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INTRODUCTION

Every revolution in human history has always been a product of one form of ideology or the other. However, in this end-time, a revolution is about to hit the earth, not through an ideology, but through the arrival of a new breed of people, operating divine wisdom.

...a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations ... And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be ashamed.

Joel 2:2,26

Since creation, the wisdom of God has always visited the earth through human vessels. The Bible is rich in examples of feats of exploits and conquests through the manifestation of the wisdom of God by such vessels. Each time these human vessels operated by the wisdom of God, there was always a lifting, a shooting up, and a rising to glory.

Amidst the degradation and frustration of his time; Abraham, by this wisdom, knew what to do to raise fatted cattle. Instead of driving his cattle long distances in search of water in the dessert land, he dug wells of water from which they were watered

and ended up a living wonder. Isaac too, following God's wisdom, knew what to do to ensure a bountiful harvest in spite of the drought, by identifying an alternative source of water for his farm.

Jacob, manifesting God's wisdom through an unusual insight, knew how to breed the kind and colour of cattle that enabled him to beat Laban's gimmicks. His, too, was a success story. Joseph was promoted from the dark dungeon of Egypt's prison to the throne. All these feats were accomplished through the operation of divine wisdom.

What Is Wisdom?

Wisdom in not about words; it is

about works.

And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished and said Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

Matt 13:54

And when the sabbath day was come he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished saying From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

Mark 6:2

Wisdom is the best way to getting

things done. It is the most effective way to accomplishing a task; the least stressful way to getting results; the most cost effective way to securing solutions to challenging problems. Wisdom in about works not words. Words they say, are cheap. But work is what defines the worth of wisdom.

Biblically, wisdom can be defined as the correct application of scriptures to real life issues. Wisdom is laying hold on the ways of God. It is not just mere mental exertion; it is discovering God's approach to every issue of life. It is uncovering from God's Word, which way to go and how to handle situations to make them produce desired results.

This wisdom is not just common

sense, but scriptural sense. It is the ability to operate by scriptures, in every aspect of life; it is making use of the Word to produce proofs in any given area. Wisdom is uncovering how to make the most of life and working it out.

The Bible says:

The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

Eccl 10:15

There is a way to go, to attain to the topmost top in life. Otherwise, life remains an eternal struggle. The ways of God are the highways of life. His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9

God's ways are extraordinary. It provides access to the realms of the supernatural. Everyone operating in the realm of this higher ways crosses over from the realm of the ordinary to the extraordinary.

May I again define this winning wisdom, as the supernatural ability to bring solutions to matters too difficult for the ordinary human mind. The wisdom that works operates heaven's strategies to have dominion in earthly places. That is the wisdom I will be

introducing you to in this book.

This wisdom creates: *The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens*, Prov 3:19(Gen 1: 1-31; John 1: 1-5; John 6: 1-11**).**

It builds: *Through wisdom is an house builded and by understanding it is established. And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.* Prov 24: 3-4.

It delivers: *A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof,* Prov 21:22(Eccl 9:14-18). **It enriches**: *O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.* Psalm

104:24(1 Kings 3-4; Job 1: 1-5).

I have been privileged to gain access to God's wisdom, and it has been my greatest asset in life and ministry. I remember that when I was going into ministry, wisdom was the only thing I needed, not money or anything else; just an understanding of the ways of God. On the day I was commissioned into the ministry, I kept saying, "Lord, I need your wisdom." I cried after it and it answered to me.

As a result of that encounter with wisdom, I have not had a sleepless night worrying about the ministry God has entrusted into my hands. This is in spite of its magnitude. There has never been a discussion with my wife, or

anyone else, on what to do next or where to go from a particular point. No! Because, "...*wisdom is profitable to direct.*" (Eccl. 10:10.)

We are on the verge of the divine ways of God, which I call the wisdom waves. God will be breaking through impossible barriers to distinguish His people. By the time Jesus comes, there will not be any question mark around the body of Christ. The saints will be reigning in glory, because God has ordained wisdom unto our glory.

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

1Cor 2:7

If Jesus is coming to meet a glorious Church, He is coming to meet a superlatively wise one! One that is operating in the realm of STRANGE wisdom and mental dignity, which the world has never experienced! This is God's prophetic agenda for His church.

Come with me through the pages of this book, as we connect with this unique order of wisdom – the wisdom from above.

CHAPTER 1

Man, A Living Wonder!

At the beginning of creation, God created an earth filled with all manner of treasures. He also planted a garden east of Eden, a reservoir of wealth and abundance and He placed a king over it to reign (Ps. 115:16). That king was Adam.

God’s Dream For Man

Adam represents the totality of God’s intention for creating man.

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Genesis 2:7-9;15

Adam had a responsibility to carry out in the Garden of Eden. He was entrusted the task to dress, adorn, beautify and keep what God had made. All the resources needed for the task

were at his disposal. All the treasures were there. The task was great so, he needed wisdom to be able to distinguish between the trees that were there: those to feed the eyes and those to feed the stomach. He also needed wisdom to make food from the trees, which were good for food.

No king reigns without wisdom. God deposited His wisdom in Adam to enable him reign in his kingdom. The Word of God says in Proverbs 8:15:

By me (wisdom) kings reign and princes decree justice.

He was created in the image of the only wise God and since like begets like, Adam had access to the God-kind of wisdom. God and man were in

communion, in relationship and in deep touch one with another. God would come down in the cool of the day to visit with the king of the kingdom (Gen 3:8). Adam enjoined companionship with God, which blessed him with a strange dimension of wisdom, *for he that walketh with the wise shall be wise* (Proverbs 13:20). With the wisdom of God in him, the ways of God were laid bare before him and he walked in the reality of them.

He could exercise dominion and authority on earth. He was a king and the earth was his domain. He reigned in it by the wisdom of God deposited in him at creation and managed the largest zoo in the history of mankind,

unhurt!

All the animals were brought to him and he named all of them and whatever name he gave them was accepted by God! It must take a man full of wisdom and understanding to give names to all the animals in the world today. It takes the wisdom of God to fathom out the deep things of God, but Adam did so with ease.

Restoration Of God’s Dream For Man

The responsibility to reign as king was enormous, but the wisdom in him was greater and through it, he could relate with the animals, distinguish between all the precious stones and put them to use.

God trusted him to keep what He created and to continue His work of creation. God's charge to man was:

...Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over...every living thing that moveth upon the earth

Genesis 1:28

With the wisdom of God in him, he created things out of God's creation. Adam was asleep when a rib was taken out of him to form a woman. He was not aware of what transpired, but as soon as he saw Eve, the wisdom of God in him told him, "She is your bone and your flesh," and he repeated:

This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called

Woman, because she was taken out of man.

Genesis 2:23

Such was the magnitude of God's purpose and intention and man's dominion, until he fell and lost it all. But then came Jesus to RESTORE the DOMINION more abundantly! In 1 Corinthians 1:24, we are told that Christ is:

...the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Jesus Christ is the wisdom of God. And if at new birth, Jesus, the Wisdom of God, comes to live on the inside of the believer, then we may say; "If You, Lord, are the Lord and You change not, Your purpose and intention must

remain the same - unchangeable! For, You are the eternal constant and man the variable!”

This means that as a believer, you can now manifest the wisdom of God on earth, even as Adam did, and much more! You can create your way of glory, honour and dignity. However, this is only possible if you invoke that which is in you to action, by opening it to receive light and illumination from above.

