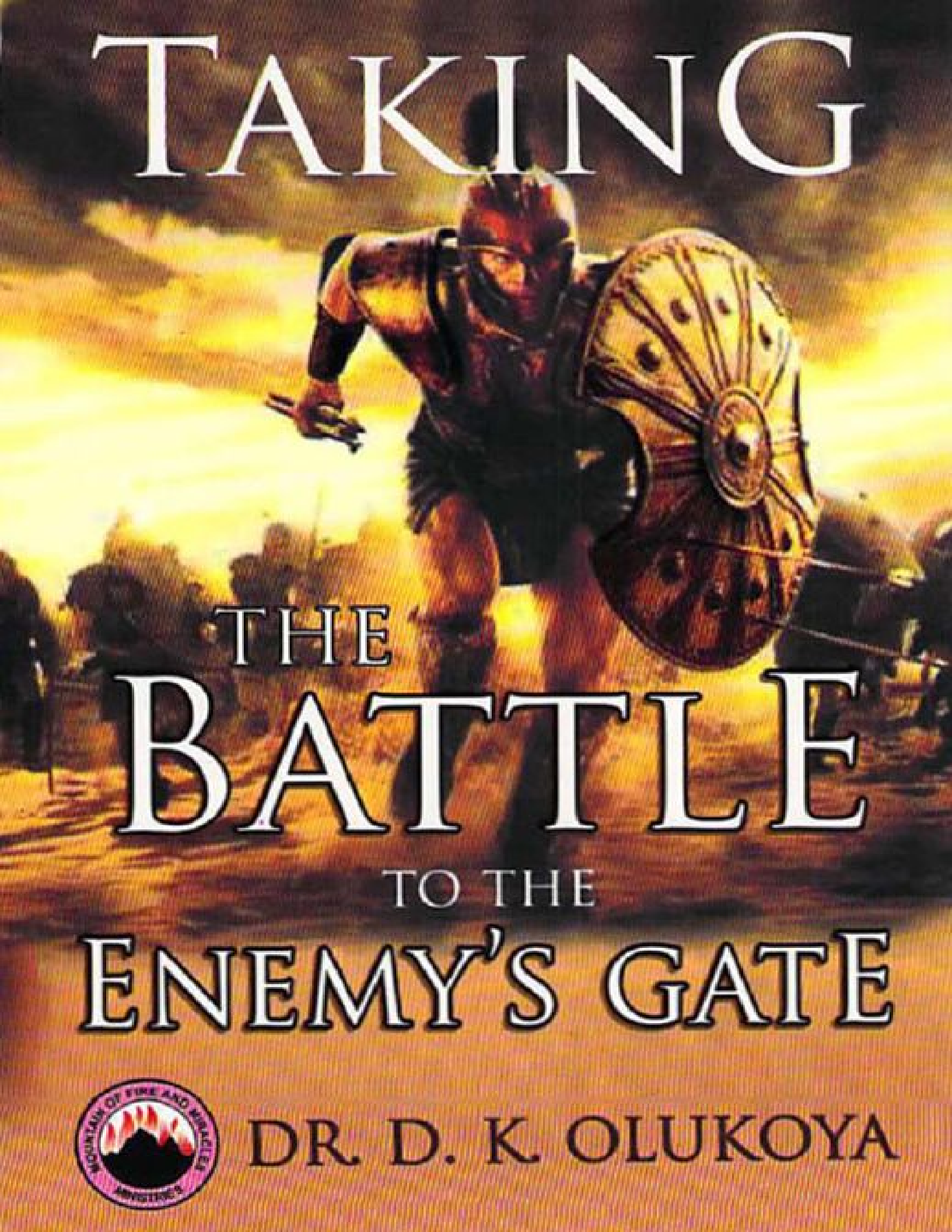
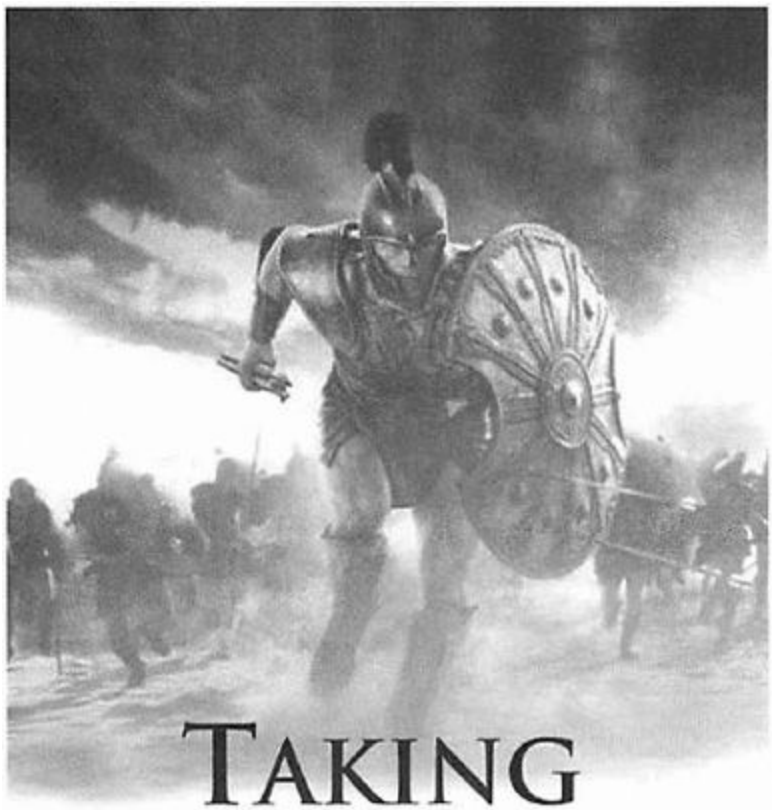
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CHAPTER 1

TAKING THE BATTLE TO THE ENEMY'S GATE

The book you bold in your hands will spell great disaster in the camp of your enemies. It is going to be a chaotic lime for the enemies and I want you to exhibit holy anger in your spirit as you read attentively.

> ***"That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand, which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies".*** **Genesis 22: 17**

> ***"For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder".*** **Psalm 107:16**

> ***"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it".*** **Matthew 16:18**

THE IMPORTANCE OF GATES



In these three verses of the Bible, you will find gate mentioned in three contexts

" ...thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies"

" ...for he hath broken the gates of brass"

" ...The gates of hell shall not prevail"

Beloved, it is time for Christians to wake up from what I call "Satanic Slumber". Unless we storm the camp of the enemy and plunder his gates and bring him to submission, it will be impossible to enjoy all our benefits. If we do not become spiritually violent, the sons of disobedience will take over our benefits. If you had thoroughly read the Bible, you will find out that gates are made for cities to connote, Entrances (I king l7) or for houses (Luke 16) or Temples (Acts 3) Prisons (Acts 12) Camps (Ex 32), Beaches/River bank (Nahum 2) or Palaces (Esther 5).

There are many symbols in the Bible and you will find out that the chief places where important decisions are taken, are at the gates of cities. Sometimes, they also function as courts of justice. When people want to sell or buy land, it is at the gates you will find them.

General proclamations are made at the gates; the council running the city meets there and conferences are held there too. Public condemnation of people is made at this point and when the enemy wants to attack a city, the area of concentration is the gate, that is why experienced officers are placed there. Also, idolatrous people perform their rites there. Criminals are punished there. Gates are shut at night.

WHAT IS A GATE?



Spiritually, it is the meeting place of the wicked spirits and men. It is an assembly ground where decisions and deliberations are made, where information is passed and action is taken. It is a place of satanic assembly, a house of satanic parliament where wickedness and destruction are planned and the devil assembles his demons and territorial forces for wicked purposes.

It also regulates entrance and exit into and out of a city.

It determines what time people can or cannot come in.

A gate is the totality of the government and socioeconomic life of a city. In the spirit, it has a very heavy meaning which I had tried to explain above. I would like you to follow closely and pray the prayer points that are in this message fervently.

> ***"And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place! and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it".*** **Genesis 28: 10-18**

THE GATE OF HEAVEN



How did this place become the gate of heaven?

