am staying with my job. Stay on your job, or you will lose colour!

You have only one shop, and you are never there. What kind of a trader are you? You say, "My clerk is very bad!" It's because you are also very bad! There is no staff with me today, who comes late to work and is comfortable with me for the whole day.

Thank God for grace. But thank God much more that we are able to use the grace for labour. May the Lord give you understanding!

There is dignity in labour! Stop eating your uncle's food for free. He said,

"Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings."
Isaiah 3:10

It is time to do something! You can do something! Today, I work 18 hours on the average, per day. Yet it doesn't show anywhere on my body. No idle man can survive around me. Nobody can work with me and enjoy life without working.

There's something we call "Labour baptism" in the ministry. When you come in your weight must drop.

You have wished enough, now go and work. If you are selling groundnuts, be "the groundnut seller". If your are a labourer on the field, be "the labourer". Joseph prospered as a slave. He prospered as a prisoner. He was an excited worker. You are a covenant child, you must prosper!

Jacob was a stranger in the house of Laban, he over prospered. He became the envy of Laban. It is time to work! If you are a giver, much more so must you be a worker. There is enough in the covenant to make things work for you.

Even in famine, you can make it. In Genesis 26, the Bible records that there was famine in the land. For others, it was a time of complaining, but for Isaac, it was a time of work like never before. Consequently he went forward and became very great, and the Philistines envied him!

The Bible says, *"Go to the ant..."* ***(Proverbs 6:6).***

They don't have a guide, nor a leader, yet they make their houses and prepare their food. You don't need supervision to work. You just need covenant intelligence. All you need do is work and God's business is to prosper you.

There is a future in what you are doing. You don't need to run away to Europe or America. There is nothing anywhere else that is not where you are. You are not created to be a beggar.

Give it All You've Got

Black has nothing to do with the colour of your skin. Slothfulness and lack of commitment to your job, your business or your responsibilities is what makes you black.

"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."
Songs of Solomon 1:6

God has delivered you, don't put yourself back in chains. There is enough to do in your own country that will bring you lifting. May you find it!

Never mind the retirement age of the government. At 75, Abraham was still a worker. At 92, he led an army out to war. He was a cattle-rearer. He became very rich in silver and in gold. Listen to me, if they retire you at 50, it is for a new chapter to open in your life. If you go to sit down at 50, you will decay before you are 60!

If Abraham was strong at 100, by the time you are 100, you will have the strength of a 40 year old. Caleb said, "40 years ago, I came out here and 40 years later my strength is still intact" (Joshua 14:11). That shall be your testimony.

Put in your best where you are working. Even though they don't know it now, they will know it later. The covenant will locate you and your lifting will come and your future secured. Give it all you have got!

Solomon said:

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."
Ecclesiastes 9:10

Be known with your job. No more trial and error. There is enough time to be the best God has created you to be. Have joy in the work you are doing. Be excited about the labour of your hands! There is a future in it. Never catch yourself doing nothing for one whole hour.

This end-time, the Church is getting back to her position. We are taking our position back as a pacesetting community. It shall be so in your own private life. In your business, they will know you very shortly as the one in-charge. In your career too! From now on your hand will be strong to labour!

It's Time For A Change!

When you embrace the Word of God, your destiny is established.

These hidden covenants of blessings you now know about are the minutest details that may not appeal to "charismatic yankees", yet they are details you cannot neglect.

These are all hidden covenant mysteries that make your seeds to bring forth in hundredfolds, now in this life, and in the world to come. They are what makes "give and it shall be given unto you" effective.

Thank God for all that you have given to the Kingdom, thank God for all your tithes, thank God for all your offerings, but these are other covenant responsibilities that make those ones produce. They are all hidden issues that make life bouyant.

You know why God is showing you all these? He is eager to reward you. He sees your faithfulness, your commitment, dedication and zeal, so He has to open these seals to you, that will help your rewards to reach you. You are too dedicated to fail! Too committed to fail! So these little, little foxes must be taken off.

You know how it is that a cocoa plantation needs to be fumigated, to kill certain insects that won't let the cocoa trees stay healthy. They are the things that want to kill your cocoa trees and make them unproductive. So, you are killing them so they don't destroy the labour of your hands.

Your labour will not be destroyed any more! Oh what a blessing to know where to place these things in the covenant!

It's time to allow for a change that will reflect in the work you are doing. You display things in your shop, and nobody is buying them? Can't you find out what is happening?

The covenant is power! Discover it. Make it a lifestyle!

See yourself as a responsible Christian walking in the covenant, by giving the right place to every instruction. Instructions are the ways of wisdom, telling you how to do things to get your desired results. ***Proverbs 24:14*** says:

"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."

These things will help you out no matter how tough the situation. Thank God you now know them!

You will not go down any more, in Jesus Precious Name!