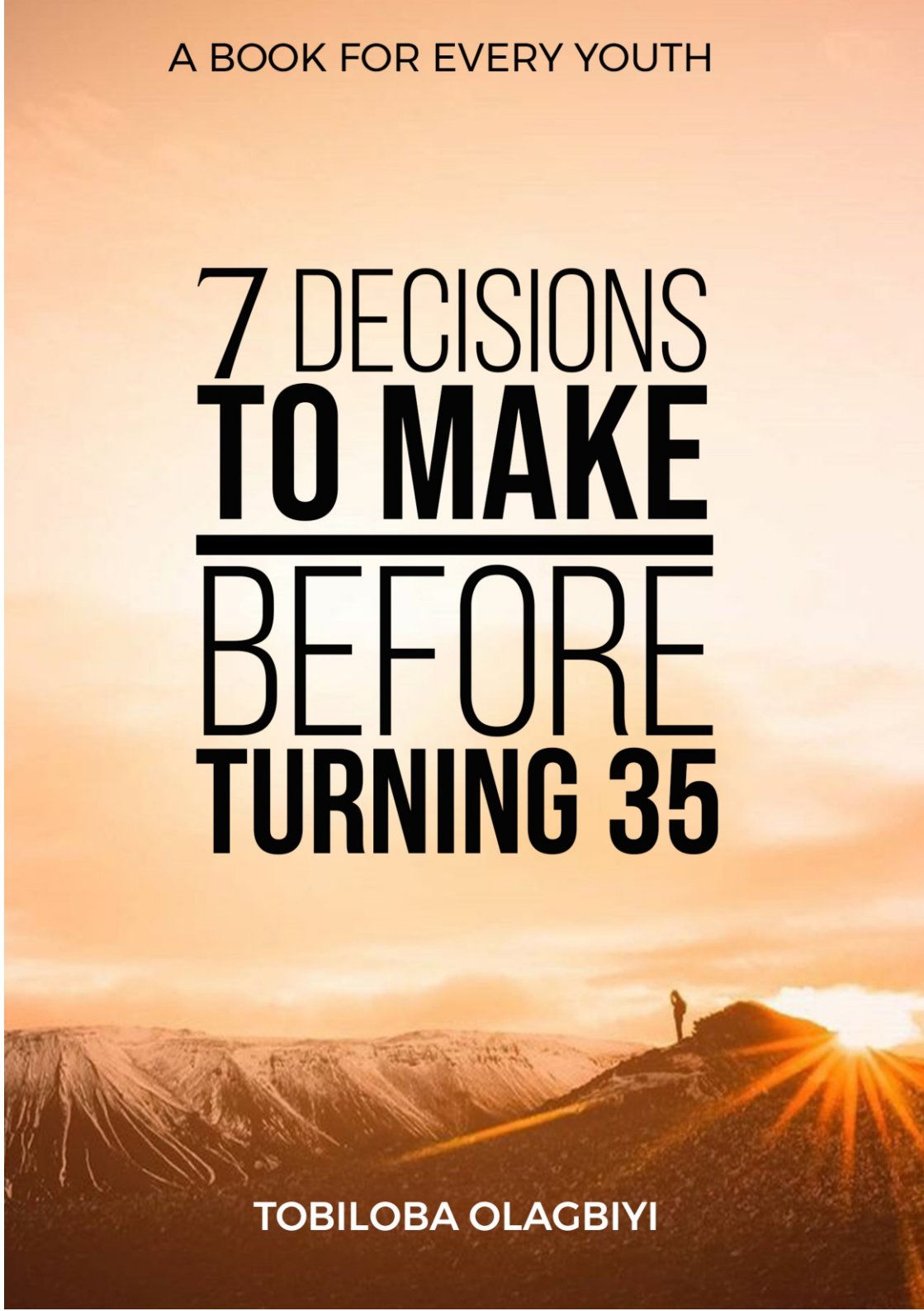
A BOOK FOR EVERY YOUTH

7 DECISIONS TO MAKE BEFORE TURNING 35



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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my generation of youths and teenagers.



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INTRODUCTION

The summation of the period a man is born, up until the point he transits into glory is called LIFETIME. There are 4 seasons in every man's lifetime and these seasons are fragmented into 25years each. The first set of 25-years of a man's life is called the morning season (0-25 years), the second set of 25-years is called the afternoon season (26-50 years), the third set of 25-years is called the evening season (51-75 years), and the fourth is called the night season (75-100 years).

There are two pains in life; the pain of discipline and the pain of regret. One thing about time is that it never goes backward, you will never go back to 2020 again. Your today is your yesterday's tomorrow. All seasons were designed to open by default, it doesn't matter if you maximise it or not. You can't do anything about your yesterday, you can only intentionally take advantage of today and re-programme it for a better tomorrow.

Maybe you came from a poor family, was raped as a child, or maybe you lost a loved one. Sadly, all these experiences are now yesterday. Regretting over yesterday is wasting today. Your yesterday will always be jealous of your today, insisting to want to reproduce the pain and discouragement so you won't move forward, that is why you find that this year is wanting to look like last year, but you must sustain the ability to

wave your yesterday goodbye and maximize your today for a glorious tomorrow.

Celebration of birthdays isn't celebration of longevity of life but celebration of the investment and meaning that you have contributed to time. Time is a means to measure destiny and the unit of destiny is time. If you say you are 20years old, the meaning is that you are X-years minus 20years. X is the time allocated to you by God to finish your race on earth. So if you are 20 years old, it means you have spent 20years out of the time allocated for you to fulfill destiny. We often don't see it this way, we see it only to mean that we are +1.

Your decisions decide the kind and quality of destiny you'd manifest in this life. We live in a world of free choices, neither God nor Satan will force you to choose. This book is designed to open your understanding to always make quality choices.

