THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE LIFE OF BELIEVERS

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DEDICATION

I want to specially dedicate this post to all the men of God that the Lord has used to bring me up till date.

OPENING HYMN

ABIDE WITH ME

1. Abide with me; fast falls the even tide The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide When other helpers fail, and comforts flee Help of the helpless, o abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see o Thou who changest not abide with me

3. I need Thy presence every passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who

like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, 0, abide with me.

INTRODUCTION

Exodus 33:14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

33:15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

The most valuable treasure in a believer's life, is the presence of God.

When you lacks God's presence as a christian, you will struggle throughout your life time.

The most crucial need of any child of God, is the presence of God. Any Christian that lacks the presence of God in his or her life, is almost a dead man or woman because such a person is not an issue to satan.

Actually what makes the world (unbelievers) Satan and his agents to respects and tremble before christians is the presence of God. Therefore for a Christian to loose the presence of God, is a disaster.

The presence of God is the beauty of Christians, that's why no Christian who is a carrier of God's presence is ugly because the presence of God covers him or her up.

What makes a building or gathering of people a church, is not the number of people in attendance, but the presence of God there. When

God's presence leaves a church, it becomes a mere gathering because what makes it a church is gone.

The presence of God is what keeps the believers from sin. The presence of God is what empowers the believers against temptations and give them victory over them.

The greatest need of every genuine child of God, is the presence of God.

No price is too much to pay
to secure God’s presence.

No matter how weak or un-
talented a man is, if he has
God’s presence, he will
make a difference.

When you walk in the fear
of the Lord, you enjoy
divine presence.
Evil can’t stand where God stands;

and God will not stand where evil stands.

Its the presence of God in a child of God that attracts favour to him or her.

Serving God is boring only when the presence of God is absent in your life.

The presence of God is what keeps satan and evil spirits far away from you as a christian. I remember sometime last year, I was alone in a branch of the Assemblies of God church, observing a vigil, I just started prayers, not quite long, the Holy Ghost came mightily upon me, I spoke in tongues profusely, while the prayers continued, then I remembered I have not arrested evil spirits and all territorial powers around, immediately the Lord spoke to me saying, "Son with my

presence with you now, even Satan can't come close to you not to talk of his demons". I said wow! Then I was at peace. That was when I knew that keeping Satan and evil spirits far away from your life as a christian is not necessarily by engaging in warfare prayers but by dwelling in God's presence, because engaging in spiritual warfare with the devil or his demons without the presence of God, wouldn't keep them far away from you, instead they will keep on coming and coming.

The presence of God, gives power to its carriers. Powerlessness in a christian, is traceable to the absence of God's presence.

The presence of God is the best antidote for sinful addictions or besetting sins. The presence of God, silences the urge and power of besetting sins in the life of its

carriers, that's why whenever the carriers of God's presence, looses it, he or she immediately returns to his or her sinful addictions he or she had abandoned long ago because the presence of God that has been withholding him or her from it, is gone.

The presence of God is equally important in the area of evangelism and soul winning. Whenever a carrier of God's presence goes out for evangelism, they don't preach long before the sinners are convicted because the presence of God which is God Himself in the life of the carrier always manifest Himself powerfully in the life of the soul to be won through the believer (the carrier of His presence).

Preaching the word of God without the presence of God, is mere lecturing, it wouldn't yield any

effective results.

The presence of God is what guarantees answers to prayers. The effectiveness of your prayers is directly proportional to the presence of God you carries. The presence of God in you, is what makes your prayers effective as a christian, its necessarily not the length of your prayers.

The best way to live and maintain holy living, is by dwelling in God's presence. You can't be a carrier of God's presence, and still be living in sin, it doesn't happen that way, sin and God's presence does not coexist. If you wants to maintain holiness to the end of your life on earth as a christian, then you must be willing to dwell in God's presence throughout your life time. **Beloved let no man deceive you, without the presence of God, holy living is**

practically impossible, you will only ends up a religion hypocrite.

The presence of God upon a man, is what makes him a man of God not necessarily his titles. When God's presence leaves a man of God, he becomes an ordinary man. Judges 16:16-21.