> ***"And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who***

appeared unto him. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord". **Genesis 12:7-8**

This is the same place where many years later, Jacob came and found that the Lord was there. Abraham had already built an altar there, which made the place become a gateway to heaven.

Beloved, altars are spiritual gateways that permit spiritual traffic.

THE ALTAR GATE



In this case, the altar that Abraham built many years ago, made the place become a gate of heaven which permitted traffic from heaven. Immediately, you start erecting an altar to the Lord, you open a gate into heaven. No wonder, Jacob said; "surely, the Lord is in this place, this is none other but the house of God and this is the gate of heaven" He said this because there was a traffic of angels who were going up and down. If Abraham had built an altar to the devil instead, what Jacob would have seen would be a different traffic of demons going in and out. Therefore altars and shrines which are very common in our environment are gates opened to demons.

If as a person an altar has been erected against you, it means that a demonic traffic controller has been put in place and demons keep going up and down because of you. So, the gate of evil will continually release evil angels and demons into a person's life because an evil altar has been erected against that person. When there is a shrine in your family house, it opens the gate to the enemies and they keep coming in and going out.

DEMONIC FRUIT SACRIFICES



When you gather bananas, oranges and all kinds of things and take them to what you call a church, all you have done is to offer sacrifice and from that altar you have erected, a gate is opened directly to the second heavens, to the house of demons and they keep coming in and going out, there is a traffic.

THE GENESIS OF POVERTY IN NIGERIA



Many years ago, we did not really have financial problems in Nigeria. Some leaders even said the problem of this nation was not lack of money but how to spend it. Our problems started in 1977 when all the demons in Africa were invited into this country in the guise of a festival. The altars that were erected then are still being pulled down through prayers and they are yet to finish.

Those living in the festival town understood these things and have stopped calling the place "Festac town" They call it "favour city", after having prayed seriously. That other name is a remembrance of the time when Nigeria invited demons and idols and opened various gates to the devil.

At a time, there was the Festac symbol on our N1 note. Where other people have "In God we trust" on their money, we had the symbol of an idol Now there are financial problems because our money had gates opened to poverty. This issues of gates is very serious.

> ***"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and he ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah".*** **Psalm 24:7-10**

THE LIFTED GATE



So, to declare the gates of hell to be lifted, in order to complete our redemption is to take the key of that place from the devil so that the people that are there can come out.

The text in Matthew 16:18

> ***"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it".*** **Matthew 16:18**

This can be interpreted as ; "I will build my church and satanic house of parliament will not prevail against it".

I hope the issue of gates is understood. We will not be able to go into the issue of land for us to expose how much our land has been opened up to the enemy.

There are cities in this country where you find a shrine at the back of almost every house, so they opened gates to the traffic of demons. After dealing with the people in the villages, these demons locate those living in cities abroad.

There is nowhere a person can run to if there are gates in his family. The only safe place is the tower-Jesus.

DISTANCE IS NO BARRIER



I know a man whose family had a shrine. Nothing worked for him, he tried to go out of the country but could not and concealed his plans. Eventually, he got a sailor's passport and was granted travelling visa. Soon, he got married and did not get in touch with anybody back home. Suddenly, he had a dream one night and saw himself trying to escape from a dog, which eventually bit him and he felt the pains in real life, when he woke up. He

narrated the dream to his wife and told her that he knew they had eventually got him.

The following day, he received a letter from home and wondered how they got his address. A few days later, the state police came with a document and he confirmed having signed it. They told him that it was an offence and he was deported. He did not have time to pick anything. He had a pair of jeans shorts and pull-over on at the time he landed in Nigeria. No matter the distance, if the gates have been opened and they are not shut through prayers, there will be a demonic traffic going up and down and information will be passed from one demon to the other and they carry out assignment for satan.

CHAPTER 2
DARK OPERATIONS

The Bible says;

> ***"The habitation of darkness is full of cruelty, wickedness"*** Zechariah cried out: "...this is wickedness"

There are many wicked things that are being done in the dark. that is why the Bible says; "it is a shameful thing to talk about what is being done in darkness. at the gate".

At these gates, they operate in darkness. complete secrecy, in isolated places: water, rocks, iroko trees. Many of us would have beard of roads, house and cars in iroko trees or underground, under the waters. No one knows for certain, the exact location and time of their meetings. It is naked only before the eyes of God.

A small girl confessed that she and her witchcraft mates were holding their meetings in her mother's refrigerator. The poor woman who sells soft drinks was not making any profit and didn't know why. The witches had finished everything spiritually.

A sister was happy when a man proposed to marry her. The man for whatever reason had to unbutton his shirt and the lady saw a scorpion engraved on his stomach. She asked him what it meant and he told her about the shrine it represented. The following day, she wrote to tell him she was no longer interested in the relationship. Afterwards, she could no longer sleep because she was seeing scorpions all over her and on her bed. She was really tormented. I would like you to pray the following prayer point with holy madness.

Every evil thing done against me in the night be frustrated, in the name of Jesus.

WHAT KIND OF POWERS MEET AT THE GATES?



Those who meet at the gates are into powerful covenants of destruction.

> ***"Wherefore hear, the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people, which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it".*** **Isaiah 28: 14-18**

SATANIC CONFIDENCE



These powers have satanic confidence. It is believers that fear death, those who operate at the gate do not fear death at all. This is why they can board a vehicle and cause it to be involved in an accident, they make covenants with death, but the Bible says that this covenants of destruction shall not stand. And have made a vow that they have to submit the lives of certain people for destruction.

A man wrote me a letter sometime ago. He said he got married as an unbeliever, his wife refused to become born again and was uncomfortable with his prayer points. In fact, she would tear up the written ones, so, the man started memorizing them and would pray off hand. One day the woman suddenly dropped from the bed and started confessing that she belonged to a cult where she had been asked to donate her husband. The fact that the man had become undefeatable means that she would have to die in his stead. She actually died on the spot.

SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE



Can you be donated? I can not. When the people involved in these covenants become born again they have to do a lot of prayer warfare to set themselves free from this collective captivity. These powers at the gates are very stubborn, they resist everything, they endure even fire.

An American was preaching on our television one day about gifts. In his illustration, he showed that when God pours down blessings, they are ours.

You may be praying fire prayers, sending fire into the camp of the enemy; they will endure and resist thinking you will soon stop. If you do, they will recover.

A man's name would have entered into the Guinness Book of records. He shot at and got the longest snake ever (about 100 feet), but this snake struggled in pain and cut in two at the spot it was shot and the part bearing the head escaped.

A little girl who had familiar spirit and had ruined her father financially was brought for deliverance a long time ago. As she was being prayed for, she was smiling. Suddenly, a brother changed the prayer point and she fell and started wriggling on the floor. A voice spoke through her in Latin. When challenged, the voice said he was a demon from Rome.

If you go through the Bible, you will find out that the principles are there. David chose 5 stones so that if one missed, the other would bit the target. But the one he threw did not even miss because he challenged Goliath in the name of the Lord God of Israel.

THE ACTIVITIES



At the gates, they operate clever satanic network and information is passed easily from one to the other. They spy on people, homes, business, etc.

There is something called bugging of telephone lines. Conversations are monitored through this means both the caller and the called are heard and decisions taken are known.

The bugging systems include evil marks and incisions. If you have incisions on you and you do not nullify their effect upon your life, they will continue to supply information to the evil world about you.

Satanic decorations, Occultic materials, spiritually contaminated jewelry, objects possessed by evil spirits, snakes and ladder games, whot cards, satanically inspired home decorations, demonic crosses and stolen clothes all serve as informants.

At the gates is the habitation of lying, John 8:44 talks about the devil being the father of all liars. If you build anything on a foundation of lies or half truth, it will not stand. It not only disturbs God's guidance for your life but also makes you take steps that are not right for you which produce greater loss than any gain. If you tell lies, you will need other lies to maintain the former and give it respect.

THE PERIL OF LYING



When a lie sees the truth, it flees; there will now be the need for a greater lie to be able to re-enter. These powers make people tell lies and encourage them at the same time, such lies are recorded against the person. When you tell lies, you are building on a sandy foundation; and you are heading for hell fire, this also attracts liars into your life and handiwork. Lying prevents understanding and no enjoyment of permanent good results, leads to bondage and earns punishment from God. Unfortunately, a liar passes it on to his descendants. Whatever profit made by lying is eventually vomited.