Deuteronomy 30:19 - I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: ***therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:***

Chapter One

UNDERSTANDING THE STRUCTURE OF LIFE

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*Psalm 90.12 - **So teach us to number our days,** that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

A great man passed away at 80, and his entire life was summarized into a two-minute statement at his funeral. As you grow older in age, you'll come to realize how brief life is, and how each day counts, whether you make the most of it or not. Life has a natural structure and seasons, and understanding this framework is crucial to living a fulfilled life. There are four stages to life. Curious about them?

1. Formative/Learning stage (Age 1-25):

This stage is characterised by learning, growth and development. Under normal circumstances within this stage:

a. You should have received Jesus in your heart as your Lord and personal saviour.

b. You should have discovered your purpose and assignment, and start taking steps towards developing your potentials.

c. You should have a clear blue print of how you want to live your life.

d. You should have gone to school.

e. You should have gained financial intelligence.

f. You should have understood the benefits and side effects of friendships and relationships.

On a more structural note, from age 1-21 is the real formative stage, in this phase, you attend to everything you see and hear, you want to belong, if you are within this age you have to be careful because not all that glitters is gold, be careful of pre-mature exposures.

From age 22-27 is the real season for purpose discovery because at this stage you should have known what works for you and what doesn't. If you are within this age, do not fail to discover your purpose. Remember there are two pains in life, pain of discipline and pain of regret.

From age 28-35 years is the real season of announcement and productivity. You will not fail in Jesus' name.

2. Stage of establishment and results (Age 26-50):

Every great man or woman hit their goal within this age. It's a season of great accomplishments and achievements. Under normal circumstances within this stage:

a. You should been married and have all your children.

b. Have structural establishment, like a house of your own.

c. Make full proof of your ministry and assignment.

3. Stage of legacy and consolidation (Age 51-75):

At this stage, your destiny has been fulfilled, and your success is evident. Your focus now shifts from personal achievement to building a lasting legacy and guiding the next generation. You're not striving to succeed; you've already accomplished that. Your goal is to share your wisdom, experience, and knowledge to empower others, leaving a positive impact that will outlast you.

Your life on earth will be remembered for two things:
a. The solution your provided.
b. The problem you created.
May your life be an inspiration to your generation and not a lesson in Jesus' name.

4. Stage of rest (Age 75-100):
You should not be toiling at this stage. Here, you've earned the right to enjoy the fruits of your labor. You've lived a fulfilling life, and your focus now shifts to relaxation and reflection. Your satisfaction comes from knowing you've served God and humanity, leaving a lasting legacy. As you prepare to meet your Heavenly Father, you can look back on your life, rest assured you've made a positive impact on the world.

Chapter Two

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Proverbs 13:20 - He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

A saying goes: 'Twenty children don't play together for twenty years.' As you grow and advance in age, your priorities and decisions also change, leading you down different paths. Have you wonder why it seems there was separation between you and your old friends as you grow and advance in age?
It's a natural part of life, as our evolving values and priorities often lead us to new connections and experiences.

As people grow, their priorities and values evolve, and this transformation naturally impacts their friendships. It's not always about conflicts, social status, or material success, but about outgrowing each other. A sign of personal growth is when your friend circle changes. If you're still friends with everyone from your past, it may indicate stagnation. As your values and priorities shift, some relationships will naturally fade away. If you feel like people have left you behind, reflect on your own values and priorities - they may no longer align with what your friends are looking for.
Also, some people may drift away not because of your values or priorities, but because they can't keep up with your lifestyle and standards. Your beliefs, culture, and principles may make it hard for them to relate with you on the same level. And that's okay. As you grow, your relationships evolve. For example, The person you dated in your secondary school, are you still together now that you're almost done with university? If yes , congratulations, if no, that's life for you.

Summary Reasons Why 20 Children Won't Play Together For 20 Years

1. Changes: Change is constant in life, circumstances and priorities do change.
2. Decision: Decisions decide destiny. One of the children may decide to take his life serious and cut off from old friends. I hope you will be that person today.
3. Education: One might further his/her education, upgrade in thinking/mindset and meet new people.
4. Conflicting interest and personalities.
5. Different goals and motivation.
6. Lack of individual efforts and dedication.

If as a lady in secondary school you engage in sexual activities with your boyfriend because he told you he will marry you or for whatever reason at all, you will discover you have been cheated after your graduation from secondary school. Sex should ONLY be within the confines of marriage. Secondary school relationship usually ends in secondary school. Don't because of love give your body to a potential boyfriend who hasn't paid your bride price.

Chapter Three

18 THINGS YOU SHOULD NOT DO BEFORE YOU TURN 35

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1. Do not post a guy or lady's picture or let anyone post yours on social media in the name of boyfriend and girlfriend, unless it's a pre-wedding picture or you are married. Social media is the village of today, it may complicate your profile in future.
2. Do not join any association that has nothing to do with your future. It may pile up unwanted friends, unnecessary ideologies and embarrassment that may hunt you tomorrow.
3. Do not say your parents are failures. Even if you think so, do not say so. Do not judge when you haven't tested your wings. One day you will become a parent and we shall see what you'd make out of your life. Time will reveal and experience will confirm your strengths and weaknesses.
4. Do not go into marriage if you are the ONLY one who is certain that you are making the right decision. Seek confirmation. If love is blind, everyone else is not blind. You should care to know what people have to say about the person you intend to get married to.
5. Do not promise marriage if you are not ready. Readiness is different from interest. Do not also turn all your male friends to you boyfriend or female friends to you girlfriends. It causes you to have many exes.
6. Do not join any association you cannot leave freely. You may end up in a cult. You may live in regrets when you are later separated to face life alone or finally repent.
7. Do not pamper secret addictions like masturbation, pornography and lesbianism. It may end up destroying you before you decide to change.