WHAT IS THE PRESENCE OF GOD?

1. The presence of God, is God Himself dwelling in a man. John 14:23, 1 John 3:24.

2. The presence of God, is the glory of God in a man.

3. The presence of God, is the seal (stamp) of God on a man.

4. The presence of God, is the Spirit of God residing in a man.

5. The presence of God, is a life accepted and approved by God.

6. Its the divine nature of God impacted on a man by the miracle of the new birth.

7. Its the supernatural ability in a man that enables him or her to serve God far above his natural abilities.

8. Its the beauty of God upon the believers.

9. Its that very nature in a christian that makes him or her to hate evil passionately and loves righteousness passionately.

10. Its that strong conviction that usually follows whenever the word of God is faithfully and systematically preached.

11. Its that which makes you feels guilty or sorrowful whenever you gossip or say anything evil against any genuine child of God be it men of God.

12. Its the seed of God in a man.

13. Its the anointing of God upon a man.

14. Its the grace of God on a man.

15. Its that which makes the preachings, songs and other areas of ministrations of believers extra-ordinarily different from others who are not the carriers of the presence.

16. Its the supernatural ability of

God in believers that keeps them from sin.

17. Its the move of the power of God.

18. Its the signet of God upon a life that glorifies His name always.

19. Its that invisible covering, that covers every genuine children of God, that makes it difficult for the devil to successfully attack them.

20. Its that mysterious and supernatural force upon a child of God that attracts uncommon favour from unexpected sources.

21. Its God Himself being around or with a man without sending angels or His servants to him.

22. The presence of God, is the

power of God.

FACTS ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

1. The presence of God is the person of God.

2. When God's presence is in a man, he becomes a different man.

3. The greatest assets of the

believer, is the presence of God.

4. A church devoid of God's presence, is a mere social gathering.

5. Only the carriers of God's presence, can detects it in a place.

6. Only the carriers can know when its gone out of a place or person.

7. Age means nothing as far as the presence of God is concern.

8. Occasionally, people experience the presence of God when they are either fasting, praying, reading the bible, praising or worshiping God.

9. God is with you as long as you are with Him.

10. Any form of divine discipline is more desirable and
more bearable than being removed

from His presence.

11. Whatever is keeping you so busy that you have no time to stay in the presence of your Father in heaven is not good for you.

12. There is nothing the devil fears in a man's life than the presence of God.

13. The presence of God and Holiness, are inseparable.

14. The day you skips your personal devotion, is the day you lost God's presence.

15. No price is too much to pay to secure God’s presence.

16. The most valuable treasure in a believer's life, is the presence of God.

17. The closer you are to God, the closer He is to you.

18. The presence of God in a man's life varies from person to person, depending on how close you are to God.

19. The presence of God always has an effect on the ungodly.

20. The more you dwell in God's presence, the more godly you becomes.

21. God is everywhere, but God is not in every place.

22. The presence of God, is not in every church.

23. Not all christians are carriers of God's presence.

HOW TO DISCERN THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN A PERSON, CHURCH, OR IN A PLACE.

The presence of God, is so important that a christian should never attempts to loose or do anything without it.

Whenever I am invited to any church, the first thing I look for immediately I arrived, is the presence of God, if I can't find it, you will never see me there again. Beloved, the presence of God is so important that I don't joke with it.

The following and many more are the various ways to discern the presence of God in a place or in a person:

1. YOU MUST BE A CARRIER OF THE PRESENCE:

It takes the carriers of the presence, to detect it in a place.

If you are not a carrier of God's presence, it will be very difficult for you to detect it in a place because you are not used to it.

2. THE PRESENCE OF GOD POINTS YOU TO GOD:

The presence of God either in a place or in a person, always points you to God.

One major way to detect the presence of God in a person or in a place, is that whenever you are in a

place or with the persons, you are drawn to God. That is whenever you are in a particular place or with particular persons, something inside of you tells you that you need to take God serious even when the persons did not preach to you.

3. HYPOCRISY DOES NOT SURVIVES IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD:

No carriers of God's presence lives hypocritical life. All carriers of God's presence lives sincerely without hypocrisy.