At the gates, demonic anchors landing spaces are created in the lives of people. They start when a child is young. Were you greatly embarrassed as a child or adolescent? Were you involved in a pattern of sadness at the beginning of your life, which continued building on each other?

Do you have difficulty recalling anything about your childhood? Is your childhood totally blank to you? It is these powers at the gates that are responsible; they don't want you to remember so that you cannot work on it. Have you disliked yourself and wished you were someone else or wished never to have been born? Do you have unreasonable years and recurring memories of what someone did to you as a child which still makes you feel troubled when you think about it? Do you over react to things? All these are created at a tender age by these power at the evil gates.

HOW TO DEAL WITH EVIL GATES



1. REPENTANCE

This has been watered down today. Any true repentance brings about godly sorrow. You must repent for allowing the enemy to land on you, for opening the gates to the enemy. If you are not born again, do so now.

> ***"Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou***

what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn, thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations. And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about. And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The Lord seeth us not; the Lord hath forsaken the earth". **Ezekiel 8:5-12**

2. DISBAND EVIL GATHERINGS USING ISAIAH 8:9-10

"Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us". **Isaiah 8:9-10**

3. DECLARE THE GATES CLOSED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS, SO THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY TRAFFIC AGAINST YOU.

Some people wonder why things keep repeating itself and renewing their appearance instead of ending. It is because the traffic is still flowing, you have to close it by the Blood of Jesus.

4. PULL DOWN AND DESTROY THE GATES

The Bible says; "the weapon of our warfare are not carnal but are mighty to pull down strongholds"

5. PURSUE THE EVIL TRAFFIC AND RECOVER WHAT THEY HAVE STOLEN FROM YOU.

6. FORBID A RE-ESTABLISHMENT IN YOUR LIFE.

These are very serious matters. Jesus calls Himself the gate. We read about the gate of heaven in Genesis, we read about he gate of hell in Matthew, We are going to pray some prayers, which I would like you to take seriously. You are addressing gates. Some people have been to different herbalists and false prophets, thereby, opening evil gates into their lives.

People wonder how snakes, serpents and earth worms get to high buildings.

ANCIENT DEMONS



A sister recounted a testimony of how she was promoted and someone challenged her. When she got her office on the 11th floor one morning, as she sat on her seat, she felt a cold sensation on her leg and she looked and found a snake coiled on her leg. She pleaded the Blood of Jesus and the serpent stretched itself and died.

This was on the Marina, not in a forest, a gate was opened against her but she knew what to do. Many people don't know where their names have been taken to. Many people have shrines at home. A man who came for prayers said he had lot of things to renounce. He brought all sorts of charms and they were burned. Some of these things were inherited and had been in the family for 600 years.

If you are reading this book and you have not yet given your life to Christ, I would like you to do so now and ask the Lord to take over your life.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Lord, inject battle aggression into my spirit now, in the name of Jesus.
2. Lord empower me to possess the gates of my enemies, in the name of Jesus.
3. I uproot every evil altar in my life, in the name of Jesus.
4. Let divine thunder scatter every evil meeting held against me at evil gates, in the name of Jesus.
5. Let the counsel of God for my life be enforced upon the enemy, in the name of Jesus.
6. Every chain used in holding down my progress, break and be destroyed by fire, in the name of Jesus.
7. Elijah had dealt with the prophets of Baal and Jezebel threatened to kill him. This man had called down fire, fled-why? Because the words of Jezebel were backed up by evil powers.
8. Let every word anointed by evil spirits against me fall down to the ground and die, in the name of Jesus.
9. Every agent of spiritual and prosperity paralysis, be dismantled now, in the name of Jesus.
10. Let life be squeezed out of dream attackers, in the name of Jesus.
11. Every evil cabinet installed against me be disbanded, in the name of Jesus.
12. Lord, install your agenda for my life whether the devil likes it or not, in the name of Jesus.
13. Let every power of household wickedness be confounded and put to shame, in the name of Jesus.
14. Let the counsel of God prosper in my life, in the name of Jesus.
15. I destroy the power of any demonic seed in my life from the womb, in the name of Jesus.

CHAPTER 3
POWER TO DEFEAT YOUR DEFEAT

"Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise, when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall he a light unto me." **Micah 7:8**

The ability of fire prayer to scare the enemy cannot be over-emphasized. When a cry of defeat and demotion came to Elijah, his answer to it was fire prayer.

I remember a brother who was a store officer in a multinational company. He had a manager who harassed him everyday. If he sat down, the manager would say, "That's not how to sit." If he wrote something he would say that his grammar was bad. Anything he did was bad as far as the manager was concerned. One day, the brother, all of a sudden, remembered that he could pray some fire prayers. He locked himself up in the office and for just one minute said, **"O Lord, let every power that wants to trouble me in this office be overthrown, in the name of Jesus."** After that one-minute prayer, he did not know that he had caused a serious trouble.

DIVINE NEMESIS



In the company there was a cold-room where they kept meat cooked in the kitchen. Five minutes or so after the brother's prayer, that manager went into the cold-room and stole the ear of a cow and put it in a black nylon bag. Because he was a manager, the security men at the gate did not check what he was carrying. But the managing director of the company happened to have been following him, and he said to the security men: **"Is this how you do your work? You don't search everybody? How about that man**

going? The security men said, "Sir, but he is a manager." The managing director insisted that they should search everybody.

The security men said to the manager, "Please, sir, can we see what you have in that black bag?" And they found that the manager had stolen the ear of a cow. He was suspended on the spot. He was away for a long time and during the period, they promoted the brother. I want you to know that the power of God and His ability will move into your situation if you trust Him whole-heartedly.

FIRE PRAYERS



A sister gave a testimony in Port Harcourt. She had attended a service and during the message, a word of knowledge came that she would get a job she was seeking for. When she went for the interview, she took the first position and was asked to resume. But a day to her resumption, somebody who was influential in that company brought another person who was offered the job. When the sister came, well dressed to resume work, she was told: "Well, you see, somebody has brought somebody else. Though you came first, you see, it has happened." The sister said, **"Okay, excuse me."** She went to the back of the house and prayed like this: "Every power that wants to sit on my job here, be overthrown, in Jesus' name.

After this simple prayer, she returned to the office and soon somebody came and asked her: "Madam, which church do you attend?" She said, "Mountain of Fire." This person now ran to the man who wanted to remove her and told him that the woman was from Mountain of Fire and that he should better reverse his decision, because if she should pray, anything could happen in that place. Right there, they gave the job back to her. She would have lost the job if she had not known what to do.

I pray that whenever there is a manipulation or rearrangement in one way or the other to sit on anything that belongs to you, there shall be a reversal, in Jesus' name.

THE THREE FROGS



"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet". **Rev 16:13**

If you are a very careful reader of the Book of Revelation, you would have known about the three frogs that the powers of darkness would vomit into the world in the last days. Part of the work of these three frogs is what we shall discover. There is something called misfortune, what people of the world call bad luck.

The second function of the evil frog is something known as sorrow magnet and there is also something known as opportunity abortion. There is also something known as automatic failure mechanism. There are spirits that are bombarding and confusing men and women every day. Many are so confused that they do not understand the way forward. Some spirits go into men in these last days to cause trouble for them. Many people have been plagued by these spirits in the last two or three years.

If the spirit of misfortune or bad luck as some will call it, is running after you, there are some symptoms it creates:

1. You would always miss your correct timing.

2. You would notice that things always finish before they get to your turn.

3. Whenever you find somebody to help you, something bad will happen to him.

4. You would notice that your expectation does not come through.

5. You would notice that whenever you want to go to a place of blessing something must hinder you.

For example, Brother Kure was supposed to go to a meeting where he was to be blessed, but the devil did not want him to get there, so he sent some mosquitoes to bite his mother and she developed malaria fever. The same devil that sent the mosquitoes now asked the mother to drink the bark of mango tree so that the fever got worse and they sent for Brother Kure to come. He quickly ran there with the hope of returning soon for the meeting. But by the time he got to the hospital, he found confused doctors who were arguing whether it was malaria or typhoid fever or what. Brother Kure was there, until the blessing at the meeting passed him by.