8. Do not display your nakedness publicly especially on social media, it may speak in future. It may be saved or viewed later when you repent or when decency is required for your promotion or attestation.
9. Do not engage in gossip, neither accommodate gossip around you, and avoid those who gossip, it will make you unhappy.
10. Do not envy, it makes you a witch. If envy is in you, your problem may not be your problem, your problem may be that your neighbor doesn't have problem.
11. Do not make a covenant or take an oath secretly. It complicates life. Remember, time changes. Be sure you are set for the "for better for worse" of the covenant. Always seek counsel.
12. Do not ignore genuine source of income. There is a dimension of emotional comfort that comes when you have money. Take responsibility for your life because nobody owns you anything.
13. Do not master the art lying. It makes life stressful, especially having to remember what you have said. Tell the truth always and you won't have to remember what you said.
14. Never run away from home, it will make you spend the rest of your life, explaining why. Learn to fight together with your family.
15. Do not stop investing in knowledge, it will keep you updated. Knowledge is power, especially when applied. Buy and read books.
16. Do not fail to understand levels. Recognise and acknowledge those ahead of you, your contemporaries, and subordinates. Negligence of this will make you feel unfulfilled.
17. Do not hesitate to live a prayer and fasted life. It is an investment on your destiny that if done well, your destiny will pay you back.

18. Do not be in haste to pronounce things wrong or correct until you are 35 years of age. Do not argue unnecessarily, let experience confirm your knowledge.

15 MISTAKES YOU SHOULDN NOT MAKE AS A YOUNG PERSON

1. Rebellion without a cause: Challenging authority without a valid reason or constructive purpose.
2. Peer pressure: Blindly following others without considering the consequences or one's own values.
3. Impulsiveness: Acting without thinking leads to reckless decisions and harmful behavior.
4. Selfishness: Overly prioritising one's own desires over others' needs and well-being.
5. Lack of self-discipline: Failing to control one's emotions, appetite, thoughts, and actions, leading to harmful habits and choices.
6. Ingratitude: Failing to appreciate and value the blessings or support received from others.
7. Dishonesty: Lying, cheating, or deceiving others to achieve personal gain or avoid consequences.
8. Pride and arrogance: Having an inflated sense of self-importance and looking down on others.
9. Laziness: Avoiding to put in effort and take up responsibilities, leading to missed opportunities and stagnation.
10. Substance abuse: Experimenting with harmful substances or developing addictive habits.

11. Unhealthy relationships: Engaging in toxic or abusive relationships that harm one's well-being.
12. Neglecting personal growth: Failing to develop new skills, knowledge, and character.
13. Disobedience: Violating the commandments of God and your parents.
14. Sexual sin: Involving yourself in immorality, masturbation, pornography, lesbianism, fornication and so on.
15. Refusal to further your education into the higher institution: Try your best to finish secondary school and at least have a degree.

Chapter Four

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Proverbs 14:12 - There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

One decision can make you either have yesterday or tomorrow as the best day of your life. Decision decides destiny, therefore it is crucial to make informed choices. Always examine yourself, seek counsel.

The story of Lot in the Bible serves as a cautionary tale (Genesis 13:10-11, 14:11-12, 19:26). One decision of Lot In the bible to separate and relocate far from Abraham in the midst of a temporal situation, resulted to a permanent disaster in his life and family

One decision of Elimelech in the bible to relocate to Moab in search for food (a temporary situation), resulted to a permanent disaster in his life and family. He and his two sons died, but thank God for His mercies upon Ruth (Ruth 1:1-22).

Avoid making crucial destiny decisions when uncertain of the outcome. You don't need to fast and pray to decide what cloth to wear or food to eat. You just need common sense and a sense of convenience. But decision like who to marry, which location to stay? Which business to do? Pattern of ministry? What calling and purpose to pursue? Did you know that the devil has destroyed some people life by giving them a visa. They found there way out of the Will of God.

Remember, factors like wealth, physical appearance, body shape, fame, material possessions, and academic achievements are all temporal considerations to wanting to get married to someone. They can blind you away from the true character of a potential partner. And when you finally marry the wrong person, you may think the devil has stopped bothering you, but in reality, he has settled you, he has achieved his goal by giving you on of his son/daughter.

How about borrowing a huge loan to satisfy a temporal craving for an iPhone? Some are in prison today because they stabbed another out of anger (temporary situation). Temporary emotions lead to permanent pain. Remember, nobody outgrows the need to be guided. If you are not sure of the outcome of the decision you are about to make, go seek counsel from trustworthy people and stay in prayers to receive direction from God.

A young man's life took a devastating turn when he lavishly squander a sudden amount of money with his friends. Desperate and cashless he resorted to stealing to survive, only to end up in police custody. When asked about his actions, he regretfully admitted, 'IF I HAD KNOWN' it would end like this, I never would have done it.

The crucial phrase to remember is 'IF I HAD KNOWN.' Making informed decisions requires considering the potential outcomes beforehand. It's essential to think ahead and anticipate the consequences of your actions, rather than blindly taking a step and waiting to see what happens. Fortunately, the Word of God provides guidance on various decisions and their outcomes. Make it a habit to study the Word of God daily, and you'll be better equipped to make wise choices.

Temporal Conditions

- Strong emotions (e.g., anger, sadness, excitement)
- Limited information or context
- Pressure or coercion from others
- Fatigue or exhaustion
- Crisis or emergency situations
- Substance influence (e.g., alcohol, drugs)

Permanent Decision Made Under Temporary Condition Leads To

- Regret
- Unintended consequences
- Missed opportunities
- Long-term damage to relationships or reputation
- Financial or legal commitments that are difficult to reverse

By waiting for temporary conditions to pass you'll make more informed, thoughtful, and permanent decisions that align with God's will for your life. Remember, patience and reflection are essential in decision-making, and trusting in God's guidance is key! Receive wisdom to always make the right decision from today in Jesus' name.