Another way to detect the presence of God either in a place or in a person, is the inability of hypocrisy to survives there, hypocrisy in all forms, is exposed in the presence of God. You can't play hypocrisy in

God's presence and go unexposed.

When you are an hypocrite, the carriers of the presence can detects you. When Ananias and Sapphire his wife played hypocrisy in the early church, they were exposed publicly.

So if you successfully plays hypocrisy in a church or around men of God or fellow believers without rebukes, it may be because they don't wants to confronts you yet or they lacks the presence of God because the presence of God in a person, can detects the smallest form of hypocrisy.

4. HOLINESS AND THE PRESENCE OF GOD GOES TOGETHER:

It is practically impossible for the

presence of God to be in a place or in a person when holiness is absent because holiness is God's nature.

All carriers of God's presence by His grace lives holily.

The presence of God in the lives of the carriers empowers them to live holy.

It is the presence of God in a church, that makes holy living appealing and also enables the members to live holy. Without the presence of God, I submit to you, holiness is practically impossible.

1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

5. UNCOMMON FAVOUR ALWAYS FOLLOWS THE CARRIERS OF GOD'S PRESENCE:

Another practical way to detect the presence of God in a person, is the presence of uncommon favour. The presence of God always attracts uncommon favour to the lives of the carriers.

When a man of God is a carrier of the presence, people strives to bless him and also support his ministry financially and otherwise.

Joseph is a practical example of this, look at it in:

Genesis 39:1-6

39:2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

39:3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

39:4 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.

39:5 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.

39:6 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 goodly person, and well favoured.

I pray may you be His presence carrier.

6. CARRIERS OF GOD'S PRESENCE, HEARS FROM GOD:

Another indispensable sign to know the carriers of God's presence, is their ability to hear from God.

All carriers of God's presence hears from God.

7. CARRIERS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

ARE HUMBLE:

Humility is a must in the lives of the carriers of God's presence.

As we all know, God hates pride.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

8. PRAYER ADDICTS:

Carriers of God's presence, are men and women of prayers.

To be honest with you, the more time you spend with God in the place of prayer, the more of the

presence of God you carries.

All carriers of God's presence, loves prayers passionately, the presence enables them to pray effectively.

9: BIBLE ADDICTS:

Spending quality time studying the word of God, is the lifestyle of the carriers of God's presence. They don't just study the bible for reading sake, but rather they study it because they wants to know more about God so that they can serve Him better than the way they are doing presently.

10. PASSION FOR GOD AND THE

THINGS OF GOD:

Carriers of God's presence are characterized by unquenchable hunger and thirst for God, and the things of God.

Nothing satisfies the carriers of God's presence like them seeing the works of God progressing.

11. GENTILITY:

Being gentle is the lifestyles of the carriers of God's presence.

All carriers of God's presence, are usually gentle in nature.

12. THEY ARE DIVINELY PROTECTED:

All carriers of God's presence, are heavily and divinely protected. Spiritually, they are covered with the fire of God, this is what makes it difficult for Satan and his agents to attack and prevails over them.

Example of this in the bible, is Job, look at in:

Job 1:9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

1:10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Psalms 91:1 He that dwelleth in the

secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Psalms 105:14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;

105:15 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

I decree upon your life in the mighty name of Jesus, may you be His presence carrier.

13. LOVE IS THEIR LIFESTYLE:

Love is the nature of God, hence all carriers of His presence exhibits love in all facets of their lives.

When God is in a man, love is inevitable.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

14. **DIVINE PEACE:**

Carriers of God's presence, enjoys divine peace.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not

your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

15. THEY DON'T HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN FORGIVING OTHERS:

Forgiveness is the lifestyle of the carriers of God's presence.

Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Matthew 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly

Father will also forgive you:

6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16. WHENEVER THEY MINISTERS, THERE IS ALWAYS A MIGHTY MOVE OF THE POWER OF GOD:

Whenever the carriers of God's presence ministers, either in preaching, teaching, singing or through any other means, there is always a mighty move of the power of God, and lives are blessed and impacted massively.

The presence of God in the lives of the carriers, fertilizes the services they render to God.

