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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to you the reader, knowing that seeds require good soil. You are good soil, and that is why God is planting the seed of this book in you. I pray that the message in this book will change your seasons.

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INTRODUCTION

Human life is a great example of *seed, soil* and *season*. The spirit is the seed in man, the body is the soil, and the things we go through are the seasons. For any seed to bear fruit, it requires good soil and balanced seasons. A very long season drains the soil and damages the seed. This book will bring a clear perspective and balanced understanding of what God's will is for our lives.

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QUOTES ABOUT THE SEED

1. The seed can never change the soil; it can only reveal the quality of the soil.
Dr Robb Thompson

2. Seed-faith is sowing what you have been given to create something else you have been promised.
Dr Mike Murdock

3. Your seed is the tool God has given you to create your future.
Dr Mike Murdock

4. If you keep what you presently have, that is the most it will ever be.
Dr Mike Murdock


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CHAPTER ONE

WHAT TIME IS IT?

One Sunday in December 1997, while I was getting up to prepare my message the Holy Spirit tapped me and asked me, *'what time is it?'* I looked at the watch and it was 3:00 o'clock in the morning. So I did my study for about 2 hours and then went back to bed. He tapped me again and asked a second time, *'What time is it?'* I responded that it was 5:00 AM. When it was broad daylight, He again asked, *'What time is it?'* And I thought the Holy Spirit was simply waking me up because we used to have five services at church every Sunday starting at 8:00 AM through 10:00 AM, 12:00 noon, 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM, and I thought He was waking me up so as not to be late for the services.

The Holy Spirit tapped me and asked me, 'what time is it?'

That same year on New Year's

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Eve, He came back at midnight and He asked, *'What time is it?'* I responded that it was midnight. He came back at 3:00 AM and asked me again, *'What time is it?'* Finally, it dawned on me that He was not asking me about the time on my watch but that He was trying to say something to me that was going to literally open my eyes to the things that God was going to do.

I finally said, *'Lord You know what time it is; I do not know, just tell me.'* It is when you realize that you do not know that God will let you know.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O LORD GOD, THOU KNOWEST.
[EZEKIEL 37:3]

He then turned around and said to me, *'it is seed time.'* He said to me, *'Go tell my people in the morning that in six months it is going to be harvest time. Tell them to rush and put their seeds in the ground because after six months, it is going to be harvest time. The Church and my people are going to see the greatest harvest of souls ever seen since the Church began, six months from now.'* And the Spirit went on to say, *'God*

when you realize that you do not know, God will let you know.

at this time is more concerned with and is committed to proving that the devil is a liar. For a long time Satan has had an assignment to tell everybody that God is a liar.'

He then turned around and said to me, 'it is seed time.'

When I had finished speaking this word to the church, the power of God fell. Now, we had been seeing the power of God manifested in healings, miracles and joy. What took place that day however, was hard to describe. While I was still preaching, people began to run, carrying their chairs all over the sanctuary. Then I would resume preaching, and they would do the same thing as before, and it went on and on. I asked the Lord whether this was the harvest He had talked about. Then the Lord said to me, *'they are plowing the ground for sowing.'*

Beloved, if you take note of this revelational principle that so many have ignored, you are going to become more dangerous than any danger that you have ever encountered.

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CHAPTER TWO

THE GREATEST GIFT

Let me ask you a question, what is the greatest gift that God has ever given to man after creation? While I was in the nation of Panama, Central America in a Leaders'conference, I asked that same question, and one man stood up and said, '*woman*.' Then another man stood up and exclaimed, *'woman, if she does not talk like mine.'* However, when you open your bible in Genesis 1:26-31, you will see something incredible.

another man stood up and said, 'woman, if she does not talk like mine.'

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over

every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

The only thing that God gave man to own was THE SEED.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.
29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing *SEED*, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding *SEED*; to you it shall be for meat.
30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.
31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.
[GENESIS 1:26-31]

The only thing that God gave man to own was *THE SEED*. Even though it is true that the bible says that, '*The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth has He given to the children of men [Psalm 115:16],* it is also true that, *'The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof [Psalm 24:1]. '*

Many times we think we own the cows, whales, fish and everything else. The truth of the matter is that we are merely stewards; God entrusted these things to us in order to manage them, but in the final analysis, they still belong to God. The only thing that God has given man to own here on earth is the seed and the weed.

Have you ever realized that whether you go to the richest man's house, or you go deep into the jungles of Africa, you will find the weed there? That is why some people have horses and others do not have them. That is why some people have cattle and others do not have any, because they all belong to God. The only things that God gave us are the seed and the weed, they are our property. That is the reason we have them in plenty. Though we fight them everyday, and cut the weed down all the time, the weed and the seed are everywhere for both the rich and the poor. What you do with them will determine your position

on this earth.

The President of the United States resides in the White House, but he neither owns it, nor does he own *Air-Force 1* (the Presidential jet) which is assigned to him. Though he is in charge and America is his domain, he does not own the people, neither does he own their houses, nor their money. The only money he owns is that which he earns.

> Have you ever realized that you are just a seed?

Have you ever realized that you are just a seed? One day you were planted. Even the people you interact with are mere seeds.

From Good to Very Good

Many of us have settled for the good *ole* life. However, after the Spirit led me through Genesis chapter 1, I realized that verses 10, 18 and 25 all have the same ending; *'…and God saw that it was good.'* In

Genesis chapter 1 God created everything visible and invisible, but until He gave man *the seed*, all that He could see was merely *good*. Please don't get me wrong, *good* is still good, but *very good* takes it to the next level.

I personally believe that just to enjoy that which is being handed down to us is good. On the other hand, I am a firm believer that being given the tools of procreation is very good, in fact it is the best.

In GENESIS 1:31, the bible says,

31a ..God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* VERY GOOD.
[GENESIS 1:31a]

Even though all is well and we would probably make it with what has been made available, it pleases God more to give us power and authority to determine our position on the earth through the power of *the seed*.

After God created man and gave him the seed, He saw that it was very good. Good is good, but very good is very good. There are good things, but I want very good things. When God said that everything was very good, that is when the real spiritual warfare

began. The devil began to fight man, because he hates every good thing. He hates your very good car, your very good children, every good thing that you have is hated by the enemy. Do not settle just for good things; go for the very good things.

Do you know the reason why some of us have failed to excel or develop to a higher level while others are progressing to higher levels all the time? If God is a respecter of no persons, how come others *keep on* and the rest *keep off*? Let me suggest this to you; I believe that those who succeed have determined to utilize the potential within them, which I call *the seed*, while the others have not.

4 He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
[PROVERBS 10:4]

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CHAPTER THREE

WHAT SEED?

Have you ever realized that the things we often fight against are mere seeds? Sin, evil, Communism are all seeds. Socialism is a seed and terrorism too. All things in this world have their power rooted in a seed. Even Capitalism and Christianity are mere seeds.

After the good seed was planted, Satan corrupted it and God decided to change the predicament of mankind by dropping a seed-the seed of faith into the life of a man called Abraham.

16 Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it might be* by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,
17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God,

who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.
[ROMANS 4:16-18]

In Genesis 22:18 God said to Abraham,

The seed will always multiply

... in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.
[GENESIS 22:18]

In other words, Abraham was to have dominion through his seed. So the faith of Abraham was a seed. The bible says in Galatians 3:16

16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made.…
[GALATIANS 3:16]

Believing is a harvest of a *faith seed* that brings forth incomprehensible results.

Faith is a seed. Now the Faith of Abraham grew and it kept on growing. The seed will always multiply. Isaiah 53:10b says,

10b…he shall see his seed…
[ISAIAH 53:10b]

The Lord God must see His o*vercoming-seed* becoming a great harvest. Isaiah 53 mainly talks about Jesus' life on earth, His death on the cross and what it accomplished as regards the salvation and healing of lost humanity. In verse 10 of the same chapter, the bible says, *'…and he shall see his seed.'* You may ask; whose seed? Jesus is the Seed of God. The battle began in Genesis chapter 3 when God said;

15 ...I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
[GENESIS 3:15]

Jesus Christ, God's Seed came on the earth to wage war on the forces of darkness and He won. Now, biologically a woman has no seed. However, God was not looking at the woman in her biological capacity, but as the fertile ground for God's Seed to be planted.

Your assignment is Satan's main target

If you grow rice in America, it becomes American rice, even though the seed may have been imported from China. It does not really matter where the seed came from, the moment you plant it in America, it becomes an American crop. The seed came from God; the ground was the woman, so it was called *'the seed of a woman.'* Satan's war was against the seed not the woman per se. Your seed will carry out your assignment.

As an individual, though you daily face adversity; you are not Satan's main target; it is your seed that he is really after. No matter what you are going through, Satan is not simply trying to destroy you just because he hates you, but because he sees the seed of God in you. It is because of your God-given assignment that he wages war against you so as to destroy you. In the book of Revelation 12:17, Satan fights and tries to kill the woman who gave birth to the child. Get it now that the seed of God in you has given you an assignment that makes the devil scared to death. However, I know in my spirit that God will not let you be

destroyed, but He will protect that mighty seed in you. If you do not let the devil corrupt your seed, he will not be able to sabotage your assignment.

When the bible says, '…**HE SHALL SEE HIS SEED..,'** what does it mean? It means that when the seed dies it produces more seed. Jesus said,

If you do not let the devil corrupt your seed, he will not be able to sabotage your assignment..

24 Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.'
[JOHN 12:24]

Whenever a seed dies, it brings forth more seed. That is why God said that He would see His seed implying that after Jesus died, He would resurrect. The seed in Isaiah 53:10b that God was talking about is YOU.

According to the gospel of Matthew the bible says,

38 The field is the world; THE GOOD SEED ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM; but the tares are the

children of the wicked *one*;
[MATTHEW 13:38]

You do not just possess the seed of God; you have become that seed. You are a seed because you are a child of the Kingdom. Jesus, the Seed of the Kingdom, died and out of Him came much seed which include you and I. That is why whatsoever we do in His name, we procreate that seed of God in the earth.

What Seed?

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CHAPTER FOUR

WORLD CHANGERS

How will God change this world? How will you change your world? Maybe you have just heard this, but these are the facts; destruction came upon the people of the earth in the days of Noah. Even in those days, God still located a fertile ground called Noah in which to plant His seed of a new population on the earth. Noah's obedience and response in building the ark was God's *modus operandi* that He used to change the world during that time [Hebrews 11:7]. God changes the world by sowing or by the *seed principle.*

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.
[GENESIS 8:22]

God locates the fertile ground and sows His seeds in it. Joseph was a very good seed, God planted His

seed in him, and that seed was to dream. The children of Israel sold Joseph. That is the mistake that many of us make, we sell off the dreamer [the seed]. Wherever the dreamer is, that is where you will go

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for food, because he is going to have the ability to foresee and interprete what will take place in the future (See Genesis 37, 41 and 42).

A few years ago, the whole world experienced the EI-Nino rains. There was a reason why the EI-Nino rains fell. *EI-Nino* is a Spanish word that was used to describe a kind of a stormy rain that had not been seen on the face of the earth for decades if I am not mistaken. It hit all parts of the globe, beating up both natural and man-made creations.

Jesus said,

3…O *ye* hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not *discern* the signs of the times? [MATTHEW 16:3]

Every farmer knows this, regardless of whether he has a university degree or he has never been to school, that whenever the rains come, it is time to plant the seed. What kind of rains are you waiting for in order to put your seed in the ground? You must realize that once the heavy rains are over, the dry season will follow, and if you have not planted your seeds in the ground by the time the drought comes, you will experience famine. Famines are a result of ignoring seasons and holding back seeds.

24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and *there is* that *withholdeth* more than is meet, but *it tendeth* to poverty.
[PROVERBS 11:24]

Famines are a result of ignoring seasons..

5 He that gathereth in summer *is* a wise son: *but* he that sleepeth in harvest *is* a son that causeth shame.
[PROVERBS 10:5]

Never put yourself in a position whereby the famine is your inevitable destination. Always watchout for the seed, the season and the soil.

Once God gives you a seed, He has given you what you need..

Eventually, wherever Joseph went he interpreted dreams for people. God's intention had been to bless Israel. Instead it is other people that were blessed by Joseph's anointing. God is concerned about your daily struggles, but more than that, He is concerned that you reach your destination.

A Seed That Sees.

Once God gives you a seed, He has given you what you need. Whether you are going to have your child by c-section or by natural birth, God has given you a child.

God's plan was to bless Israel. He gave them Joseph as a seed, but they sold him to Egypt. Never at any one time should you sell your seed. Though they sold Joseph for twenty pieces of silver [Genesis 37:28], it was their father who gave them money to go to Egypt to buy some grain from a seed *(Joseph)* they had sold years back [Genesis 43:12]. Where did the twenty pieces of silver go? Over and over again it was their dad who gave them money to go and get more grain or food. Whenever you sell your seed, you sacrifice

your future for the present, and thus surrender your latter years to the cruel one.

5 And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those that came: for the famine was in the land of Canaan.
6 And Joseph *was* the governor over the land, *and* he *it was* that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the earth.

Never put yourself in a position whereby the famine is your inevitable destination.

7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spoke roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food.
8 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.
[GENESIS 42:5-8]

In their latter years, when they ought to have been blessing the next generation, these *seed-sellers* were forced to go to and from Egypt just for survival. Their trip to Egypt was arduous; the heat of the sun tortured them, they had to walk in fear of robbers, and when they finally arrived in Egypt the real psychological and emotional torture

started as they were made to remember the seed they sold-their brother Joseph. Never sell your seed.

21 And they said one to another, We *are* verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us.
[GENESIS 42:21]

While in Egypt, Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream and revealed to him that a famine would come after seven years of good rainy seasons.

28 This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he showeth unto Pharaoh.
29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:
30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;
[GENESIS 41:28-30]

Whenever you sell your seed, you sacrifice your future for the present

In every seed there is a prophecy for the future. What he was saying is that all they had was a *window of opportunity*.

Joseph was that kind of a seed that sees windows of opportunity. That is why when he was bought by Potiphar, he worked his heart out knowing that it would open a greater door for him and indeed it did.