Chapter Five

WHEN NOT TO MAKE A PERMANENT DECISION

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WHEN NOT TO MAKE A LONG TERM DECISION

Genesis 25:32 - And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

Esau's story serves as a warning, take heed. He made a permanent decision due to a temporary problem, selling his birthright for food during a time of hunger. This reminds us to be mindful of our decision-making during vulnerable moments, such as when we're tired,bhungry, needy, or discouraged. The The enemy always come to attack people in there lowest state. Satan came through Job's wife to counsel him to make a decision to curse God and die because he was in his lowest state of life. He also came to counsel jesus to turn stone to bread because he found out jesus was hungry. (Job 2:9, Matthew 4:3).
A wise saying goes thus: "Never reply when you're angry, never make a promise when you're happy, never make a decision when you're sad."

Emotions and ambitions may shift, but some decisions can have lasting consequences. However, no matter how broken or scattered your life may seem, God's help can restore it. Esau didn't see any reason to live because of his temporal condition of hunger, he lost his sense of purpose and existence that made him decide to sell his birthright. Birthright here can mean your integrity, virginity, respect, trust, salvation, anointing, influence, and so on. Some have agreed to premarital sex because of there present need to pay school fee or to eat.

Go to God today and He's going to fix whatever has gone bad in your life, repair every broken altar. Altar of consecration, holiness, righteousness, integrity, and so on, he would repair it.Turn to Him today and let Him fix what has gone wrong in your life.
May the Lord help you in Jesus' name.

Don't Rush: 10 Seasons To Avoid Making Long-Term Decisions

1. When emotional: Decisions made in a state of high emotion (e.g., anger, fear, excitement) can lead to impulsive choices.
2. When under pressure: Decisions made under duress or with limited time can lead to hasty judgments.
3. When lacking information: Decisions made without sufficient data or context can lead to uninformed choices.
4. When tired or exhausted: Fatigue can impair judgment and lead to poor decision-making.
5. When influenced by others: Decisions made solely to please others or conform to peer pressure can lead to regret.
6. When in a state of confusion: Decisions made when unclear or uncertain can lead to mistakes.
7. When feeling overwhelmed: Decisions made when feeling burdened or stressed can lead to poor choices.
8. When biased or prejudiced: Decisions made with preconceived notions or biases can lead to unfair outcomes.
9. When lacking expertise: Decisions made outside one's area of knowledge or expertise can lead to errors.

10. When under the influence of substances: Decisions made while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other substances can lead to poor judgment.

Recognising these situations is crucial. Take a step back, clear your mind, gather insight, and seek guidance when necessary. This will help you make informed decisions.
The Lord grant you guidance and direction to always make the right decision in Jesus' name.

Chapter Six

7 DECISIONS YOU SHOULD MAKE IF YOU ARE WITHIN AGE 1-35.



#DECISION 1:
DECISION TO LOVE GOD, KNOW GOD AND SERVE HIM ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE

When you wake up, what's the first thing on your mind? If it's not God, but rather worldly concerns like business, family, academics, or problems, it may be a sign that you're drifting away from God. And if social media is the first thing you think of, it's time to take a closer look at your priorities. Your love for God might be waning, and it's time to refocus and reconnect with Him.

When a man truly loves a woman, he actively pursues her. Love and passion are inseparable, and passion is demonstrated through pursuit. The intensity of a man's love for a woman is reflected in his passion, and the proof of that passion is his unwavering pursuit of her. In essence, pursuit is the natural expression of genuine love and passion. You can't say you love God and not seek him.
There ought to be an explanation for the apathy people exhibit towards the things of God. Zero passion, zero pursuit for God and the things of the kingdom is an alarming sign of spiritual retrogression. When spending time with God in prayer and fellowship becomes inconvenient and interruptive to your schedule, but you can conveniently spend hours when watching movies or scrolling through social media, it reveals a problem with your love and passion for God.

If a short period of ten minutes in church service leaves you feeling tired or sleepy, it's not physical exhaustion, but rather a sign of spiritual slumber - especially when you can stay wide awake and engaged at a party or other worldly events.
Matthew *6:21 - For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also..*

Return To Your First Love

Do you recall the days when you'd set your alarm to wake up at midnight, eager to spend time with God? Now, it's been over a week since you last prioritized that fellowship. Your routine has become a mere ritual: a quick, casual prayer in the morning, followed by a hectic schedule that leaves you exhausted at night. It's a shame you repeat this process day after day. You used to dedicate time for fasting, at least once a week, but months have passed and you can't even remember your last fast. Your spiritual fire has been suffocated by complacency and gluttony. If this describes you, quickly return to your first love. Return!

We know you have priority for the word of God because you can't go a day without reading your Bible or listening to a message, but now you can't even remember where you placed your Bible, it has become a sad substitute for a pillow, a sleep aid. Return!Remember, you use to have consecrated dreams and visions, but now, you sleep for straight eight hours without any spiritual insight or communication in dream or vision. You sleep dead and wake dead. It ought not to be. You must return to your first love. Return!

Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love (Revelations 2:4).

You still love God, but your relationship has faded from its initial fervor. The Lord is tenderly asking, 'Can we start anew? Can we rekindle the passion and intimacy we once shared?'

2 Chronicles 26:5 - And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

Don't let anyone make you feel Jesus is a burden to your growth and advancement in life. Serving God is incredibly rewarding! Don't let the influences of modern society dull your passion and love for God. Stay true to your faith and remember that your relationship with Him is worth much more than any earthly success.
The Lord reignite in you the passion to seek him in Jesus' name.