The Triune Nature Of Man

Man is essentially a spirit being. He is a spirit, who has a soul and lives in a body. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 tells us:

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole

spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The three parts are distinct in their various functions yet, interrelated.

The Spirit

The spirit of man is what is referred to as the real man. It is the life force that keeps the body and the soul alive. It is the life in man. A man is only said to be dead when the spirit leaves the body. This is the breath of God that came into man at creation to make him a living soul (Gen 2:7). Without it, neither the soul nor the body can function.

However, the spirit cannot function independently. It only gives life to the

other parts of man. It expresses itself through the soul and the body. It cannot think, but it makes the mind to think. It cannot walk, but it sends signals to the legs through the mind to walk.

The outward or external part of triune man, the body, must be made to take instructions from the spirit and the redeemed mind. If left unchecked, it can overstep its boundaries and put the "real" man, the spirit of the man, in a fix.

The Soul

The soul is the part that becomes the most comprehensive part of man. It is made up of the mind, where you have the reasoning faculty of man and the centre of decision, which is the

will. The emotions and desires of man are also traced to the soul.

The mind is the intellect of man. It is also referred to as the brain. The creative ability in man cannot be understood and fully appreciated without a deep insight of the human system. The brain dictates every action taken by the body. The push that the regenerated man requires for mental aggressiveness is contained in the book of beginnings, Genesis 1:28, which says:

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over every living thing that moveth upon the

earth.

Doctors agree that the brain of man is loaded with extraordinary insights for productivity. This is the same with all races. No race has a brain different from another. This means that all human beings, irrespective of race, have the same kind of brain. What is more, not only are the colours the same, every brain has equal number of cells! That should motivate you to engage your brain more positively.

The Body

The body of man is the dwelling place for both his spirit and his soul (mind). It is also referred to as the temple of the Holy Spirit. The body of man is his link with the external,

physical world.

These three distinct parts of man are interrelated. One cannot operate without the other. With the spirit, man contacts the spirit realm. Whatever he receives is communicated to the mind for analysis and possible acceptance or rejection. Whatever decision the mind takes is then communicated to the body for corresponding action.

The mind of man is the central control valve of the human being. The spirit cannot relate with the body without an approval from the mind, neither can the body relate with the spirit without passing through the mind.

For maximum productivity, a man

is expected to develop in these three dimensions of life. He is supposed to develop his spirit, his mind or brain, and his body. Growth is necessary in the three realms of existence. The spirit is developed through fellowship with God; the mind is developed through mental processing of ideas; the body is developed through bodily exercise.

In all these realms, the level to which you exercise determines the output. You cannot get more from the spirit realm than your spirit is able to contain. You cannot get more than your mind is able to analyze and sort out, neither can you do more than your body can take per time.

As you grow more in the Spirit, you

are able to wield more power. As you make more use of your mind, you are able to produce more. The same goes for the body.

Jesus Our Human Example

Jesus is our perfect example. He was born of the Holy Spirit as the Saviour of mankind in the flesh. Because He was in the flesh and all three dimensions of man were complete in Him, He needed to grow in the three realms of life.

Luke 2:40 tells us:

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

He developed His mind by reasoning in the scriptures. This was

why at the age of twelve, He was able to discuss intelligently with the doctors of law in the temple. Old grey-haired men marveled at the wisdom and understanding He portrayed.

And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

Luke 2:47

Jesus also developed His body through physical exercise and hard work in the carpenter’s shed.

In Luke 2:52, we read:

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

In verse 40, the growth of His spirit man is linked with the mind — the seat

of wisdom; while in verse 52, His physical growth is linked with the mind. Every realm of existence is linked with the mind. The spirit cannot function effectively without the mind; neither can the body perform excellently without the mind. *"And the child increased." "And the child grew."* There is no increase or growth without the mind.

Thinking Is Of God

There was a time when some Christians were advocating that the ability to reason was of the devil. The doctrine spread abroad that to think was unspiritual and that Christians were supposed to operate only in the spirit realm. They called the use of the

mind “sense knowledge” and that it should be done away with. If the ability to use the mind is unspiritual, then Jesus must be the least spiritual man who ever lived!

The ability to think is of God and should be utilized by the Christian. It is interesting to note that no word gets to your spirit except through the mind. You cannot hear with your spirit but with your mind. What your ear hears goes straight to the brain (the mind) for interpretation and analysis before your spirit absorbs it. It is like the digestive process.

Your ears receive it, your mind digests it and your spirit absorbs it. This is what develops your spirit.

Therefore, if your mind is dead, dormant or sleepy, your spirit also will be the same.

Jesus made it through actively engaging His mind. It is evident that most of His escapes from the hands of those who sought His life were direct products of the use of His mind. He would never have accomplished His mission without His mind in action.

When a man becomes born again, it is not only his spirit that comes alive. He becomes a completely new creature.

...If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; ...all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

His spirit, soul and body come

alive. He receives Jesus as His Lord and Saviour, therefore, the Spirit of Jesus gets into him. He also receives the mind and the body of Christ. This means he receives in him the potential to be like Jesus in all spheres of existence.

The believer, at new birth, is a recreated being: a being with all the potentials of God in him. For him to excel in life, there has to be an active exploration of all the potentials deposited in him.

Spiritual Mindedness

The active exploration of the vast potentials in man leads us to the subject of spiritual mindedness;

For to be carnally minded is death;

but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

The extent to which a man absorbs and retains the Word of God in his mind, determines the speed with which he becomes spiritually minded. The Word holds promises of the life that now is and the life to come. Such spiritual mindedness, the Bible says, is profitable unto all things (1 Timothy 4:8).

Your mind must be tuned to the wavelength of the spirit. The spirit is sound, but the mind needs renewal, which is only possible by a constant touch with the Word and prayer. In this way, the totality of a man becomes

transformed, rather than conformed, to this world; and when this happens, a man is able to walk in the spirit, discerning the good, the acceptable and perfect will of God on a daily basis

The Scope Of The Natural Mind

Man is a creature to be envied. He has been handed the keys to the great resources of the earth. His position is such an enviable one that angels try to find out more about him.

It is a shame to note that, with so much potential in him, man is unaware of his value. In his natural state, he is a gifted being. His brain, or mind, is a citadel of unsearchable treasures.

God, the Almighty Creator, really wanted to make a showpiece out of

him, so He deposited in him a brain — a fountain of untapped resources and left him with the responsibility of exploring the capabilities in him. The first man, Adam, put this capability to work in the Garden of Eden. Then, the fall came and he was chased out of the garden.

This led to a systematic depreciation of the awareness of man to the treasures in him. Man, in his fallen state, was naked. The glory of God and the spirit of God, which used to quicken all his senses to succeed in his task in the garden, left him.

After he lost this covering, his awareness of the massive potentials in him began to depreciate. The animals,

which used to cringe under his authority, now filled him with fear and terror. The ground that used to respond to his slightest touch now became hard and unyielding.

This was the beginning of sweat for him. He had to sweat before his mind could produce anything. He had to go through mental and physical exertion to produce the minutest thing; the brain had to be taxed to produce.

The Product Of The Natural Mind

In this fallen state, however, man still did wonders on earth. He still put his mind to use to make the earth a comfortable habitation. He used his natural brain and it produced. Of

course, the level of production cannot be compared with what it was in the days of the garden. All the same, the brain produced.

In Genesis chapter 11, something happened, which brought to light the great potentials in the natural mind. Men invented brick and decided to build a city and a tower. This was to have been the greatest tower ever. Its top was to reach unto heaven. They put their brains to work and saw it was possible.