When they stands to minister either by preaching or singing, people's lives are blessed, it doesn't ends in mere clapping, shouting and standing ovations, lives are changed.

17. THEY LIVES EXEMPLARY LIFE:

Carriers of God's presence, are living examples of their sermons.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

18. EVIL MEN AVOIDS THEM

There is nothing that scares evil and diabolical men in the lives of

believers, than the presence of God.

Witches, wizards, occultic and the their kinds, always avoid the carriers of God's presence, because they can't stands it.

Joshua 1:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

19. THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS DREADS THEM:

The kingdom of darkness, dreads the carriers of God's presence because waging war against them, is a futile exercise.

Romans 8:31 What shall we then

say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Esther 6:13 And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.

20. FEAR OF GOD:

Carriers of God's presence, fears God.

21. HATRED FOR INIQUITY:

Carriers of God's presence, hates iniquity passionately.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN BELIEVER'S LIVES.

The importance of God's presence here means the benefits or the advantages the carriers of the presence enjoys.

There are alot of privileges the carriers of God's presence enjoys.

The following and many more are what God's presence does in the lives of the carriers:

1. FULL SATISFACTION

In the presence of God, there is full satisfaction that you can't get elsewhere.

Psalms 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

2. DIVINE COMFORT

The presence of God in the lives of believers, gives them comfort. Despite the challenges that they go through, they are never depressed because they enjoys divine comfort.

John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

3. UNCOMMON FAVOUR.

It is the presence of God in believer's lives that attracts uncommon favour to them. Carriers of God's presence, doesn't struggles for favour, it comes automatically.

Genesis 39:1 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither.

39:2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

39:3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

39:4 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.

39:5 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.

39:6 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

goodly person, and well favoured.

39:20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

39:21 But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

39:22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

39:23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

4. POWER TO LIVE HOLY.

When I was studying the life of Joseph in the bible, I wondered how he served God to the extent he did, even without bible to read, no counselors to advice him, this really got me worried for a very long time until the Holy Spirit made me to understand that its God's presence in his life that helped him to serve God the way he did.

Holy living is easy with the presence of God in your life.

The presence of God enables you to live holy as a christian .

You don't live holy by mere listening to holiness messages, you live holy, when God releases on you the

power to live holy, this is the mistakes that many Christians makes that has turned many to religious hypocrites.

You can only access the power to live holy in the presence of God.

Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

Psalms 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

5. HEARING FROM GOD.

One major privileges the carriers of God's presence enjoys, is the ability to hear from God.

Moses in the bible was able to do exploits because he could hear clearly from God because he was a carrier of God's presence.

Exodus 33:14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

33:15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

All carriers of God's presence hears

from God.

6. **DIVINE PROTECTION**.

The best place to seek lasting protection, is in God's presence.

No demons, challenges, battles, struggles survives in God's presence.

God protects the carriers of His presence.

Psalms 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

46:7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalms 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

91:5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

91:6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at

noonday.

91:7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

91:8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

91:12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot

against a stone.

91:13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

91:14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

91:15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

91:16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Psalms 125:1 They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

125:2 As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

7. VICTORY OVER SIN.

The presence of God in believer's life, gives them the power to live victoriously over sin.

Besetting sins looses power over the carriers of God's presence.

The presence of God in a believer, enables him or her to triumph victoriously over the iniquity.

1 John 3:6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth

hath not seen him, neither known him.

3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer

therein?

6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

6:7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

6:8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness

unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

8. EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE.

The presence of God in a man empowers him to pray effectively and accurately.

It takes the presence of God in your life, to set your prayer life on fire.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

9. SOUND HEALTH.

Can you imagine sickness dwelling in where God is? No way.

10. ACCOMPLISHES MUCH WITH

LITTLE.

When the presence of God comes upon your life as a christian the circle and the yoke of working like elephant but eating like ants varnishes from your life.

11. FRUITFUL EVANGELISM.

The presence of God in the life of the evangelist, makes his evangelism productive.

12. KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

God reveals Himself personal to the carriers of His presence.

Psalms 103:7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the

children of Israel.

13. ANSWERS TO PRAYERS.

Carriers of God's presence enjoys speedy answers to prayers.

14. PROVISION.

There is divine supply in God's presence.