Action Steps To Loving God

1. Accept Jesus as your Savior: Recognise your need for a savior and accept Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for your sins.
2. Develop a personal relationship: Talk to God regularly through prayer, and listen for His guidance.
3. Worship and praise: Express your love and gratitude through worship, music, and praise.
4. Obey His commands: Show your love by following His teachings and principles.
5. Seek a deeper understanding: Study the Bible and learn about God's character and love.

Action Steps To Knowing God

1. Read the Bible: Study God's Word to understand His nature, promises, and plans.
2. Seek revelation: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth and guidance.
3. Learn from others: Study the experiences and teachings of mature believers.
4. Reflect on your experiences: Look for God's presence and guidance in your life.
5. Pursue spiritual growth: Seek opportunities for spiritual growth and development.

Action Steps In Serving God

1. Use your gifts and talents: Share your abilities with others to build God's kingdom.
2. Serve others: Show God's love by helping those in need.
3. Share the Gospel: Tell others about Jesus and His love.
4. Live a life of obedience: Follow God's principles and commands.
5. Participate in ministry: Join a church or ministry to serve, alongside others.

Remember, loving, knowing, and serving the Lord is a continuous journey. Be patient, persistent, and open to His guidance, by doing this you will deepen your relationship with Him.



#DECISION 2:
DECISION TO CONTEND FOR TRANSFORMATION BY SEEKING AFTER KNOWLEDGE

Your life will be a reflection of your beliefs, ideas, and perceptions. To be transformed doesn't mean to become more western, it means to submit yourself to the principles of scripture as your modus operandi.

Secondary to salvation, the difference between two people is the quality of their mindset. The most difficult person to help is one who refuses to be transformed mentally. A closed mind is a close destiny.

A mindset is a sustained thinking pattern or a summation of your belief system, ideologies, thoughts, and perspectives. While a stronghold is a mindset that has been fortified by demons to ensure that a person continuously approach life from a wrong perspective. You could be talking to someone from a nice and healthy perspective, but the person is viewing it wrongly. People react to matters at the level to which they are standing mentally, so do not blame people.

For someone who wrote JAMB seven times or grew up seeing and experiencing hardship, when you talk of things like speed and favour, that person is most likely not to relate well because of past failures and background.

Culture is another mindset formation factor. It is the way of life of a particular group of people. There are cultures where women are not ambitious, their fulfillment is tied to their home, not business or career. Don't expect such women to be serious in matters of life outside the home. On the other hand, there are cultures where love and respect are earned based on what both parties can bring to the table, so you see things like diligence, zeal, and passion playing out.

Proverbs 23:7 - For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Moving forward is not a matter of what you pursue, it is what happens to you by reason of who you are becoming. Your circumstances and experiences reflects the quality of your mindset. In order to change your outcomes/results (such as struggling relationships, poverty, spiritual slumber, delay, witchcraft oppression, nightmares etc.), you must change your beliefs. If your case is ignorance, go for light. But if your case is a combination of ignorance and arrogance, then your case is irredeemable.

Hearing God Also Requires A Transformed Mind

While much emphasis has been placed on building spiritual capacity, mental development has often been overlooked. However, no matter how strong your spirit man is, if your mind is not transformed, you'll struggle to accurately interpret God's speakings. For instance, when I say 'chair', your mind doesn't think of 'goat' because through education and imagery, you've learned to associate the word 'chair' with a specific image. Similarly, when your mind is transformed through the Word of God, it's easier to understand God's speakings clearly. The role of the mind in relation to God's speakings is to give the light of God in your spirit man a vocabulary and expression, so that God's will and intent can be fully understood.

As you press into the dimension of prayer, your spirit man will be exposed to various voices. However, it's crucial to verify the source of these voices through the Word of God, as Satan can disguise himself as an angel of light and deceive you. Remember, even if no one gives you a prophecy,

dream, or vision, following the authority of the written Word of God is sufficient to guide you throughout your life. This is a vital truth, hold onto it.

Hearing that wasn't received by a transformed mind only leads to error even though it was God who spoke. Most times, we prioritise getting God to speak, while neglecting building our capacity to discern and hear accurately. Since your goal is simply to hear God's voice, be aware that Satan can also speak. So, how will you discern the true source of the message? 'Lord, if it's you confirm it in a dream', but God may be thinking, 'I've already spoken to you, but you didn't listen.'

Psalms 62:11 - God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Grace Is Built On Knowledge

For every dimension of God you desire, there is a price tag of knowledge, and if you think knowledge comes at a high price, consider the cost of ignorance. The consequences of ignorance far outweigh the cost of acquiring knowledge.

Have you prayed for favor? What do you truly understand about favor? Have you sought enlargement? What knowledge do you have about enlargement? Your passion and zeal must be grounded in knowledge, or you'll grow weary when progress is slow. Exhaustion in any area of life is a sign of limited understanding. The solution isn't to give up but to seek more knowledge. Every man's mountain is his ignorance, so as you pray, also seek knowledge. The Lord builds His church on the foundation of understanding, which He calls the ROCK (Matthew 16:18).

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.*

While you are hoping to fulfill your purpose (business, job, ministry) start seeking knowledge about it now. While you hope to get married some day, start seeking knowledge about marriage now, and if you are married continue seeking knowledge about parenting.

You can shape your future from the comfort of your own home through dedicated study and meditation. It's intriguing that many people only prioritize reading during their school days, but tend to neglect it after graduation or during breaks. Do you assume that successful individuals only read academic books? The truth is, they read widely and voraciously, continually expanding their knowledge and perspectives.
Grace is founded on knowledge, but not just any knowledge - revelational knowledge. This type of knowledge isn't acquired through academic institutions, but rather through personal pursuit and a deep desire to understand God's ways.

