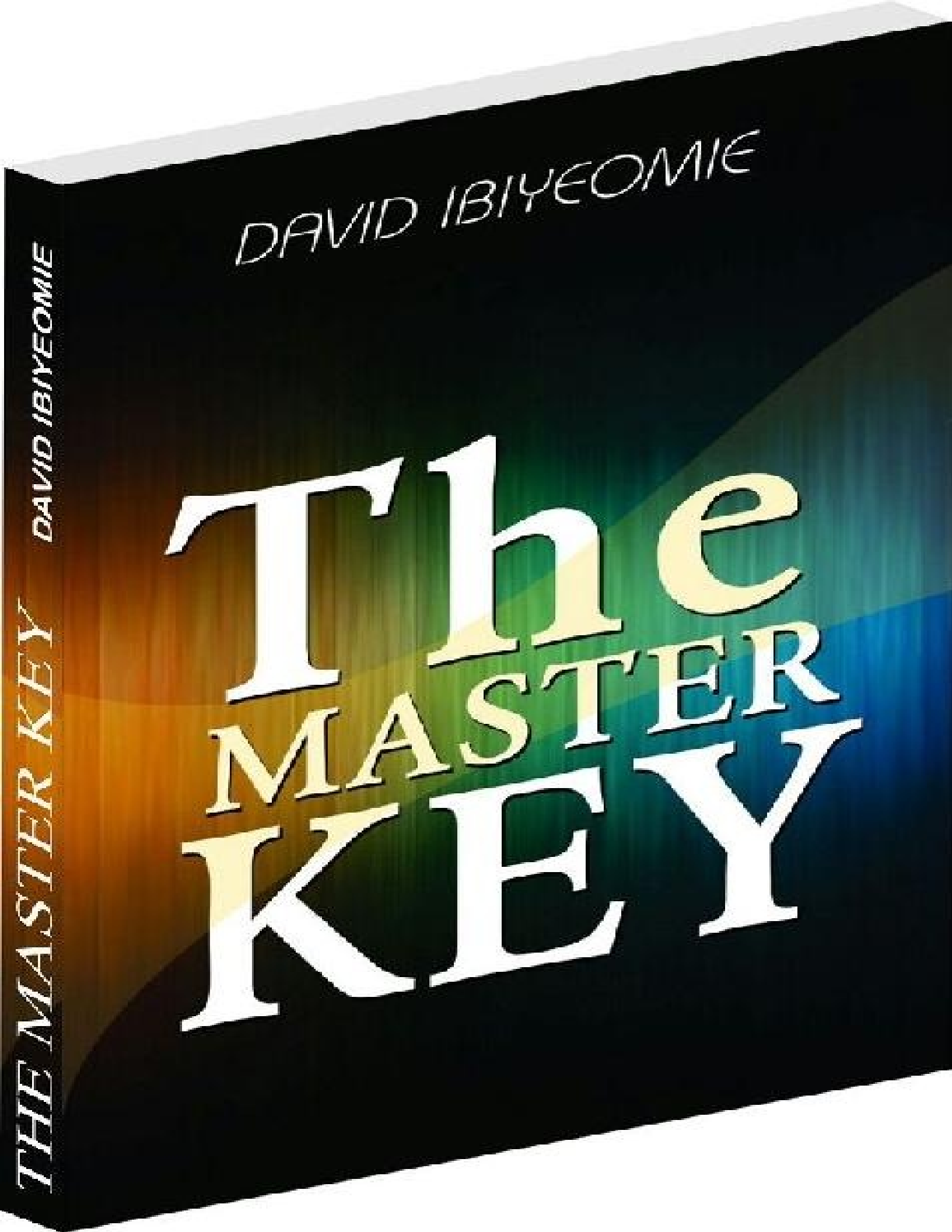
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INTRODUCTION

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utting God first is a command. Those who follow God's commandments end up as

Commanders.

Earthly success is possible. No child of God should be a failure. When principles of God are correctly applied by an individual, he becomes a principal figure to deal with principalities. You can be outstandingly successful. However, determination must be your watch word. Until you are determined to succeed in life, success will remain a desire. No one can succeed without determination.

For I determined not to know
any thing among you, save
Jesus Christ, and him
crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2 It is no surprise that Paul the apostle succeeded immensely.

Having a right perspective in life is a prerequisite for becoming a success. This means avoiding negative thinking and other forms of thinking that does not add value to your life. For example, focusing on past failure.

For as he thinketh in his
heart, so is he…
Proverbs 23:7

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23

Always be ready to face challenges and overcome them. Never allow them take you unawares. No one succeeds without some form of sacrifice. Every successful person is a man or woman who has made sacrifices. You must make sacrifices. Sacrifice is one of the habits of those who succeeded outstandingly (Genesis 8:22). To succeed always, nations or individuals must make sacrifice. You must be ruled by the word of God. Be word-ruled and not world-ruled. God wants it to become your lifestyle and therefore, gave **Joshua 1:8** as a guide.

Through faith we understand
that the worlds were framed
by the word of God, so that
things which are seen were
not made of things which do appear.

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Hebrews 11:3

Always sow God's word in your mind for a harvest; it is wisdom. All successful people invest in knowledge; it is a wise investment. Knowledge of relevant skills in your chosen Field of Endeavour is crucial to become an outstanding success.

And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.

Daniel 9:22

Nothing makes you to succeed outstandingly like the Law of Putting God First. You can be a success in any given economy in the universe as long as you obey this law. Those who put God first will always have additions. When you love God with all your heart, you are a man who puts God first. You cannot love God and be last on earth.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be

added unto you.

Matthew 6:33

Those who love God give to God, and they serve Him. You make Matthew 6:33 a reality when you do the following:

· Kingdom steward or servant
· Soul winner
· Kingdom promotion
· Lover of His house

· Praying for expansion of His kingdom (Intercessor)

When you enjoy doing these things, you must enjoy favor and your prayers will be answered.