Your seed sees the future though you don't. It carries the power to locate the window of opportunity everybody is looking for. Joseph saw the window of opportunity for him to talk to Pharaoh as he interpreted the dream for his fellow inmates in an Egyptian jail and he said,

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house:
15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.
[GENESIS 40:14-15]



In every circumstance, it is the seed that defies the boundaries of confinement in order to set your spirit in expectancy for the fulfillment of the promise. Joseph was a Hebrew accused of attempting to rape the wife of one of Pharaoh's officials. He

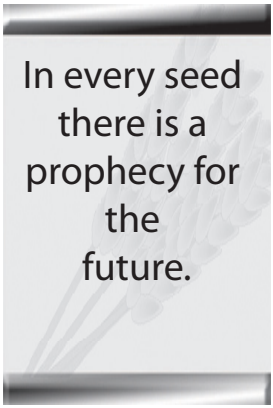
found himself in an Egyptian prison for no wrong doing, yet hear him say to the butler, *'..think on me when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house,'*[Genesis 40:14]. I hear Joseph silently say, *'the seed inside of me cannot die here in this prison. Although every seed has to die in order to bear much fruit, this is no ground for my kind of seed to die. My seed demands a Prime Minister-soil not a prison cell.'*

Do not permit anything to swallow your seed unless it is the right ground for it.

The very power you are looking for to achieve your dreams must defy the situation that tries to take you out before seeing the fulfillment of that which God has promised you. Do not permit anything to swallow your seed unless it is the right ground for it. One thing I love about Joseph is that throughout his ordeal, he never sold the seed. From his brothers' animosity to the dry pit, from the woman who bothered him, through the prison cell to becoming the Prime Minister, he kept *The Seed* safe. Safeguard your seed whether spiritual, financial, or biological.

You Must Believe In The Seed.

When you do the above you will soon reach that place which will position you for a greater manifestation of the power of that which has been placed inside of you. It is absolutely amazing that all along nobody had listened to Joseph, especially his brothers. Not even his parents gave his dreams much attention. Potiphar's success was attributed to Joseph, and Potiphar knew that God was with him. However, when his wife accused Joseph of attempted rape, Potiphar did not absolve Joseph of wrong doing. Even Joseph's fellow inmate whom he prophesied back into his former position forgot all about him when he was restored [Genesis 40:23]. Whenever people do not listen to you, do not be upset at all, probably they are not the kind of soil you were meant to blossom in. However, when Joseph stood before Pharaoh, for the first time somebody listened to him and all his *past* was now *past*.



37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and

in the eyes of all his servants.
38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the Spirit of God *is*?
39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art*:
40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.
41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.
[GENESIS 41:37-41]

In your seed lies the power to take care of you

Egypt believed in Joseph. That land of Egypt planted enough seeds to see them through seven good years as well as seven bad ones. The seeds they planted brought them survival for fourteen years.

Intentions and situations whether good or bad are all subject to change because of the power of the seed inside of you. That is how God stopped lack and famine in those days; it was by the power of the seed. In your seed lies the power to take care of you.

In the times when we see containment, the seed of God inside of us sees freedom. When the prison bars of life contain you, let your seed lead you out to the position God has ordained for you. If nothing else works, the seed will. It carries in itself the prophecy for your future.

Your Seed Works In Famine

One of the reasons some parts of Africa have been on the brink of disaster as a result of famine is because people eat their seed instead of sowing it. Know this for sure, that any famine is caused by certain factors that make it impossible to sow seeds for a harvest. These include the following; war, ignorance concerning seasons and soils, pests, lack of rains and tools to use, and last but not least turning seed into food. Despite all these, that which overcomes and overrides all circumstances including famine is none other than *the seed*. The bible says,

12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. [GENESIS 26:12]

As long as Isaac kept the seeds in his hands he starved, but the moment he put them into the ground,

God gave him a hundredfold. According to **Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language 1913,** a hundredfold means *'a hundred times as much or as many.'* God is not talking about percentage here; He is talking about too much. If this is true, then the measure of a fold lies in such or much therefore, it is the capital that determines the folds.

Jesse Duplantis wrote a book called ***'God is not enough, He is too much.'*** When God decides to bless you, He is not talking about enough; He is talking about too much, because that is who He is. God overcomes lack by *seed ability.*

When It Is Not Sufficient

It has been divinely designed that everyone of us, in certain seasons of our lives, will experience insufficiency. To the discerning, this is an opportunity to sow and increase. Unfortunately, to others these seasons spell disaster. If Isaac the son of Abraham could experience famine, it should not take you by surprise when

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you too experience one. I have personally experienced several famines, but the principles of *'seed-time and harvest'* have always brought them to an end.

In Genesis 43:1, the bible says that *'..the famine was sore in the land.'* When the famine is severe, what do you do? When your earnings are not sufficient to make ends meet and your prayers do not seem to be working, then there is a famine in the land. The power of the seed was the only means God intended to use to save Israel, Egypt and the rest of the world.

God used the same principle to turn Isaac's situation around. Abraham is known for being a man who believed God, but Isaac is known for having sowed during the famine and in the same year reaped a hundredfold [Genesis 15:6, 26:12].

Through Joseph, multitudes were saved. Through Jesus Christ the Seed of a woman, billions of lives are being transformed into the image of God.

The Seed That Blesses

11..Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had com-

manded.
[GENESIS 47:11]

The emphasis here is that Joseph placed them in the land. In some previous chapters, I dealt with Joseph being Israel's seed. Therefore, it is right to say that their seed placed them into Egypt's good land, the best of it. That is what will happen to you, your seed will place you in good land; land that you would not have otherwise had.

The Joseph Principle of Dealing with Enemies

We all would like to come to a place in life where no matter how our families mistreated us in the past, we are in position to provide for them. For a long time I used to pray, *'Lord, give me enough for me and my ministry,'* but now I pray, *'Lord give me sufficient provisions so that I am able to bless even my enemies when they are in need.'* The real vengeance against your enemies is when you are finally in the position of the giver and no longer on the receiving end. This is how you repay them; by blessing them. I call it overcoming them by the *Joseph principle.*

you cannot give the best unless you have a seed

Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. [ROMANS 12:20]

You repay enemies by blessing them

The bible says that Joseph's brothers sold him to Egypt; but when his family came to him, he was able to provide for them in the good land. I don't know about you, but as for me, I was born into a family of thirteen children. Now I have the responsibility of looking after an extended family. Everywhere I turn, there is a nephew or someone else in need.

I know that you too have some people in your life who definitely need help, but when you look at them you feel helpless. You are the seed of God, a child of God, but yet you have nothing with which to help them. I pray that God will open the windows of heaven for you, that when they come to you, you will be in position to give them the best. You see, you cannot give the best unless you have a seed.

The bible says that there was famine in Egypt [Genesis 47:13]; Egypt typifies the world system today;

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Canaan, the home country of Jacob and Joseph typifies the Church. The reason I say Egypt typifies the world system is because it was the centre of civilization at the time, and Canaan was the home of God's people. Now, the bible says there was famine in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan [Genesis 42:5].

We are about to see a multifaceted kind of famine; leadership famine, political famine, and economic famine. Unless the Church becomes wise enough to keep the dreamer; our dreamer being the seed in us, we will end up just like the world. We had better keep Jesus as precious as possible by preaching Him. That way we will be planting Him in the hearts of men; the only fertile soil for the gospel.

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CHAPTER FIVE

WHEN MONEY FAILS

As I was writing this book while in Asia, the economies of many countries were in an unstable state. Several years ago in Mexico, the economy came close to crashing, and the only country which bailed out Mexico and South East Asia was the United States of America. Now, if the American dollar failed, what would happen? With God, if it has ever happened before, it can happen again. History repeats itself.

Two thousand years ago, history changed. For over four thousand years, God was operating and working with Israel alone as a nation; working and living among the Jewish people. His tabernacle was among them. However, more than 2000 years ago everything changed. He made the first step and changed history. He is about to make a second step. His first step brought healing, the Holy Ghost, deliverance, casting out devils, and the coming of Gentiles into the King



dom of God. Now God is about to take a second step. I want you to pay attention to this. When money failed in Canaan (the Church), and in Egypt (in the centre of civilization), people went to Joseph, for he was a seed planted to save humanity from extinction.

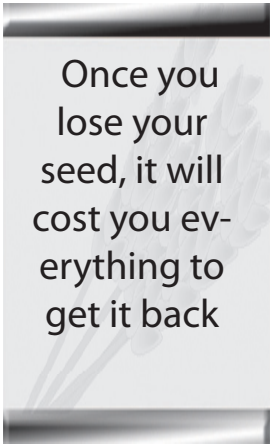
15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.
[GENESIS 47:15]

You see, God gets your attention by touching your nerves. He touches your senses, and then your spirit-man cries out to Him. God is committed to proving that the devil is a liar, and all these manifestations in your life are symbols and signs that are telling you that something is about to happen; something great and powerful.

How Long Should The Famine Last?

The bible says,

16 And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail.
17 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread *in exchange* for horses, and for the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year.
18 When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide *it* from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not aught left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands:
[GENESIS 47:16-18]



Once you lose your seed, it will cost you everything to get it back. This is because your seed has the ability to see your future.

Why do famines of the world last long and how long should they last? In Egypt it only lasted for three and a half years

instead of seven years as had been predicted. The reason it even lasted that long is because the people kept on asking for the wrong thing, they asked for bread instead of seed. How often do we miss the opportunity to change our world because we ask for the wrong thing? Food is perishable but not seeds. Bread is delicious, but a bakery is what I need.

Bread, *'give us bread,'* they cried [see Genesis 47:15]. They ended up spending all their money, animals and everything else on bread. Do not ask for food, ask for seed. If you are working for food, you are going to die because food is only for today, but seed is for the future.

Jesus said,

9 After this manner therefore pray ye…
11 Give us this day our daily bread
[MATTHEW 6:9, 11]

Food serves only today's purpose, but a seed not only meets our present need, but it also provides for the future. Therefore, if you are asking and working for seed, you will live.

What the Master was asking us to pray for was to

get that which will supply our bread daily: for in order to have daily bread, wherever you may be, you don't ever need to have a bakery, all you need is the power to give you bread daily, e.g. money, favor etc.

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CHAPTER SIX

TURNING YOUR FOOD INTO SEED

What you have can be turned into seed if you are willing and ready to sacrifice. A man of God came to a widow woman of Zarepath and said,

11b…Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.
[1KINGS 17:11b]

But she retorted,

12 As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.
[1KINGS 17:12]

Food can be turned into seed.

She said that after they would eat it, they would die. That's right, what she said was a fact. If you eat all your food and none is left, you will surely die. However, the man of God told her that if she would turn her food into a seed she would not die. God is calling the Church; you and I, to turn our food into seed. Whenever you have seeds, you will have food and more seeds to sow; but if all you have is food, there will be waste. The Egyptians were asking for the wrong thing. They said to Joseph,

15... Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.
[GENESIS 47:15]

Now when it dawned on them that all their money and animals were totally gone, they changed their request. They seemed to say, '*no more food*; *of course we need food for today, but we ask you for seed now.*' And so he gave them seed.

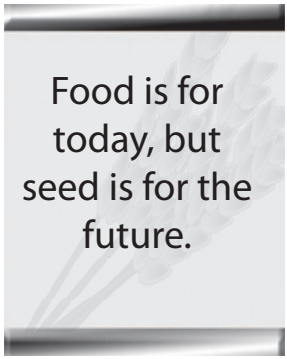
19 Wherefore shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give *us* seed, that we may live, and not die, that the land be

not desolate.
[GENESIS 47:19]

When wealth is gone it means your health is on the decline as well, that is when you really need a seed. Every man sold his field, so no one owned any land. They gave up what was profitable, real and long lasting and in exchange they got the seeds [GENESIS 47:20, 23].

The Real Transfer of Power

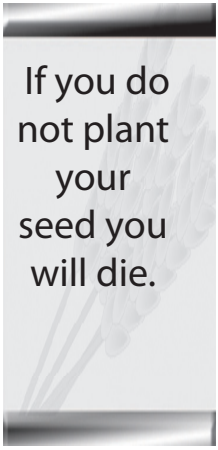
I want you to see the exchange. It is like giving up a building in exchange for some wheat seed. Everybody would think you were crazy, but what is the use of owning a building after you are dead? They were wise. They let Pharaoh have the land and they asked for seed. They did not say, *'sell us the seed,'* they said, *'buy our land for bread ... and give us seed.'*



You need to hear what the Spirit is saying. You cannot buy a seed; God has to give it to you.

10 Now he that *MINISTERETH SEED TO THE SOWER*

both minister bread for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)
[2CORINTHIANS 9:10]



God has to give you the seed because it is only He who knows what you need to get out of trouble.

Some people call it the *anointing*, the *calling*, the *heart*, the *mind,* while others call it *motivation*. Whatever name you may choose to call it, whether *luck, blessing, anointing* or *calling*, that is the *seed* that God has given to you; if you do not plant it, you will die.

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CHAPTER SEVEN

THE POWER OF THE SEED

The bible says;

23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, *here is* seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.
24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth *part* unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.
[GENESIS 47:23-24]

The Power of Exchange

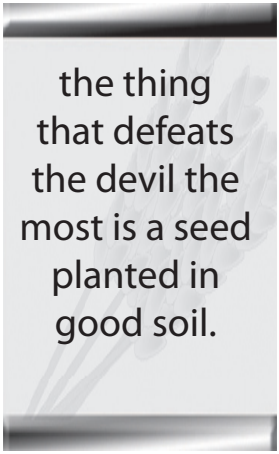
Through the exchange for seeds, the people of Egypt were now in partnership with Pharaoh. That is the way to go, joining those in authority by exchanging all that you have for what they have. The people were wise, wisdom says, *'sell all you have and get a seed.'*

No One Can Stop the Power of a Planted Seed

Even God Himself cannot stop a seed from growing. Jesus spoke of the parable where when the servants of a certain man planted wheat, an enemy came and sowed tares [Matthew 13:24-30]. It was like He was saying, *'I cannot remove the tares, let both grow together until the harvest: during the harvest, the difference shall be obvious.'* God Himself cannot stop a planted seed from germinating; this is because God uses the *seed-principle*. He cannot stop it once it has started working. In fact the thing that defeats the devil the most is a seed planted in good soil.