They began to build and God came down. He knew the potentials He had put in man. The Creator was very much aware of the creature’s capabilities. He knew man could do anything he had

conceived in his mind to do. He said,

...Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have IMAGINED TO DO.

Genesis 11:6 (Emphasis mine)

Imagination is in the mind. God was saying that the natural mind could do anything it has conceived. The Almighty, the creator of man agreed that even man in his fallen state could do wonders with his mind.

All through history, we see great examples of the products of the natural mind. The ancient pyramids of Egypt, the computer and sophisticated war weapons are all products of the natural

mind.

The brain of man is terrific. The output of each brain depends on the use to which it is put. Each human being has been decked with the potential to produce marvels on earth. This is, however, only possible to the natural man who taxes his brain. The more he taxes his brain, the more it produces.

The question now arises, how much can a man tax his brain? How much mental exertion can he force on the brain? There is a limit to which the brain of man can be pushed. Scientists have said that only a very minute percentage of the brain capacity has been put to use by man.

All the wonderful inventions we see

around make up only 0.05% of the brain capacity. This sounds unbelievable but it is true. If all we see amounts to only 0.05% of the potentials of the brain, then it means that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it been conceived in the mind of man, what the brain can produce when put to full use. But, is this possible with the natural mind?

The answer is no. It is impossible for the natural mind to attain a full use of the brain. There is a limit to what it can take; there is a limit to which it can be pushed. Even among men who have used within the 0.05% capacity of the brain, we have heard of mental breakdowns among them due to

excessive mental exertion. This means that taxing the mind to produce up to 1% of its capacity is dangerous to the body metabolism of the natural man.

The Vanity Of The Natural Mind

In itself, the natural mind is simply reprobate, not by its original creation, but by its lack of retention of the Word of God.

Romans 1:28-31

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication,

wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

A mind devoid of the Word is reprobate; incapable of maximum utilization because of its limitations in understanding. It is also incapable of reaching a reproach-free and dignified latter end.

What is more, in all its might, it is incapable of comprehending the works of the Lord, for the world by wisdom,

has not found God.

The Redeemed Mind

Since the natural man cannot put the brain to full use, why then did God deposit so much potential in it?

It is not possible to the natural man, but it is possible to the supernatural man, the man who has the Spirit of God on the inside of him. The Bible says, *"The secret things belong unto God"* (Deut 29:29). He has reserved the hidden potentials of the brain for Himself and He doles them out to the believers — those with redeemed minds — as He pleases.

He has reserved the exploitation of the secret potentials in the brain for His children so they could show forth His

glory this end-time. These secret potentials are not going to be released to the believers through mental exertion, otherwise, they will die prematurely. God is going to release them by His Spirit to His people (1 Cor. 2:10). He is going to illuminate their spirits and pass on creative ideas and insights onto them.

There will be no sweat. There will be no pressure. There will be no taxing of the brain. The people of God will produce through systematic revelations from God. God has programmed that His people show forth His wisdom this end-time. The secret treasures of the brain are going to be revealed through divine illumination.

The Christians will be the stars of the world. The light from heaven will flood their system to bring to light the hidden things, which God has deposited in them from eternity.

If you have not yet hooked up to God, the time has come for you to do so. The time for inventions by sweat is fast running out. It is time for inventions by illuminations from above. If you have not made a commitment to God by accepting Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, do so now. This is the only way to get hooked on to God. This is the gateway to creativity.

Do not hesitate to hook unto Jesus, who, in His earthly walk, used parables

and natural scenery to stir the minds of His disciples to greater effectiveness. Teaching on the sower, He drew a parallel between four categories of hearers. The disciples were perplexed because they too did not understand. When they demanded a more explicit interpretation, His response was:

...unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God...

Luke 8:10

A paradox? No! Jesus knew that in time they would be able to decipher even more complex parables. By speaking in parables, Jesus was sharpening their minds to probe into the supernatural.

If you are ready to accept Jesus

Christ today, why don't you say this prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I come to You today, a sinner. I have been going my own way all these years. But now, I want to hook up to Your ways. I believe You died for me and on the third day You rose again. Come into my life today. Cleanse me from my sins and be my Lord and Saviour. Accept me into Your beloved.

Now I know I am saved, I am forgiven, I am born again, I am a child of God, I am free from the power of sin and satan to serve the living God. Thank You, Jesus, for saving me."

The Creative Nature

The original man was in a class of

his own, a unique celebrity. We are told that God created him in His own image and His very likeness. He was created to be like God, both in character and charisma. That is, man has the nature of God in him; he has God's abilities imbedded in his being. This is what made him unique before the fall.

After the fall, God's nature in him got corrupted and he lost the virtue of excellence. The living man became a "dead man," now merely existing. The glory of God in him had departed — Ichabod was born.

Thank God, after the redemptive work of Christ, man has a new and living access back to his original

throne. He can now regain divine nature.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:4

That is, man can still carry the divine nature in his being today. This “nature” is the foundation of creativity. It is in God’s nature to create anything He desires. When He had the dream of heaven, He created one. When the thought of a world came to Him, He created it. We are told:

In the beginning God created the

heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

God’s creative forces went into operation to bring His dreams into fulfillment. Whatever He wanted, He brought into existence by the use of His creative abilities. The things we see today are made out of things that do not appear (Hebrews 11:3).

The nature of God in man is the foundation of creativity. The creative forces of God are inherent in His wisdom. We read that,

The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth and by understanding hath he established the heavens.

Proverbs 3:17

Again, in Psalm 104:24, we read:

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: The earth is full of thy riches.

Amazing! You mean that the world we see today resulted through wisdom? Not power or might? Not strength or vigour? This is terrific! This is awesome!

Wisdom can, therefore, be said to be the key to a world of fulfillment. God's dream could not find fulfillment without the operation of this weapon called wisdom! Speaking about the degree of wisdom in Divinity, Paul said,

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and

his ways past finding out!

Romans 11:33

God’s worlds are put together by wisdom. No wonder the world we live in today is also the world of the wise. The wise rule here, while the fools are perpetually under tribute. The mind of man is the biggest bank on earth. The ability to put the mind into functional use is the anchor of man’s destiny. The impeccable deposit is in man to make living exciting.

Access To Divine Nature

New Birth

This is the fundamental access to the divine nature — the nature of God. Jesus said to Nicodemus,

Except a man be born again, he

cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:3

To see this nature, it is imperative that one be born again. The Word says,

All have sinned and come short (lost) of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

That sin nature has to be dealt away with before the lost glory can be restored.

The life (nature) of God is received at new birth to be developed, subsequently, by the recipient.

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

Whosoever has the Son, has life and whosoever has not the Son of God, has not life.

It should be noted that what died in man after the fall was the “divine nature” or life; the natural life took over. Remember, God had warned him: *“The day you eat of that tree (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) you will surely die.”*

This makes it abundantly clear that since man was still breathing and could still move his arms and legs, think and talk, hear and understand; then something other than human life was lost. It was the original life (designed for man) — the life of God, the Divine Nature.

Quite a multitude on this earth merely exist, not live. The acceptance of Christ, which makes an end of the rule of sin, is the only access to life — Divine Nature.

No Christ, no Life! Christ is the genesis of living. It is this nature that is called “The New Man.”

The Word says,

And that ye put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:24

Again, Apostle Paul says,

And have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.

Colossians 3:10

The new man has to be put on. We have him, but we have to put him on. He was the one that died in Eden, whom Jesus brought back to life at resurrection. It is the divine nature lost by man in the first Adam, now restored in the second Adam. Jesus said,

These signs shall follow them that believe, In my name they shall...