Obedience has power. Put God first. The law of putting God first when obeyed can put you ahead of your peers in life. Obedience can make you a pacesetter. It is the master key to all-round blessings. It is the ladder to greater heights.

Climb it willingly and see God lift you. Obedience to instructions is a provoker of divine favor.

If ye be willing and obedient,





ye shall eat the good of the land:
Isaiah 1:19

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 1:25

CHAPTER 1 WHAT IS SUCCESS?

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he desire of everyone is to succeed. Nobody celebrates failure. Parents want their children to be successful;

grandparents want their grandchildren to be successful; everybody wants to be successful. I have never met anyone who thanked God because he failed.

Success is commanding desired results in succession. An 'Outstanding success' is your birthright.

To be outstanding means to stand out. But there are conditions which make outstanding success a reality.

The greatest book ever written on success is the Bible. Its values are trans-generational.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.





Joshua 1:8

The word of God has power to change anyone's story from shame to glory, from frustration to celebration and from stagnation to progress.

Many people have wrongly defined success to mean possession or position. Success is not an accumulation of wealth or craves for position.

True success can be defined as an accomplishment of purpose or the attainment of a desired end. It is having right standing with God.

The Bible is a book of laws. Biblical laws are spiritual laws. Spiritual laws can suspend any natural law. It is important that we operate by the laws of the Bible.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. Isaiah 55:8

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:2

When you operate by supernatural laws, natural laws are impotent. Just as Aaron's rod consumed all the rods of the magicians, that is how spiritual laws supersede natural laws.

For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

Exodus 7:12

When you operate by supernatural (spiritual) laws, economic policies cannot affect you, because the spiritual is superior to the natural. Supernatural (spiritual) laws are the laws of God.

In the explanation of the sovereignty and supremacy of spiritual laws, we must consider the story of the departure of the Israelites from Egypt. Naturally, on reaching the red sea, they would have required a boat to cross, or a bridge, but God gave a supernatural law to Moses to stretch forth his staff, and the red sea parted. The sea was so deep that its separation would have meant having high waters sideways, as high as a ten-storey building. It was a strange event that is only possible by the intervention of a spiritual law. Spiritual laws have the ability

to suspend all natural laws. That is why according to **Joshua 1:8**, good success is sure for whoever abides by God's law, irrespective of the surrounding economic circumstances.

The foundational law for outstanding success is **THE LAW OF PUTTING GOD FIRST.**

***Therefore take no thought,
saying, What shall we eat? or,
What shall we drink? or,
Wherewithal shall we be
clothed?***

***(For after all these things do
the Gentiles seek:) for your
heavenly Father knoweth
that ye have need of all these
things.***

***But seek ye first the kingdom
of God, and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.***

Matthew 6:31-33

Your obedience to this law makes all other things you are looking for to become an addition to you. When you put God first, no economy can have an adverse effect on you.

***The young lions do lack, and
suffer hunger: but they that
seek the LORD shall not
want any good thing.***

Psalm 34:10

If you seek God, it marks the end of “want” in your life. You have “wants” because you have not sought God first. When you seek God first, whatever you would have wanted will be added to you.

Know this truth – It is not your devotion to things that makes for outstanding success, but your devotion to God first. The secret to outstanding success is to be devoted to God. Kingdom addiction is what qualifies you for additions from God.

What does it mean to put God first? **It means to love Him.**
Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:36-40

The love of God is the commandment that puts you in command. The love of God in the heart of man is the anchor for outstanding success.

HOW DO I MAKE "MATTHEW 6:33" A REALITY
1. Be a Kingdom Steward

If they obey and serve him,
they shall spend their days in
prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

Job 36:11

This means we must serve God. When serving God becomes your priority, God makes your problems His priority.

We are saved to serve. You are therefore of no value to God if you are not serving Him.

Being a politician does not exempt you from being a kingdom steward. Daniel was a politician, but was outstandingly successful. He reigned in four regimes. His secret is found in **Daniel 6:20:**

"And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?"

Daniel served God continually and wholeheartedly, and that was the secret behind his successful tenure in politics.

And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Malachi 3:17-18 No genuine servant of God can be affected by economic circumstances.

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15 Service is not a gift, but a choice.
HIGHLIGHTS

1. The word of God has power to change anyone's story from shame to glory, from frustration to celebration and from stagnation to progress.

2. The foundational law for outstanding success is the law of putting God first. 3. Kingdom addiction is what qualifies you for additions from God.
The Master Key

CHAPTER 2 KINGDOM ADDICTION

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n life, behind any greatness there is a great prize.

***I can of mine own self do
nothing: as I hear, I judge:
and my judgment is just;
because I seek not mine own
will, but the will of the Father
which hath sent me.***

John 5:30

To become a star in the kingdom of God you must follow the principles of Jesus. It is those principles that guarantee your miracles.

***But seek ye first the kingdom
of God, and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be
added unto you.***

Matthew 6:33 Seeking for something means you are taking deliberate steps to look for it. In the world you scheme but in the kingdom you put God first. You do not beg God for money, fame, land and so on; He adds them as benefits to you when you put Him first. Putting God first means placing God above yourself in your finance, time and strength. It means God is the one taking control of your thought, time, and financial resources. Putting God first means being a kingdom addict.

WHO IS AN ADDICT?

Someone who is devoted to or surrendered himself absolutely to the control and interference of a thing or person. Someone who without compulsion like and enjoy something very much and spent time, available resources and energy doing it. He is a devotee, a fan, a fanatic and one who is obsessed and possessed by someone or something. Someone who is so accustomed to a thing or person that he cannot stay away or live without that thing. Someone who allowed himself to be influenced or controlled by something he loves or holds in high esteem.

WHAT IS KINGDOM ADDICTION? Kingdom addiction is joyfully allowing

God to exercise full ownership and control over your life, time, resources, career, and your decision toward advancement of His kingdom on earth.