Look at the parable of the sower.

3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;
4 And when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:
5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:
6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.
7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:
8 But other fell into good ground, and brought forth



fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. [MATTHEW 13:3-8]

The seed was never stopped, rather it was the plant from the seed that did not reproduce. On the side of the road it provided food for the birds of the air [Matthew 13:4], on the stony ground it produced a plant [Matthew 13:5-6] and on the thorny soil the same [Matthew 13:7]. A sown seed cannot be stopped from sprouting. You can stop what it produces, but never the seed.

There Are No New Sins

9 The thing that hath been, it *is that* which shall be; and that which is done *is* that which shall be done: and *THERE IS NO NEW THING UNDER THE SUN.*
10 Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this *is* new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.
[ECCLESIASTES 1:9-10]

Look at the sins in the world; there are no new sins.

We have new people committing the same old sins because the sin of Adam was a seed and once we are born of the woman we carry the same seed. So we become sinners. A sinner can be saved, but sin remains sin. A sinner is what sin produces. Sin is a seed from the devil.

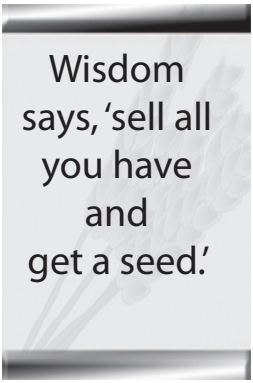
A Seed Changes the Mind of God

A seed has the power to talk to God. When a seed is used properly it can change the mind of God. Even when judgment has been passed against you from the courtroom of heaven, the seed has the power to talk God out of His decision; no one else can apart from a seed.

Let us examine one evil king whose fate was unsealed by the power of a seed planted.

26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through *even* unto the king of Edom: but they could not.
27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him *for* a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and re

turned to *their own* land.
[2KINGS 3:26-27]



God had already given the king of Moab into the hands of Israel, and He had spoken to King Jehoshaphat through the prophet Elisha to destroy the Moabites. So they killed every man, they took over the land, they destroyed everything in their wake, and now they were pursuing him. The Moabite king took seven hundred strong elite forces to try to break through the lines of Israel, trying to escape, and they were all smitten. Only he and his son were not yet captured.

He then took his eldest son and heir to his throne, offered him upon the wall as a burnt offering, and there was great indignation against Israel as a result. Of course this was high level witchcraft, but it was able to stop Israel from fulfilling their desired purpose of capturing this evil king. This evil man took advantage of a divine principle to fulfil his evil schemes. The King of Moab was evil, but he knew the power of the seed. It does not matter who is against you. If you have a seed, that will mark the end of the

story.

Hezekiah is another king who also used the *seed-principle* when the prophet told him to prepare his house because he was going to die. He turned to the wall. He began sowing seed on the wall; the altar. And the seed he sowed that day changed God's mind.

1 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.
2 Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,
3 And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
4 Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,
5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days

The seed has the power to stop whatever is pursuing you.

fifteen years.
[ISAIAH 38:1-5]

No matter who or what is pursuing you, the seed has the power to stop them, though it be sickness. This is a common occurrence in all our miracle crusades. As soon as the seed of faith is planted into the hearts of saints or even sinners who do not even know God, He heals them.

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CHAPTER EIGHT

CHANGING GOD'S MIND TO GET YOU OUT OF TROUBLE

In Genesis chapters 7 and 8, we see another man by the name of Noah, who used the *seed-principle* to get himself out of trouble.

1 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.
2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female.
[GENESIS 7:1-2]

Jewish custom demands that they eat only clean animals. God told Noah to take seven of each clean animal into the ark [Genesis 7:2]. So when the flood was over, Noah realized that he had nothing left.

'If you want the earth to remain, you must have a seed time and a harvest time,'

Every other clean animal was already dead, and he knew that if he was to feed on the ones remaining, sooner or later, he would have nothing.

After the flood, Noah found himself having to deal with a messed up planet earth, carcasses of humans as well as animals, destroyed buildings and mud slides including his own house. God had destroyed everything by the floods. When Noah came out of the ark which had been his safe haven, he was met with devastation.

20 And Noah built an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.
[GENESIS 8:20]

Noah took what would have been his food and gave it to the Lord as a seed. Turn your food into seed. In response to Noah's offering, God said:

21 ...I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil

from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.
22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.
[GENESIS 8:21-22]

You can translate the statement *'while the earth remaineth…'* to say, *'If you want the earth to remain, you must have a seed time and a harvest time,'* without doing an injustice to the Scripture. Do you know that if there were no seasons, the earth would not remain? Seasons are preserving the earth.

Turn your food into seed.

Forests are seeded by animals which eat the seeds and fruit daily so that they can be preserved. Man keeps on sowing seeds into the earth so that life can remain. There must be *seedtime* if the earth is to remain. You are the earth, you were formed from the earth; if you are to remain, you need a *seedtime*. In John's gospel our Lord Jesus put it this way;

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit,

and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. [JOHN 15:16]

How can a perishable commodity be preserved? Fruits are perishable. How will they remain unless they have seed in them, and someone keeps on sowing that seed which produces the same kind of fruit? There must be *seedtime* if anything is to remain.

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CHAPTER NINE

THE SEED TRANSFERS WEALTH

23 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, *here is* seed for you, and ye shall sow the land.
24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth *part* unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.
[GENESIS 47:23-24]

In this Scripture we see the beginning of the transfer of the wealth of the wicked into the hands of the just. Do you know when it is going to take place? You should get ready to receive the wealth of the wicked. The devil thinks it will not happen, but just watch and I am going to prove it through the Scriptures why I say

God is always on the side of the poor, down trodden and afflicted

it is going to happen. This is because God is always on the side of the poor, the widow and the desolate.

It does not matter whether they are in Egypt, America or anywhere else in the world, God will never be on the side of dictators. He will never be on the side of evil people; He is always on the side of the poor, down trodden and afflicted. That's the nature of God Jehovah.

The bible says Pharaoh had received all the money;

14 And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house.
15 And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth.
[GENESIS 47:14-15]

All the money from Egypt and Canaan was now in the house of Pharaoh. Why did God allow that? He

allowed the famine to come in order to bring all the money together so that one day Israel when getting out of Egyptian bondage, would carry out all the money.

While I was preaching this message at Calvary Cathedral, Fort worth, Texas of Pastor Bob Nichols on the 15th February 1998, the Spirit of the Lord came upon me and I prophesied these words,

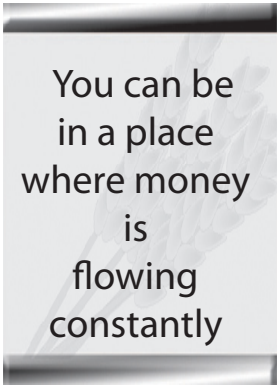
'Hear the voice of the Lord, hear the Spirit of the Lord America, your next President is going to be born again, Spirit-filled in Jesus name. God Jehovah will let every evil pile up so that He may destroy it and establish His righteousness.'

That was two years before the presidential elections of 2000 in America took place. Even the Republican Party had not yet nominated its sole candidate to stand for them during the elections. We all know that they chose the then Governor of the state of Texas, George W. Bush, a born-again Christian, and in the presidential elections in the United States of America in 2000, George W. Bush became the 43rd President of the United States of America*[1].

God Jehovah will gather every evil and allow it to pile

*[1](*A recording of the prophecy is available on order).*

up so that He may destroy it and establish His righteousness. That is how Jehovah works. He allowed the devil to bring destruction to the nations and to bring sin and witchcraft all over the earth. Finally, over two thousand years ago when sin was at its climax, He gave a final blow to it through the death and ressurection of Jesus Christ.



The lack that you are experiencing now can be used by God to pile up stuff for you so that when the time of setting free comes, you will go away with it all.

By the time I was preaching this message on the seed, the leadership of the United States was in shame. Scandals of immorality had rocked the White House and the House of Representatives. As I began to preach on the power of the seed, a prophetic voice rose in me and I prophesied. Such a thing has seldom happened to me. The last time it happened was when the Lord told me that the founder of North Korea was going to die within three months and that that nation would open up just as it has since opened up to the South and to the rest of the world.

Pay close attention to this; Joseph said that the land belonged to Pharaoh, but he told the people to give Pharaoh 1/5 of the harvest which is 20% of the harvest of the land and the people would take 4/5 which is 80% of the harvest of the land for themselves. Now the land belonged to Pharaoh because he had bought it all, the Egyptians only had the seed.

24 And it shall come to pass in the increase, that ye shall give the fifth *part* unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for
food for your little ones.
[GENESIS 47:24]

But when the time for the harvesting of the crop came, Pharaoh took only 1/5 part or 20% of the harvest and yet the people took 4/5 or 80% of it.

For every seed they planted, God gave them a four-fold increase. Now who was the boss, Pharaoh or the people? It was the people who had a better deal. That is how God transfers the wealth of the wicked into the hands of the just, there has to be a transfer of assets. What you call wealth is just a means of getting a seed for the future. The bible shows that all the money was passing through Joseph's hands in order to go

to Pharaoh because Pharaoh hired Joseph. All the seeds that were sold out in cash belonged to Pharaoh. You can be where money is flowing constantly; you can handle what the inhabitants of the land will never handle because you can be trusted with a seed.

God requires of us a tithe. He owns everything we use.

You may not own the bank, but the time has come that all the money will have to go through you before it reaches the owners. Do you know who enjoys the water in your house before you do? It is the water pipe.

We need to learn to sow our seeds. Whenever we eat our seed, we miss out on the cream of the crop and all that which would have come forth from that seed if it had been planted and allowed to germinate and produce fruit. This is because in every seed, potentially speaking, there is uncountable fruit and immeasurable juice that can be a blessing to many people, and yet at the same time, one still has more seed to sow. Do not eat your seed. The children of Egypt planted their seeds on lands which were not theirs, but they received the greater part of the harvest.

This brings us to a search in our relationship with God. If Pharaoh who owned the land only received 20% and the people 80% that is all that Pharaoh ever wanted because the land they were using was his, so he taxed them 20%. In the United States the Government takes over 30% in taxes; in other countries it is even more. The least they can charge you for goods and services in Uganda is a VAT (Value Added Tax) which is 17%.

All this taxation is far greater than what God is asking of us; just 10%. What God requires of us is just a tithe. He owns everything we use.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall* not *be room* enough *to receive it*.
[MALACHI 3:10]

A Mighty Seed in Samson

Samson was a mighty general of God who had been raised to deliver the children of Israel from the oppression of the Philistines. However, he broke his covenant with God when he allowed that Philistine

The devil is in the seed-grinding business

woman Delilah to seduce him into revealing the secret of his power. As a result, his locks of hair were cut off, and he lost his power [Judges 16:4-20].

20 And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he knew not that the LORD was departed from him.
21 But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house.
22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.
[JUDGES 16:20-22]

A crop can be harvested by anybody, it may even be destroyed by either drought or storms, but you cannot destroy the power of its seed. If the seed is still in the ground, you have another thing coming.

The mighty seed of Samson's hair (holy point of contact with God) was still in his head. They harvested the crop (his hair) by cutting it all off from his head; but because the seed was intact, another crop was on the way.

22 Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.
[JUDGES 16:22]

The seed germinated again and this time it brought forth double trouble to his enemies.

30 So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.
[JUDGES 16:30]

Samson's seed was given to him by God, that is why it did not die when his hair was cut off.

Do not Let Satan Use You to Grind Your Own Seed

Look at the seeds God has planted in your spirit and place them into His hands, then all your enemies will be no more, just as was the case with Samson.



He seemed to say to God, *'remember me only this time. Give me a chance to fulfill my calling*' [Judges 16:28, 30]. That is the way to deal with situations that have left you blind and tied you to a seed-grinding mill. The devil is in

the *seed-grinding business*; he hates seeds. He wants to crush them all. That is why captivity and spiritual, physical, financial or emotional bondage grind the seed in you into flour; but trust the One who gave you that seed. When we put our seeds in the right soils, hope will be restored and Satan's schemes of destroying lives will be no more.

Seed Possessors Hate the Sound of Seed Grinding

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

I believe everyday Samson moved the heavy rock and as it crushed those tiny seeds which would have produced millions of their kind, it preached to him. That is what Satan is doing to you day by day. He is trying to crush the seeds in you.

Never let Satan use you to crush any good seed in people

Seed possessors hate the sound of the seed grinder. Never let Satan use you to crush any good seed in people, it does not sound

Because the seed is intact, another crop is on the way.

good either. It is the murdering of what should have lived and thrived. Anybody can tell the number of oranges in a basket, even the number of seeds in an orange can be counted. However, it is impossible to tell how many oranges a single tiny orange seed can produce.

I hate it when I hear the popping sound of a seed on a grinding machine. I cannot dance to that music, it is not romantic. It sounds like popcorn under fire, and popped corn will never bring forth a crop. Now turn it around by refusing Satan to grind your seed. Therefore, what God requires of you is to put your seed in the right ground.

One day I was watching a Wild West cowboy movie in which some outlaws came into town and forced a man who was trying to dig for gold to dance with no music. When he refused, they opened fire on his feet and he had to keep on jumping up and down to protect his feet from the bullets. That is *seed-grinding-music*; it is cruel. That is what Satan is doing to you, you must stop the onslaught. Many people do not know what to

do to stop it. Cry out to God and remind Him of your seed and the purpose for which He gave it to you.

It may be fasting, it may be prayer, it may be intercession or even singing, but put your seed in the ground because harvest time is about to come.

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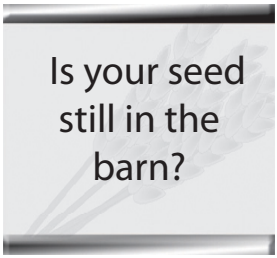
CHAPTER TEN

WHERE IS YOUR SEED?

Is your seed still in the barn?

19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless *you*. [HAGGAI 2:19]

Here we see the prophet Haggai addressing a situation in which the seed of the people was still in the barn. He mentioned the kind of seeds the people were still holding in the store houses. He mentioned the vine. Jesus said, *'…I am the vine, ye are the branches:'* [John 15:5]



Jesus was talking about your character as a Christian.