6. You would find out that you are always singled out for persecution or harassment.

7. You would find out that you are always punished for what you did not do.

8. You would notice that the honour and privileges that belong to you are always given to others.

9. All your life, you would be struggling and never make it to the level of your contemporaries.

10. You would always be at the right place at the wrong time.

11. You would find out that people find it very difficult to help you.

12. You would notice that anywhere you work you will be sacked.

13. Perhaps, you would notice that sometimes when you need an important document for an important occasion, it disappears.

Sometime ago, a fellow prayed for three years to get a visa and scholarship. Eventually, he got it. He was so excited as he was rushing back to the fellowship to give testimony that he jumped down from the taxi and forgot all his documents in the taxi. He stood on the line for the testimony. and as he put his hand inside his bag to bring out the visa and the other documents, behold the items were not there, and he started crying. That day, we raised up our voices in prayer and as we were closing the meeting. somebody

rushed to us and said that it was just announced on television that a passport was found inside a taxi.

14. You would notice that you make mistakes that destroy very big things.

15. You would notice that you always have last minute disappointments.

At the age of 37, a sister found a suitor, but a week to the wedding; he came and said, "Sorry, no marriage." She asked, "What do you mean?" The man said, "You have done nothing wrong. The only problem is that you are too short and they say that short people are very bad." The sister continued: "Are you just noticing that I am too short? "The brother replied, "That is grammar."

STOLEN BENEFITS



At 39 she found somebody else, but again a week to the wedding, a vehicle ran over the brother at a bus-stop and he died instantly. At the age of 41, she found someone else. This one went very far, because he got to church but as the pastor read a portion of the Bible and got to the dangerous point where he said: "As we have here gathered together today to join these two in holy matrimony, if there is anyone here who has any reason why these two should not be joined in holy matrimony, let him or her say so now, or keep silent for ever," a hand showed at the back. Again that was the end of the third attempt.

The sister threw herself into deliverance and prayed. One day, God opened her eyes and she saw her mother in a maternity ward. The mother had just been delivered of a baby and as well-wishers came to congratulate her and told her she had a baby girl, she said, "I don't want that thing; take it away." This was because she had already had five girls and was expecting a male child. That was the end of the revelation. This means that right from the beginning, she was called 'a thing,' and her life was not balanced. I pray that

if there is any evil pronouncement anybody has made upon your destiny, it shall be overthrown now, in Jesus' name.

CHAPTER 4
RECOVER YOUR BENEFITS

Beloved, do you notice that the benefits due to you are never given to you on time? Do you notice that you work very hard but other people get the credit? Do you find out that you are always blamed for other people's faults or mistakes? Do you find out that in spite of your intelligence and talent, you are always largely ignored? Then you need to pray.

An example was somebody in the Scripture who kept missing his divine opportunities.

> ***"And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. And the angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name: But he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death. Then Manoah intreated the Lord, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her."*** **Judges 13:2-9**

When you read through this Scripture, you will find that Manoah missed the first and the second opportunities. But in that same Scripture we read the principle of rewinding prayers. Although he missed the opportunity, he prayed for it to be rewound.

WHAT ARE THE KEYS TO DEFEATING YOUR DEFEAT?



1. **WHEN IT IS HARD TO PRAY, IT IS TIME TO PRAY HARD.** This is because at that particular time, the enemy wants to silence you, and you may be closer to your breakthrough. Don't wait for the spirit to be moving in your heart before you pray.

2. **DON'T WORRY YOURSELF ABOUT YESTERDAY.** It is a cancelled cheque and is gone. Don't worry yourself about tomorrow. It is a promised loan. Be concerned only about today. It is cash.

3. **IF SATAN DOES NOT ATTACK YOU REGULARLY IT IS BECAUSE HE IS WELL PLEASED WITH WHAT YOU ARE DOING.** Some are desirous of ice-cream Christianity, whereby they would get everything on a platter of gold. That is their dream, forget it. As long as you want to fulfil your destiny, there is war. But then, the Bible says, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." The Bible also says, "They shall fight against you; but they shall not prevail." It does not say, "They will not fight." They will fight, but the important thing is that they shall not prevail. And the white man says that he who laughs last, laughs best.

4. **GOD CAN ONLY MOULD THOSE THAT HE HAS MELTED.** So, if you have not allowed the Lord to break you down and to remould you, the enemy will always come in through the areas that have openings.

5. **OUR GOD IS AWESOME, AVAILABLE AND ADEQUATE.** Many of us need to pray that God will help us throw out the idols in our hearts. Idolatry is not only when you bow down to idols alone. It is not only when you manufacture an image and tie it to your neck or fist. There is another form of idolatry that believers practice. That is belittling or demoting God in your mind or in your eyes.

POWER ENCOUNTER



A missionary was sent to a village in a Francophone country in Africa. Anytime a missionary was sent there he would run back because of the chief priest of that village. Immediately the missionary arrived, the chief priest would invite him to an open contest. He would say, "You, come here, I will call on my god and you will call on your own. This man would take a grain of corn, put it on his palm and before your very eyes, while you are not sleeping, that corn will germinate on his palm and grow to full-blown maize. The missionaries always ran away after seeing all that.

This continued until they sent one who knew the awesome power of God. The chief priest called the newest missionary and did the same thing with the corn, and then challenged him to demonstrate the power of his God. The missionary said, "Chief priest, is there any other plant that can grow on your palm apart from this corn? I want you to do your best. Bring out your best because this one is too small for my God to handle." Pointing at his idol house, the chief priest said, "This is where I keep my black power. No one enters there and comes out alive. If you know that the power of your God is in your life, enter there and come out."

The villagers present were shaking because they knew that he was telling the truth, because no one had ever entered there and came out alive. But before this man finished boasting: "Nobody goes inside," the missionary was already inside the place. And before you could say, "Jesus is Lord," he was out and said, "Is there any other thing you want to display?" At that point, the chief priest had to surrender his life to Jesus. I pray that that awesome power of God will come upon our lives, in the name of Jesus.

6. STRANGERS TO PRAYERS ARE STRANGERS TO POWER. If you are a stranger in the school of prayer you are a stranger to power.

7. WORRY IS FAITH IN THE DEVIL. It means that if you want to defeat your enemy, worry must die in your life.

8. EVERY SETBACK PREPARES YOU FOR A COMEBACK. Don't take setback as something permanent.

9. FAME IS A VAPOUR, POPULARITY IS AN ACCIDENT, RICHES TAKE WINGS, BUT CHARACTER ENDURES FOREVER. Look after your character if you don't want defeat. No matter how good or how talented you are, if your character is bad, you will be marginalized. What is your character? It is what you are in the dark, what you are when nobody is around, not while people are looking at you.

10. WHEN YOU KILL TIME, YOU ARE NOT COMMITTING MURDER, YOU ARE COMMITTING SUICIDE. Number your years very well, don't waste your time this year.

11. ANYONE CAN MAKE A MISTAKE BUT FOOLS PRACTICE MISTAKES. Don't practice mistakes this year.

12. KEEP A CEMETERY READY TO BURY UNPROFITABLE THOUGHTS. It means that what you are going to think about this year must be according to the will of God.

13. FEAR IS UNBELIEF IN DISGUISE. Somebody said that fear could mean false evidence appearing real.

14. IF YOUR WAY IS EASY, THEN, YOU ARE GOING TO A PLACE OF NOWHERE. Immediately you are going somewhere, there will be obstacles in your way. Beloved, this year, you must pursue, overtake your enemy and recover all your lost grounds.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Every power assigned to make me fail, die, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every foundational curse in my family line, die, in the name of Jesus.
3. O God of Elijah, arise by your lire and let the world know that you are my God, in Jesus' name.
4. Whenever any power sits on my breakthrough this year, the angels of God will bury it, in Jesus' name.
5. I fire back every arrow of infirmity and untimely death, in the name of Jesus.
6. I may lose a battle, but I will win the war, in the name of Jesus.
7. This year, if the devil tries to discourage me, I will discourage him, in the name of Jesus.
8. I will trouble my trouble and make my doubt to doubt, in Jesus' name.