It is to be sold out to God so much that nothing in life matters to you except those things matter to God. It is to be devoted to God and His word.

It is preparedness and readiness to live and die for His course on earth without due consideration to “self”.

It is humanity allowing divinity to dominate, exercise absolute control and interfere with your activities any day, anytime, anywhere in your spirit, soul and body.

It is feeling what God feels and allowing whatever move God to move you.

Life is not worth it if you are not living it for God. Most Christians have accepted Jesus as their Savior but have not accepted Him as their Lord. When someone is your Lord it means He is your owner. Lord means ownership. Kingdom addiction calls for total surrender, of all you have, own, and will have. It is the secrets of distinction. Let **Matthew 6:33** become your lifestyle. When God's kingdom becomes your priority, problems disappear from you. My greatest secret is **Matthew 6:33.** Make His kingdom your focus then the world will focus on you and hear about you. We are saved to serve; without serving, life has no meaning in the kingdom.

FIVE PRINCIPAL PILLARS OF KINGDOM ADDICTION
1. VINEYARD ADDICTION

LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

Psalm 26:8

Any place you love you constantly pay visit no matter how busy your schedule is. Drunkards pay constant visit to drinking bar because, they are addicted to alcohol. Prostitute pay visit to nightclubs and hotels without reminder. Football fans pay visit to stadium or viewing centers without being reminded. The question is: why must they remind you of church service as a child of God?

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Luke 4:16

The truth is who you truly love you sacrifice all to visit and who you truly love you drop all excuses to visit. Anyone who finds it difficult to come to Church is not in love with God.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 2:42 Psalm 63:1-2

David was addicted to fellowship; he went to the temple ten times a day. The Bible says, *"Three times do I pray and seven times do I praise as a king."*Psalm

55:1; Psalm 119:164

Any job that does not give you time to serve God is an express way to hell. These principles are what will make you a principal to deal with principalities. Hebrew 10:25

HOW TO KNOW VINEYARD/ KINGDOM ADDICTS
· They always come around the church premises even on non-service days.

· They attend every service whether the presiding pastor is in Church or not, or one of their favorite pastor is transferred or not.

· They do not attend only Sunday service or special programs.

· They do not use the excuses of work or any other excuse to cover up for not attending fellowship.

· They are always sitting in church prepared to participate fully even before the opening prayer.

· They abandon everything they are doing and rush to Church for fellowship whenever it is scheduled.

· They hold on to **Deuteronomy 16:16;** when they come for fellowship they do not appear before empty handed.
· They concentrate full in service and make no room for distraction.

· Distance is never an excuse for not attending fellowship.
· They do not fix board meetings or appointment during fellowship hour.
· They locate revived fellowship centers even when they are out of town.

· They do not attend fellowship only when they have problems that they want God to solve.

Benefits of Vineyard/Kingdom Addiction ØYou live in divine health. **Psalm 84:7**

ØYou enjoy divine help that no man can offer you.
ØGod reveal His ways to you. **Psalm 77:13**
ØYou obtain joy. **Isaiah 35:10**

ØYou enjoy amazing reward. **Matthew 20:7-8**

Ø You become a practical beneficiary of the blessing of the Lord. **Proverbs 10:22**

ØYou have better understanding on various issues about life. **Psalm 75:12-18**

Ø You enjoy answers to prayer on issues beyond human, money and other issues of life. **2 Kings 19:14-20**

2. F I S H I N G A N D H U N T I N G ADDICTION

Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

Jeremiah 16:16

We are the fishers and hunters. Those who are in deep love with God must love what He loves and hate what He hates. God is in dare need of hunters and fishers who will hunt and fish for sinners using every available tool to bring them into His God.

But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;
Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

Acts 26:16-17

Soul winning is what brings Joy to God. God is searching for men whose heart will pant after souls. Have you seen any hunter who stays in his house and looks for animals, or any fisherman who stays in his house with his basket and net waiting for fishes to enter? Every hunter and fisher goes out to look for animals and fish respectively. That is what God wants His children to become.

And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

Luke 5:10

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:19

Soul winners are fishers of men. It is your value for humanity that will guarantee your eternity. Eternity in Christ will remain an illusion in your life time if the business of soul winning does not move you. There are those who only think about themselves; they are like the rich fool recorded in **Luke 12:16-21.** Let us stop criticizing sinners and start winning them to Christ. God will use your arm to reach them, your leg to walk to them, your voice to speak to them, your eyes to see them because He cannot come down to walk with them without your leg; to speak to them without your voice and so on. He needs you to reach them. Any Christian who makes himself unfruitful and useless to God by not winning souls is not fit to live, according to **John 15:2**. If you claim to love God and you are not winning souls, then your love is fake. True love is not just in confession but in action.

How to know if you are a committed hunter and fisher of men

· You will not be reminded or compelled to go out for soul winning.

· You would find yourself praying for a sinner, friend, colleague, neighbor, relative not yet born-again on daily bases.

· You would love to invite people to church service on fellowship days; follow them up and see that they get committed in church.

· You would not be ashamed of telling people about Jesus after every discussion.

· You would be eager to pay for airtime for TV programs in any part of the world to spread the gospel.

· You would always leave a sinner with a material as point of contact to winning them for Christ. For instance, books, tapes and so on.

· You would never be comfortable if the church attendance is dropping or remains stagnant.

· You would be worried if the altar call or soul harvest in the church is not always massive.

· You would have unusual compassion for the lost.

· You would be stirred up in your spirit against the opening of brothels, nightclubs, drinking bars, and want those places to close down and the people to become born-again.

· Visitation and follow-up would be a lifestyle.
· You would join a soul winning group or unit in church.