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Is your Christian character still hidden in the store? Do you still want to be politically correct? Are you afraid of planting your seed out there? Are you afraid of declaring that there is a God and a Savior? Are you hiding the seed of revival? That is what the prophet is talking about in the Scripture.

Is your Christian character still hidden in the store?...Are you hiding the seed of revival?

Many Christians are hiding the seed of revival and the character of Jesus. We are just branches, Jesus is the vine. He also mentioned the fig tree. Jesus was hungry; He came to the fig tree and asked it, *'do you have any fruit?'* And it seemed to respond, *'It is not my season'* (Mark 11:12-14).

How often do people who need us, who need deliverance, who need to be prayed for and demons to be cast out of them go home unattended to because we tell them, *'well it is not Sunday.'* Do we sow the power of God into people?

Haggai also mentioned other seeds here, including

the pomegranate. It is used in times of celebrations and merrymaking. There was also the olive tree. The olive tree represents the oil or the anointing. Are we hiding the anointing? If it is still in the storehouse, we should get it out. He then said that if these seeds were planted, blessings would come;

19c... from this day will I bless you.
[HAGGAI 2:19c]

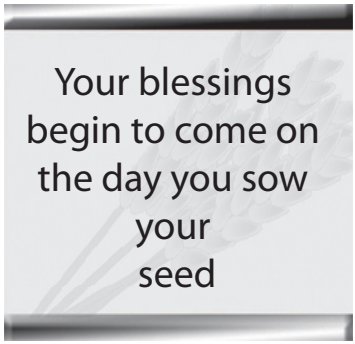
Which day was He talking about? The day you would plant these seeds. Your blessings do not begin to come on the day of your harvest; they begin to come on the day you sow your seed.

6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it *is* a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*;
7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.
8 The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts.
[HAGGAI 2:6-8]

When the seed touches the soil, God starts shaking the heavens and the earth like a man shakes a tree that is full of ripened mangoes. When Jesus the Seed

of God touched the ground of our redemption at Calvary, there was an earthquake, the curtain was torn and we got the fruit of the perfect sacrifice, the righteousness of God.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;
[MATTHEW 27:51]



The truth of the matter is that the desire of the nations is Jesus Christ. However, apart from that, the thing that all nations desire is money, and that was one of the things that God was addressing here. That is why He said, *'The silver is mine, and the gold is mine...'* [Haggai 2:8]. He is going to give it to you because the desire of the nations for domination and control is about wealth. He said, *'I am going to shake the nations; I will shake the heavens and the earth.'* Once the seed touches the right soil, the shaking for a blessing begins.

We have tropical fruits like mangoes and pawpaws.

Mangoes grow throughout the year in their seasons. If you want to get mangoes which are on the higher part of the tree, you have to shake the entire tree, and the mangoes will fall. If you do not have a tree, God will have nothing to shake. That is why in Haggai 2:19 He tells His people to get the seeds out of the barn. It is as if He is saying, *'when I finally shake the heavens; the desire of the nations shall come'*[Haggai 2:19-22].

God has a plan of gathering all the wealth of the nations into a field where He knows that His people will be able to get it into use for His glory; and He has begun to shake the nations. He will shake the political and the economic arenas; He will even shake regions and continents. I am not worried about who has the money right now. When the time comes, we will go there like the Hebrew slaves, and we shall demand for it.

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CHAPTER ELEVEN

YOUR SEED WILL MAKE YOU FORGET

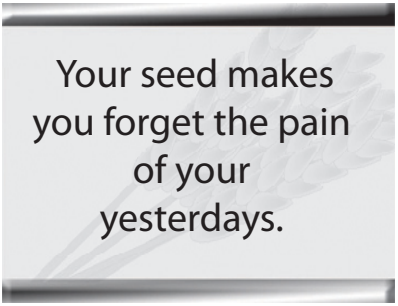
In this life, we are going to get hurt, frustrated, discouraged and abused at some point in time on all fronts as was the experience of Joseph the son of Jacob. He was hurt though innocent. He was hated and was sold into slavery because of his dreams and visions.

17 He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph, *who* was sold for a servant:
18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:
19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.
[PSALM 105:17-19]

While in Egypt, God began to deal with Joseph

because he had planted his seed by helping others. His tree had finally grown and was ready to bear fruit that would remain.

51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn Manasseh: For God, *said he*, hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.
[GENESIS 41:51]



That is the way to deal with the abuse and frustrations of life. For all the cares of this world you must have a seed; a Manasseh; that which God uses to cause you to forget your sweat and the house of malice and strife. Your seed makes you forget the pain of your yesterdays.

Your Seed Will Make You Forget

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CHAPTER TWELVE

THE SEED SHALL PROSPER

I used to pray everyday that God would give me prosperity. In fact, being in Africa in the midst of dire poverty, the prosperity message nearly confused me. Since it is the Word of God, whether one is in Africa or elsewhere its results should be the same. In my case however, for many years the reverse was true until I came across a very powerful Scripture in Zechariah that said;

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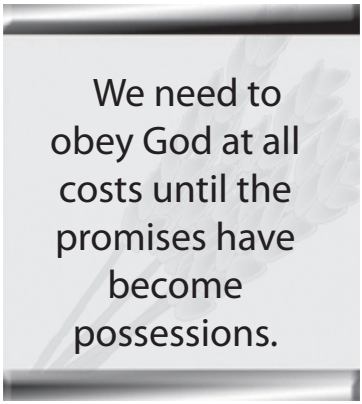
12 For the seed *shall be* prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*.

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[ZECHARIAH 8:12]

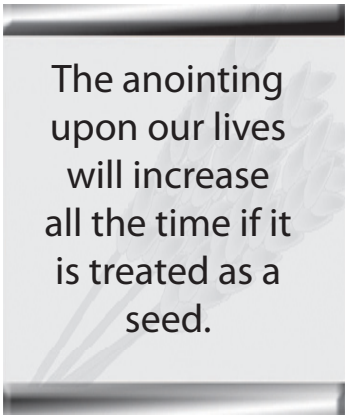
The term *remnant of this people*, refers to the seed or the fruit that had remained. The seed helps us prosper because it carries within itself the ability to prosper. When you have no seed there is no prosperity. You can claim and pretend like many people used to do long time ago, *'just confess it and get prosperity,'* they would say. They would get stuff on credit so as to impress everybody and would call that faith, only to have the stuff repossessed by the banks.

Why did all this happen? It is because they had information but lacked revelation, and revelation is only given by God. Therefore, what God gives us is seed and that seed shall prosper.



Prosperity comes by the way of the *seed-principle*, for in one seed there is such great potential.

The anointing upon our lives will increase all the time if it is treated as a seed. Whenever we plant it,

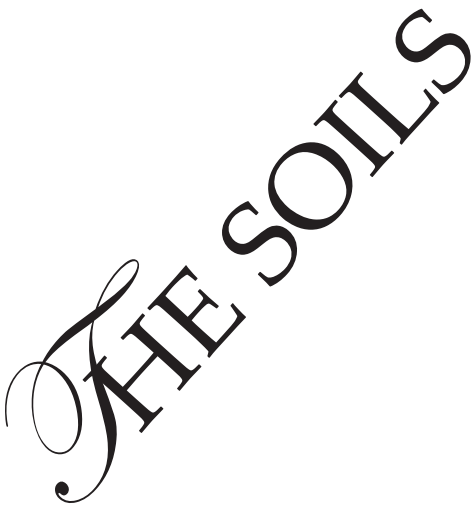


prosperity will come and increase will be ours.

Joseph realized that he needed to plant the seed for his next generation. As a result, God made him fruitful through his second son.

52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.
[GENESIS 41:52]

Even to possess our land, we need that seed of the promises of God planted in the *faith-ground* of our spirit. We also need to obey God at all costs until the promises have become possessions. THE SEED SHALL INCREASE.


THE SOILS

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN

THE MYSTERY OF THE SOILS

The Mystery of Sowing

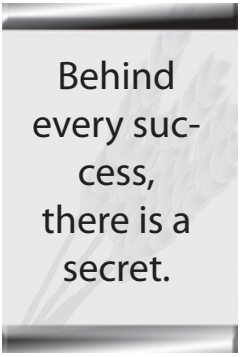
3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:
4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.
5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:
6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.
7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.
8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred.
[MARK 4:3-8]

This parable of the sower is the greatest mystery that

holds all the secrets of the kingdom of God. Mysteries are secrets; they are hidden truths. You need wisdom to uncover them. They have to be revealed. Without wisdom, the knowledge of this mystery is impossible to grasp, and yet without knowledge people are destroyed.

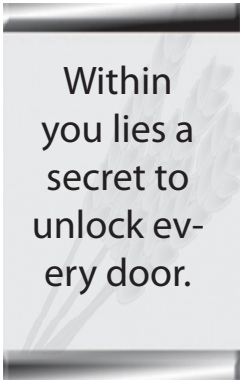
6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.
[HOSEA 4:6]

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
[JOHN 3:16]



The Kingdom of God is everlasting and we who are in it will not perish. The reason people perish is because they do not know, and the reason for their lack of knowledge is because it is a mystery. Mysteries are revealed by wisdom, and wisdom teaches this as truth, and this truth is knowledge that is understood.

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
[JOHN 8:32]



The lives of great men in the history of the world were built on secrets. These secrets are hidden treasures out of which their success emanated. Behind every success, there is a secret. The strength of kingdoms lies in the strength of their underlying secrets/objectives. Without secrets, such lives would not be.

In the beginning, the earth was void and formless . It was not until God spoke that the hidden treasures were revealed. You may look void right now, but within you lies a secret to unlock every door. A network of secrets forms a mystery. Mysteries are secrets; they are hidden truths.

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CHAPTER FOURTEEN

THE MEANING OF THE SOILS

The Mystery Of The Kingdom.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:
12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.
[MARK 4:11-12]

In the above mentioned Scriptures, Jesus released the key to changing your world. He further asked,

13… Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?
[MARK 4:13]

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He wanted to communicate as clearly as possible to His disciples what He meant. It is crystal clear that the Lord our Savior by this parable, revealed the mystery of the Kingdom of God in which He is King.

This mystery after it was revealed to me, started a great revolution in my life, and changed the way I perceive the parables of our Lord Jesus Christ. Words like *granted, mystery, outside, seeing, perceiving, understanding, turning, sin forgiven,* are very powerful and they alone can turn a frog into a whale.

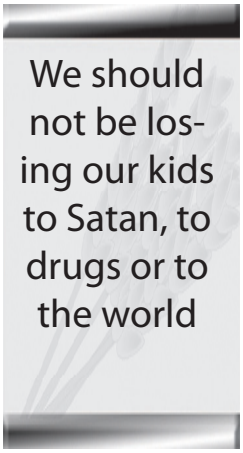
There is a hidden truth in this parable that we need to take heed to. The Master said that if one had these truths revealed unto them, much more would be added unto them. Just in case you do not have any of these truths, even what you have shall been taken away from you.

18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.
[LUKE 8:18]

I live to increase; I want to increase. I do not believe any of us would want to lose even a fraction of what

we have earned apart from sins.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all *these* things are done in parables: [MARK 4:11]



In other words, to those who are outside it is not given. You and I are inside the kingdom, not outside. We should not be losing our kids to Satan, to drugs or to the world. We should not be losing our miracles. However, the reason we have been losing is hidden in this great mystery of the kingdom of God; the *Parable of the Sower*.

Are you tired of just getting along and losing all? Are you tired of not making progress? Come with me and let us examine this story, and also learn to hear properly.

One of the greatest hidden truths in the mystery of this parable is found in the roles defined in it. The Master has given us the clues:

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The seed is the Word of God, and the sower is the preacher of the Word.

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
[LUKE 8:11]

Our major task therefore is to define the soils where the seed was sown, and their respective roles.

You see, the sower was not blind. He knew the soils and sowed randomly, but he was not blind. He went on sowing from one soil to another. The revelation Jesus wanted us to get was not about what was sown in the soil, because now we know it was the Word of God. I do not think the mystery is about what happened to the seed either, because we all know the outcome of the first, second, third and fourth soils.

The mystery the Lord wanted us to know about this parable I believe is threefold; seed, soils and seasons.

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CHAPTER FIFTEEN

THE SECRET BEHIND THE SOILS

I believe with all my heart that the mystery lies in the *type of the soils; it is a mystery of increase*. When we get the revelation of what the soils mean, we will be able to understand increase and we shall stop losing even that which we have. The other thing we have to know is that if we do not understand this parable we will not understand all the others; hence we will not be able to understand and unlock the truths Jesus taught in the entire bible.

People often wonder why preachers backslide and why churches do not have revival. It is because we do not understand the parable of the sower. You see the sower sows the same seed in all the four soils, and yet the results are different. For us to understand the reason why, we have to look at the problems which

each of the three unproductive soils had. A good example is found in the fourth soil. The same seed was sown but even there the results were different; thirtyfold, sixtyfold and a hundredfold.

The reason why the Lord taught on the parable using four different soils is that He wanted to reveal the power, the nature and purpose of these soils. If we can get these, we will change the world. It has been given to us to know the mystery of the kingdom. Heaven has revealed it but we have to know it. The reason why the Church has lost its cutting edge is because we do not know the secret behind the soils. That is why the divorce rate in the Church is the same as it is in the world. That is why the Church is in debt and lack, yet the generations before us who did not have all the bible translations we have today (the apostles) lacked nothing.

You need to discover the secrets behind the soils.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,
[ACTS 4:34]

Have you constantly been in battles

Soils don't speak but they send clear signals to us during harvest times.

and lost everything you have? You need to discover the secrets behind the soils.

The Soils

You need wings to fly and you need a ground on which to raise buildings. By the same token, you need seed, soils and seasons in order to produce a harvest. The mystery of soils is about increase.

Behind The Soils

The whole world knows that there are different types of soils and each of them has its importance. Each soil has potential, if used properly to do what it was created to do. Soils are developed through a process in order to be of good use.

It is easy to look at all the soils and not know the difference between them. It is not the form, but the content of the soils that has made life much better for those who have discovered the secret of the mystery of the soils. It is also true that man is destroying the good soils through his experiments. If we only extract

precious materials such as gold, oil, silver and diamonds and dump what we regard as elements, we will be the losers. Soils do not speak, but they send clear signals to us during harvest times.