CHAPTER 5
POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD

The subject of this book is so deep that you will need to open both your inner and outer ears and allow the Holy Spirit teach you afresh. It is unfortunate that many people go through this world without discovering things for their utmost good. You can only recover your destiny when you discover certain mysteries. The truth is that most of the deep mysteries of life can not be found on the surface, it rakes spiritual exploration to discover and possess what has earmarked for you on earth. If you are a good reader of the Bible, you will discover that there are mysteries which can only be unveiled to those whose spiritual perception are in good shape. You can only get to a point of excellence in life if you discover certain things that make you stand out from the crowd. I am going to share such deep mysteries with you in this book.

You need power to change your world. You need to possess certain qualities to be a man of impact. What kind of power do you need to change our present generation. The basic knowledge we need to have borders on the essence of power.

WHAT IS POWER?



The word power is difficult to define. Since the definition of power is somewhat enigmatic, people have resorted to the use of certain expression in order to define power. Hence, the following words are used to qualify various forms of power.

1. Electrical Power

2. Physical Power
3. Mechanical Power
4. Financial Power
5. Political Power
6. Spiritual Power
7. Technological Power
8. Bottom Power

Power is difficult to define because it can not be measured in physical terms. The types of power that might appear ordinary, may outwit what looks like extra-ordinary power. You are familiar with the story of Samson and Delilah. Samson happened to be a bundle of power, but if you were to look at Delilah, she would appear harmless and fragile. There was a contest between Samson and Delilah, Delilah defeated Samson through her feminine power. If the contest were to be physical, Samson would have broken her bones to pieces. Samson had physical powers but Delilah had the power of seduction. Some people talk about power, they refer to the following things:

1. **Control or Domination:** We live in a world where people are eager to exercise control over others. Hence, the quest for power is the quest for domination. Most people are ready to do anything, just to exercise control over other people. A lot of people are puffed up the moment they succeed in controlling other people but this is not the essence of real power.

2. **Ability:** To a good number of people, power means the ability to do something. A lot of people transverse the length and breadth of the country in order to get ability to achieve one thing or another. But power goes beyond mere ability. The truth is that where one's ability ends, it is the starting point of another's ability.

3. **Dominion:** When people refer to power, they talk about dominion. The definition is close to the Biblical definition of power.

If you take a second look at the definition of the world power. you will discover further definition. Let us look at five major definition.

1. **Effectiveness:** Power can be defined along the line of effectiveness. Those who have power are effective men and women. When someone has been adjudged effective, such a person is viewed as someone who has power. When you are given an opportunity to demonstrate your effectiveness, you are being given a chance to prove if you have power or not. When you are effective in any field of life's endeavours, people can say that you are powerful.

2. **Energy:** Power is measure in terms of energy. Those who demonstrate energy are seen as powerful. The more energy you demonstrate, the more the society view you as someone who is powerful. If your energy is low during challenging moments, people will say you have no power. If you manifest high energy, then you are powerful.

3. **Having the last word:** Those who have power are men and women of authority. They are noted as people whose words are final. Everybody can speak when they like but the men or women whose words ring a note of finality are those who are seen as having exceptional power. You can actually get to a point when your words become the seal that makes finality happen. When you have power, people can say whatever they like but when you speak, other words will fade into insignificance. You can so have power with God that people will be forced to wait for your words before they can conclude that the final word has been spoken. This is the essence of power.

4. **Supremacy:** Power can be measure through the index of supremacy. When people who claim that they have power are in contest, supremacy will become the yardstick of judging the best. Everybody can claim to have a measure of power but the Most powerful would emerge when the men become separated from the boys. Supremacy is the only way the powerful can emerge. To demonstrate power, you must get to a point where you can emerge as the best among those who occupy that hail of power.

5. **Victory in conquest:** Either in the world of sports or the fields of battle, power can be defined through conquest. When two nations are engaged in warfare, the nation that emerges as the conqueror is declared a nation that has power. Nations and individuals may boast over whom they have power. You cannot be declared as a man or woman of power without being victorious when you are engaged in warfare. The uniform of the soldier, the ranks as well as his experience in warfare are not proofs of power. It is when there is victory that individuals or groups are tagged as powerful. In the battles of life, you must become victorious if you want to prove to the whole world that you are possessed of the power of God.

Having discovered that there are various types of spowers in the world, and people define it using various parameters. Let us examine the general methods of acquiring power.

1. **By Promotion:** What a stand power can acquire through promotion, by moving from one stage to another in life. People get to a point when they become so powerful that they are placed far ahead above others. The promotion in this regard could be gradual while it can become accelerated. This kind of promotion can become so rapid that within a very short time, somebody becomes elected supernaturally that he or she is vested with uncommon power. If people have been looking down on you, you need to pray for divine accelerated promotion. You must not rest until God places you above your contemporaries and you are seen as a man or woman of uncommon power. When you are so promoted, those who are once ahead of you will be forced to take a queue behind you. This is the kind of power you need today.

2. **By Inheritance:** You can acquire power by inheritance. A prince or princess can demonstrate uncommon power even at a tender age. If your parents are seen as people of power in the society, you will be honoured automatically. There are lots of people who enjoy power today as a result of inheritance. Children of kings, governors and presidents enjoy the tramping of power regardless of what they do and what they do not do. Not everyone of course has the privilege of inheriting power. But there is a source of power that is open to us an regardless of our background.

Through the new birth you can become a child of the King of kings and the Lord of lords. By giving your life to Jesus, you can become heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Being born again gives you access to the totality or the power of God. The saviour of power opens to you and you are able to take a pledge and enjoy unlimited access to the power. Either you come from a rich or a royal background or you are raised from squalor and abject poverty, it will not matter. What matters is the fact that you are endowed with the power of God through inheritance.

3. **By Dictatorship:** This is one way people acquire power. Acquisition of power through dictatorship is prevalent in Africa. Despotic leaders, seize power and hold on to it through oppression. This kind of power do not last. A lot of dictators have become history through deadly coups and change of government. Many dictators have become puppet leaders, most of them are no longer able to hold on to their reels of power. Dictatorship can only be used as a means of acquiring power, such methods cannot attain the realms of lasting power.

4. **Political power:** Democratic nations all over the world have witnessed the use of politics to acquire power. Politics has introduced us to a new dimension of power. Men and women who have joined politics have suddenly become powerful. In politics, the best may not necessarily be elected, as politics is a power game. In recent times, we have witnessed money politics, political targets, god fatherism, and the domination of the ruling class. In all, political power transcends as politicians of yesteryears are no more. Absolute power belongs unto God. The only power you can acquire to stand the test of time is the power of God, that is able to save till the uttermost. Political power has failed those who are earmarked as the movers and shakers of the society are being bowed and jailed when they left office.

THE GOD OF ELIJAH



I had an experience a few years ago. The incident happened when we just moved to the present headquarters of the church. One of the political leaders decided to summon the leadership of the church on account of the

fact that our crowd of worshippers are becoming unmanageable. What I did was to send delegates and the political leader in stuck to his gun, stated that delegates will not do. At long last, I decided to go.

The political leader spoke at length, accusing us of disturbing the residence as a result of the crowd that besiege our headquarters in search of help. He veered off by saying that the orthodox church has maintained their legal size of their membership after existing for decades. He concluded by advising us to buy a warehouse at the business districts of the city. I allowed him to finish and came up with my reply.

PLAIN TRUTHS



I simply told him that it was highly improper to compare MFM with any orthodox church, I asked him if he felt it was proper for a church to exist in the same location for over sixty years without any remarkable increase in membership. I also faulted his argument concerning asking us to buy a warehouse and converting it to a place of worship, I said: "with due respect sir, what kind of desire do you have for our industries, are you praying that they should begin to fold up so they could be bought by churches?"

Then I threw a bombshell, "sir, you occupy the seat of power through election, what you do not know is that, as church leader, we are closer to the masses, the position I occupy is divine, nobody voted me into office, all it will take us is just one prayer point and the same people who voted you in will vote you out." At that point he began to say, "please don't take it too far, we can't be against the work of God." The political leader pleaded as he realized that kingdom power surpasses political power.