WHY SHOULD WE WIN SOULS?
1. It is our major assignment. **Acts 1:8**

2. It is the primary reason why Jesus came to earth. **Luke19:10; Matthew 1:21**
3. It brings glory to God with great joy in heaven. **John 15:8; Luke15:7**
4. It is the daily way to avoid premature death. **John 15:2**
5. To avoid a murder charge. **Ezekiel 3:17-18** 6. The world is waiting for you and me as preachers of the gospel. **Romans 10:14** 7. God is looking for a man to send. **Ezekiel 22:30; Isaiah 6:8**
8. It secures our eternity with God. **Daniel 12:3**

9. It authenticate our ambassadorial position as ministers of reconciliation. **2 Corinthians 5:18-20**

BENEFITS OF SOUL WINNING

· You become a giant in the realm of signs and wonders. **Mark 16:20**
· You shine and standout in midst of your peers. **Daniel 12:3**
· Divine protection is guaranteed. **Acts 18:8-10**
· You enjoy prosperity. **John 4:36**
· You are free from murder charge. **Ezekiel 3:13**
· You enjoy supernatural wisdom. **Proverbs 11:30**
· You enjoy fruitfulness. **John 15:2**

· It brings great joy to heaven and in turn, it brings great joy to you. **Luke 16:7; Galatians 6:7**

· It guarantees answers to prayer. **John 15:16**
· You enjoy divine favour **Psalm 102:13- 15**

3. C A P I T A L I N V E S T M E N T ADDICTION

Your addiction in Christianity is a function of your addiction to the kingdom of God. Today, some Christians are simply engaging in what I call *"lip-service investment"* or *"weariness investment"*; they are not engaged in *"obedience investment"*. Only a few of them are engaging in *"obedience investment"*. You should not be hypocritical in rendering service to God. You cannot serve two masters, according to Matthew 6:24. You cannot serve God and money; you either use your money to serve God or you serve the money. People leave in mansions but want to build thatched houses for God as Church. If you look at the first message Jesus preached in **Matthew 5:6-7,** everything Jesus talked about was capital investment. Many are free from adultery but are not free from idolatry (money worshipping). Judas was free from adultery but was not free from idolatry. Jesus does not joke with capital investment. Jesus never stood in the temple to watch people who are praying; He never stepped into the temple to watch the choir; Jesus stood in the temple to watch over a particular offering to see those who truly loved God not money (**Mark 12:41-44**). The widow was not a lover of money but a lover of God that is why she gave God treasure – her mite.

SOME TRUTHS ABOUT INVESTMENT ADDICTS

a. They believe in continuous sacrificial giving; they do not give God trash but treasures.

b. They give once and again; not once and for all.
c. They give God seed that cost them something. **2 Samuel 24:24**
d. They sow cheerfully to promote the gospel on earth. **Psalm 126:5-6**

You can be giving and not get results because you never gave out of love. Giving that is not born out of love will not produce results. Kingdom investment giving must be given out of love. If you are a giver and you cannot give sacrificially to promote God's kingdom here on earth you cannot go far.

e. They give without caution

The widow in Mark 12 gave all she had; she was a risk taker and was careful for nothing. The surest bank that cannot fail is the Bank of God.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

Matthew 6:19-20 Anything you use in faith to promote the gospel cannot fail. God cannot fail because He is not a man that He should lie (**Number 23:19**). We must put our trust in He who gives us all things richly to enjoy(**1 Timothy 6:17**). I have not seen one kingdom investor who said he or she went bankrupt; not one!

f. They take advantage of every opportunity to promote God's kingdom

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

2 Chronicles 16:9

In times of recession, invest in God's kingdom to enjoy abundance. Successful investors use what is happening around them to know when to invest.

4. AFFECTION ADDICTION

Affection is simply delightsome commitment, getting involved with joy. You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving. Christianity is a call to be an addicted lover. The cheapest way to overcome stagnation and frustration is to be a lover of God.

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Mark 12:30

And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

Deuteronomy 30:6,9

When you love God, He empowers you for wealth. The future of any man is a function of his love today. God will never empower you to succeed in the

kingdom if you do not have a heart for Him.

Attribute or qualities of those who have affection for God and His kingdom
· They give gladly and cheerfully to promote His cause.
· They do not see God as a task master, or as an opportunist to take advantage of them. God is not an oppressor; He is a God that blesses.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

· They are careful not to offend God and grieve the Holy Spirit with their activities and practices.

· They see His word as the final authority in their lives.
If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

John 14:15,23

Those addicted with affection for God surrender to the Lordship of His word. They study His word; hear His word; obey His word, their feelings notwithstanding. They are ruled by the word of God.

· They do all they can to please God. John 8:29 – lovers are pleasers.

A lover does not only work for God but walks with God. Many work for God but do not walk with God. It is more important to walk with God than just work for God.

· They stand for and defend His cause with their finances, positions, appointments, strengths, and privileges.

And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:32

When you are in power, irrespective of the outcome you stand to defend the gospel of Jesus. You do not keep calm and watch evil prevail against the church; you stand to defend the church. Do not keep quiet and pretend not to see what is happening.

· They love humanity.
They are hospitable to people.

· They do not get offended when blessings are delayed.
People who love God see God as too faithful to lie.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2 Timothy 2:19

You do not get offended because of prolonged singlehood, joblessness, admission, health issues, lack of promotion, expectation of children and so on. You cannot blame God and expect to win in the contest of life. God is ever too faithful to fail; put Him first and everything will be added to you for the best.

· They have big dreams for God and the promotion of His Kingdom.

Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my

God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house.

1 Chronicles 29:2-3

Lovers of God's dreams for the kingdom are not mere dreams but great dreams. Without a dream you do not have a future. You must have a dream to win sinners to Christ.

What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

Luke 15:4

If you do not have a dream for soul winning then you do not have a future. Lovers of God dream to win souls (**Matthew 6:33**). Have a dream for His kingdom first before your dream. Your dream will be addition. Seek the kingdom

first then wife, husband, cars, Joy will be added to you. You do not pray for money, cars, wife, husband, house and jobs; just seek the kingdom of God first then all these will be added to you. Dream to win soul and make them establish, and you will not struggle on earth.