12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.
[MARK 4:12]

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CHAPTER SIXTEEN

THE WAYSIDE SOIL

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.
[MARK 4:4]

The Wayside Soil

The wayside ground is not a waste dumping place; it is there to feed the hungry.

The first of all these soils is the wayside soil. Anybody who is selfish will think the sower wasted his seeds, but he did not. He sustained the life of the birds with them. Birds help a lot in sowing seeds in the entire earth. The birds of the air planted much of the forests and jungles that we see today. For example, bats can release about

10,000 seeds through their waste in a single night.

The *Wayside Principle* Environment

The wayside ground is not a waste dumping place; it is there to feed the hungry, to help sustain life and to empower workers. As birds sow, so do preachers of the Word of God. If we are going to continue sowing the Word of God into the world, we need to provide for God's workers.

However, the mystery of soils is about increase and if all this soil does is provide food and never multiplies what it has been given in order to give increase to the sower, soon he will run out of seeds to sow. Soils are there to increase that which is sown. The wayside soil had no ability to produce increase for the sower. All it did was provide food for the devil [Matthew 13:4, 19]. For sure, this seed was never planted, but turned into food. The wayside soil is a dinning table for those who do not sow but are fed. A sower of a particular seed needs that kind of a seed to be multiplied. Unfortunately, this kind of soil only gives away to strangers, but never produces increase for the sower.

The most interesting observation on this wayside soil is that it received the same kind of seed as did the

rest of the soils, but as soon as it received it, the seed was snatched away. The fact is either it did not properly receive the seed, or it did not recognize the season of its visitation, or perhaps it did not know the value of the seed. Maybe this was the first time anybody had ever shown interest in the wayside soil to the extent of sowing seeds into it. The truth of the matter is that at the end of the day, neither the soil nor the seed benefited from the planting process. The soil was given the seed, but it never actually received it.

The wayside soil is like the households of many of God's servants. People in their families may have a great ministry near them, but may never receive or believe in it.

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? [MATTHEW 6:26]

Remember that the mystery of the soils is to multiply that which has been given to them. As a sower, you must know what kind of soils you are sowing into. We sow for increase, the seed stock is not to feed the hungry. Feeding the hungry is an act of goodness

that reveals the kindness of God in us; it is not to increase the seed sown.

Why the First Soil Was the Wayside Soil

It is because on your way to the great soil or to your great investment, there is another side that might consume your seed. The reason why we have failed to have fields ready for the harvest is because we are sowing on plots and not on fields. If we begin with the wayside soil, we will end up with good soil but no good seeds.

What is meant for increase should not be spent on a party.

Soils are areas of our environment or people we are involved with.

Many of us are sowing on the wayside instead of sowing in the good soils. Bartimeus was that kind of piece of soil on the wayside. The Master stopped and sowed into him the word that changed his life forever. However, His mission had not been to go to the wayside area. He was on His way from Jericho to Jerusalem.

This reveals that we can only sow on the wayside soil, only if what is there will take in the seed of the word and increase it like blind Bartimeus did. He took in the word of Jesus, increased it by gaining his sight and revival broke out.

I have seen preachers' kids become the opposite of what their parents preach.

Soils are designed to increase your seed. Any soil that rejects the seed makes the seed food for the unknown; the fowls of the air.

In a positive sense, all soils are important. The first soil, the wayside soil, had no power to protect the seed. Anything that cannot protect your seed will surrender it to the unknown.

When Abraham had planted his seed as an offering to God in Genesis 15:11, birds of the air came to feast on it before God could receive it. However, Abraham fought them off.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
[GENESIS 15:11]

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It is not good enough just to sow, it is also important to keep the seed in the soil until the touch of increase has taken place.

Soils that do not have the ability to fight off the enemy of your seed will not bring forth a harvest for you. The wayside soil is a soil with no depth to cover the seed. Any seed that is not deeply sown and covered is food for the unknown. That is why after you sow your seed, you should start rejoicing for the harvest because every properly planted seed will surely bring you an increase. However, when you do not cover your seed with praise and water it with expectation, the birds of the air will have it for lunch.

17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?
18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.
[ACTS 11:17-18]

The second mystery is to reveal the best kind of soils for a harvest. Without the wayside soil, you will never discover who the real enemy of your seed is.

Jesus sees fields ready for harvest, but we see plots. The only way we can sow the gospel into the whole world is by beginning where we are, at the wayside soil.

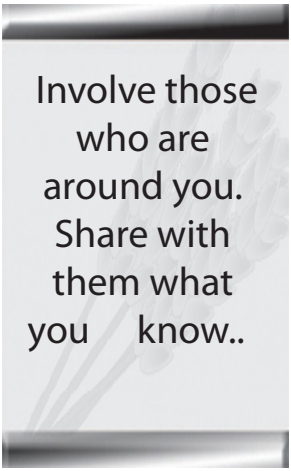
The *wayside-principle* is the way to begin everything. It is no wonder that Jesus said to His disciples to go into the world and preach the gospel, but to start from Jerusalem [see Acts 1:8]. If you want to sow seeds in a large field, you always have to start from where you are. Involve those who are around you. Share with them what you know and what you have received. Whether you are a parent, an athlete, a president, a pastor or whatever your role is in society; if you want to see a fundamental change, the greatest way to invest in change is by the *wayside-principle*.

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Sowing in the wayside soil can bring you a great awareness of the power of the seed sown. This is what happened when Jesus spoke to blind Bartimeus who was begging by the roadside. It brought an awareness among those who were telling him to keep quiet when he

brought forth praise which covered the seed of power in Jesus as he cried, '...*Son of David have mercy on me*' [See Luke 18:35-43].

A wayside man received a miracle of sight that revealed that sowing on the wayside is not always a waste. It can reveal the power of God. That's what increase is all about, to reveal the power and the will of God in our lives. Remember every soil can be productive if it is fertilized and properly watered and given the right seed.



The *wayside-principle* has to do with the quality of the soils; and who uses it. The birds of the air used this wayside soil as their dining table, their food basket. For instance, a kind word to your worker can be a seed sown on the wayside, but he will feed on that to gain self-esteem and self-worth.

Remember, the wayside soil is the first in the search for good soil. We all know that in the parable, there was good soil because it was compared to the rest of

the soils. Well, if all the soils can help you to sow into your future, then let them.

I have heard parents say, *'I do not want to give religion to my kids at such an early age,'* but they keep money for them in the bank, so that in case of any eventuality, their children will not starve. The first way to ensure security for your kids is by using the wayside-soil principle. A good example is that of the prophet in the bible who died and left a widow and kids. They were about to be taken into slavery.

1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.
2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.
3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, *even* empty vessels; borrow not a few.
4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her

and upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured out.
6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, *There is* not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.
[2KINGS 4:1-6]

However, the father had left them a pot of oil; something that God could work with to create a miracle to meet their need and to secure their future.

Since you do not know what the future holds, you really cannot tell whether the few dollars you have stacked away for your kids will be sufficient, even if they may be in their thousands or even millions. If the seed in them is crime or drugs, all the money will be wasted. Giving them something that God can start with is the only way to guarantee their future, just like that widow who sold the oil and settled all her debts. Not only does God maintain or sustain us, He also keeps us all the way through.

Jesus interprets the wayside;

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?
[MARK 4:13]

If this part of the bible is not understood, then the rest will be taken out of context. This is the reason why people have gone into teaching doctrines of devils. Ignorance is our enemy.

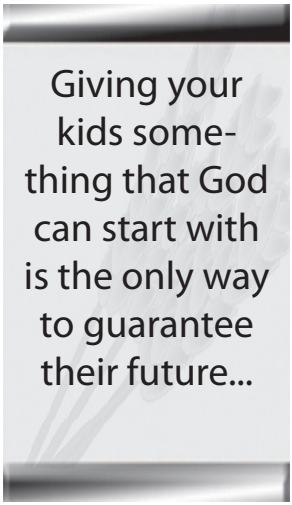
As humans, we blame God all the time, but God is the sower of the Word. The ministry gift is there to sow the Word. The sower does not discriminate among the soils. On the contrary, we discriminate among ourselves based on color and race. God sows everywhere; on the wayside, on rocky ground, among the thorns and in the good soil. Whether in Africa or in Europe, He sows the same seed. Jesus revealed the wayside ground as the place most patrolled by the devil. The devil is always present to steal, kill and destroy.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly. [JOHN 10:10]

As soon as the seed is sown for a miracle, hope or faith, Satan does not mind whether you have a PhD in spiritual warfare, all he wants is to see you and your household destroyed right from the inside, and

a kingdom divided cannot stand.

The wayside is the place where Satan works the most. It is in your house and in your family that the devil is at his best in the habit of stealing. Many times people think that the devil is in Africa, in the jungles of the Amazon, in the streets or in other churches, and they totally ignore their own perimeters.



The devil attacks we preachers without our knowledge. He catches us unawares. That is why Jesus told us to keep watch and pray.

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* weak.
[MARK 14:38]

The problem is not with the sower; it is with those who use the wayside soil. God will always continue to sow good seeds, but if we do not guard them, the devil will keep on stealing them from us.

The wayside soil is the environment we live in. It is where we work. It is what I call the *highly-sacred-ground*. Please do not let your territory become the devil's play ground; he is a professional thief. Keep him off. The problem with this soil is that it does not have protection. However, because it is a wayside ground it does not mean that it is a side dish for the devil. When we leave precious jewelry, lives and ministries exposed, the devil will have a field day.

The wayside situation is in our homes where our best treasures are; the very place where birds would love to enjoy that which is ours. Satan would love to starve us in the land of plenty.

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. [MARK 4:4]



The bible uses the word *devoured*. The last time it was used was in Malachi chapter 3 where God promises to rebuke the devourer.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the

storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall* not *be room* enough *to receive it*.
11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.
[MALACHI 3:10-11]

The way-side is the place where Satan works the most.

To rebuke is to shout at, or stop an ongoing activity by a command. According to **Webster's Dictionary**, *it is to check, silence, or put down, with reproof; to restrain by expression of disapprobation; to reprehend sharply and summarily; to chide; to reprove; to admonish; to chasten.*
[Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language 1913].

So after you pay your tithe and offering and yield yourself totally to the will of God, He will rebuke the devourer. When you love and stand with your family and plant your seeds, through them God will stop the

devourer. However, the Lord's rebuke does not come down until a full tithe and offering has been given. There is a place where we ought to be and a work we ought to do in order for God to rebuke the devil for our sake.

Satan would love to starve you in the land of plenty. .

Seed, Soils & Seasons

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

THE STONY SOIL

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:
[MARK 4:5]

Stony soil is good. It is especially needed for the construction of roads, houses, and in reclaiming land from water. For this reason, this type of soil is not
conducive for the planting of seeds. Once the seed is planted into it, it will lose its source of supply. Any plant that is cut from its life supply will wither away. That is what happens when women carry out abortions; the baby's life is cut off from its source.

This kind of soil aborts the life of a seed. It stops the process of multiplication, and it can cause starvation. It is against food security, and one cannot realize the full potential of a seed in this type of soil. When a seed is planted in this type of soil, it will spring up speedily, especially bean seeds. The shoot comes out and then a long stem.

Scientists say that these sprouts are very nutritious. However, if this is all you can harvest out of the bean seed that you sowed, you would miss out on the other five uses of beans. Beans multiply tremendously. Out of a single bean seed, one can get more than fifty other seeds in a single season. Therefore, stony soil permits the seed to spring up but seeds cannot grow on it;

5 …and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth:
6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.
[MARK 4:5-6]

This soil does not reject life, but life does not grow in it. I refer to this type of soil as *the religious ground*. Religion does not reject life, but it takes it downhill. It can cripple your life. However good your religion may be, it will not allow you to grow to your full faith and potential in God.

As I was growing up, religion was part of me. God was always first in all that we did. I learned a lot from my home, my parents were godly people and I sprang up from there. However, if I had stayed there with the same knowledge that I had then of God, I would have

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withered. To wither is to die while you are still hanging in there. At a distance everyone who looks at you thinks all is well, yet in reality you are lifeless. To wither is to die and become useless. To wither is to show availability without ability.

A good example is the man with a withered hand in Jesus' days. His hand was still hanging onto his body but had no life in it. Jesus told him to stretch out his hand and He restored it.

1 And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.
2 And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.
3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.
4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.
5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole

as the other.
[MARK 3:1-5]

Unfortunately, in the stony soil you cannot stretch your vision and your faith. The source of your ability is limited.

> Be ready to be transplanted to where you can experience growth.

I thank God for the religious upbringing many of us had. Nevertheless, we needed much more than that. We do not need to depend on external seeds all the time. You have the incorruptible seed sown in you. Therefore, you need to have the incorruptible source for your growth. It is time to accept a transplant. Many good plants start out in the nursery, and human organs start out in different bodies, but they ultimately end up in other places.

I know a certain gentleman who is in the horticulture business. He grows beautiful roses on his farm in Israel and then exports them. From each rose shrub, seven stems sprout, and their number keeps on increasing. In order to reach your full potential you need to be ready to be transplanted to where you can

experience growth.

A son of one of my pastor friends in Phoenix, Arizona got an accident while in his early 20's and got brain damage. He died after a few days, and his organs were used to save other people's lives. They were sown and are now functioning in different bodies. I know of many Ugandan talents who are realizing that they have been operating on stony ground and are now moving to where they can see their full potential.

Whether you were planted in the projects of America's inner cities, or in the villages of Africa, it does not matter. As long as there is a good seed in you, you can be transplanted into good soil, you don't have to wither in stony soil. You can flourish elsewhere. The sky is the limit. Accept the transplant.

You are a seed that needs a deep supply of nutrients in order to thrive.

You are a seed that needs a deep supply of nutrients in order to thrive. You should not be content just to grow up and become a mere statistic in the world. You are here to contribute, influence and impact lives by sowing seeds into others. There are a million seeds

in the one you possess.

If you do not have enough resources to help you grow properly, you will quickly wither..

In the previous chapter, the devil immediately rushes to steal the seed. However, in this chapter whatever is sown springs up immediately.

