THE GATE AND WINDOWS OF MY CALLING

When we talk about a gate or a window we talk about an entrance or portal that allows things or entities to move in and out. Gates and windows, others would even say doors, are very significant in the life of human beings and spiritually the same is true. We cannot deny the existence of spiritual gates, windows and even doors. It is extremely important for you as a Steward to make sure that at the beginning of this year, you take control and hold of your gates. Failure to control the gates will ultimately mean failure to control the events that will take place in your life.

Throughout the Bible, we are introduced to various roles played by gates, and even windows, both physically and spiritually.

For example, it was at the gate that Abraham negotiated to purchase the cave where he buried Sarah (Gen 23:8-11). And it was granted unto him. A gate is a place of negotiation. You can negotiate with God to ensure that you possess certain things in this year, whether it be increased prosperity, multiplied grace or even increased favor.

Gates or doors serve as a notice board for angels to determine whether the inhabitants of a house are children of God, or not (Deuteronomy 6:6, 9). Therefore, gates are a place of confession and a place of display of your belief and faith. A silent faith is an intimidated faith. Refuse to remain silent about who you are in Christ this year. Proclaim it boldly that you are born again and you are a child of God.

Also, at the gates, judges sat and gave judgement. (Deuteronomy 16:18; 17:5). The gates are a place of judgement. You can judge events, spirits and even personalities at the gate.

The gates are also a place where praise and thanks were given: (2 Chronicles 31:2). The Bible says you shall enter through God's gates with thanksgiving, a sound of praise and worship (Psalm 100:4; Jeremiah 7:2). Therefore, your praise is a key that unlocks the gates to the supernatural.

Right now, grab your anointing oil bottle, anoint your forehead and begin to declare the following prayer petitions:

- Oh Lord Jesus Christ, as I anoint myself right now, I decree and I declare that I am a child of God. I am set apart and sanctified. I am distinguished amongst the rest. I am a steward of the Highest God, a custodian of the grace in operation in ECG. This year, I will not be intimidated, I will not be silenced, I will serve God with my works, gifts, talents and materials; In Jesus' Name!
- Oh Lord, as it is written, 'Come and let us reason together," I come before You as Your steward to reason with You. Meet me at my point of need Lord, give me Your divine provisions that I may lack no good thing and supply all my needs according to Your riches in Glory!
- Mighty Jehovah, I stand as a negotiator for my church ECG, and I decree and declare that, in this year, the gates governing my church ECG are open only for good things.

Let goodness, prosperity, increase, abundance, favor, international grace and international doors begin to open for my church; In the Name of Jesus Christ!

Moving on, it is important to know that, there are various kinds of gates. In the Bible we have:

- The gates of death: (Job 38:17) *Have the gates of death been opened to thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shades of death?*

- The Gates of Praise: (Isaiah 60:18) *Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.*

- The Gates of Righteousness (Psalm 118:19): *Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter them, and I will praise the Lord.*

Kneel down right now and begin to pray:

- Oh Lord, in this year, I decree and declare that the gates of death will not be open towards my life, my family nor towards every member of the ECG Church. As I pray, I command LIFE in abundance and I speak forth the Word of the Lord that declares, "With long life I shall satisfy you!"
- I prophesy that in this year, the Gates of Praise will never be shut in my life. Oh Lord, in and out of season, I declare that Your Praises will not depart from my lips!
- I proclaim right now, through the Name of the Lord, that my salvation and my righteousness will not be hindered nor destroyed by the hand of the enemy. This year my spiritual life and my ministry will flourish and grow like never before; In the Name of Jesus Christ!

Isaiah 45:1-3 states that, "…. To open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut asunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, Who call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel."

From this Biblical passage, we gather that:
-Access to wealth can be gained through spiritual gates (here referred to as two leaved gates.)
-There are hidden riches and wealth that no man has access to unless the Lord opens the spiritual gates that guide them to him.
-Unless a higher authority decrees otherwise, a gate of wealth and prosperity open to one's life, may be shut by the enemy.

Lift up your hands as you pray with me:

- Oh Lord, I refuse to be casualty of perpetual poverty. As I stamp my feet and pray, Oh Jehovah, open up the gate of wealth and riches in this land and in foreign lands to me; In the Name of Jesus Christ!
- Every power that has closed the gate of prosperity against me, as I pray, I command you to die; In the Name of Jesus!

- I prophesy through the unction of the Holy Ghost, I shall walk in the prosperity of the Lord, the treasures of Heaven have been opened unto me, the spiritual portal that makes good things accessible to me has been connected to my life. Oh Glory! Hallelujah!

Finally, from the Bible, we also discover that side of a gate on which one is found could determine one's fate. This is seen in the story of Rehab in Joshua 2:19, "*And it shall be, that whoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.* "

Remember the Words of Jesus Christ, in the book of John; "*I am the door if by me any man shall enter, he shall be saved*." (John 10:9).

DECLARE RIGHT NOW:

- As a steward of ECG Church and my Father Major 1, oh God, help me to serve You faithfully and effectively in this coming year, in the name of Jesus Christ!

- In this year Oh Lord, be my gate and my door!

- Oh Lord I believe you are a gate that is pure and holy, purify me and make me holy, Lord.

- Every evil personality watching over the gates of my life, be warned, the Lord is watching over you, be nullified and brought down to nothing NOW; In the Name of Jesus!

- Every evil door I have opened to my enemies, because the Lord is with me, I command You to shut by fire; In the Name of Jesus!

- In this year, as we rebrand, rebuild and restructure, I declare that the gates of success and great establishment have been opened unto us; In Jesus' Name!

- Every gate of sorrow targeting my life, my church and even my leaders; I command you to be replaced by gates of joy, in this year. Glory!

- Every ruined gate in our church, as we pray today as stewards, we command you to be repaired or replaced; In Jesus' Name! Amen!