· They are not ashamed to preach and tell people about Jesus Christ.

For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.

Luke 9:26
· They do not love money; they use money to serve God.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

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 6:24-26

Money does not control them; they use their money to serve God and are content with whatever God has given to them per time. You do not live a money-centered life when you are a lover of God; you live a God- centered life. They do not live a life of greed or covetousness. They do not mortgage their body in prostitution for money; rob people for money; kidnap for money; live in bribery and corruption for money; disgrace their name and integrity for money; or even deny their Christianity for money. They do what pleases God and not what pleases themselves. Money is not everything. It can buy you a Bible but cannot buy you salvation and eternity in God. Money can buy you food but cannot buy you appetite; it can buy you a bed but cannot buy you sleep. Money can buy you a car but cannot buy you safe trip to where you are going.

The first money I ever got as a Pastor was seven hundred and twenty three thousand naira (N723,000). I used seven hundred thousand naira (N700,000) to invest into God's kingdom; I used twenty three thousand naira (N23,000) for books. My income moved from thousands to millions. Similarly, I had about one million six hundred thousand naira in my account and we were to have a program that period. I invested one million five hundred thousand naira into the program; my income was boosted! I did same thing when I had about six million in my account – I invested into the kingdom five million naira and God multiplied my seed sown! In 2012, I gave God an offering of one million dollars and today, God has blessed me beyond measure.

They do not give to make a name for themselves in Church or control the system.

You do not give an offering and begin to brag about it. Do not give with the motive to control or influence your pastor. That is no longer giving; it is bribery. Investment in the kingdom should be with a right motive, Addicted kingdom promoters give with humility without making noise.

Giving to promote the kingdom and other course of God must be done with true and pure motive. Addicted promoters do not wait for offering to be raised before they give. You can even hire a bus to carry members for soul winning. When you seek Him you cannot fall. Those who seek God will not need to seek anything

else. It is seeking Him that brings additions. God wants to elevate you and not to humiliate you. He wants to “polish” you and not to “punish” you. It is either you invest in the kingdom to go forward or hold it back to remain at a spot. Investing in the kingdom is the surest way to invest. **Luke 18:29-30.**

5. STEWARDSHIP ADDICTION

Stewardship is one of the greatest secrets for leadership.

But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

Luke 22:26-27

Stewardship simply means servanthood for citizenship leadership and prominence. It is doing all for the kingdom of God. It is getting involved in the service of God. It is using your time, strength, talent, resources, finance, and so on for the promotion of God's kingdom on earth. Stewardship is a call to activity and not passivity. Serving God is not just attending church; it is getting practically involved in the things of God. And until your stewardship is acceptable it cannot be rewarded. Stewardship is active involvement in the advancement and promotion of the kingdom of God here on earth: spiritually, physically, and financially.

Life on earth is a mission and only those with passion for God will experience distinction on earth.

I am not where I am by lobbying or scheming. Stewardship is the major secret for my lifting. I heard a teaching in 1995 that changed my life by Bishop Abioye. He taught on stewardship and my eyes opened; his teaching made me understand what serving is all about.

When I was in the Bible School, regardless of the distance between where I resided and where the institution was situated – you have to board four vehicles to get to the destination; I never went late to school until I graduated. It was a marvel to my classmates! I will go for evangelism on Saturday and be in service on Sunday to serve in all the services. We use to run two services on Tuesdays and Thursdays I used to serve communion and some days before I will get home it will be around 10pm to 11Pm; get to bed by 12am and woke by 4am! That was a commitment I made to serve God wholeheartedly.

God is constantly searching for stewards and not masters.
I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: Psalm 89:20

God found David as a servant not as a master. When you are a steward, God will look for you and when God looks for you, you are bound to be a celebrity. You can look for God and miss Him but God cannot look for you and miss you. Stop being title conscious because title ties down destiny. Start serving God with all your heart.

This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

1 Timothy 3:1

What will make a man is not the title but his service. God is not looking for masters; those who are made masters by God would even be remembered by Him.

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

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4:11

God created you primarily for a purpose – to bear fruit, which is soul winning. He created you to give Him pleasure by winning souls. It is sad that many people do not give God pleasure.

There are three sets of people in every church:

· Those who love what is happening in the Church but will never do anything to promote what is happening in the Church so it can keep happening.

This set of people attend service and fellowship alone without inviting sinners to join them to fellowship. Their jobs or businesses does not allow them to come to service and fellowship during the week days; they do not belong to service unit in Church. They love using God as a tool but hate God using them to accomplish any task. They seek for miracles but hate to serve Him they are very reluctant to getting committed; they are always apparently willing to serve but never serving. They are always believing God that one day they will serve as if their life is in their hands. They have been born again for long but have never served God.

· Those who hate the Church and do not love what is happening in the Church.

This set of people come to Church for selfish and satanic reason. They join force with outsiders, religious people and sinners to fight the Church and run the Church down. They take delight in doing mischief against the Church, and are very subtle and crafty. They smile with one part of the face and frown with other part of the face – they are wolves in sheep's clothing. They scheme their ways to leadership of the Church so that they use the credibility to do unsuspected damage to the Church. They see serving God as foolishness and punishment. They see people serving God as slaves and failures. They find fault in everything and derive pleasure in stagnating or reducing the numerical growth of the Church. Examples of this set of people is found in **3 John 1:9-10.** This set of people are referred to enemies within.

· Those who love the Church, the Pastor and the activities of the Church.
This set of people are addicted stewards.

They love what is happening in the Church and contributes to the advancement of the Church. They are fully involved in service and practically correct any error. They are not thinking of what the Church will do for them rather looking for what to do for the Church. They love kingdom prayer and are never tired of praying for the kingdom of God. They sow seed into Church programs and projects; they are addicted and passionate soul winners. They visit souls until they are established in Church and house fellowship (home cell). They bring ideas on Church growth and also personally volunteer to implement such ideas that grow the Church; they finance the ideas, and they get concerned when the Church is not growing. They talk about and celebrate every testimony that is happening in Church to the outside world. They rise to defend the things of God, the pastor, and the members of the Church at any time; they are not ashamed to identify with church and pastor everywhere. This set of people make God extremely glad.