Mark 16:16

Signs speak of amazing wonders! This is what new birth offers. It brings man to a new realm of living.

Revelation

The entrance of the Word, by revelation, reveals this divine nature in man. Apostle Peter says,

Whereby are given unto us

exceeding great and precious promises: That by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:4

The above reference unfolds the place of the Word as the impartation of the divine nature. The Apostle Paul, speaking also on this wise, said,

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

“Glass,” in the above verse of scripture, stands for the Word of God,

as illustrated in James 1:23:

For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass.

We can, therefore, conclude that to be changed into the same image of God (the divine nature), the Word must gain entrance into a man.

God’s Word is a carrier of His life — the divine nature. Jesus said,

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and, and they are life.

John 6:63

It is the Word of God that offers, or imparts, the life of God. The psalmist said,

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Psalms 119:130

The entrance of the Word affects the reasoning faculty of man positively. It brings him to a level of excellence in reasoning and evolves creative reasoning. This is because creativity is inherent in divine nature, which the Word imparts. Yes, it is the Spirit that quickeneth; the words He has spoken are Spirit, carrying life. From today, you will reflect the life of God in all realms of human endeavour!

Chapter 2

WHAT IS THIS WISDOM?

And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?

Mark 6:2

When Jesus came down to the earth, the first manifestation of His divinity was in wisdom. At the age of twelve, people were astonished at His understanding:

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

Luke 2:46-47

There was such a manifestation of divine wisdom on display, as He sat in the midst of scholars at that tender age of twelve. His ability to unravel mysteries and dissolve doubts was astounding!

Jesus Christ is our foundation in wisdom.

For unto us a child is born, unto us

a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Jesus rebuked storms and demons with authority and they obeyed: "*With authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out*"

(Lk. 4:36).

The world was continually amazed at His display of wisdom.

When the apostolic wave took off, wisdom was also a major ingredient of that move. When they were to pick deacons, in Acts 6, to see to the distribution of daily needs, they sought for men full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom. This gave birth to men like Stephen, who, in Acts 7, gave a very graphic summary of the story of creation with such amazing accuracy, and Philip, who finished a crusade in Samaria and there was *"great joy in that city."* A whole city erupting in joy by the wisdom of God operating in a man's life!

A combination of power and wisdom at work in any life is what determines a man's destiny.

1 Corinthians 1:24 says:

…Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

This is what was responsible for the triumphs He experienced in His ministry. Wisdom is what determines your height on this earth.

If the Bible calls Jesus the power and the wisdom of God, and He is the vine and we are the branches (Jn. 15:1), then we are the power and the wisdom of God in human flesh!

In John 21:20, Jesus said, "*As the father sent me, so send I you.*" If the Lord sent you as He was sent, then you,

by destiny, have been granted the privilege to manifest as the wisdom and power of God.

If Jesus is called Wonderful, and as the Father sent Him, so He is sending you, that means you are also wonderful. That is, your personality, like His own, will give expression to wonders.

If you can lay hold on this mystery, you have got it. That is the master key to success, the master key to fulfillment, the master key to all that life may ever require.

Apostolic waves are characterized essentially by the release of heaven-sent wisdom. Walking in wisdom becomes the evidence that you are a

part of this move.

I love the way the Psalmist put it. He said, *"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."* (Ps. 139:14). You are a product of wonders and you have been sent to the earth to manifest such wonders. But wisdom is required.

What then is this wisdom?

IT IS THE PRINCIPAL THING

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Romans 11:33

The wisdom of God is infinite. You can only grow in it; you cannot arrive

at the end of it. We all have a measure:

… Wisdom is justified of all her children.

Luke 7:35

But we need a fullness of it.

Wisdom is the principal thing….

Proverbs 4:7

This is one key that opens every door. It is the principal thing, or the principal key. It is what gives value to every other force of life. It is wisdom that gives value to prayers because, if you do not know how to pray, your prayer will be in futility. It gives value to your giving because, it helps you to guide your affairs with discretion. Everything about life is dependent on wisdom. Minus wisdom, every other

thing becomes a burden. God's Word says when you contact it, you shall walk in your ways safely, you will lie down and your sleep shall be sweet. Besides, you shall not stumble, your path shall not be hard, an ornament of grace she shall deliver to thy neck and a crown of glory upon thy head (Prov. 1:9, 4:9).

So, you can see that wisdom handles every area of life with ease. It is the one thing that controls all other things. There is nothing you can ever desire that can be compared to it.

When God asked Solomon what he wanted from Him (after God smelt his irresistible burnt offering), Solomon said he wanted just one thing –

wisdom. God told him, “That one thing you have asked is what controls every other thing. It is the principal thing. It is the master key. So collect every other thing as well” (2 Chron. 1:10-12 paraphrased).

Wisdom is a battle-axe. It is better than weapons of war and more effective than all weapons of war put together. No adversary can resist nor gainsay the wisdom of God operating in any child of God.

He said:

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

Luke 21:15

You cannot operate God’s wisdom

and carry sickness in your body. It is impossible! You cannot operate His wisdom and carry barrenness. No way! You cannot operate His wisdom and be under oppression!

Just like light is far above darkness, so wisdom is far above folly. Wisdom is light and light will handle darkness without any struggle. That is all it takes! That is the principal thing.

After God called me, I did not have any other thing to talk to Him about – I kept asking Him for one thing, “God give me your wisdom.” I kept asking Him and He kept directing me to where to contact it.

You cannot be a child of the Only Wise God and be the only foolish man!

That is not biblical, that is not right! Like begets like!

When you walk in this wisdom, you will be free from all the pains and heartaches of life. This wisdom has more value than fine gold, because she controls its supply and its availability. She has access to everything that man will ever require on earth.

That is the master key. It is the principal thing, not one of the principal things. It will make you excel on the earth.

Whatever you and I have now is not adequate for the challenges of tomorrow. We need to enter into the fullness of this mystery.

IT IS FROM ABOVE

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

James 1:17

Anything good and perfect has one source – it is from above. It is not from any man,

…A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

John 3:27

When Paul laid hands on Timothy, he did not receive the gift of Paul; it was the gift of God. When Moses laid hands on Joshua, he did not receive the wisdom of Moses, but of God.

John 3:31 says, "*Whatever is from*

above is above all." If you can contact the wisdom from above, it will naturally place you above other kinds of wisdom on earth. Right in the corner where you are, you will excel above others.

Many years ago God told me, "The thing you are looking for does not come from abroad, it comes from above." That settled me with Him.

You cannot connect with this wisdom and be ordinary! You cannot carry the wisdom of creation inside you and be unnoticed! You cannot have the wisdom of the ancient and be lost in the crowd!

May a new chapter be opened in your life right now, in Jesus name!

THREE KINDS OF WISDOM

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

James 3:15-18

From these few verses, we can identify different types of wisdom: Earthly wisdom, which centers on the senses, devilish wisdom, that is, the type that operates in the occult realm

and the wisdom that is from above.

1 Corinthians 2:6 makes it clear:

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought.

There is the wisdom of this world, which is intellectual wisdom (it stops at book knowledge): it includes all technological, scientific and intellectual efforts.

There is also the wisdom of the princes of this world, that is, satanic wisdom - the type the occultists make use of. This involves the manipulation of the mind through satanic influences.

Paul the apostle said, all the

wisdom of this world and devilish wisdom put together equals zero, when compared to the inexhaustible virtues of God's wisdom.