You are not in competition with time. You are just doing what you are required to do, but if you do not have enough resources to help you grow properly, you will quickly wither. You will be immature and irresponsible. You will be a bean sprout, not a bean crop and the moment the sun comes up, you will be scorched. Roots are important because they are used in the supply of nutrients for the seed sown. In order for the seed to germinate, it needs the nutrients stored in the seed and in the ground. The health of the sprout depends on the food materials the roots bring in. During growth a plant will need sunlight, but when the sun rays get to the plant and there is not enough soil, the plant withers. Where are your roots? Where is your faith? Where are you rooted? Is it in *gold* or in *God*? Is it in the *system* or in the *sanctu-*

ary? It is amazing that this type of soil that allows the seed to germinate and come forth is rocky soil. Diamonds and other precious stones are called rocks, so it is not just hard core rocks but it can be precious rocks like diamonds. Even such precious stones cannot sustain life without sufficient soil.

When the sun blazes in your situation, it means that the weather has changed from easy to very hard. It means the cold is over and that things are hot now. Tougher and bigger work lies ahead. This will require a lot from you in every situation. The stony soil is good for many things, but it can also be disadvantageous in many ways.

Stony soil is a place where it is easy to get on with life. It is quick and easy. Stones are always available. David used only one stone on Goliath yet he had picked up five. They are in plenty everywhere. This might mean situations like; marriages of convenience, getting a job without training, accumulating material things on credit cards, giving excuses for your sins or blaming your enemy.

Many lives and personalities have withered because they took the *stony-soil-attitude*. Great men who would have become national personalities withered

away in prison because they had the *get-rich-quick* mentality. They chose to commit espionage acts or to push drugs in order to drive cool cars. When you choose to rise up by putting others down, you will soon wither.

If you want to wither away quickly, pick on the easy-to-win targets.

It is easy today to put up a fight against others if you are using words like racism, sexual harassment and nationalism, but such grounds will not last you a century. Face it, Communism in Russia collapsed after 70 years, and Apartheid in South Africa is no more. Therefore, be careful on which grounds you choose to fight. Jesus said to the accusers of the adulterous woman,

7…He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

[JOHN 8:7]

Of course none did. If you want to wither away quickly, pick on the *easy-to-win* targets. Even David who fought Goliath with a stone fought the rest of his battles with a sword. The only way to fight and main

tain your victory is to graduate from stones to swords. David knew that his source of strength was the Word of God which is the sword of the Spirit. That is why he said,

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. [PSALMS 20:7]

Hope that is founded on stony soil is based on personal security. Your denomination, home, family, church, calling and business may all seem to be firm, and yet they may be planted on stony ground. You see, buildings on a stony foundation are firm, but they do not grow life. A stony house without life in it is useless. Remember, they put a stone on Jesus' tomb but it was life that removed it. The angel who came down at the dawning of the day had life in him. You may block the dead with your stones, but when the living come, they will not leave any stone unturned.

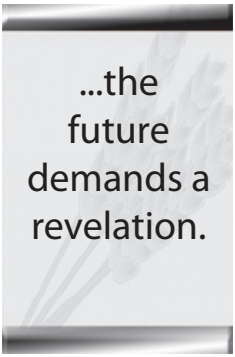
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The only reason Jesus is not in the grave is because He is ALIVE.

He was put in a stony tomb and a big stone sealed its entrance. Nevertheless, when He arose, even the stone could not stop Him from getting out. The dead stay behind the stones, but the living do not. Get out from behind that stone; it is time to move on and grow up.

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
[PROVERBS 3:5-6]

The wisest king Solomon said, *'lean not unto thine own understanding.'* [Proverbs 3:5] By this, he meant that whatever is normal and usual only creates *information* of where you are. However, you have a future awaiting you, and that future demands a *revelation*.



Stony soils can only reveal what a seed is but not what it can produce. They prove that the seed is alive, can germinate and even grow, but the soil will not support the seed to bring out its full potential.

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CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

THORNY SOIL

'When a man climbs a thorny tree, it is not out of bravery, it is for survival' (An African Proverb).

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.
[MARK 4:7]

...some people cannot grow up until you show up.

The great revelation about this type of thorny soil is that the thorns had already been planted in it before the seeds were ever sown. Also, the thorns did not grow until the seeds arrived. It is true that some people cannot grow up until you show up. Their *'anointing of criticism'* is dormant until you begin something. They use the seed as their resource. You should not accept to be the source of life for anybody, you are not God. Oftentimes people need our assistance, but if it is going to choke your vision, it is

not good for you to get involved with them. Thorns do not yield any fruit at all, save for weapons used to hurt people. They attack anybody who comes to them for help, they do not protect anything and they are not friendly at all. They begin to prophesy against progress just after you have told them what is going to happen; that is what thorns are for.

Thorns represent a lazy mentality. They are waiting for somebody to fashion them into a crown and to place them upon the Savior's head (Matthew 27:29). The bible says;

Thorns do not yield any fruit at all, save for weapons used to hurt people.

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;
[GENESIS 3:18]

Thorns and thistles came upon the earth after the ground had been cursed by God; they are the product of a curse. They are there to choke your new seeds of hope, faith, power and prayer. You will always find them wherever you go.

When I had just begun the ministry, *thorn-talk* was very common. *'Hey boy, take it easy, I have been here long before you came, we do not do things that way,'* they would say. *Thorn-talkers* talk to you as though you are of the same breed. Do not listen to *thorn-talkers*. They hate newcomers; the last thing they want is for anybody to come and change things. Anything that chokes a seed chokes life, because the life is in the seed. Keep away from such people; they can kill the purposes of God in you. They talk as though they have PhDs of success but in reality they have never even started in the beginners' class.

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The thorny ground will permit the seed to grow but then choke it, hindering it from producing any crop. Thousands of people with great visions have not produced any increase, because they landed among the thorns of life. The thorny soil allows you to exist, but not to live. They let you do what you are supposed to do while at the same time, they are sucking the life out of you. Such people always pretend to be lovely to you, but what you receive in return for their love is

death. The thorny soil is a place of manipulation, where you go only to produce nothing.



Funny enough, the so-called protective elements were guarding a non-productive crop. Jesus taught that any tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and cast into the fire. Thorns do not produce; they pervert. When you feed on and depend on this type of soil, you will be choked; you will also be in a kind of prison. You cannot escape, the thorns surround you on every side and they are a network of the devil himself.

The reason the seed is sown in the first place is that it may produce a harvest that is much more than what was planted. In many nations of the world, there is a legalistic spirit mainly found in companies, marriages, churches, schools and other institutions. They choke growth and increase; they have philosophies that will choke you and the purpose for your living. Do you have any goals you have set in life? Many men and women have been brutally murdered by their own protective spouses. Many new inventions have been shattered by our old ways. Many gifts have been

destroyed by the '*want-him-humble-keep-him poor*' boards.

The parable of the sower is not about the seed or the sower as we already know, because the seed is the Word of God. It points mainly to the soils, it is about the soils. Soils are places or grounds on which life grows, where things are done and buildings are built. This means that life will grow, and so will your faith for the future.

I believe that you can grow in any place, in any church and in any organization. However, if thorns have already been sown in that place, even though you grow, you will not bear any fruit. It is on your seed that the thorns will feed in order to grow. What was a serpent (the devil) in Genesis had become a dragon in the book of Revelation. How was this possible? It was because he was feeding on the sons of men.

Thorns do not produce; they pervert.

13b And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. [GENESIS 3:13b]

A drug-infested neighborhood will turn your angelic son into a drug pusher.

4b And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
[REVELATION 12:4b]

It sounds like a river becoming an ocean after swallowing a city. Have you been feeling choked in your ministry, calling, marriage or job? Check out the soil on which you are growing. This kind of soil can be found anywhere. That is why it is hard to put an end to racism and bigotry; it is because good people sown with love and hope have landed among thorns. Do not hangout with the wrong crowd. Bad company corrupts good morals.

33 Do not be fooled. "Bad companions ruin good character." [Good News Bible]
[1CORINTHIANS 15:33]

A drug-infested neighborhood will turn your angelic son into a drug pusher.

I believe that in every person there is more than one purpose and blessing. Statistics show that a large proportion of children raised in poor environments will end up not finishing school and will thus have to look for low income-jobs. The reverse is also true; many times those children educated in rich families have an advantage. For example in the US, the tax-per-dollar is high, and the High Schools are like universities. This kind of environment, other factors remaining constant, will produce a good student.

The environment has a lot to do with the productivity of the crop. Well, just as it is true that some crops do not thrive in the Sahara desert, so it is that others thrive in that kind of environment. When seeds are sown, they need water, good soil and the right environment in order to grow well. Therefore, as Jesus warned that,

The productivity of the crop has a lot to do with the environment

13…Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? [MARK 4:13]

We need caution. The seed which is the Word of God is given, and is being sown as it comes to us.

However, when we doubt the power of God, we are not profited by the promises of God.

2…but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it.*
[HEBREWS 4:2]

Your reaction to your neighbor's victory reveals your soil content. America was stunned on the day when an eight-year-old sold 400 boxes of cookies to girl-scouts over the radio. Her colleagues had managed to sell only a few. The parents of the other kids who did not sell much called the station demanding that it stop favoring the other kid or they would sue the station! Thorns choke success. People with a *thorny-soil-mentality* do not regard the success of another as a breakthrough, but as a result of favoritism.

Your reaction to your neighbor's victory reveals your soil content.

People conspire to kill others because they can never be like them, they are thorny soils. They are like Paul's *thorn in the flesh* [2Corinthians 12:7]. They have satanic influence.

In the World Cup of 1994, a Colombian soccer player was gunned down because he made

a wrong ball-pass, causing the US team to score and win the match. Life suckers are all around us, unfortunately, they depend on the arrival of new breed to survive. They depend on your life to grow; they depend on your ideas to survive and they depend on your presence to be powerful. You give your everything, but they take it for free; when you start to grow, they choke you. Without you they cannot do anything. They are parasites; they feed on you. It is a world system; they make you a stepping stone. It is corruption at its best; it is laziness among the cowards. It is a chain; it is sin. Its threat is more fatal than heart disease, more deadly than a cobra's poison.

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The *thorny-soil-mentality* surrounds you like the waters do the continents. When you fly, it weeps at your departure but when you land, it creeps in on you. It is the highest degree of reproach; it is a curse and leads only to destruction. In common language, it is the lust of the flesh mixed with worldly pleasures. It is governed by what you see and feel. It will choke the life out of your seed. Do not permit it; move on to better ground.

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CHAPTER

NINETEEN

THE GOOD SOIL

'Tickle the soil with a hoe and it will laugh 'Harvest' (An African Proverb).

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred.
[MARK 4:8]

As I have been trying to explain to you, the soil plays a great part in determining the outcome of the seeds you have sown. The big question here is that ***if the seed was the same, how come some yielded thirtyfold, others sixtyfold and others a hundred-fold increase?*** If you can understand this mystery, much more will be added unto you, but if you do not, even what you have shall be taken away from you.

Now, the *soil* is the heart of man, the *seed* is the Word, and the *sower* is the preacher of the Word. However, what determines the quality and quantity of the seed

sown is not the sower, but the ground in which the seed is sown. The reason why this soil is good is found in verse 20.

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive *it,* and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred. [MARK 4:20]

It has the ability to hear, accept and bear fruit. These are the powerful qualities of good soil. I can explain the three qualities as follows:

Hearing:
This deals with the expectation of the seed or the preparation of the ground. Here the soil has been prepared and it is ready for increase. It is waiting for the ability to be productive.

Accepting:
Accept the seed the way it is. Many transplanted organs in humans are often rejected, they are not accepted. This soil accepts the seed the way it is, the seed needs water to germinate.

Bearing fruit:
This is about maximizing the potential of the seed or

working with the seed to produce an increase. It is the sum total of observing and moisturizing the seed, and maximizing its ability. All that the seed can give you is thirty, sixty or a hundredfold depending on how you deal with it; the soil determines its outcome. The bible explains that this fourth soil was good yet its seeds varied in productivity. WHY?

It is also true that the seed plays a great role. If properly maximized to its full potential by the soil, it is capable of giving you a hundredfold yield. The seed was and still is the same. Unfortunately, certain parts of the good soil limit the seed. The good soil was demarcated into the thirtyfold plot, the sixtyfold plot, and the hundredfold plot.

This is a reflection of our lives as Christians. We are in good soil that has potential to produce a hundredfold from every seed planted, which is God's Word sown in our hearts. However, the problem is that we put different emphases on different aspects of the same Word of God. There are those who only believe in salvation and nothing else; so they get a hundredfold on their faith for souls. Unfortunately, on other plots they only get thirtyfold or sixtyfold. We all use the same bible, but this is the reason why some people are not increasing in their lives as regards to

walking with the Lord. The three plots of the good soil can each have one hundred percent yield. They can all produce a hundredfold, instead of some producing sixtyfold and thirtyfold. The call for the fourth soil is for us to maximize the seed potential to yield good crops in the three areas of our lives; spirit, soul and body.

God wants us to produce 100% spiritual ability in order to deal with all things pertaining to the spirit, for our souls to be godly and our bodies to be in good health, being led by the Spirit, as is fit for the temple of the Lord. This calls for the Spirit-filled life; it is faith in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

In order for us to produce a hundredfold increase in our lives as Christians, we must believe in God who is a Spirit and the Creator of our lives which are spirits. We also need to believe in the Holy Spirit who gives life to our bodies, quickening them as He did the body of Jesus.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

[ROMANS 8:11]

When we get to this level, we shall have full-gospel faith, yielding a hundred percent increase from the Word of God in our lives, and we shall begin to walk in what the apostle John declared in 3 John 2.

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. [3JOHN 2]

Prosperity is a must because we are dealing with seed science here. When seeds are put in the ground they will respond by multiplying, other factors remaining constant.

It does not matter whether you believe it or not, the moment they are planted, seeds will grow and increase. The issue is about your faith in the seeds as you put emphasis on the seed of God's Word; so that, instead of having 60% + 30% + 100%, you can have 100% + 100% + 100% = 100%. Jesus said;

10b The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly. [JOHN 10:10b]

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The seed Jesus gave me is a Miracle Healing Ministry.