The Lord grant you grace to grow in knowledge that leads to transformation from today.



#DECISION 3:

THE DECISION TO DISCOVER AND FULFILL PURPOSE

What a powerful quote! Myles Munroe's words are a poignant reminder that the greatest wealth lies not in material possessions or resources, but in the untapped potential that lies within each individual. The cemetery serves as a stark reminder of the countless dreams, ideas, and innovations that were never brought to life.

Unrecognized gifts and abilities can be exploited by Satan, who targets the gifted. In the Bible, Apostle Paul's abilities to write, defend, and evangelize - originally used for God's purpose - were hijacked by Satan to harm the church. Recognize and use your gifts wisely!

When you haven't discovered your purpose the devil can make you feel less of yourself, inferior, or envious of someone else. If truly you have discovered your purpose, you will only be inspired by someone else's gift with an open heart of compliment, not feeling intimated or inferior.
Many struggle in areas they shouldn't be in, burying their gifts due to wrong foundations or pleasing others. Academic success often comes naturally when pursuing one's innate talents, it is like a fish swimming in water. But to some, their case can be likened to a bird trying to survive in water. That's an unfamiliar territory.
Proverbs 18:16: A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

Making Your Life Count

Everything you aspire to do or become has been done before. Yet, your unique space in life is secured. Desire alone won't make your life count; it takes more.

Philippians 3:13 - Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, ***forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,***

Men who make their life count are men of singular focus, driven by one purpose, one vision. Too much busyness without direction is as a result of purposelessness.

Philipians 3:14 - ***I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.***

This scripture says “I PRESS”. Not "they press for me". You press yourself because in most parts of your journey to making your life count, you will be alone.

Courage To Rise And Fulfill Purpose

Regardless what you know, who you know, where you know and who have promised to help you financially, you will still need courage to rise in life. Even if you have an encounter with Jesus and many prophecies upon your life, it all won't come to pass if courage is absent.

We believe all your encounters, visions, and dreams but are you courageous? Nobody will follow you if you are wise, visionary and not courageous. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law… (Joshua 1:7).

Transforming failures into successes requires courage. To do so, you must trust God to replace your fear and people-pleasing tendencies with boldness and confidence. Don't let the opinions of others hold you back from pursuing God's plan for your life. Remember, integrity is crucial, but so is freedom from the

shackles of public opinion. Seek God's will and press forward, knowing that both praise and criticism are inevitable - whether you are Jesus or Satan, people will still talk about you. Focus on God's approval, not human validation.

Overcoming Mockery As You Fulfill Purpose

Life can be boring when progress is absent, a little progress is better than total stagnation, progress breeds fulfillment. When you start making visible progress, your enemies would be threatened and they will express their wrath through mockery. They desire to be like you, they tried, but they just could not, so they find a way to stop you by using mockery.

> *Nehemiah 4:1 - But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.*

Don't be disheartened by mockery - it's often a sign that you're making progress! When you're dedicated to your spiritual growth, studying, and praying daily, others may feel threatened by your devotion. They may try to belittle you because they wish they could be as committed as you, but can't. Remember, mockery is a common response to progress, especially in the early stages. If you need to retreat, do a lion's retreat. A lion's retreat is to re-strategise and come back stronger. Courage is the language of the great, speak it fluently!

Receive the courage to rise and fulfill purpose in Jesus' name.

How To Discover Your Purpose

Discovering your purpose involves reflection, exploration, and self-awareness. Here are some steps to aid you.

1. Reflect on your values: Identify what matters most to you in life, such as family, creativity, or justice.
2. Explore your passions: Discover what activities you enjoy and what you're naturally good at.
3. Identify your strengths: Recognize your skills and talents, how they can be hharnessed to make a positive impact and profit from them.
4. Consider your experiences: Think about significant events, challenges, and successes in your life, and how they have shaped you.
5. Seek feedback from others: Ask trusted friends, family, or mentors what they think you're passionate about and what you are good at.
6. Experiment and try new things: Engage in various activities, volunteer, or take on new challenges to discover what resonates with you.
7. Practice self-reflection and journaling: Regularly reflect on your thoughts, feelings, and experiences to gain insight into your purpose.
8. Seek inspiration from others: Read stories, watch documentaries, or learn from people who have made a positive impact in their field or community.
9. Connect with your why: Identify the underlying reasons behind your desires and passions, and how they align with your values and strengths.
10. Embrace your uniqueness: Recognise that your purpose is distinct to you and may evolve over time.
11. Take action and start small: Begin with baby steps towards your purpose, be patient and persistent.
12. Seek guidance and support: Consider working with a coach, mentor, or therapist to help you discover and pursue your purpose.



#DECISION 4: THE DECISION TO BE FINANCIALLY EMPOWERED

Proverbs 22:7 - The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

With the dignity of kingdom integrity, I write to tell you that it not bad to be established early, it is the will of God. What destroys people is not prosperity or material blessings, but rather a lack of understanding about the purpose of wealth and a failure to prioritise Jesus above all else. In fact, a person can be poor and still have a materialistic mindset, they just haven't had the opportunity to fully express it yet.

Three Reasons God Blesses Financially

1. To live a comfortable life while serving Him: God wants you to eat well, pay your bills, and be happy with your family.
2. So you can advance the kingdom of God: The name of Jesus is heavy, it takes finances to lift it for the nations to see.
3. To be a blessing to the world in a more practical way: That society is able to experience Jesus through your giving and impact.

Financial prosperity in the kingdom of God is a combination of the following:

1. Laws and principles
2. Human factors (Relationships)
3. Divine empowerment (The anointing)
4. The help of God

Laws Of Wealth

1. The law of definite purpose: When you establish the reason you need money, money will come. If you need money to do anything in this life, establish a reason for it, the money will come.