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

James 3:17-18

This is the wisdom of God!

God's wisdom has nothing to hide. It is available to all and sundry - as many as are saved.

In the occult circles, you are exposed to various degrees of

knowledge per time. While you are in a particular temple, you cannot know more than what obtains there until you pass the necessary tests and then go on to the next level.

But in God's kingdom, Jesus said, He knows His sheep and His sheep hear His voice. And every member of this kingdom of heaven, that is, as many as are saved, have access to the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

Once it is revealed, it is released. God reveals His mysteries in order to release them to us. When you believe what he reveals, by acting on it, he then releases it.

God's wisdom is from above. When it is operational inside you, it puts you

above all. When the wisdom of this world is put side by side with the wisdom of God, it is foolishness!

The Original Wisdom

There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:

The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots.

He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing.

He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding?

Job 28:7-12

No matter your cultural background, the wisdom we are talking about here is not terrestrial. It has only one source.

Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

Job 28:13

This wisdom is not earthly, it is not natural, nor is it intellectual!

The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.

Job 28:14

That is, both the philosopher and

the wealthy man say it is not with them! Such people have the money, but they do not have the peace and joy. They are constantly under plagues, afflictions and tensions. They live in perpetual crisis!

Some of the most stupid people around are wealthy people who do not have Christ. Many of them have so many problems and, yet, they find themselves creating more! Can you imagine a man who has a fifty million naira debt still to be sorted out, and he is still looking for more money to borrow.

Friend, debt is not a way of life, it is a weight! Stop looking for what your hands cannot reach. If you overstretch

yourself you will die! Borrowing to eat is eating beyond what you should eat. Borrowing to buy clothes is a sin. When it comes to food, eat what you have today, and trust God to supply you with extra food tomorrow. This is the wisdom of God!

It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is

above rubies.

The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

Job 28:15-21

When Daniel was in Babylon, the King Nebuchadnezzar could not get an interpretation to his dreams in any school of knowledge. Neither could the magicians nor the Chaldeans offer any solution, until Daniel came up and said: "*But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to*

the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these" (Dan. 2:28).

The wisdom of this world: of the magicians, the astrologers and the Chaldeans could not handle it, neither could the wisdom of the devil. But the God in heaven answered through Daniel and the solution came!

God's wisdom is higher than ours. Wherever it is placed, it is superior to intellectual wisdom and the wisdom of the occult!

A brother gave a testimony of how he was stranded in the middle of nowhere (the car in which he was traveling had broken down and he had

no money on him to board another vehicle). In the midst of that dilemma, he remembered me once saying, “If you want to see the strange acts of God, give Him strange praise.”

So the young man began to sing and dance, praising God in his helpless, seemingly hopeless state.

God answered! Someone drove up and offered him a ride in a much more comfortable vehicle, and he did not have to pay anything. Intellectual wisdom would have suggested, “Look around you, locate anyone who is in a position to help you, approach him politely (using public relations tactics) and you will get help.”

God’s wisdom is knowing the

scriptural way to go, the scriptural steps to take and the scriptural things to do. When you operate scriptural principles, you become supernaturally unbeatable.

According to David's prescription in Ps 119:97-100, it is the keeping of the discoveries made that makes wise:

O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

God’s wisdom is superior! If you make use of common sense, the best you will get is common results, because like begets like. It takes superior sense to get superior results, and I am glad to let you know that God’s wisdom is superior. It is original!

God’s wisdom is not expressed in mighty words, but in mighty works. It is not the heaviness of your speech that demonstrates wisdom, but the heaviness of the proofs you command.

There must be a yearning inside your heart for God’s wisdom. It is the original wisdom. It is the winning wisdom. It will turn your entire life around without any struggles or sweat.

The Source Of The Original Wisdom

Wisdom comes by an encounter with the knowledge of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. The correct application of this knowledge is what is called wisdom - wisdom for successful family life, buoyant business, academic excellence and peaceful relationships.

Every man's wisdom is expressed by his words. God's Word (The Bible) is an expression of God's own wisdom. The Bible says, ***"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth fortht that which is evil; for of the abundance of the heart***

his mouth speaketh" Luke 6:45). That means, every word in the Bible is from the abundance of what is in the heart of God and the Word says,

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:3

In the Word of God are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. The knowledge of the truth makes wise. It makes wise unto salvation, unto liberty, unto freedom and unto enthronement.

John 1:1 says:

*I*n the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

So, God is the source of wisdom

and His Word, the divine wisdom bank. Until you have access to God via His Word, you cannot have access to divine wisdom. In Revelation 5:1-5, there was a battle over access to “The Book”

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read

the book, neither to look thereon.

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Weeping endured because access was denied. In Luke 4:17,the Bible says, the book was delivered unto Jesus and He opened it.

What Does This Original Wisdom Offer?

God said, “If you will reverence and honour what I have prepared and what I have searched out, you will overturn the mountains by the roots. You will cut out rivers from the rock, you will stop the flood from

overflowing. Destruction and death will fear you. You will be of greater worth than of silver and gold" (Job 28:9-11, 16-17, 22).

The wisdom of God has power over destruction and death. It makes you indestructible. In the face of it, fire loses its power. There is no mountain in your life that this wisdom will not level. It is superior to every mountain in your life.

"He cutteth out rivers among the rocks."

A rock is the most impossible place to get water from! But this wisdom will pull water out of there. It has no regard for dryness. The wisdom of God will give you more than enough to drink. It

will make rivers out for you.

His eye seeth every precious thing. Job 28:10

You need to see what other people are seeing in the Bible. It takes wisdom to see precious things. No commandment of God is programmed to punish you. Each one is designed to polish you. He said: *"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may remain in you and that your joy might be full."* God is not excited when you are crying and pining away, and when you are under stress and strain. What you see is what you get. If you see precious things in the Word of God, you will experience precious things. There is a covenant law that stipulates

that as far as your eyes can see shall be given you. So, wisdom sees only precious things.

Abraham and Lazarus both got to heaven, but in different ways. I would rather get there Abraham's way and not Lazarus', who suffered abject poverty, deprivation and penury on earth! Epaphras was sick unto death - for nine months. Paul prayed for him, but he wouldn't get up. But Peter was never sick for one day! I would rather be like Peter! Do not leave your life to chance; leave it to choice! You are a creature of choice.

Jesus said, "*Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests: but the son of man hath not where to lay his head*"

(Matt.8: 20). That means He was always on the move. It does not mean He was homeless! After all, when John's disciples asked Him where He lives, they followed Him to see, and they never returned to John in the wilderness! They must have found Jesus' dwelling place more comfortable.

I saw in the Word of God that Jesus had a treasurer. So, the first day our ministry started, a treasurer was in place. There was no money yet, but there was someone in charge of money. I already knew I was going to be rich, because Jesus, in whose steps I am walking, did not exemplify poverty. A poor man will never have need for a

treasurer! He can count all his money by himself. But when money multiplies, you need a treasurer! This I saw and this I am still seeing! By this wisdom, only the precious things in God's Word bank will you begin to see from now on, in Jesus' mighty name!

He bindeth the floods from overflowing…

Job 28:11

The wisdom of God will stop every flood in your life from destroying you. It stops the wicked. It has authority, *"and the thing that is hid bringeth it forth to light."* This is not common sense, it is divine sense!

What is Wisdom?

It is receiving what God says and

applying it to your life. According to Matthew 7:24-27, the rain will descend, the wind will blow and the storm will come, of financial disaster, stress, health challenges etc. yet the building will stand!