15. SERVING GOD JOYFULLY.

Serving God is sweet and enjoyable when the presence of God is in your life.

16. IMMUNE TO SATANIC ATTACKS.

Satan fails woefully whenever he seeks to launch attacks against the carriers of God's presence.

Job 1:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

1:9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

1:10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

Romans 8:31 What shall we then

say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

WHY MANY CHRISTIANS LOOSES THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

Beloved, the worst thing that can happen to any child of God, is to loose the presence of God. Its better not to have the presence of God in your life at all than to have it and loose it.

A christian that lost the presence of God, lost a great treasure indeed.

Last year that did something that annoyed God, instantly the presence of God left me, I could feel it ascending from me; immediately the

presence left, I fell on the ground like a dead man, I raised my legs and hands, I couldn't raised them, I lamented greatly because I knew what I have lost. I wept bitterly and pleaded for mercy, after a long time of repentance and pleading, the Lord had mercy on me and His presence was restored again. One major lesson I learned from that experience is that without God's presence in my life, everything about life is dead.

Beloved, there is nothing as bad as loosing the presence of God.

The presence of God we are talking about here, can be lost either temporarily or permanently, King Saul in the bible lost the presence of God and did not got it back throughout his lifetime, while David also lost it and got it back.

1 Samuel 28:6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

28:15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit

from me.

51:12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psalms 89:20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:

89:21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

89:22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

89:23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

89:24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

89:25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.

89:26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

89:27 Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.

89:28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

The following and many more are the major reasons why many believers looses the presence of God:

1. **OVER FAMILIARITY WITH GOD**

Many believers had lost and are still loosing the presence of God today because of over familiarity with God.

Many are so close to God, that they no longer trembles at His presence.

Many no longer honours the Lord the way they should, and this is traceable to their over familiarity with God. They no longer gives God their complete attention when studying the bible and praying.

As a christian, when studying the bible or praying, you are not suppose to make or pick calls, this annoys God but you wouldn't know. I pray God will give us the wisdom to serve Him faithfully to the end in Jesus name.

2. **PRIDE**.

Another way through which believers looses the presence of God, is through pride.

God hates pride passionately. Nothing annoys God in a man's life like pride because pride is simply telling God you can do without Him.

Many Christians felt that since God is with them always, others are nothing in their sights. Others also feels that because miracles, signs and wonders happens whenever they are ministering they look down on others, and this result in loosing the presence of God.

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud,

and giveth grace to the humble.

3. NEGLECTING PERSONAL PRAYER ALTAR.

An Altar is a place where divinity meets with humanity. The presence of God in a man's life, is fuels in the place of prayer.

The day you neglect your prayer altar as a christian, is the day you begins to loose the presence of God gradually, the more you neglect it, the more the presence leaves you until He leaves you completely.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

4. TOYING WITH SINS.

Nothing banishes a man from the presence of God than sin.

That you are a carrier of the presence, does not automatically excludes you from sinning, you still have your freewill, you can choose to sin, you can also choose to live in obedience to God.

Sin in any form, separates a man from the presence of God.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they

were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

5. NEGLECTING CHURCH SERVICES.

When a christian begins to neglects church services for whatsoever reasons, such a believer begins to loose the presence of God gradually.

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

6. DISOBEDIENCE TO GOD'S VOICE.

Numerous believers has lost the presence of God through this act.

When God has you to do something and you refused over and over again, with time, He will abandon you because you are disobedient.

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

7. **NEGLECTING PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY.**

Neglecting one's personal bible study, is another way of loosing the presence of God.

The presence of God flows whenever and wherever His WORD is.

Neglecting the word of God, amounts to neglecting God.

Psalms 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my

feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalms 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

8. **IDOLATRY**.

Idolatry here simply means exalting other things or persons above God i.e making God secondary in your life instead of priority.

Many believers magnifies their children, spouse, business e.t.c above God, and God considers this as idolatry, and it's a terrible sin in His sight.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy

God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

Exodus 20:4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

9. **BACKSLIDING**.

When a believer backslides, he or she looses the presence of God.

