THE POWER OF HOME SERVICES



Starting a revival from your home

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CHAPTER 1
THE VALUE OF HOME SERVICES

*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 KJV)

You should never underrate the power of home services. The bible shows us that many revivals were birthed in the homes. A revival that will shake the whole world can start in your home. You need to value family prayer time, there is need to take home services very serious.

The current pandemic showed us that church services in church buildings can be closed but home services can never be closed. This means that the church can never be silenced because the church starts at home.

Your ability to hold services in your homes shows where you are spiritually as families and as individuals

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS IN THE HOMES

*Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the **house**: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field* (Matthew 13:36 KJV)

*And in the **house** his disciples asked him again of the same matter* (Mark 10:10 KJV)

*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 brake the box, and poured it on his head* (Mark 14:3 KJV)

Part of the ministry of Jesus was done in the homes. He visited some of the people in their homes and all those He visited were transformed forever. Jesus would also utilize his time at home to explain the kingdom of God to His disciples. This is the reason why the Apostles of Jesus were so strong and could not be shaken easily; they had a strong foundation of the Word of God.

CHAPTER 2
FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE

*And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from **house to house**, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,* (Acts 2:46 KJV)

The ministry of the Apostles of Jesus was very effective because they didn't just do services in the temple but also in the believers' homes. Great revivals were birthed in the homes.

1) The upper room

*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled **all the house** where they were sitting* (Acts 2:2 KJV)

The revival that birthed other revivals in the New Testament started in a house, the upper room. Baptism in the Holy Spirit was first received in a home.

2) House of Judas

*And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the **house of Judas** for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,* (Acts 9:11 KJV)

The Apostle Paul who is one of the greatest apostles and he wrote most of the New Testament epistles received sight and baptism in the Holy Spirit in the house of Judas

3) House of Mary

And when he had considered the thing, he came to the ***house of Mary*** *the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying* (Acts 12:12 KJV)

Your house can be a prayer centre like the house of Mary

4) House of the jailor

And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them ***into his house****, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house* (Acts 16:32 KJV)

The apostles of Jesus won families to Christ because their ministry was not just limited to the temple, they ministered in homes too.

5) House of Simon

Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the ***house of one Simon*** *a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee* (Acts 10:32 KJV)

The believers in the early church opened their homes to the servants of God. You have to welcome pastors in your home just like what Simon a tanner did.

6) House of Cornelius

And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee ***into his house****, and to hear words of thee* (Acts 10:22 KJV)

Cornelius together with all those in his house received Jesus and baptism in the Holy Spirit after welcoming Apostle Peter in their home.

7) House of Lydia

And they went out of the prison, and entered into the ***house of Lydia****: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed* (Acts 16:40 KJV)

Many believers would gather in the house of Lydia and many strong believers were raised from there

8) House of Philip

And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the ***house of Philip*** *the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him* (Acts 21:8 KJV)

Philip welcomed a team of believers into his home and he felt so comfortable to have them in his house. His house was surrendered to the Lord

9) House of Justus

And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue (Acts 18:7 KJV)

Justus' house was very close to the synagogue and the Apostle Paul entered into this man's house and not the temple. Paul would have requested to see Justus at the church building but he preferred to be in the house of Justus which shows us how important it is to value our time with God in our homes.

CHAPTER 3
WHY HOME SERVICES ARE IMPORTANT

1) They lead to the salvation of every family member

It has to be your desire to see your whole family saved. As you study the Word of God together as families, the unbelieving family members will be convicted.