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.

Matt 7:24-27

The problem is neither with the environment, nor the climate; it is your approach and attitude to His sayings that determines the level of wisdom you operate in, for, "*Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken them unto a wise man who built his house upon a rock.*"

The wisdom of God is what will determine the destiny of every believer. In Matthew 7:24-27, the two houses were subjected to the same

circumstances; one stood, while the other fell! Make your choice!

In 2 Timothy 3:15, Paul said,

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Original wisdom comes from God's Word. This is what is called diamond wisdom. The Psalmist said,

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

Psalm 119:98

The Bible makes people wise. It is an original wisdom bank that covers all areas of life. God's Word guarantees rest round about. It is God's wisdom

packaged in a book form, available to all that are born again. You can locate the answer to any problem in the world in God's wisdom bank. No matter the problem, the solution is there! No matter the question, the answer is there. It is the answer book of all generations!

As a worshipper and follower of Jesus, you have access to this original wisdom bank, by the Spirit of God.

For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

Luke 21:15

I want you to understand the mysterious power behind the wisdom of God that is revealed to you. When

you act upon it on any issue of life, you become an impossible case for the adversary to handle. Your adversaries will not be able to mock the wisdom of God at work in you. This wisdom is the key to exploits and excellence.

Hearing God's Word and doing it makes you a wise man. No rain or storm can pull your building down. When you act upon the Word of God, you are secure.

By the wisdom of God, you are able to control the goings on in this world: life, death, things present and things to come. You are able to regulate and monitor your future. The wisdom of this world cannot handle all that. Side by side with the wisdom of God, the

wisdom of this world is foolishness:

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

1 Corinthians 3:18-19

The wisdom of this world cannot handle the future, nor can it handle death. Death makes every mortal man shiver. Job 28:22 tells us that, *"Destruction and death say, we have heard the* fame (of God's wisdom) *with our ears."*

The Wisdom of God is Irresistible!

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasure

Proverbs 2:1-4

If people will seek for God’s wisdom the way they seek for silver, they will end up having more silver than they ever dreamt of. When the wisdom of God brings silver your way, it is sorrow-free. For, “*the blessing of*

the Lord maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it” (Proverbs 10:22).

That entire walk in wisdom has the backing of God in every conflict of life. When God stands for you, who can be against you? As you stand strong in God’s Word, which is His wisdom, God will stand for you.

And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

Isaiah 33:6

Wisdom and knowledge will make your family stable and it will make your business and your spiritual life stable. The wisdom of God produces in the face of obvious opposition and

obstacles. Christ has called us out of darkness unto glory and virtue. But this will not become a reality until we operate the wisdom of God.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

Proverbs 3:13, 16

With this wisdom, no devil can cut short your days, for this wisdom carries long life, riches and honour.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Proverbs 3:17

It carries pleasantness, not painfulness. God’s wisdom eases life

and endows mankind with peace. It is priceless. Nothing compares with it in value. What money cannot buy, it will provide. It commands blessings.

Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

Proverbs 4:8

With wisdom, you cannot be stagnated; rather you will keep on making satisfactory progress. With this wisdom in place, hardship, frustration and struggles come to an end.

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Jeremiah 33:3

That means, this wisdom will

unravel secrets unto you. There was a man called Herbert Taylor. He was a very sound Christian who, at a time, had the privilege of buying up a business called Aluminum.

After he had bought it, he discovered that his competitors were superior to him. He was sitting in his office one day, and as he was talking to God asking Him which way to go, God suddenly opened-up to him and showed him four principles that will place him above his competitors!

These four principles later became the 4-way test of the Rotary Club (of which he was one of the founding fathers). It was these four principles received from God that projected his

business above others.

The scriptures admonish us not to lean on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5). Every time we are at a crossroad and we need to make a sound decision, God is our ultimate choice for consultation. We must get across to Him! Then He answers us and shows us great and mighty things that will make us become great and mighty.

The wisdom is there, but we must constantly tap into it, and the secret of access is “call upon me…” You approach His throne with prayers and meditation, and then you will hear the voice of God. It will sound very clear to you, and you will hear and understand it.

By God’s wisdom, God causes you to know the next step to take that will lead to the greatness of your destiny.

Wisdom is profitable to direct

Ecclesiastes 10:10

One of the offerings of wisdom is direction. The next thing God will show you will lead to your profiting! You must have correct value for this wisdom, as your sense of value will determine the flow of virtue.

Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a man’s wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

Ecclesiastes 8:1

We shine on the platform of

wisdom. Our beauty is released on the ticket of wisdom. Balancing your life on the wisdom of God will make you live a colourful life on the earth. When the wisdom of God penetrates your various vocations and careers, all the "Babylonians" will know that *the gods have come down in the likeness of men!* The school of wisdom is a school where everyone has no choice but to register in!

Chapter 3

IT IS CONCEALED

God’s wisdom is not open, it is hidden and it has to be uncovered.

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8

Except we gain access to this hidden wisdom, we cannot have access into the glory, which we are destined

for. It is only on the ticket of God's wisdom working inside of us that we can shine.

You are a product of wonders. You are here to manifest such wonders. Wisdom is required for you to manifest in such a realm. Not the wisdom of men though,

That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:5

God's wisdom is packaged in mysteries. Common sense cannot locate it. 1 Corinthians 2:9 tells us:

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the

things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

This wisdom is hidden, yes! But I am glad to let you know that:

…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

We know from Proverbs 25:2 that:

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

You were not saved just to get lost in the crowd or to be just one of those people. It is God’s desire to raise you into a personality that will be reckoned with in the world, and to bring you out

of obscurity into the limelight.

It is God's will to rescue you from poverty, shame, reproach, sickness and barrenness, and establish you in a life of joy and fulfillment. All these come through His wisdom, which is hidden to them that are without, but available to you, as a son of God, who is destined for glory and virtue.

HOW TO CONTACT THIS WISDOM

God has prepared unique wisdom, surpassing intelligence, insight and superior mentality for His Church. But:

It Must Be Revealed

There is nothing life will ever require that God's Word has not made provisions for. But the Bible tells us in

1 Corinthians 2:10 that until it is revealed, we have no access to it.

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

The wisdom of God is packaged in His book called the Bible. A revelation of any truth therein, when applied, makes you a rock that cannot be moved (Ps. 125:1). Paul the apostle was writing to Timothy and he said:

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:15

The scriptures are able to make the barren wise unto fruitfulness; they are

able to make the sickly wise unto divine health. A revelation of scriptures makes wise!

It is also important to mention that the wisdom we are talking about is not just reasoning. It is receiving. In the natural sense of things, people simply reason, but in this land of Canaan, we receive. God said He has revealed these things to us, not that man has reasoned them out.

Whatever is revealed is received, not acquired. God makes it known unto you; you do not use strength to lay hold on it. It is possible for someone to read five books a week and not gain anything. The wisdom we are referring to here is revealed, not crammed or

memorized!

For instance, if I want to pray for someone who needs a child from God, I will say to such a person, “It is written in Deuteronomy 7:14, that ‘*thou shalt be blessed above all people, there shall not be male or female barren among you or among your cattle.*’ Based on this decree from heaven, woman, I, therefore, declare you fruitful! In nine months time, your baby will be in your hands, in Jesus’ name.”

This is revealed sense, not reasoned-out facts. It is revealed truth applied for the deliverance of a captive. Outside of God, you cannot have access to such wisdom. God reveals secrets to us by His Spirit.