NO GREATER POWER



When it comes to the end of definition of power, the only true power is the power of God. By the time other powers have crumbled and become

forgotten, only the power of God will remain intact. History has proved this right. Kingdoms have come and gone, empires have emerged and gone into oblivion. In spite of the prowess of Hitler, he only remained a mere mention. In history Nero is no more, Emperor Haile Selassi is gone, Idi Amin Dada is gone and forgotten, Wiston Churchill is no more, Augustus Ceasar is history. Napoleon Bonaparte of France, emperor Shitui of Japan is gone, Chairman Mao of China, Abraham Lincoln has left the scene. Here in Africa, leaders like Chief Obafemi Awolowo, Usman Dan Fodio, etc., are no more. Kingdom rises and falls, but there is one kingdom which has outlived all kings, emperors and dictators, he is the King of kings and Lord of lord.

The Bible tells us that: **Power belongs unto God**. Thine is thy power (I Cor. 29: 11). If you have tasted worldly power without gaining access into the power of God, you have not tasted anything at all. The power of God is superior to all other powers.

CHAPTER 6
THE POWER OF IMPACT

To understand the power of impact, you need to know what real power stands for. To identify a man or woman of impact, you need to examine certain parameters. The following yardsticks can be used to measure what it takes to exert positive influences.

WHO IS A MAN OR A WOMAN OF IMPACT?



1. **They see more than others:** A man or a woman of impact is he or she who is endowed with the power of perception where others see limitation. They see a field that has no limit. Where others are short-sighted, they are farsighted. Where others see minimum, they see the maximum. Men and women of impact are able to see or perceive what others do not see. In the Bible and contemporary times, outstanding characters have been known to see farther and exercise a greater power of perception. You can have impact until you are able to see more than others. It is the extra you see, that will make you extra-ordinary. It is the edge you have above others in the area of sight that will make you unique.

   The day you become a man or woman who see more than others is the beginning of your journey into greatness. The truth is that, it is actually what you see over and above others that will make you excel and have impact. Joseph for example, was one of the youngest member of his family but he became a man of impact by seeing more than his brothers. When he was young, he was given dreams that made him stand above his brethren. The truth is that Joseph actually became a man of impact right from the moment he saw the sheaves of everyone around him bowing down to his sheaf.

2. **They see deeper than others:** Men and women who only look at the surface cannot have impact on others. The deeper your sight can go, the more impact you will have over those around you. A lot of people have failed to have impact because they are shallow in the area of sight. If you decide to minimize the depth of your size, you will become responsible of your inability to influence others positively. It has been discovered that men and women of impact are those who have gone extra miles in the area of sight. Decide to see deeper than others, men and women will flock to you for influence. The truth is that a lot of people are searching for mentors. Prepare to see deeper than others.

3. **They live ahead of their time.** If you limit yourself to the situation of your time, you will end up limiting your influence. If you want to have impact, you must travel faster and live ahead of your time. You need to explore more and go ahead on what is going on around you. By so doing, multitudes will look up to you for impact. Paul the Apostle became a believer and decided to exceed his time. The Bible says: (I Cor. 15:10), Paul the Apostle brought the zeal of unbelieving days into the gospel. He believed ahead of his time and he became a pacesetter. Do not limit yourself to what is prevalent in your generation. Live ahead of your time and your impact on others will be great.

4. **They live ahead of their contemporaries.** People who have impact on others are generally ahead of their contemporaries. If you dwell in the average region, you will not have impact on other people. You have to stand out from the crowd and live ahead of your contemporaries. World-class scientist and inventors have been men and women who live ahead of their contemporaries. To move ahead of your contemporaries, you have to work harder, keep on sweating when others are playing. Show me a man and woman of impact and I will show you people who live ahead of their contemporaries. There is no shortcut to greatness. You need to possess the extra factors if you must live ahead of your contemporaries.

5. **They live above their circumstances.** Victims of circumstances can not become men and women of impact. Until you rise above your circumstance, you can not know what it means to exert positive influence

on others. The Bible says: "If you fail in the day of adversity, your strength is small". (Provo 24:10). Adversity is a common experience in life but those who separate themselves are men and women of impact. One of the greatest men of impact in the scriptures is Paul the Apostle. He went through a lot of circumstances. (II Cor. 23-33) In all the circumstances, Paul emerged victorious when others would have given up. Paul kept forging ahead, at the end, he declared that all the circumstances which he went through cannot separate him from the love of Christ. (Rom. 8:35-39). To have impact, you must get to a point where your circumstances will not be able to deter you from forging ahead.

6. **They disallow their immediate from destroying their destiny:** If you are a student of biblical and secular history, you will discover that certain men and women are those who do Dot allow the immediate to destroy their destiny. The greatest killer of destiny is allowing temporary pleasure to cloud your vision of glorious destiny. The story of Joseph in the scriptures bear eloquent testimonies to the fact that to exert influence on others or have remarkable influence, you must not allow the immediate destroy the future. Joseph did not know that he was on the way to the throne, when he was tempted by Madam Portiphar, the devil wanted to make Joseph believe that Portiphar's house was his final bus-stop. Portiphar's wife must have promised Joseph every known immediate benefit but Joseph remembered that his destiny was colourful. He did not allow the immediate to destroy his future destiny.

CHAPTER 7
CHANGE AND RISE

This is an era of spiritual warfare. We do a lot of spiritual warfare these days. Eventually everybody will get involved. There is no other way because the dark forces surrounding us are so many and they are fighting the battle of their lives.

When you talk about spiritual warfare, it involves the following:

1. **Dealing with the devil and his cohorts**
2. **Taking control of your mind.** You decide that certain things will not stay in your mind again. You establish a solid immigration control at the door of your mind to discard any entity that you know is not welcomed.
3. **You have to crucify your flesh.** It is in this last area that many people fail. The big truth is that satanic attacks cannot prosper in our lives if our flesh refuses to cooperate with the devil. Colossians 3:5: ***"Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth..."*** Paul says, **"I die daily."** If you are living a life that is dead to sin, as we are commanded by the Scriptures, all the demonic suggestions and the fleshly temptations will not have a hold on you because you are already dead to the temptations, and the suggestion of the devil.

WHEN YOU ARE DEAD



Dead men do not respond to temptation. Dead men do not know whether somebody is winking at them or not. Dead men do not even know whether

somebody is criticizing or abusing them. Dead men do not commit fornication. Dead men do not abuse people.

But when a person is not broken, any small criticism will upset him to the point of crying. Many of us go for deliverance. It is good, but the greatest deliverance is to crucify the flesh. Once the flesh is dead, no demon will be able to stay there. When you live that kind of crucified life, the devil would find you a dangerous person.

A man may scream and shout at the devil at the top of his voice saying, "You devil, you are under my feet," etc, but after the screaming, he misbehaves as a result of unbrokenness in any area of his life, the devil would still attack him because he still has a door through which he can come in to such a life.

CRUCIFY THE FLESH



After some people would have shouted, prayed and done all kinds of activities in the church, the devil would say to his demons, **"Don't worry, we will follow him home."** Then immediately the person gets home he finds out that his child has poured oil on the clothes he washed before going to church. He now says, **"Who is the bastard that did this thing?"** The devil would turn to his agents and say, "I told you" and they will move in quietly. This is the problem.

A lot of people who go in for deliverance do not need it. All they need is to crucify the flesh, be completely broken and take every word of God they hear as a very serious matter. Sometime ago, I spoke to some people on "How to make yourself perfectly miserable or how to convert yourself into a very sad person." What does that Mean? One way a person can convert himself into a very sad person is to get provoked by any insult passed to him and then begins to fight with everybody. That is unbrokenness.

Praying against the devil is to no avail. The devil knows that when you get home, he can get you easily, but when you crucify the flesh, you will enter

into a new realm of life. Your life cannot be a candidate of satanic devourers again. It is such people who know the secret of the Lord. The secret of the Lord is with those who are broken and living crucified lives.

WHEN YOU CHANGE



A person could dress to 'kill', but there is nothing in that dress. If the devil knows that all you are out for is to seduce through dressing, then he has got you. But once you live a crucified life, you would be immune to satanic arrows. You would become a terror to demonic forces and when the Lord decides to call you home, demons would be rejoicing that a troublesome person has been removed from here. The removal of some people does not affect the devil at all.