2. Law of imagery: What you think or imagine, you will have. Begin to imagine how wealthy you want to be, it will surely come to pass.
3. Law of idea: Ideas rule the world. Sometimes the idea that will make you wealthy might come from you repackaging what is already existing.
4. Law of small beginning: You start small and grow big.
5. Law of time management: If you can manage time, you can manage money.
6. Law of risk: The beginning to wealth starts by taking calculated risk.
7. Law of divine assistance: This comes by the help and hand of God upon your life.
8. Law of giving: Giving is living. If your hands are tight to release, it will be hard for you to receive.
9. Law of association: what you do not have, someone else does, learn to relate and connect with people at the top.
10. Law of mentorship: You need a financial mentor.
11. Law of contentment: You don't grow big to manage well, you manage well to grow big.
12. Law of value and productivity: Your value is a measure of your usefulness and difficulty in replacing you.

Two Things That Create Wealth

1. What you know.
2. Who you know.

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SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM

You might be seeking one of these 10 things right now:

1. Growth
2. Financial stability
3. Direction
4. Healing and deliverance
5. Job or capital for business
6. Marital settlement or fruitfulness
7. Admission or graduation
8. The anointing
9. Ministry or business expansion
10. Food

In order of priority, there is what to seek first, second and third. You can spend all your life seeking all of these things and not find them or find them late. But there is a system God created to save us from the stress of seeking them one after the other.

Matthew 6:33 - But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

All these blessings - success, academics, finances, marriage, ministry - can be yours when you become a tool for advancing God's kingdom. It may not happen overnight, but if you truly find the kingdom of God, you've found everything. These earthly successes may serve as testimony to your kingdom focus, but even if you fail in them, you're still a success if you've found the kingdom. In fact, you can't find the kingdom and be a failure. These blessings weren't meant to be pursued; they'll naturally be attracted to you as you grow in the light of the kingdom.

Matthew 13:44 - Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.



#DECISION 5: THE DECISION TO BUILD QUALITY DESTINY RELATIONSHIPS

The most impactful investment you can make is not in real estate or cryptocurrency, but in people. Invest in men. The greatest return on investment is seeing someone rise to success and attribute it to your influence and support. Invest in men.

Focus on building relationships with those who are still in their making process. While you may be familiar with the accomplishments of those who have already succeeded, it's the ones who are still in their making process that hold the most potential for surprise and greatness - and only God knows the full extent of their destiny.

Someone will only be loyal to you if you were part of their success story. Do not despise people. Cherish and value people, your track record will not erase from their minds when they rise. Sadly, many ladies have missed the will of God for them in marriage because they were looking for someone who had 'arrived'. A man will only respect you when you are part of his success story.

Never you make mockery of a person who follows the will of God because you will bite your finger in shame later when the Lord make his/her life a sign and a wonder. Do not despise people. Everyone needs help, including arrogant people. So don't feel too big to help people and don't feel too big to ask for help. Recognise and respect those above you, your contemporaries, and subordinates.

Building strong relationships start with genuine care for others, but beware of misconceptions. Kindness can be misinterpreted, especially between the opposite sex. Beyond relationship and marriage, let brotherly love continue.
Hebrews 13:1 - Let brotherly love continue.

In today's world, people are often too busy living out their own lives to care about others. As a result, many have made harmful choices because no one was there to support. Take a moment to check in on someone, offer encouragement, and bring a smile to their face. Make a positive impact today!

Men As Vehicles

God is the source, but He works through men. Your answer will come from God, through men. All blessings come from God to men, through men, it won't fall from heaven. We live in a world of men, and everything - including money - has value because of men. Remember, your prayer request is within God's power and someone else's ability to make it happen. Answers come from God, to men, through men. Your greatest struggles may have come from men, but your greatest successes will also come from men. So, don't despise men - learn the art of building strategic relationships.
Proverbs 18:24 - A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

These 4 expressions will positively contribute to your relationship with men.
(1) Please.
(2) Thank you.
(3) I am sorry.

Men are the 21st century currency. Master the art of relationship. You will be surprised how many doors the word “please” will open for you. When “thank you” becomes hard for you, it will tell on your account balance. “I am sorry” is not about you being wrong, it simply shows you are wise. It naturally brings an end to all strife. “God bless you” produces love in the heart of the hearers.

Mystery Of Forgiveness And Forbearance

Majority of the people used by God in the Bible have their own unique weakness and limitations. Elijah, Moses, Samuel, David, Peter, and Paul all had their own unique weakness and limitations, yet, God used them. If God can be this patient with men, why are we men not patient with ourselves. If you haven't been faithful as a Christian and you are still breathing, it's a demonstration of God's forgiveness and forbearance towards you.

Forgiveness means to pardon a default, while forbearance means to create a system of accommodation to manage a persons default because the offence will come again and again. If you keep forgiving what you should forbear, you will be offended everyday because humans will always be humans. Humans have the tendency to lie, be angry, be proud, self centered, disappoint and betray. There are people whose weakness is not an act, it's already wired in their personality, we have to create a system of accommodation to ensure peace.

Although God is still working on all of us, especially believers, we are in the school of the spirit undergoing transformation, but while we grow and become perfect, we need to love and forbear one another.

. Even in church, the Lord is still working on His body, the fact that a church is not operating the way you are used to does not mean God is not there. If you go to church to find God without distraction, you will see Him.

In life there are people you can't cast away: your family members, spouse, boss, children, genuine friends and so on. An introvert will always be an introvert, a talkative will always be a talkative. There are people that like to talk about themselves alot. Should you do away with them because of their default?
Think about all your unfaithfulness to God, do you think God is forgiving you or he Has create a system of forbearance towards you? Do likewise.