When Jesus said, '*I am come that they might have life*,' He was talking about you and I, because He came for us. We are the ground, and since Jesus came into our lives, we are good soil. We should be experiencing abundant life, and the only reason why I, as an individual, may not be experiencing or enjoying it is because of my response to God's seed-the Word of God.

Ever since Jesus came into my life and called me into the ministry, He gave me a seed. The seed He gave me is called a *Miracle Healing Ministry*. I had never seen anybody healed by God through me before, but I believed Him and called people to come to a meeting to see miracles. He had given me a seed and my response was 100% positive. Now in over 54 nations of the world, I have seen the cripples walk, the blind see, the dead come back to life, the deaf hear and the dumb speak. This has happened in both one-on-one situations and in mass healing prayer gatherings for the past twentyfour years. Even though you were to awaken me from sleep and were to ask me, *'can Jesus heal and perform a miracle?'* I would shout it out, *'Yes*

He can, do you need one?'

I remember several years ago when I was in Korea preaching, a woman was brought to the meeting for prayer. She was in a coma and she came from a Buddhist family. It was the second day of a revival in Hansarang Church, Burdang in Seoul, Korea. She was carried in on her sick bed, and three quarters of her organs were malfunctioned, apart from her heart. She had been in this coma for six months. The place was filled to capacity, and only standing room was left. The Holy Spirit said to me, *'don't touch any one, I will heal every one.'* I was shocked by what He said and yet I believed it one hundred percent. I could smell His presence if it could be smelled. It was as though I could touch Him physically. I told the people through my fine interpreter to begin to pray. The Korean believers start prayer in a very unusual way. They call out three times loud and clear, *'chuyoh chuyoh chuyoh*,' meaning *Lord, Lord, Lord* and then they start praying in a thunderous

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voice that can knock you off your feet if you are not used to it. When they began to do that I felt the heavens descending, resurrection driving out death and life coming into the church. Immediately, miracles began to happen everywhere. All of a sudden, this woman who had been brought on her bed rolled over and sat up while the praying continued. Not knowing where she was, she got up and made her way forward towards the platform. The ushers saw her and began to shout. The people around her also recognized her as the one who had been brought in on her bed and they too began to shout. The thunderous prayer quickly phased into a glorious applause of thanksgiving for the power of God, as the woman who was now walking by herself made her way forward. Her testimony caused thirty of her family members to give their lives to Jesus, and this resulted in the miracle provision of glass for our 10,500 seater Cathedral that we have built in Uganda. Her healing and the miracle of the glass for our church worth $750,000 were all in the seed planted in me by my Jesus at the age of seventeen, when He appeared to me and called me into the ministry. That is what I mean when I say that you are good soil and any good seed planted in you can grow, spring up and yield a crop that will produce more seeds to sow into the world and into the next generation.

However, it all depends on your response to the seed that has been planted in you. If you allow it to be choked by religion, unbelief and the cares of this world like peer pressure and others, you will only harvest thorns. If you respond 30%, you will have 30% returns, but if you respond 100%, that is what you will get.

Always remember one big truth; the soil does not cheat you; and neither does it steal what belongs to you. It only takes back what it gave to you. That is what God gave it; dust returns to dust [Genesis 3:19].

Increase was given to man and because of this the soil will give you back its increase. God is not mocked; what you sow is what you will reap.

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.
[GALATIANS 6:7]

This is why I say that the seed is not mocked. The way you respond to its potential will determine how much you will receive of its increase.

Seed, Soils & Seasons

Unveiling the Whole Mystery of the Soils

In the past several chapters of this book I have been trying to reveal the hidden truth of the soils that determines the capacity of the seed sown. Now it is high time we put all the pieces together so that we can know the life story of this great parable upon which the understanding of all other parables depends. '*How then will you understand all the parables?*' [Mark 4:13].

When the Lord Jesus gave this great message according to Mark chapter 4, several things had happened prior to this event. For example, from chapters 1-3, we see the beginning and the end of John the Baptist's ministry, the temptation of Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of the time to preach the gospel and the calling of the fishers of men. We see the casting out of demons, the healing of the afflicted, the preaching of the gospel and the cleansing of lepers. We also see the forgiveness of sins and the calling of the tax-collector. We see questions asked, the disciples appointed, division dealt with and the unpardonable sin taught about, while at the same time, we see His own relatives seek Him out. All the above and more happened to set a stage for chapter 4, which deals with the mystery of the parable of the sower.

After being inspired by the Holy Spirit, the revelation I received was that if we do not get the whole picture, we will never understand why the message of the gospel must be preached the way it was preached by our Lord Jesus Christ. We will not be able to understand why He did things the way He did them because today we have all kinds of messages being preached out there. In this story, the Master reveals things that are going to help us put the whole revelation together in order to understand it.

I have chosen five points to explain this great parable. You see, we have the seed which is the Word of God. It is also worthwhile noting that the Word does not originate from us; it comes from God. It is also important to know that the sower is not the most important issue in this mystery; it is the seed and the soil.

According to the bible, there are four types of soils which are revealed; the wayside soil, the stony soil, the thorny soil, and the good soil. In order to understand the whole picture, we need to do an in-depth study of the kind of the seeds sown. Of course now we know that the seed is the Word of God.

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11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.
[LUKE 8:11]

What kind of word is this?

Mystery Number One:
The Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

The Word is the gospel of the kingdom of God. The gospel is the mystery of the kingdom of God!

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:
[MARK 4:11]

It is the gospel that brings those of us who have believed from the outside into the inside. It is the gospel when preached like it ought to be, that causes sinners to turn away from sin and receive forgiveness.

12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.
[MARK 4:12]

St. Paul said,

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
[ROMANS 1:16]

The gospel is the power of God unto salvation for those who believe. For those who believed, He gave them the power to become (insiders) or sons of God.

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

The bible says,

14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
[MARK 1:14]

The number one mystery of the Kingdom is the GOSPEL. What is the gospel? The gospel is what happened in the beginning at Calvary and it is what is happening today. The preaching of the gospel is the

spelling of the Garden of Eden, the *selling* of Calvary's product and the *solving* of today's issues. It is the *spelling* and the *selling*, of success in life. That is the purpose of the gospel; it has to reveal what happened to man. The first man was Adam and the Second was Jesus Christ. Today's man is you and I. The gospel of the Kingdom of God is a mystery; we must understand how it works and why?

Several years ago, I sat in Dr. T.L and Daisy Osborn's office in Tulsa, Oklahoma after having lunch with them and they said to me:

'The GOSPEL means:
Grace of God
Object of His coming
Simplicity of His message
Prerequisite of believing (repentance)
Estate of God's plan
Lifting power for all.'

I could not disagree; this is the most well defined meaning of the word gospel. You see today we are being bombarded by all kinds of so-called *gospels* from all corners, and the end result is confusion. Our world today has more preachers of the gospel, more churches, more Christian television and radio, and

yet there are more unbelievers now than there were during the days of the early Church. The question is, *'what has gone wrong?'* The answer is that the gospel being preached is not the kingdom gospel.

Our Lord said this before He left the earth;

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.
[MATTHEW 24:14]

men have altered the message of the gospel.

Which gospel? The gospel of the kingdom. Ever since the very first days of preaching this gospel of the kingdom till now, a lot has happened; men have altered the message. When the gospel was in Palestine, it was the declaration of Jubilee. The power had finally come to set people free. People's lives were being changed by this incredible message of the gospel. Even in Rome Paul declared it. He said,

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
[ROMANS 1:16]

Unfortunately in Rome, the gospel turned into religion. It lost its cutting edge, relevance and urgency. It became an institution, and as it marched through Greece, what was left of it was enough to create a philosophy. The simplicity that was so profound in the message became so complicated that even the so-called bible scholars doubted the virgin birth of the Christ.

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. [2CORINTHIANS 11:3]

As it was received in Europe especially in England, the religious part of it and the philosophical development of it reduced it to a culture. Culture is good, but it should not be preserved at the expense of the masses. The object principle why God sent His Son was to save the world. He loved the world so much that He gave His Son to change it. It is hard for cultures to change, but people change all the time.

The *gospel* that was being preached then was powerless. It could only relate to man as a religion and was so philosophically cultured that the simple objectives of salvation, healing and blessing were left out. As it

crossed the seas, it landed on the west side of the Atlantic only to develop into an organized business industry.

The gospel is the power of God to save a lost and dying world.

16…the gospel of Christ… is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
[ROMANS 1:16]

It does not matter what your present condition may be, the gospel has the power to save you from sin, poverty, ignorance, disease and infirmity. To save means to pull out from, to rescue, to deliver in whole and to give another chance. This is what happened to all that have received the true gospel of the Kingdom of God; not just only thirtyfold increase, but up to a hundredfold.

We have seen this happen in all our miracle healing crusades. The sick are healed, life is restored, sinners get saved and the poor become rich. The Lord Jesus in the synagogue declared this;

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath

sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
[LUKE 4:18]

If this is true then what good news is there to give to a poor man than to tell him that his poverty will be removed? What kind of gospel are you preaching? The reason the seeds in the same good ground produced different results is rooted in the ability embedded within the seeds. The soil was good, but some seeds were only thirty percent able, while others were only sixty percent able and still there were others which were one hundred percent able.

The only way to tell whether or not you are preaching the real gospel is by looking at the results.

The only way to tell whether or not you are preaching the real gospel is by looking at the results. Jesus received a hundredfold yield of every word that proceeded out of His mouth. Even when He cursed the fig tree, His Word yielded fruit.

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the

fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.
[MARK 11:21]

The apostles produced undeniable results whenever they spoke. The bible says;

20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.
[MARK 16:20]

What is your percentage of results? How effective is your proclamation? Remember the gospel of God is there to declare the grace of God to all mankind and also to declare the acceptable year of our Lord; the unmerited favor of God for all. It is peace to all mankind. God's purpose is to redeem lost man. God wants man back, which is why He has brought a remedy for the complicated struggle of man since Eden; the way of repentance.

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.
[MARK 1:15]

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the

Holy Ghost.
[ACTS 2: 38]

Repent and believe the gospel which is the power to be saved. Repentance is the prerequisite for believing. As soon as one repents, believing has come and believing is the result of hearing. It is faith,

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
[ROMANS 10:17]

Faith can be described as *the estate of God's plan for us*. The word estate deals with wealth. Faith is *wealth that is compounded together*. God does not have just a few things scattered here and there; He has an entire estate available for His children. Upon receiving this estate, we will experience the *lifting power for all*. God wants to lift us all from where the fall of Adam left us. Some of us were left crippled; damaged beyond repair. Some of us were left at the train station which is bound for hell and poverty. The gospel picks us up from where we have been left to die and rot, and it lifts us up to where we belong.

If the *gospel* you are receiving does not give you the whole package but just bits and pieces; excluding salvation, healing, deliverance, transformation, pros-

perity and the infilling of the Holy Ghost, it is time to change what you are listening to. The gospel is the *spelling* of what happened to man in Eden, a *FALL*; the *selling* of what happened at Calvary, our *REDEMPTION*; and the *solving* of man's present issues, the *EXTERNAL EXPERIENCE*, or the new life.

In brief, the gospel of God must be able to declare that you are **FREE.**

Fall
Redemption
External
Experience

The believer of the gospel of God must be able to declare that *'I am free.'*

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.
[JOHN 8:36]

The Second Mystery: Multiplication of Seeds

The second mystery of the seeds is the way seeds are multiplied. With today's advanced scientific technology, farmers can use high-breed seeds to produce

better quality crops. It is a fact that in a single given university there are several courses offered. Thousands of students though they attended the same university, graduate in different disciplines having pursued diverse courses. Some become lawyers, others doctors, whereas others become artists and the list goes on. The difference between them is which class they attended. For example, if they attended the Law School, that is where they will graduate from.

The Third Mystery:
The Book of Remembrance

3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she broke the box, and poured it on his head.
4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?
5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.
6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.
7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.
9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. [MARK 14:3-9]

Jesus mentioned something about the gospel and how a certain woman put herself into its eternal memory. Wherever the gospel is preached, what this woman did will be remembered. Jesus had many people with great faith around Him.

There was one who gave up his brand new tomb for His burial and a disciple who walked on water, but when it came to the point of remembrance to be tied to the worldwide mission of the gospel, this woman did not miss out.

I have come to realize that there are seven books in heaven. Of these are books specifically concerned with the gospel. As a result of the fall of Adam, we have the *Book of Death.* As a result of the death of Christ at Calvary, we have the *Book of Life.* As a result of obedience and being led by the Spirit of God, we have the *Book of Remembrance.* Billions are in the book of death and in the book of life, but few are found in

the *Book of Remembrance*. This book was first mentioned in Malachi.

16 Then they that feared the LORD spoke often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. [MALACHI 3:16]

It is a book for those who fear the Lord and meditate on His name. They talk to one another, fellowship and praise God together. Not every believer's name is in that book; it is only for the obedient children of God.

I do not know how long the woman who anointed Jesus' feet with myrrh lived, but she was surely led by God to anoint Jesus for burial. Without the death and burial of the Christ, we as Christians could not have had victory over death. Her anointing was so significant. On the day of Jesus' death, there was a great earthquake. Even on the day He resurrected, there was another great earthquake. The dead arose on the day of His resurrection.

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.
51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in

twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;
52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,
53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. [MATTHEW 27:50-53]

However, because the Master's body was marked for resurrection when Mary anointed Him, it is the only body that is spoken of that rose that day. The scene almost looks like what happened at His death on the cross. Jesus was the only one who died on the cross. It is written,

32 Then came the soldiers, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.
33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they broke not his legs:
34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.
35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.
36 For these things were done, that the Scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.
37 And again another Scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

38 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.
39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight.
[JOHN 19:32-39]

Jesus was already dead by the time the Roman soldiers came to check on Him. However, the two men hanging on the crosses beside Him were still alive, so the soldiers broke their legs. These men did not die on the cross, they were murdered. Only Jesus died on the cross. That is why the message of the cross is to us power.