When you change, you rise. Jeremiah 48: 11: *"Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed."*

God has designed this message for some specific people. Here, we see that Moab had problems. He was used to a life of ease. He was settled on his lees. He was not emptied from vessel to vessel. He had not really tasted what is called captivity and because of that, his taste remained unaltered, and his flavour was not changed. The long and short of the matter concerning Moab was that he refused to change and because of that, he stank.

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER



Anybody who would like to work with Jesus must be prepared to change. Somebody who was a drunk suddenly gives his life to the Lord, and he becomes a new person. He has changed and when you say, "Sir, were you not the one drinking in that place?" He would say, **"That was before, I**

have now changed:". Change is actually the very essence of life itself and when a person resists change, the person is working against life. There are some changes that one may be required to make which he or she is not even ready to embrace. A lot of people would rather stick to their familiar past. A lot of people are afraid of going into unravelled territories or taking any risk. Many stubbornly ding to their ideas and habits.

The Lord does not allow that. The nature of God's work includes changing, you must sincerely change. Read your Bible very well and you will find out that men and women in the Scriptures who moved mountain for the Lord, travelled in unknown territories. Moses did not see a previous example anywhere but he did something and the Red Sea parted. He took a holy risk and God backed him up. So, you have to make a decision now to make a change.

Some friends may have to go, some ideas might have to be dropped and some habits might have to be changed if you want the fullness of God in your life. You must make that decision to change. You must examine all your old habits and practices. You must examine all your old friends, and challenge all those traditions you have been following which have yielded nothing.

In spite of the fact that God is even trying to bring some people out of these traditions, their hearts and spirits are still there, and so Jesus is still looking at them, asking "Can I really use this one?" So, you must challenge these things you have been doing. Many of us are moving behind schedule. Some are meant to have helped thousands of people but they are still busy picking marbles on the streets.

Sometime ago, a couple came to see me because they were fighting. I asked: "What was the matter?" and the husband said, **"Dr., tell this woman to be submissive,"** and I said, **"Madam, why are you not submissive?"** And she said, "Excuse me man of God, this submission, what is the meaning?" I counselled them and after sometime, I said, "Let us pray." When I prayed, I was amazed at the revelation I got. I saw the couple standing on top of a very tall building and there was a long queue of people in their front, and they were distributing money to these people. These people were very grateful and were thanking God for their lives. But as they

were distributing the money, I saw some naked women at their back firing arrows at them, so I said, "You people are busy fighting instead of doing what God wants you to do." A change is necessary.

TAKE UP NEW CHALLENGES



You must question those customs that have not gotten you any where. Somebody told me he had been going to church for forty years and when I asked him if he has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, he said, "How much do they sell it?" So, I gave him a lecture and after the lecture, he gave me a sum of two thousand naira. I thanked him and used the money to buy some books that would help him, for him before he left.

STAGNANT WATER



We must change for the best. Remember, a seed does not take root unless it falls to the ground and dies there. It will then change to something else and begin to grow. The seed would first of all look ugly, and you wonder why life is so unkind to it as to break it in the middle. But the truth is that it has to change before it brings out something.

The stars that you see in the sky do not shine too much until it is very dark. So, anybody who is saying, **"I am always what I was,"** the person is to be pitied. I mean the person is not ready for progress and a person who never changes is a fool. It is a stagnant water that breeds mosquitoes. The law of change is so powerful that you must comply with it. Sometimes, the problem with those who refuse to change is that they love themselves more than the truth. So if you love yourself more than the truth, deceive yourself for a while, then things will start to happen.

A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE



Some brethren and I ministered to a sister who had a lot of problems. She read medicine but it was as if she did not go to school. She was married with four children. Her husband woke up one morning and said, **"I don't know why, but I hate you and I am leaving."** The woman thought it was a joke, but the man packed his things and left. I asked her if she was a Christian and she said yes and described her church to me. The first day she attended our service, I saw her and asked, **"How was the service today?"** She said, "Strange." I asked her what was strange about it and she said, **"In the church I used to attend, we danced for four hours, from 9 am - 1 pm. Sometimes when you get home, your waist would be paining you because of dancing."**

Anyway, she kept coming. I asked her to go for deliverance and she did. I saw her again and asked her how she was getting on, and she said, **"Fine but tough."** "What is tough?" I asked her; she said, **"You see, I had to remove my attachment, and I have discarded my jewellery. I am looking ugly now"**. So it was hard for her to change, but when she began to follow the necessary directions, things began to happen. The first miracle she received was that the British Nationality that had been denied her in the past was given to her after three weeks of her coming. She was pleasantly surprised. Immediately her husband heard that she got the British Nationality, he came back and said, **"Well, I just said I should come and congratulate you."** Then she said, **"Go now."** He said, **"No. I am staying here."** That was how her marriage was restored.

When you are broken, the anointing of the Holy Spirit becomes powerful upon your life; you would be dead to worldly opinions and would offer no protection to your enemies. But if you are not broken and you are not living a crucified life, you offer the enemy a lot of assistance. Christians are supposed to mount up with wings as eagles. Anything that wants to convert an eagle to a hen must be pointed out so that you can deal with it.

CHAPTER 8
MY CHANGE MUST COME

One of the reasons God does a lot of things to people who come to our meetings is because when they come, their lives undergo a transformation. Sometimes all that some people require is just a little change in their prayer life and that is all. What happens to many people when they come here is that their prayer life changes. They are encouraged to pray and they learn how to pray straight forward and well-directed aggressive prayers which are different from the dead prayers they were used to. They can also fast now and serve God better. These are changes that have helped them to make some progress both physically and spiritually.

Sometimes, what we call a problem is actually a trumpet call by the Almighty for a change. Sometimes, what we call a problem is a help not a hindrance. Sometimes, it is a blessing not a burden to develop you and not to destroy you. Sometimes it is to cleanse you and not to corrupt you. Sometimes it is to train you, not to torture you; to mould you not to break you. Sometimes, problems arise as a result of our ignorance, laziness or unseriousness in the things of God. God may talk to a person through dreams but the person may forget these dreams.

WHEN GOD SPEAKS



A person may find himself naked in a dream and may not understand it. When God speaks to you through a dream and you do not understand, He may give you that same message through a vision. And if you still fail to understand, He may speak to you through prophecy. If that fails, He could speak to you through an audible voice, through messages, or through prevailing situations surrounding you and if you still refuse to understand, then God will now have to create something that will cause you to change.

This is what some of us call problem. When you go through deliverance and pray, **"I bind you, release me, this, that, stop holding my leg, this, that, stop harassing me",** you pray lire prayer, do fire fasting, and the situation remains the same, perhaps you should change because sometimes, God Himself can resist us.

God sometimes could block the way like He did to Adam. He pulled him out of the garden, put an angel there with the sword of fire and said, **"Don't allow them to enter this place."** God could do what He did to Balaam. The angel of God slapped the horse, and hindered Balaam. God could do what He did to Jonah. The problem of Jonah would not have been solved by any deliverance minister because it was God that he had problem with. God wanted Jonah to change but he did not want to change. Then God said, **"Ok, I know what to do to you."** He threw him into the sea and a big fish swallowed him. He did three days dry fasting inside the belly of the fish. By the time God finished with Jonah and the fish vomited him in the place he did not want to go, he preached with fire. When he got there, everybody repented to the disappointment of even Jonah himself.

So when a person begins to say, **"Hindrance clear out of my way, clear out of my way,"** and the hindrance says, **"By whose authority should I clear out?"** and the person says, **"By the authority of the Almighty God."** What if it is the Almighty God hindering you? This is the problem. Failure sometimes can befall an expert like the fisherman Peter. God engineers something to make a person change.

POWER FOR TOTAL TRANSFORMATION



The instruction to the Apostles was as it is written in 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 Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."***

But they refused to change and sat in Jerusalem and God needed to make them change, so He created something. What happened? He allowed James to be arrested and killed. The fact that James could be killed like that shook them, and those who were not praying before began to pray, those who were not serious with vigil, began to attend.