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
You know you have truly forgiven someone when you have PEACE towards the person without any thought to revenge.

The Lord grant you a tender heart to forgive and tolerate people in Jesus' name.

KEYS TO RELATING WITH PEOPLE
Here are some essential keys to relate with people effectively:
1. Active listening: Pay attention, focus, and understand their perspective.
2. Empathy: Put yourself in their shoes and try to feel what they feel.
3. Respect: Value and appreciate their thoughts, beliefs, and opinions.

4. Open-mindedness: Be willing to consider different viewpoints and ideas.
5. Effective communication: Clear, concise, and respectful exchange of thoughts and feelings.
6. Non-judgmental attitude: Avoid making assumptions or criticisms.
7. Show genuine interest: Ask questions and care about their life and interests.
8. Positive body language: Smile, make eye contact, use open and approachable nonverbal cues.
9. Patience and understanding: Take time to comprehend and respond thoughtfully, not with the intent to attack.
10. Authenticity: Be yourself, honest and transparent in your interactions.
11. Sense of humor: Share laughter and find the humor in life's situations.
12. Validation: Acknowledge and confirm their emotions and experiences.
13. Flexibility: Adapt to different personalities and communication styles.
14. Build trust: Be reliable, loyal, and consistent in your relationships.
15. Show appreciation: Express gratitude and recognition for others' efforts and support.

Remember, building strong relationships takes time and effort. Be patient, consistent, and genuine in your approach, and you'll foster meaningful connections with others.



#DECISION 6:

THE DECISION TO BE HEALTHY AND PHYSICALLY VIBRANT

t3 John 1:2 - Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Health is wealth. There is a health requirement for your spirit to remain in your body. Everybody is given the privilege of one body per time. Research reveals that many disease that manifest in our 50s have their roots in our 20s. Prioritise your well-being, but don't be lazy. if you sleep 8 hours everyday, at age 30, you have successfully slept for 10 years of your life time. Make the most of your time and take care of your body, as it is the temple of your spirit. Make healthy choices and prioritize your well-being. Wisdom is profitable to direct.

How To Stay Healthy And Physically Vibrant:

1. Nutrition: Eat a balanced diet rich in whole foods, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats.
2. Hydration: Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
3. Exercise: Engage in regular physical activity (aim for 150 minutes/week):
   - Cardio (e.g. walking, running, swimming)
   - Strength training (e.g. weights, bodyweight exercises)
   - Flexibility and stretching (e.g. yoga, pilates)
4. Sleep and rest: At the appropriate time.
5. Stress management: Practice techniques like meditation, deep breathing, or journaling to manage stress.
6. Self-care: Prioritise activities that bring joy and relaxation (e.g. reading, spending time with loved ones).
7. Regular check-ups: Visit your healthcare provider for annual health screenings.

8. Stay active mentally: Engage in activities that challenge your mind (e.g. learning a new skill, puzzles).
9. Get enough sunlight: Spend time outdoors, and take vitamin D supplements if necessary.
10. Limit unhealthy habits: Minimise sugary foods, saturated fats, alcohol, and smoking.
11. Practice good hygiene: Wash your hands frequently, especially during cold and flu seasons.
12. Stay connected: Build strong relationships with family, friends, and community.
Remember, small steps lead to significant changes over time. Focus on progress, not perfection.
The lord will keep you healthy and rebuke sickness for your sake in Jesus' name.



#DECISION 7:

DECISION TO MAKE HEAVEN WHEN YOU LEAVE THIS WORLD

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable (1 Corinthians 15:19)

Unlike animals, we humans have thoughts of immortality. We do not want to die, we desire to live forever. Almost everyone that have died intrinsically did not want to die. Even if you want to live forever on earth, the dust will betray you because your body was made from it and it has to return (Ecclesiastes 12:7). He has made everything beautiful in its time. He also has planted eternity in men's hearts and minds. (Ecclesiastes 3:11 Amp.)

That consciousness of wanting to live forever and not die was planted in our hearts by God. Did you know that even those who have died still continue to live? The location is what changes. Everyone of us will spend eternity.

The maximum duration of time you can live on earth is 150years, but you have thousands of years to live in eternity. Not another life, but your same life. So, where will you spend eternity if you were called home today? Heaven or hell? Think about this.

Is Death The End Of One's Life?

The rich man and Lazarus the beggar both died, and were buried, in the preceding line of the same scripture, we saw their existence again and they still knew themselves.

Question: Is death the end of life? Think about this.

The rich fool thought he had laboured and gathered enough resources in his barns, and he can now eat, drink and make merry for many years. He was a fool because it was only in this life he had hope. He died that same night. (Read Luke 12:16-20).

The Lord placed eternity in man's heart. The eternity consciousness in your heart is a gift from God which can also be used against you if you are not living life with wisdom. Wisdom demands that you live with eternity in view.

Absurdly, some people believe that life's purpose is limited to what can be seen, heard, felt, and touched. Their perspective is solely focused on the present moment, and even their prayers are confined to immediate needs. This shortsightedness can lead to reckless decisions, like indulging in sexual desires outside of marriage. When sexual urge comes upon you, if you are not seeing beyond the NOW, you will always want to experiment that desire despite knowing you are not married. However, when you have an eternal perspective, you recognise that temporary pleasures are not worth compromising your future glory. With eternity in view, you'd make choices that align with your long-term purpose, rather than sacrificing your future for fleeting moments of pleasure.
The Lord grant you grace to begin to live with eternity in view from today.

I want to receive Jesus into my heart, kindly say this prayer below:

Lord Jesus, I receive you in my heart today, thank you for forgiving my sins, thank you for setting me free from the corruption of this world. I accept you as my personal Lord and Savior today and I degree that from today I am a child of God. Old things are past away and all things have become new. Thank you Lord for saving me. Amen.

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