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
[1CORINTHIANS 1:18]

Whenever the gospel is preached, more is remembered. The world is crying out for remembrance; the thief on the cross cried for remembrance; who doesn't? The reason airports, streets, lakes, buildings and many other things are named after people is

because of remembrance. Records in sports and politics are set because of this phenomenon called remembrance. People like Iddi Amin, Hitler, Mussolini and many others are remembered for the worst, but Mary is remembered because of her obedience and sensitivity. She gave what was needed at the time and in the fashion it was needed.

When God speaks to you, do you respond immediately or do you procrastinate?

When God speaks to you, do you respond immediately or do you procrastinate? It has to do with maximizing the moment. Whenever you are asked to give something, respond quickly. What she gave changed the smell of the environment. Nobody had ever smelt anything like it before, yet they began to rebuke the woman. It was not an ordinary ointment, it was unique. God is tired of ordinary sacrifices and offerings; things that do not cost anything.

24 And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.
[1CHRONICLES 21:24]

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The seed you are about to sow holds the power to determine your position tomorrow. This is not the first and only woman who anointed Jesus; another woman anointed Him with tears and rubbed His feet with her hair [see also John 11:2, Matthew 14:8].

3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.
[JOHN 12:3]

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,
38 And stood at his feet behind *him* weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe *them* with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed *them* with the ointment.
[LUKE 7:37-38]

It was an act of total surrender, denying self and humbling oneself before the Messiah. However, she was not placed in the book of remembrance.

The *Book of Remembrance* is a book for a special class of people. This book is for those who fear the Lord and meditate upon His name. The fear of the Lord is to realize that His name is above all names. There is no other name by which man can be saved. There is wonder working power in the name of Jesus.

12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.
[ROMANS 4:12]

The seed you are about to sow holds the power to determine your position tomorrow.

I have used this name in over 54 nations of the world. It raises the dead, cleanses the lepers, opens blind eyes and brings money to people. There is no name like the name of Jesus.

This is the mystery of the *Book of Remembrance*. It has to do with giving tithes and offerings. It is a mystery that reveals that God can multiply, increase and pour out for you blessings that you cannot contain, because you have chosen not to steal His tithe.

Giving God a tenth of your income will make everything great for you. Failure to do so will cause you to be besieged by the devourer.

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.
9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.
10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.
[MALACHI 3:8-11]

Failure to tithe will cause you to be besieged by the devourer.

King Solomon is remembered because he did something for his entire generation and not just for his own posterity.

The Boy Who Gave Up His Lunch:

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,
9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?
10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.
11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.
12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.
[JOHN 6:8-12]

We all know that a little boy cannot easily be persuaded to part with his lunch even though everybody may be starving. However, this boy did what nobody expected him to do by giving it to Jesus to create a miracle for everybody. He is surely in the *Book of Remembrance*.

Mary and Joseph:

Mary and Joseph, the earthly guardians of our Lord Jesus Christ are also in the book. Mary believed and accepted the message of God through the angel:

38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.
[LUKE 1:38]

It had never been known that a virgin could get pregnant without meeting a man, and there were many risks involved. Joseph's discovery of her pregnancy could easily have jeopardized their wedding plans. According to the Law of Moses, she would have been stoned to death because they would have come to a conclusion that she had been sexually promiscuous, and as a result had become pregnant out of wedlock. Her response caused Elizabeth to say:

42 Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.
[LUKE 1:42]

Her name is in the *Book of Remembrance* because of that.

Joseph, Mary's husband is also in that book because he obeyed instructions from God given in a dream.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:
25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.
[MATTHEW 1:20-25]

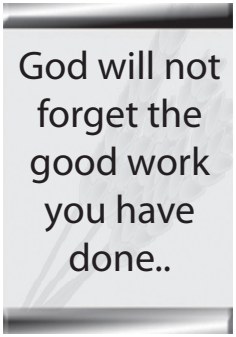
How many of us believe what we dream? How many of us obey the voices we hear? Of course we listen to evil and mischievous voices; but rarely do we listen to voices that challenge us to abandon our beliefs like it was with Joseph.

In another incident, Joseph abandoned his workshop with people, goods and stuff to rush Mary and the child Jesus to Egypt where they were to stay for six years. This job was suicidal, but he is in the book because he went through with it;

14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:
15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. [MATTHEW 2:14-15]

As the world has its *Guinness Book of Records*, God has His own book of records. It is called the *Book of Remembrance.* God will not forget the good work you have done. He will remember you and place you in His *Book of Remembrance.*

10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.
11 And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the



end:
12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
[HEBREWS 6:10-12]

I can go on and on until there are no more pages to fill and pens to use. Are you in that book of Remembrance? If you are not, do something about it.


THE SEASONS

Seed, Soils & Seasons

CHAPTER TWENTY

THE SEASONS

The word season is a noun. It emphatically reveals the times within a lifetime.

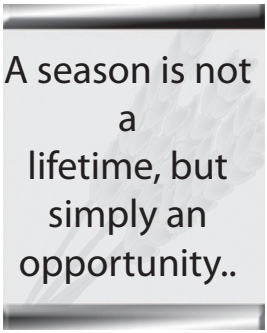
1 To every *thing there is* a SEASON, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

17 ... for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work.
[ECCLESIASTES 3:1, 17]

I do not know whether you know that the bible is a *season book*. It is a *times' book*. It records and reveals what happened in certain moments at different times and what will happen in the future.

Whenever you hear of the word *season* or *seasons*, they are referring to a period. The revelation is that it is a specific time. The word *period* means space of time or interval.

Seed, Soils & Seasons



We all experience seasons in our lives. Every season has a beginning and must have an end. If you are dealing with a season, know that it is not for a lifetime, but it is simply an *opportunity*. It is the wisdom of achieving something in a given time.

1 To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted;
3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance…..
[ECCLESIASTES 3:1-4]

Reasons for Seasons

Here on earth, a season helps to grow and replenish the ground. In the different seasons of winter, spring, autumn and summer, the ground is replenished differently, according to the prevailing season. In order for the earth to remain, there must be seasons.

22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.
[GENESIS 8:22]

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Let me paraphrase it for you. If the earth is to remain, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, day and night must never cease.

In order for this planet earth to remain, producing and giving us maximum results, seasons must never cease. That's right. So if we are to remain; for we are earth because we came from dust, we need seasons. Seasons are there to keep us alive. Whether they are low-level or highly charged seasons of joy or sadness, seasons are there to help us grow and keep us strong. Those who use seasons well activate the fulfillment of God's plan for their lives.

Farmers

Successful people are *season system driven* (S.S.D).

They utilize the functions of the system, and operate within the established and proven principles governing that very system. Farmers excel in this faculty.

A successful farmer does not miss a season of sowing because that is the only thing that guarantees his harvest. If it is a sowing season, nothing will keep him away from his field.

When you are dealing with a *season-system-business*, you must develop a discipline not to miss a sowing season, because that is what guarantees your harvest which you greatly need in order to succeed.

Plantations

Whatever is planted must have a self-revealing time called a season. It is in the harvest season that the plant reveals what it is made up of.

Rain

Some seasons bring rain. Rain helps the crops in your ground and it prepares you for a mighty harvest.

14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou

mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.
[DEUTERONOMY 11:14]

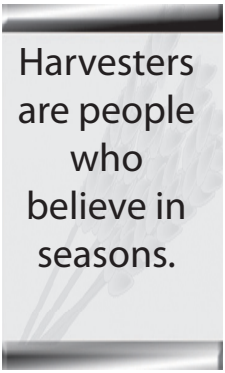
Rain comes on your land to prepare it for sowing. There will be a rainy season of the Word of God with such revelation, so that your fertile ground will be ready to receive the seed of God. If the ground is made ready by the rains, the seed will bear such a great harvest so that the grain, the new wine and the oil can be gathered. Seasons empower your seed to bring you a great harvest.

19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:
[JOEL 2:19]

Rain prepares your ground for the kind of seed that produces new wine and fresh oil. The new wine represents the anointing and the fresh oil represents the Holy Spirit. The grain (the seed) is the Word of God. That which prepares you for that which makes rich comes to you in a season. All over the world rains are regarded as God's blessing.

Reapers

Harvesters are people who believe in seasons. They respect all seasons because they know that you cannot expect a harvest if you did not honor the ground with your seed during the sowing season.



7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap….

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
[GALATIANS 6:7, 9]

Reapers Must Respect Seasons

We are all supposed to be reapers and we are, for we reap what we sow in the right season. I want to reap good so I have started sowing good seeds. Reapers use seasons to achieve and increase.

Speakers

I wish all speakers could say like Isaiah;

4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the

learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. [ISAIAH 50:4]

There is nothing as depressing as hearing a speaker give a word that is out of season.

23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *is it*! [PROVERBS 15:23]

Seasoned speakers will move people towards a certain direction that will yield greatness. If you are asked to speak on a wedding, do not ask the choir to sing a funeral song. Speaking demands the knowledge of the season in order to uplift and minister to the people. Communication demands knowledge of the seasons you are living in. Much boredom comes as a result of speakers' ignorance of the seasons in which they live.

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Seed, Soils & Seasons

Chefs (Cooks)

Good chefs *season* their food, and get paid highly for it. S*easoning* food takes time but it prepares the food to taste good. Some of us need to be *seasoned* or to recognize the process of tasting good.



6 Let your speech *be* always with grace, *SEASONED* with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.
[COLOSSIANS 4:6]

Fruits use seasons to be celebrated by mankind. Animals use seasons to populate their world. There will be no harvest unless there was a season of sowing.

Knowing the Season

Satan uses seasons to attack, demolish and destroy.

1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those

days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.
3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.
4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God..

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, *HE DEPARTED FROM HIM FOR A SEASON.*
[LUKE 4:1-4, 12-13]

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In Luke 4:12, Satan knew that the season of tempting Jesus Christ was up. The time was up and so he kept on tempting Jesus because that day he was going to lose everything. He had a specific season for tempting Jesus. In all the three ways that he tried to tempt Jesus, he lost. So he knew the season was up because the bible says, '*he departed for a season*' [See Luke 4:13].

Jesus did not depart, Satan did. By the time he left, he had no ammunition to fire. The season of angels had

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begun, the time to preach the Kingdom of God had come; His season of temptation was over, and so he had to depart.

When heaven changes the season Satan will depart from you. You stop one season by introducing another season. You can stop Satan's season of attack by starting a season of praising God inspite of the situation.

If You Can

Life is amazing. If you can learn how to use the seasons of life, you will be amazed at how much you can achieve in a lifetime. It is time we all come to the realization that we all have one lifetime to live and yet we can empower and change so many lives in it. This will only come when we understand that the greatest revelation concerning the blessing of God upon our lives is the use of the seasons of God in our lives.

All Blessings Are Here

The Spirit of the Lord told me one day that all blessings are in the place of seasons. The story of the prodigal son reveals this best. There was a season of accumulating wealth and the boy did not depart from home during that time. It was during the season of counting the increase that he asked for what belonged to him.

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:
12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.
[LUKE 15:11-12]

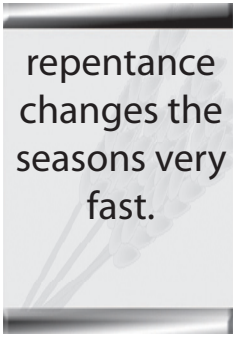
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We need to know what season it is; if it is still winter, do not abandon your partnership or you may depart with snow flakes.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. [LUKE 15:13]

In his season of joy he spent all he had, and when that season was over, he went and asked for a job because it was now a season of earning a living. While he was there he would have stayed in that situation longer but he introduced a season of repentance and returning. The boy made up his mind to change his season of lack into a season of plenty by returning home to look for a better paymaster.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
[LUKE 15:17-19]



It was still the season of earning a living, but he was now going to get better paid not knowing that the season was also changing so fast. You see repentance changes the seasons very fast.

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your

sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;
[ACTS 3:19]

While he was still crying, the father ran to him. Learn how to change your seasons. If what you are going through is undesirable, take a walk back to the source of life and the season will change.

From A Cursed Season to an Overflow Season

The revelation we get from Malachi 3:8-12 is how to change seasons from a national curse to an overflowing blessing.

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.
9 Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation.
10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall* not *be room* enough *to receive it*.
11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the

field, saith the LORD of hosts.
12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the LORD of hosts.
[MALACHI 3:8-12]

In verse 8-9 God lays it all down. He declares a season that limits the nation that refuses to tithe and give offerings. However, in verse 10 God says, *'if you bring the full tithe and full offering, I will open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing.'* The way to change curses into blessings is by recognizing the season. You change your season by adapting to a new season; the choice is yours. We can change our seasons by ushering in another season.

The good thing about seasons is that they are changeable by God and by you. For example, during winter we can warm up our houses. We do not have to suffer the cold just because the entire world is having a blizzard. Light up your fireplace and get yourself a hot chocolate.

Change Your Season.

For those in the desert, have you not heard about air-conditioning? Cool yourself up. If there is no power to change your season in your world, do what God told

Abraham to do. Go from the place where you are to a place where there is power to change your season.

1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:
2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
[GENESIS 12:1-3]

Seasons are changeable, they are not permanent. Let us change our season and usher in the season of harvest by recognizing that it is sowing season.

'A season is a conditioning element that will enable the situation to turn you the way it intended you to be,' says Robert Kayanja. So by changing the season, you alter the outcome of the situation.

During your seasons, the following principles do apply;

1- Never mistake winter for summer. It seems obvious, but there are seasons between the two. When

spring shows up, it may still be chilly out there, but for sure summer is not far off. Do not lose heart. When autumn comes, it is not a backsliding summer, nor is it a return to spring, winter is on its way, get prepared.

2- Misunderstanding of the signs of seasons will hinder your seed from giving you the harvest you are looking for.

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A season is not a new day or days, it is an orchestrated segment of a periodic force designed by what we have done or are doing to determine the outcome. For example, one day when I was down with frustrations, I started praising God and praying for a visitation of His presence. Though it seemed to be my worst day in life, it ushered in my greatest desire and that bad season changed into my praise season in which I was the one determining the outcome.

I seriously believe that seasons are orchestrated by God to give us an opportunity to participate in the outcome of how to live. A person of season does the following; he plans, prepares, practices and ponders all in his heart. Seasons are for the seed, soil and soul.

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