2) They bring unity to the family

A united family is a winning family. Praying together will bring the spirit of unity into the family

3) They bring a revival to the church at large

You have to take the same fire in your homes to your church. Weak families will lead to weak churches

4) Every family member can participate

Always give each other the chance to lead prayer or bible study in your homes

5) They help in occupying the believers during the week

There is no need to be in the church building everyday because your house is a place where you can also have encounters with God

6) Questions can be best asked in a home set up

If one family member did not understand something that was preached at church, they can ask questions at home during the family prayer time

7) They help in mobilizing every family member to attend church services

8) They help in convincing family members of the need to fellowship at the same church denomination. There is nothing wrong in family members belonging to different church denominations but it is always a great thing if all would go to the same church denomination

9) Children who are raised in families that do home services will have a strong Christian foundation

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6 KJV)

10) Home services can cater for those who go to work during weekends

Nurses and doctors can be occupied during the weekends but they can still have church in their homes with their families. Though home fellowships should not replace the

combined gathering of the saints, they help in a great way to keep believers fired up for Jesus

11) Churches with strong home cell systems will thrive better than those who depend on a Sunday or Saturday service

12) Believing God as a family will lead to many family breakthroughs

CHAPTER 4
HOW TO HAVE SUCCESSFUL HOME SERVICES

1) Every family member should have a Bible

It is very easy to have bibles now because you can download several versions of the Bible into your laptop, iPad, tablet etc

2) Every family member should be given the opportunity to lead the service

Your home has to be a training ground for your family members. You have to grow together

3) One topic has to be discussed at a time e.g. The use of notes that were provided at the Sunday service

4) Pray together and the family members to take turns to lead the prayer

You can come up with prayer points as a family. Pray consistently for the salvation of the lost and also for your church

5) Worship God together

Everyone with a voice can worship God

6) Collect an offering

A giving culture has to be cultivated in your family.

7) Invite others to the home services

This will lead to the salvation of your neighbours

8) Take Holy Communion

It is scripturally acceptable to take Holy Communion as a family as you remember the sacrifice of the cross

9) Have a meal together as you have services e.g. you can have coffee or tea

10) Have family all night prayers

HOME SERVICES SHOULD NOT REPLACE CHURCH SERVICES

It doesn't matter how powerful services you have in your home, the need to gather with the other saints at church is still needed

You still need the pastors and the other members of the fivefold ministry to guide you. It will be wise to invite your pastors in one of your home services

CHAPTER 5
HOW TO SPICE UP HOME SERVICES

1) Watch Christian movies together as a family

Select movies that have a deep meaning. After watching the movie, you can discuss the lessons learnt from the movie

2) Listen to a new Christian song and learn to sing it together as a family

3) Buy one or two musical instruments that you can play as a family

You can start with the ones that are easy to play like the tambourines and then later on you can get a keyboard and a guitar.

4) Read a Christian book as a family e.g. You can read one chapter a day together and discuss the chapter after reading it

You can select a book that goes along with your church's theme of the month

5) Learn to dance to gospel music as a family

Celebrate the goodness of God together. Family birthdays, anniversaries should be used as opportunities to celebrate God together

6) Do rehearsals of an item that you will present at church

Your participation in church services as a family will encourage other families also

7) Plan soul winning outreach programs as a family

Choose to be a soul winning family

CHAPTER 6
PRAYERS AND DECLARATIONS

- Thank you Father for making me part of a wonderful family
- Thank you Father for showing us the importance of family services
- Thank you father for the salvation of my family members
- As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord
- My family is blessed and the grace of God is at work in my family
- No plan of the enemy will prevail over my family; divine protection is our portion as a family
- A great revival is coming out of my family and many lives are going to be saved through my family
- My family is a family of love, we love God and we love His people
- My family is a giving church, we are blessed to bless others and also to finance the preaching of the gospel
- My family is a place of peace and there is no room for disunity and misunderstandings in my family
- My family is a family of miracles; signs and wonders follow us daily
- The favour of God is at work upon my family

- ❖ Divine health is our portion as a family, long life full of health is our portion
- ❖ The spirit of prayer and intercession is upon my family

OTHERS BOOKS BY THE AUTHOR

1) **FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS FOR EVERY BELIEVER** – STUDY GUIDE

2) **BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT** – STEPS TO RECEIVING THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

3) **GIANT KILLING FAITH** – THE FAITH THAT IS NEEDED IN THE TRYING TIMES OF LIFE

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