The question is: Which category do you belong? It may be hard truth, but only faithful and committed servants will make heaven, not faithful church goers or faithful observers. **Matthew 25:21**

Attributes Of Addicted Steward

· They are available and punctual, and come before others to fix things in Church. **Isaiah 6:8; Psalm 63:8**

· They serve passionately in secret without pretense.

· They are more interested in God's c o m m a n d m e n t s t h a n m a n ' s recommendation.

Men may recommend you but it is better for God to commend you. Remember, David was serving in the secret when God distinguished him above his brethren. **1 Samuel 16:11-12**

The greatest secret for promotion is stewardship in the kingdom of God. Secret service brings open reward.

· They serve with the fear of God.
They are always conscious of heaven in their service to God.

· They serve with integrity and faithfulness.

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Hebrews 12:28 They do not steal from the service groups welfare purse. They will never spend service group money without accountability. They do not steal from offering box or account office. They do not possess the habit of extorting or begging from members of the Church.

· They serve with the right motives and pure heart.

And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.

2 Chronicles 25:2

They serve God for who He is and not merely because they want something from God. Some are serving because they want a job, some because of babies, marriages, admission to schools, political appointments, healing and so on. That should not be your motive.

· They serve God with their money, time, skill, energy and status.

They do not compromise their service or use what they should not use to serve God. **Exodus 10:24-26**

· They Serve God Continually.

They do not serve God momentarily, occasionally, temporarily or periodically; but at all times. They do not serve God only when the condition is pleasant to them.

And when he came to the den,

he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, w h o m t h o u s e r v e s t continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Daniel 6:20
· They Serve Sacrificially.

They render their service to God even when it is not convenient for them. They pay the price to secure heaven's reward. **Act 15:25-26**

They are ready to spend huge sum of money to fix things in the church that need urgent attention.

BENEFITS OF STEWARDSHIP ADDICTION

Those that be planted in the house of the LORDS shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

Psalm 92:13-14
· You flourish in life and in all your affairs.

· You become fruitful in your body and in the work of your hands.
· Your coast is enlarged and God announces you to your world.

CHAPTER 3 MAKING GENERATIONAL IMPACT

HIGHLIGHTS

1. To become a star in the kingdom of God you must follow the principles of Jesus. It is those principles that guarantee your miracles.

2. Any job that does not give you time to serve God is an express way to hell.

3. If you claim to love God and you are not winning souls, then your love is fake. True love is not just in confession but in action.

M
aking means the acts, or process of producing something.

Jesus made a statement in **Matthew 4:19:** *"…follow me and I will make you..."* God is the Maker of man; if you try to make yourself you will be abased. No man can make himself. Those who want to be made must be followers.

And he saith unto them,
Follow me, and I will make
you fishers of men.

Matthew 4:19

Making generational impact, simply is the act of producing a significant effect that will relate across different generations. It means to upgrade something unusual that will lift a generation. It is making relevant contribution to humanity.

In life be more interested in contribution; be more impact driven, and do not allow title to tear down your destiny. Impact is stronger than title. Be more impact conscious than title conscious. Do not be title crazy, but be kingdom moved. Be more impact driven because there is no entitlement in title.

Life is all about contribution and contribution is more important than title. If you are not a contributor to lives very soon you will be merely existing.

In your Christian race it is the mantle you carry that matters most, rather than the title you wear.

Great men are not title crazy. When you do not have results you settle for title. If you have title without mantle you end up with battle.

You will not remember a man because he has a title, but you will always

remember him because he has contributed something impactful to you. If all you are after is titles then you will not go far.

The kingdom of God is for those who will advance it. When you advance the kingdom of God, He advances your life. In the kingdom of God refuse to remain passive if you do not want things to pass you by.

And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.

And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:

Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.

But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.
While he thus spake, there
c a m e a c l o u d , a n d
overshadowed them: and they
feared as they entered into the
cloud.
And there came a voice out of
the cloud, saying, This is my
beloved Son: hear him.

Luke 9:28-35

Jesus went up to pray and His countenance changed. He went to pray, He did not go to play, and there was a change. Without prayer nothing changes. His countenance changed when He prayed. They were sleeping while He went to pray, and when they woke up they saw His glory because they did not pray.

The Glory of God is revealed only to those who pray for the kingdom of God.

Simply, because you belong to a church does not mean what is happening there will affect you. You can be in a prosperous church and be very poor.

The kingdom is not observed; the kingdom of God is preached and every man (not every group but individuals), press to take that which belongs to them. If you do not preach the kingdom you will never be called a son; every man must press to preach the kingdom, then God will declare you a son.

If you look at the time of law and the prophet which is the time of Moses, and the time of Elijah; there where miracles. Moses divided the red sea, and Elijah raised the dead but there was no salvation. Jesus was the only one that came to give men salvation. If you want God to bless you then go and preach salvation which was not in the law.

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto

him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

John 21:15-17 When you seek to preach the gospel you end up going up.

Miracle without salvation is not complete. If all you do in the church of God is to seek miracles you will miss Him.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luke 19:10

It may surprise you to know that Jesus never came for miracles, signs and wonders; but rather He came to save the lost. Miracle is the only thing that accompanies the word; signs are the addition. If you seek signs without salvation you will sink, salvation should be the thing you should seek and then signs will follow.

And these signs shall follow them that believe…
Mark 16:17

People who seek signs do not last. If all you do is to look for miracle you will not last; as a Christian, you will backslide, and if you do not seek Jesus you will not last in the kingdom.

Therefore take no thought, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

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

Matthew 6:31-33

God knows your desires but does not want you to put your heart on those things because He is willing to grant them to you when you focus on Him. When you think about problem, the problem becomes a mountain but when you think of God the problem becomes irrelevant.