Backsliding as we all know, is a gradual process, the more a believer backslides, the more he or she looses the presence of God until he or she eventually looses totally.

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

10. **DISOBEYING YOUR LEADERS.**

Disobedient in any form, is a rebellion against God. God hates disobedience.

Disobeying your leaders either in your working place or in the church, is another way of loosing the presence of God.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

HOW TO KNOW WHEN A CHRISTIAN HAS LOST THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

How do you discern a christian that has lost the presence of God, or do you know you have lost the presence of God as a christian?

Beloved one fearful thing about the presence of God is that, it doesn't announces His departure. A man can loose the presence of God, and miracles, signs and wonders can still be happening during his or her ministrations. It takes high discernment to detect the departure of God's presence in a person or in a place.

The following and many more are the major ways to know if you have lost the presence of God as a christian;

1. LACK OF HUNGER FOR GOD.

The first sign you will discover in the life of anyone that has lost the presence of God, is the lack of genuine hunger for God and the things of God. The person can still be zealous but is no longer passionate about God and the things of God the way he or she used to be.

If you discover the above description in your life as a christian, its advisable you search your life and retrace your steps back to God and ask for His presence again.

2. STRUGGLING TO PRAY.

Another way to know when you have lost the presence of God as a christian, is that prayer becomes a burden instead of fellowship with your Maker.

Any believers that lost the presence of God, often struggles to pray, even at that the prayer is not effective.

I decree upon your life, if you have lost the presence of God in your life, restoration is coming your way now, in Jesus name.

3. STUDYING THE BIBLE BECOMES DIFFICULT.

Beloved without the presence of

God in your life as a christian, the bible will appears as one of those books in your shelf or a mere historical book.

When a christian looses the presence of God, he or she no longer enjoys spending quality time studying the bible. He or she only read the bible just to satisfy his or her conscience from condemning him or her.

4. FEAR.

When a christian looses the presence of God, he or she fears what he or she shouldn't fear.

Fear is the order of the day in the life of any christian that has lost the presence of God.

Genesis 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

5. GOING BAD TO OLD SINFUL HABITS.

Another major ways to know you have lost the presence of God in your life, is the return of old sinful habits.

For example, if you were struggling with lust, masturbation or pornography in the past, before the Lord delivered you, if you loose the presence of God, you will soon find yourself back into those habits again, because the presence of God that has been keeping you from them, is gone.

6. ATTACKS FROM THE ENEMIES.

When a christian looses the presence of God, he or she becomes a playing toy in the hand of the devil and his agents.

For example when you loose the presence of God, the person will suffer oppressions from witchcraft or demons.

Judges 16:19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

16:20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I

will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

16:21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.

Matthew 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

7. YOUR MINISTRATIONS WILL NO LONGER BE BLESSING PEOPLE.

As a man of God, when you loose

the presence of God, your sermons will no longer be touching and impacting lives, your ministrations will only ends in clapping, shouting and standing ovations without the lives of your audience being transformed.

8. HOLY LIVING BECOMES DIFFICULT.

The presence of God is what enables us to live holy, for a christian to loose the presence of God, is to make holy living difficult.

9. AVOIDING CHURCH SERVICES.

Another way to know when you have lost the presence of God, is that you gradually avoids church services

because to you, its burdensome.

10. **LIVING IN SINS.**

The presence of God and sin does not coexist, when He departs from a man, sin automatically takes over such a man.

GATEWAY TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

I know you've be curious to know how to access the presence of God we've been talking about all this

while, HALLELUYAH!

The following are the various ways to access the presence of God:

1. REPENT FROM YOUR SINS.

Beloved to access the presence of God, you must search your life thoroughly to see if there is sin in your life, if there is, the only remedy is genuine repentance.

2. GET BORN AGAIN.

If you are not yet born again, then you need to get born again or you were once born again but you are currently a backslider, then you needs to rededicate your life back to God for reconciliation.

When you are born again, the

presence of God automatically makes you His abode.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Stop playing religion, if you are not born again, you are not born again, get born again sincerely.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

How do you get born again?

i. Acknowledge yourself as a helpless sinner that needs a saviour.

ii. Acknowledge Jesus as your Lord and personal saviour

iii. Repent from your sins with the motive and determination of not going back to them again.

iv. Call upon Jesus to save and deliver you from sin and its power.

v. Be determined to serve Him for the rest of your life.