Have you not heard, "*By strength shall no man prevail"* (1 Sam. 2:9)? In this Kingdom, strength and might equals zero! "*Without me you can do nothing,"* says Jesus in John 15:5. While Romans 9:16 says: "…*it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."*

It is God that reveals wisdom. Wisdom is not man-made. Even Pharaoh in Genesis 41:39 knew that God revealed it to Joseph.

It works!

The wisdom of this world goes about with feasibility studies, while the wisdom of God embraces revelational studies. Laban, Jacob's father-in-law,

had studied the colour of his cattle. He had designed a programme that would keep Jacob as a slave for life, but prudence bailed Jacob out!

Jacob knew how to get the colour of cattle he wanted. There was nothing like Veterinary Medicine or Animal Science then, but he arrayed his cattle in such a way that they would mate before striped trees and give birth to striped cattle. Thus, he was able to devour Laban's economy!

When the wisdom of God comes on practical display, it beats any opposition hands down! I am talking here about revelational wisdom. God revealed it to Joseph and He revealed it to Daniel. It does not come by

struggling or by mental exertion. It is simply a flow of life from the fountain of God!

Many things you are struggling for have been freely given, but they need to be spiritually discovered. Soundness of mind, abundance, riches, honour, etc, have all been freely given. But they must first of all be spiritually discovered before they can be delivered.

Look at this:

The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.

Job 28:14

The depth here refers to philosophers, and the sea connotes men of means. They all admit that they have

no access to this hidden wisdom.

It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.

The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?

Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

Job 28:15-22

Whence then cometh wisdom?

The Chaldeans answered before the king and said:

There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king’s matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

Daniel 2:10-11

But, because His secret is with them that fear Him, we are told in Daniel 2:19:

Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision…

This is the epitome of wisdom! When God reveals an answer, it is supreme. There is no problem in your life that has no solution. There is nothing God ought to have done that He has not done. There is nothing life will ever require that God's Word has not made provisions for. May the secret behind every affliction in your life be revealed unto you!

In 1981, well before I got married, God delivered to me seven pillars for a

successful family life. I saw them clearly, so I could experience them. I have been married for over two decades now and none of those truths He revealed to me has failed!

You must take personal responsibility in order to experience personal success. I am so enslaved by success-mentality that I have never given failure a thought! I am so hooked to prosperity-mentality that I do not think about poverty. I believe in success and prosperity, just as I believe in heaven! I do not need any encouragement for this. I am self-encouraged!

One thing the Holy Ghost wants to do is to establish your continuous

access into heaven's secrets. Let Him do it! When you have made a discovery, a delivery becomes automatic. There is nothing called luck! Whatever you are is as a result of a choice you have made consciously or unconsciously, knowingly or unknowingly. David said:

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

Psalm 119:98

By insight, for instance, I know who pastors the church I would have otherwise called my church. I know who its Great Shepherd is. I do not take His job from Him. By insight, I know I am also a church member. I am not the

head. No! I have a Head. It is not my church. It is His Church!

This is why I am not carrying any burden at all! The owner of the Church has not died and He does not retire. So it cannot become my church. This is the kind of rest insight brings! Jesus said in Matthew 16:18 …I *will build my church.* So He is the only authentic and legal owner of the Church. We are just labourers in His field. We are only foremen; we cannot take the job of the contractor.

As the One in charge, He is the One to source for funds and make the materials necessary to accomplish the work available. Ours is to use what He brings. Until He brings it, we are at

ease. The same thing He said to Peter, He said to me, "*Feed my lambs…Feed my sheep.*" That is my job. All I do is prepare the food and bring it to the people. The ones who need the food will always come for it.

That is the kind of rest you contact from insight. When light comes from the Book, rest enters the body!

It Is By Word-Addiction

The wisdom of a man finds expression in his words. The Word of God is the wisdom of God. So God's Word forms the base for His wisdom in any life. Once you increase that base, wisdom increases and results increase. Whatever increases your Word-base, increases your wisdom level.

The Bible is the direct Word of God. For all scripture – from Genesis to Revelation – is given by the inspiration of the Almighty. 2 Peter 1:20 says that *"No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation."* None can be credited to the writers.

Members of this end-time Church must be Word-addicts. Word-addicts have a greater future than drug-addicts. Nothing enriches like the revelation of the truth. Nothing enriches like insight into the riches of God and access to divine secrets.

I am sure you remember the story of Job. He was a businessman in the East, who had access to the secrets of

God, and was thus operating in divine wisdom that made him the greatest man in all the East. Job never did what his competitors were doing at the time. He played his cards according to the secrets that were delivered to him (Job 29:3-17), and God said:

Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Job 1:8

When the scriptures become part and parcel of your life, you begin to walk in the ways of God and think His thoughts. When you do this, you cannot remain ordinary on the earth.

Paul the Apostle said:

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1 Corinthians 1:25

In 1 Corinthians 1:18, he said:

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

The ways of God and His thoughts will deliver to you the power of God. Whatever God says, He will do. When you go the way He has commanded you to go, He gets it done without you having to beg Him.

No man was born wise; we were all born with blank minds. Whatever, then, goes into a man, is what he uses to

determine his destiny. You are not disadvantaged in anyway. All that is required of you is that you create an environment round about you that will make you wise. Receive the word of wisdom and you will never become a fool. Operate within the right environment, and the world will reckon with you.

Isaiah 55:1-3 says:

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not?

hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

God is saying, “There is something with me that has more value than money. There is something with Me that has more value than gold. You do not need money to get it, come to Me, hearken unto Me diligently, incline your ear unto Me.”

God’s Word has more value than gold and silver. You do not need money to contact it, all you need is your availability, your readiness and a

genuine hunger and thirst for it.

As you encounter the Word of God, you enter into a covenant with Him, and, of course, God's covenant is supreme in life's conflicts.

He says:

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and

the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55:3, 8-11

This is a very powerful mysterious package that will open you up to a meaningful life. God is saying, “There is something you lack, something you need, which you do not need money to contact; all you need is to be thirsty for

it.”

What is that thing?

Verse 11 of Isaiah 55 tells us: “*So shall my word be…*” The Word of God contains His higher thoughts and carries His higher ways, which brings you into a covenant with Him when you embrace them.

Whatever Word of God gets to you cannot return to Him without accomplishing the purpose for which it was sent forth. When it comes down to you, it becomes a must for it to produce. All you must do is to get to a point where God’s Word comes down to you.

John 10:35 says:

If he called them gods, unto whom

the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken.

The prophets of old used to constantly say, "*And the Word of the Lord came unto me…*" When God's Word comes to you, your ways become His ways, and your thoughts His thoughts, such that you become invincible, too strong to be defeated. In other words, you become a god over the circumstances that come to challenge your stand.

The greatest need any man has, therefore, is to encounter the Word directly from God. When it comes and you embrace it and walk in it, it works! God's Word never fails! It carries His thoughts and ways, and when you walk

in God's ways and think His thoughts, you cannot be ordinary.

It is time to let God's Word have the final say on all issues concerning your life. You cannot operate in God's higher ways and be a mediocre on the earth. All you are looking for in life will be delivered to you as you practice the Word. The Word of God gives you both bread and seed (Isa. 55:10).

There is enough in the Word of God to fulfill your greatest dreams, for He said in Deuteronomy 28:1:

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.