You cannot put God first and come last on earth. You cannot seek God and lack good – our God is too good.

In the kingdom of God we do not labor, rather we enjoy favour and the day you step into favour labor stops.

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him sincerely and in

truth.
saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or,

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Psalm 145:18 (AMP)
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Prayer is not always to ask something; prayer is when you go to God to converse

for His kingdom.

The Lord is near unto them who call on Him; those whose hearts are after the expansion of His kingdom.

Living without prayer is trying to live without breathing.

A Christian's life without prayer is like a computer hard drive without software. As breath is for the living that is how prayer is to a Christian. If you stop breathing you are dead so also, when you stop praying you are equally dead. Many are frustrated today because they do not know that prayer is conversation with God.

God is pleased when you deem it necessary to serve and intercede for His kingdom. In the kingdom of God nothing moves God like touching His heart.

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Mark 12:30

When you know your priority, you make time for it. Any word you do not put to practice has no value. You must be committed to doing the work of God till your time on earth is over. Not involving in the things of God makes your existence meaningless.

The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it. When you are a winner of souls, you touch the heart of God.

…they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.
Psalm 34:10 You cannot seek God and lack any good; our God is good.

You will enjoy the hand of God when your prayer pattern change. For instance, *"O God enlarge your kingdom; let the fire on the altar keep burning. O God establish souls; as I go out today let me win souls…"*In everything in your life

put God first. It is your addiction in the kingdom that guarantees the additions you enjoy in life.

It is high level of irresponsibility if somebody should encourage you to go and win souls. It means you do not know the reason for your being born again. Life is of no value if you are not living it for Christ. If you are not a soul winner you are not a child of God.

What are you living for if all you are after is just keep asking God for material things – for your selfish desires to be granted; meanwhile, you are less concerned about the dying world
– the sinners. The vision of God is that all should be saved; we are expected to join in the train and ensure that sinners are saved and brought to God's kingdom.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Luke 15:7,10

When you win a soul you touch the heart of God, and when you touch His heart, God touches you on earth.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself…

Matthew 6:34

Christianity is not all about material things; it is far more than that. We must all seek Him first and other things shall follow us.

If you are not winning souls your living on earth is a waste before God because you are not useful to Him. When a Christian does not win souls, he has forfeited his right to exist; he has also denied himself the privilege to make heaven.

For a child of God not to tell somebody that he or she should be born again, his or her Christianity is questionable. As a Christian, you have been endued with power to proclaim the gospel of Christ; do not make it lie dormant.

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

Acts 1:8

Until you are ready to receive instruction and act on it you will never be declared a son. Instruction is the high way to distinction. Until you please God you are not a son.Luke 3:22; John 8:29

Jesus said the reason the Father was pleased with Him is because He does always those things that please the Father (John 8:29). So, our duty is to find out how to please God.

WHAT MUST I DO TO PLEASE GOD 1. You must be born again
Life on earth is of no value if you are not living it for Christ.
2. Soul winning

It brings joy to God. What brings joy to God is when your heart is after the expansion of His kingdom. You number one priority in lifeshould be expansion of His Kingdom

Therefore I say unto you,
Take no thought for your life,
what ye shall eat, or what ye
shall drink; nor yet for your
body, what ye shall put on. Is
not the life more than meat,

and the body than raiment?

Matthew 6:25

When you are kingdom oriented you never worry about things. God said, *"I know you need a house, car, money and school fees and so on but seek ye first that souls are saved"*.

Soul winning is the heartbeat of God and when you touch His heart with souls, He will touch you on earth with blessings.

When your heart begins to go for His kingdom as your priority your struggle stops, but when you do not it could lead to demotion. When you are not winning souls the blessings of God for you will also drop.

Jesus said in Luke 2:49 *"…I must be about my Father's business"*. Kingdom advancement is a big time business, if you invest in that business divinity is sure.

3. Prayer

Prayer is not only seeking for material things, it is also seeking God. Praying for the advancement of His kingdom is a serious business: *"O God grow your Church, revive and expand your kingdom, establish souls. As I step out this week lead me to the right souls… I want your kingdom to be enlarged; use me as an instrument to expand your kingdom and let lives be transformed."*Seek first to expand His kingdom and everything will be added to you. Mathew 6:33

BENEFITS OF SOUL WINNING
1. **Divine favor**

…for the time to favour
her,yea, the set time, is come.
For thy servants take pleasure
in her stones, and favour the
dust thereof.

Psalm 102:13-14 If you take pleasure in the things of God He will favor you and they will see you and say this man is blessed of God.

Favor brings resources: marriage, miracle job and so on.

2. **Answer to prayer**

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

It is possible to pray and not get any answer but when you touch His heart answers are guaranteed!

3. **Distinction**

And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

Malachi 3:17-18
4. **You enjoy all round blessings**

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

Matthew 6:33 5. **Wisdom**
…he that winneth souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30 6. **You become a star**

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

Daniel 12:3

You just shine everywhere you go. It is only in the kingdom you can shine forever. The secret of shining is soul winning.

7. **You enjoy signs and wonder**
And these signs shall follow
them that believe…
Mark 16:17 8. **You enjoy sound health.**
…a faithful ambassador is health. Proverbs 13:17 The Master Key

CHAPTER 4 THE POWER OF OBEDIENCE

HIGHLIGHTS

1. The kingdom of God is for those who will advance it. When you advance God's kingdom, He advances your life.

2. You cannot put God first and come last on earth. You cannot seek God and lack good - our God is too good.

3. In the kingdom of God nothing moves God like touching His heart. When you are a winner of souls, you touch the heart of God.

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bedience is practical adherence to God's instructions. It is the act of following duly what God's word

says irrespective of your present circumstance. It is doing what you are told to do. It means you are overwhelmed and dominated by God and His word. It is simply taking God's word as your final authority and responding to its demands.