PRAYER OF SALVATION.

Please if you want to surrender your life to Jesus sincerely, pray this prayer with faith;

"Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God, thank you for dying on the cross for my sins, I come to you today as a sinner, I acknowledge myself as a sinner, please forgive me all my sins and give me the gift of eternal life I promise by your grace and strength not to go back to them again, sanctify me with thy blood and accept me as your child, erase my name from the book of death and write it in book of life, in Jesus name I pray. Amen."

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him

should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

3. GET PRAY FOR THE HOLY GHOST BAPTISM.

Holy Ghost baptism, has a way of setting you on fire for God.

When you are baptized in the Holy Ghost, the presence of God increases immeasurably in your life.

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

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

4. MAINTAIN CONSISTENCE LIFESTYLE OF HOLY LIVING.

Holiness attracts God, God expect you to maintain the nature of righteousness you received at salvation to the end to continually enjoy His uninterrupted and His ever abiding presence.

5. BE PRAYERFUL.

The more you pray, the closer God's presence moves closer to you.

Live a life of prayer. Don't be a lazy christian, pray always.

6. SPEND QUALITY TIME ON THE WORD OF GOD.

Spend quality time studying the bible. Make the bible your daily guide.

7. RAISE FOR YOURSELF A PRAYER ALTAR.

Always ensure your prayer altar is alive. Continuous prayers in your prayer altar, brings down the presence of God to you.

HOW TO RAISE PRAYER ALTAR.

i. Choose a place devoid of distractions where you can pray.

ii. Choose any time each day when you can have uninterrupted

communion with God.

iii. Always appear in your prayer altar according to the time you have chosen.

iv. You can also observe your quiet time there.

v. Don't allow distraction of any kind immediately you appear in your prayer altar.

vi. Continue your practices because there is no graduation in this act, its until you leave this earth.

vii. When you changes locations repeat the procedures.

NOTES: In choosing the place of your prayer altar, it can be your parlour, bedroom, kitchen, dinning table or anywhere its necessarily not

outside your house.

HOW TO PRESERVE THE PRESENCE OF GOD THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFETIME.

Since the presence of God is so precious, preserving it is not an option but a necessity.

Having read the importance and the dangers of loosing God's presence above, its also important to know how to preserve it till the end of our lives on earth.

HOW DO YOU MAINTAIN GOD'S PRESENCE THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFETIME?

The following and many more are the various ways to maintain the presence of God throughout your lifetime as a christian:

1. TREASURE IT.

Don't joke with the presence of God, in other word carry it like an egg.

When a man placed value on something, he or she doesn't play with such things.

2. BE DETERMINED TO LOOSE EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE TO

RETAIN IT.

One of the best way to retain the presence of God till the end, is to have this firmed determination to loose everything and everyone on earth including your own life than to loose the presence of God. As for me, my mind is already made up never to trade the presence of God for anything and anyone on earth.

3. LOVE GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS.

When you sincerely love God above all things including your spouse, children, business etc, its will be very easier to retain the presence of God in your life.

Abraham was a man that loved God above all, that's why he was ready to sacrifice his son Isaac to God

without looking back.

The more you love God, the more His presence is present in your life.

4. ALWAYS RELY ON HIM.

Always rely God in all areas of your life.

5. EMBRACE HUMILITY.

Always humble yourself. Humility attracts God.

6. DO NOT NEGLECT YOUR PRAYER ALTAR FOR ANY REASON.

8. MAKE PRAYER YOUR LIFESTYLE.

9. FEED DAILY ON THE WORD OF GOD.

10. ALWAYS ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES.

11. ALWAYS ALLOW THE LEADING OF THE HOLY GHOST IN YOUR LIFE.

....THE END....

CLOSING HYMN

OH JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

1 O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel Thee near me,
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,

And shield my soul from sin.

3 Oh let me hear Thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
Oh speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory,
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

5 Oh, let me see Thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in Thy strength alone.
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me,

Uphold me to the end;
And then to rest receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

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