Before they could say, **"Jesus is Lord,"** Peter was grabbed, because after James was killed, they still sat in the same place. So, the Lord allowed them to take him and allowed him to be roughened a little bit before the angel released him from the prison. Peter then discovered that Jerusalem was no longer a place of blessing and he moved out. He said, **"Brethren, I am going away."** And as he went, the power of God just followed him anywhere he went. God had to use the purifying power of persecution to change them. God's purification came in the form of persecution. You know who the genuine Christians are when persecution comes.

A sinner wearing a suit is the same as a sinner wearing rags. A frightened sinner is still a sinner, an academic sinner is still a sinner. A clever sinner is still a sinner. One man said, **"If you educate a sinner, you make him a clever devil."** But when God's purification power touches him, it brings about a change. God's ultimate aim for our lives is to make all of us conform to the image of God and align to His destiny for our lives.

GOD'S METHOD



God does not operate like worldly tailors who alter dresses to suit you. If you say, **"Tailor, this pair of trousers is too long."** He would say, **"No problem I will cut it short."** Or if you say, **"This dress is too big,"** he would say, **"No problem, I will reduce it."** God is not like that. Our garment is Christ, we have to put Him on as He is. He never changes. It is you who have to change to be like Him. If you are fatter than that garment, you have to be slimmed down. If you are too slim to fit in, the Holy Ghost will pump you, but all the same, you have to change. When you respond to the will of God for your life, a change is involved. At this juncture, I think you should take the following prayer point:

"Oh Lord, show me areas of my life requiring changes, in Jesus' name.

People hate changes, yet, it is the only thing that can bring growth. People hate those who rock the boat of their hearts but they say that a smooth sea does not produce a good captain. When the sea is rough and the man has been trained on rough seas, he becomes a good captain. If you are a pilot and every time you fly, the sky is always smooth, you can never be a good pilot because the day you experience serious turbulence, you won't know what to do.

THE DIVINE STRATEGY



When I was in the university, I was involved in one activity or the other almost everyday in my church. After sometime, I felt it was too much so I stopped going and started reading only my books. I was not going anywhere again and there was no problem until one day to the examination, something happened. I had a very serious headache. It was as if somebody was ringing a bell inside my brain. It was as if the head was going to be cut off. A brother came to greet me and met me rolling on the floor. He started praying, **"In the name of Jesus, every spirit of headache, I reject you."** The more he prayed, the more the bell rang. So I said, **"Brother, I know what I have done. It is okay. Don't pray that prayer again."** God wanted me to change but I did not want to do so. Then, He created something to change me. Since then I recognised that as a believer, I have to work hard, very hard and at the same time know that the battle is not smooth but with persistence, I will win. You still have to rely on the Almighty.

We also know that lifeless things, that do not change grow out of style. So, you and I that are not lifeless must change. Those who refuse to cooperate with the change required by God, will suffer the consequence; but those who cooperate will mount up as eagles. When you refuse to accept your present position as God's final for you, you will create a future for yourself. When you accept God's changes for your life, miracles begin to happen. If you are defending your faults and pampering your errors, it means you have

no intention of changing and God will say, **"I cannot use this one, I will look for somebody else."**

Everybody wants progress but many people do not want to change. Look at Joseph, his father sent him on an errand to check his brothers and he went. If he had not gone on that errand, may be his brothers would not have captured him and sold him. And if they did not sell him into slavery, he would never have met Portipah's wife, and if he had agreed to sleep with her, he would never have landed in the prison. He would never have met the baker and the steward, and would never have received invitation to go and interpret dreams. Everything started with a man who just obeyed the father, and things began to happen in his life.

CHAPTER 9
THE DIVINE AGENDA

In this chapter, we shall explore the divine agenda for a total change in your life and destiny

1. **Divine advancement.** When God wants to advance you or promote you, a change is required from your normal pattern of things.
2. **Divine enlargement.**
3. **Divine increment.** When the Lord wants to increase you, you require a change.
4. **Divine improvement.** When God wants to empower you, a change is required. It is that power that will make room for you wherever you go.
5. **Divine direction.** When God wants to give you a new direction, a change is required.
6. **Divine re-assignment.** When God wants to re-assign you, a change is required.

If you now refuse to change, you will stink like Moab. But the more broken you are, the more God is able to change you. That change may involve change of people, change of habit and change of spiritual temperature. This is what God is calling for now to be able to make us mount up with wings as eagles.

So, if as you are reading this message, you notice dissatisfaction in your spirit about your situation, God is requiring a change. The first group of people God is calling for a change in their lives are those who are divinely dissatisfied with their position.

AN OPPORTUNITY



I was praying with a sister for the restoration of her marriage which had broken down for 24 years. As we started praying, her husband phoned from America and said they should forget the past. The sister then said, **"After 24 years."** The man said, **"It seems as if you have lost hope on me. I made a mistake and I want you to forgive me".** She said, **"Forgive what, over the phone?"** And the man hung the phone. And she came back to me and said, **"I need another prayer point." "For what now?"** I asked. I said, **"God gave you a wonderful opportunity but because of your unbrokenness, you messed it up and now you want fresh prayer points for him, to repeat the call."** She said, **"I felt so bad when he dropped the phone, I wish I said something else."** Unbrokenness.

If you are having a feeling of being resisted, for example, you want to move ahead and it is as if something somewhere is pulling you back, a change is required and I believe that you will make that change today, in Jesus' name.

Sometimes, what the Lord requires some people to do is so small but they would not want to do it and this will result into all kinds of things. Many sisters cannot do without painting their nails and the Lord is saying, **"When I created you, did I paint these things for you?"** There are also some men who go from one place to another after work and before they get back home, it is very late and they are tired. They cannot even pray again and they sleep off like that. God is saying, **"Change",** but they refuse to change. One day, they would just come and say, "I received a revelation that my wife is a witch." Here is a man who does only five minutes of prayer in some days. To that kind of man, everybody is a witch, even if they are not witches.

THE CANDIDATES



If you feel you are being resisted, a change is required. 90 percent of the problems of a lot of people would be gone if they can just put a divine padlock on their mouths and obey the instruction of the psalmist which says, "Set a watch over my lips oh Lord."

1. Anyone who is frustrated needs a change.
2. If you are suffering from lack, a change is required.
3. If you are suffering from aimlessness, you don't know where to go, you need a change.
4. When you are the discouraged kind, a change is required.

How do you carry out the change?

1. **Release the garden of your life to the Holy Spirit.** Don't struggle with Him again. Release the garden of your heart to Him. Anything He says you should do, just do it. Don't query the Spirit of God.
2. **Take ruthless action on any part of your life that is not Christ-like.** Don't pity yourself. Be honest with yourself.
3. **Learn to listen more than talking.** Change your prayer life, change your Bible reading, change your witnessing, change your reaction to people, and don't listen to gossips.
4. **The Lord is calling for that change.** The Bible says that if you are not living your life as it is written about you, it is better that you were not born.

Anyone taking the word of God lightly is sentenced to destruction. The Lord, the Creator, the Ruler of all things cannot be talking and you ordinary man is deciding which one to take and which one to reject. You have no right to come against what the Creator is telling you. For God to make you His treasurer, there are certain things He would first of all do with your life. He wants to ensure that when He starts to bless you, the blessings do not

carry you away from Him. If He sees that there are so many unbroken areas in your lire, He cannot give you an exalted position, because it will destroy you.

The following prayer points are the type that will bring instant result, therefore I want you to pray them aggressively.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh Lord, anything you need to change in my life for me to become your champion, do so now, in Jesus' name.
2. All my birth rights that are not available now, I possess them, in the name of Jesus.
3. Anything that scares God away from my life, and anything that stops the move of God in my life come out of me now, in the name of Jesus.
4. Every spirit of the valley, loose your hold, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every opposition to my breakthrough, I crush you to nothingness, in the name of Jesus.
6. Every power struggling with me for my flag of victory, fail down and die, in the name of Jesus.
7. Lord, amongst the wealth you have deposited in this country, I possess my possession, in the name of Jesus.

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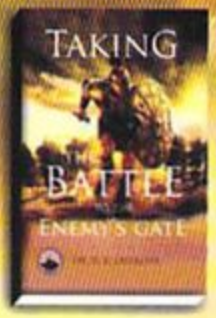
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