Great manifestations are not just products of information; they are products of applied information. Information not utilized will end up in deformation. There is a saying that *"Knowledge is power"*. But I say it is applied knowledge that

produces power. Knowledge is potential power. In John 6:6, Jesus Himself knew what to do; but knowing what to do did not multiply the loaves until He did something practically before the loaves began to multiply.
That you know about tithing does not mean it will bless you, it is only when you begin to pay your tithe that you will be blessed. That you know something does not guarantee success. It is not enough to have knowledge; most people have knowledge, but the knowledge is not producing because they are not applying the knowledge they know. In John 6:10-12, Jesus put to practice the things He knew and it worked for Him.

Information + Action = Obedience
Information – Action = Disobedience

At every point in your life, you are either obeying God or you are disobeying God, there is no neutral ground. Disobedience displeases God but Obedience pleases God. Every time you obey, you are provoking God to bless you. The easiest way to get blessed is Obedience.

Obedience is the shortest access to the blessings of God.

***If they obey and serve him,
they shall spend their days in
prosperity, and their years in
pleasures.***

Job 36:11

Pressure and poverty is a function of disobedience. Every child of God going through stress is disobeying somewhere. Check your covenant practices with God; there is somewhere you are disobeying God. Prayer cannot change God and His Word, His word can change situations but prayer cannot change His Word. A business man fasting and praying for seven days for his business doors to be opened without paying tithe will not prosper.

God said in Malachi 3:10–11,

***“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.

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…"

When you disobey God's word, the devourer will attack; your prayer cannot change even the devourer.

Never pray over something you know that you are walking in disobedience. The prayer will not work neither will it be answered. If we pray according to His Will He hears us, but if we pray contrary to His will He will not hear.

…Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

1 Samuel 15:22 Your lifting is tied to what matters to God. Good intention is not the same as good action.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Isaiah 1:19

Willingness is good intention but without obeying you will not eat the good of the land. Good intention is not enough; you must be willing and obedient before you can partake of God's blessing.

T H I N G S T O N O T E A B O U T OBEDIENCE

1. It must be done promptly

It is instant obedience that is accepted by God. Delayed obedience is

Disobedience. If God gives an instruction do not delay it. ***I made haste, and delayed not***
to keep thy commandments.
Psalm 119:60

God called Abraham His friend because every instruction God gave him he obeyed without delay.

2. It must be done cheerfully

God is not a task master; never see any God's instruction as a burden. Things of God are not burdens; burdens means there is a problem. If God gives you an instruction be cheerful about it, if He ever told you to give something, give it out and watch what will happen in your life.

For I delight in the law of God
after the inward man:
Romans 7:22 **3. It must be done consistently**

The act of obedience must be done continually. Do not just obey once or occasionally and leave; continually obey.

So shall I keep thy law
continually for ever and ever.
Psalm 119:44
F A C T O R S T H A T T R I G G E R OBEDIENCE
Most times people want to obey but they do not know how to go about it.
· **Love for God**
When you find it difficult to obey God it is because you do not love Him.
If ye love me, keep my
commandments.
John 14:15 When you love God it is very easy to obey Him.
· **Trust in God**
Trust is absolute confidence in God.

God is not a man, that he
should lie; neither the son of
man, that he should repent:
hath he said, and shall he not
do it? or hath he spoken, and

shall he not make it good?

Numbers 23:19 Trust God based on His word, and because you trust God, you will obey Him. Edwin Cole said *"Obedience is an act of faith but disobedience is an act of sin"*
Without faith it is impossible to please God.Hebrews 11:6
· **Total submission**

When you are dead to self and alive to God, obeying God will be easy. Jesus submitted His will to the Father and it was easy for Him to obey. When you surrender to a point that anything God says is final, obeying God will be very easy. We do not obey God based on our feelings; we obey God based on His Word. Do what is written not how you feel. For instance, that your wife is so stubborn, that will not stop you from loving her. You must continue to love her because God's word says so. Come to a point where you are Word-ruled.

BENEFITS OF OBEDIENCE
1. **All-round blessings**
Obedience to God's word is the master key to all-round blessings.

And it shall come to pass, if
thou shalt hearken diligently
unto the voice of the LORD
thy God, to observe and to do
all his commandments which
I command thee this day, that
the LORD thy God will set
thee on high above all nations of the earth:

And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

Deuteronomy 28:1,13 **You do not confess to be the head; you obey to be the head.**
2. **Greater height**
Obedience is the ladder to greater height in life.

And it shall come to pass, if

thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

Deuteronomy 28:1,13 **3**. **Prosperity and all round wellbeing** Obedience guarantees unlimited prosperity and all-round wellbeing.

If they obey and serve him,
they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

Job 36:11

Poverty is a function of disobedience. Every time you are under stress and pressure, you have disobeyed. Poverty is not because of the economy; it is because of disobedience.

4. **Good success**
Obedience makes you to have good success.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8 5. It delivers good things of life
Obedience makes you to enjoy the good things of life.

If ye be willing and obedient,
ye shall eat the good of the
land:

Isaiah 1:19 6. It guarantees progress

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 4:18 Disobedience leads to stagnation. 7. **It provokes divine wisdom**

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Matthew 7:24-27 Obedience provokes wisdom.
8. **It provokes signs and wonders**

His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water.

And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

John 2:5,7-8

The moment they obeyed the instruction Jesus gave them, they never lacked wine. Anytime God gives you an instruction, obey Him because He has a

miracle in mind. Every time you are asking God for a miracle be ready for an instruction.

9. It provokes healing

And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

John 9:7 10.All your requests are granted

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
HIGHLIGHTS

1. Obedience is the shortest access to the blessings of God. When you are dead to "self" and alive to God, obeying God will be easy.

2. Willingness is good intention but without obedience you will not eat the good of the land. Isaiah 1:19

3. Poverty is not a function of the economy but a function of your disobedience to God's word.

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