There is nothing you are looking for or looking towards, that is beyond what God's Word can deliver to you. All you need do is to seek to have an encounter with it. Proverbs 24:13-14 says:

My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:

So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

Wisdom does not jump on people. You seek for it. James 1:5 counsels:

If any of you lack wisdom, let him

ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

And Proverbs 2:4 tells us how to seek for wisdom:

If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasure…

This suggests the intensity and quality of your search for wisdom. Seek in prayers and search in the Word. Remember that *he that asketh receiveth, he that seeketh findeth, and unto him that knocketh, the door shall be opened* (Matt. 7:8). The art of seeking is the art of praying.

You may have your own ideas, but only God's ideas hold a future. Many Christians are still walking the way

they used to and doing things the way they used to, because they do not believe that they do not know, and they never bother to ask.

David never lost any battle, because he always *"inquired of the Lord."*

The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

2 Samuel 5:18-19

The second time the Philistines came up again, David did not assume

that the way God did it before, is the way He was going to do it again. Rather, he went back to God again, to ask for the divine wisdom that is required this time:

And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.

And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of

the Philistines.

And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

2 Samuel 5:22-25

It is our responsibility to inquire of the Lord for His ways to be delivered unto us to confront any challenge of life. He is committed to leading us.

The reason we are not hearing from God is because we are not asking. Many are suffering absolute discomfort because they are off the spiritual course. They are simply doing their own thing their own way. Those who check it out with God first are never checked out!

I have learnt to separate what I like from what He commands, and that has given me all the rest in this world. The Psalmist said in Psalm 27:4:

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Stop engaging in guesswork! In running your simple life, it is time to ask God what you do not know.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a

way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

God's faithfulness will always guarantee a way of escape out of every predicament in life. For, whatever position you are in now, there is a way of escape to your next height. All you are expected to do is to seek for wisdom, as men seek for silver, and search for it as men search for hidden treasures.

Jesus said, "*Come unto me all you that labour and are heavy laden (and desire an escape), and I will give you rest. Come and learn of my secrets and you shall find rest for your souls*" (Matt. 11:28-29 paraphrased).

When God's people begin to operate on the wavelength of God's wisdom, all hell will bow and respect them! It is time to go on a search! There was a time I said to the Lord, "Lord, within seven days, I want to know the secrets behind the Acts of the Apostles. Don't say I'm asking for too much! Just show me and I will be satisfied."

I invested the next seven days on that search, and what I collected will remain with me all my life! *He that seeketh findeth and unto him that knocketh the door will always be opened.* Go for the wisdom of God if you are suffering anything. Ask Him, "Lord which is the way out, in which

you have covenanted to lead me?" Once He shows it to you, that is all you need.

For the one who has been studying and studying and cannot seem to pass his examinations, there is a way out. When Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were in 'school', the Bible says they were ten times better than their colleagues (Dan. 1:20). The Word of God tells us that if the ministration of death was glorious, how much more glorious shall the ministration of the spirit be.

Of all born of woman, including Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, there was none as great as John the Baptist. Yet, he that is least in the

Kingdom is greater than John. So, you have a greater intelligence than Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had!

How does this wisdom from ***'The Book'*** get into your heart? You go on a search for it!

What becomes of your way is in your hands. The Book of the law must not depart from your mouth, because it is in your heart. After you have sought for it and found it, you must ponder upon it, day and night, to locate what actions are required of you. Then you shall make your way prosperous and have good success (Joshua 1:8).

When you are loaded with the truth, it will put you in charge. For example, I will never need to pray for money for

the rest of my days. Why? I have found the truth that puts me in charge.

I pray that the wisdom for promotion and honour will come upon you. For everyone that desires a change in position, the operation of the wisdom of God is the secret. God said:

Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Proverbs 4:8-9

Until the man Peter contacted the Word from Jesus, his frustration never ended. Peter said, "*we have toiled all night and caught nothing.*" (Lk. 5:5). If

you want your frustrations to end, please believe in the wisdom of God! He wants to release you from your stagnations!

You Need A Heart For God

God's wisdom has been packaged and without it, we cannot experience the promised glory. As we have already established by the scriptures, this wisdom is hidden and ordained by God, before the world began, unto our glory.

However, 1 Corinthians 2:9, points out something very important to us. It says this wisdom will be located only by those who love God.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath

prepared for THEM THAT LOVE HIM.

This is the first qualification that grants you access into the hidden wisdom. It takes a genuine heart for God to gain access into the heart of God!

So many people think it is the anointing that grants us access to this hidden wisdom. The anointing only enhances it, but it is actually your love for God that grants you access to His heart.

Psalm 25:14 says:

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

All bread and butter seekers in the

kingdom end up cheaply disappointed, but every genuine seeker and lover of God is a winner. Every God-crazy man ends up triumphant. Every God addicted person ends up a star.

The secret of the Lord is not with them that are dying to read and understand, but it is permanently with them that fear Him. God will always show such people the way to go, to get the results they require. He will show them His covenant. That is, He will show them the steps to take to step into the wonders of His destiny for them.

The Holy Ghost once said to me, “It is not your struggles that make Me reveal Myself. It is the state of your heart that either endears you to Me or

repels Me from you." God said, "*Can I do a thing in this land without showing it to my friend Abraham?* (Gen. 18:17).

Christianity begins with a heart for God. Without that, you are a thief and a robber! You cannot cheat God; He is too smart for any man. You cannot flow in revelations above the quality of your love for God. He will not allow it! The Sprit of God searches all things and has access to any level of mysteries, even the deep things of God. The things God has for those that love Him are packaged in mysteries, but God will make them available by His Spirit, as soon as He approves your heart as right. He will make those mysteries known to you as the Spirit

searches all things, yea the deep things of God.

What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

Psalm 25:12

That is, God will show such a man the right choice to make, He will show him the way he should take.

This end-time package is for God-addicted Christians. It is for God-crazy folks. People who are sold out to God and His affairs on the earth! People all around will then see such people flying, winning and triumphing! All by the mysteries of God revealed to them.

I am glad to let you know we are all given to know these mysteries for

"Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom" (Mk. 4:11). Everyone is gifted to know these mysteries, yes! But if you want to know them, you must position yourself in the love of God. Only then, do you become a registered candidate for access into this hidden wisdom. This makes a world of difference. Without God, you have no access to wisdom. A heart for God qualifies you for it, while the Spirit of God enhances your access and entrance into it.

You Need A Heart Of Gratitude

Anybody who desires to flow in supernatural wisdom must come to a point of identification with the source of the flow. God's wisdom has no

bearing with education or with your background. It is rooted in revelation. It is revealed. God's wisdom will only continue to flow as you acknowledge the source, identify with it and remain grateful to it.

The wisdom of God is not found in the land of the living. Money cannot buy it. It only comes by revelation, and the revealer is the source. Look at Daniel:

Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his.

Daniel 2:20

This is what acknowledging the source is about. You must come to the understanding that what has happened

has nothing to do with your smartness, that it is God! Daniel continued with a heart full of gratitude in verses 20-21:

Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding.

Daniel was a very educated man. He went through the educational system of Babylon, and was a first class student. But he never connected the flow of wisdom, which he operated in, to his education or intellectual prowess. He knew that the secret was

not revealed to him by reason of his education.

It takes gratitude to attain great altitudes! But it takes knowing your source for you to be grateful. Daniel knew he was not the source of that unusual wisdom that could interpret king Nebuchadnezzar's dream. He recognized the finger of God upon him. By this, God continued to flow through him until he attained the highest seat in Babylon!

No proud man will survive this end time move or partake of it! For, "*A man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven*" (John 3:27). If you have anything at all today, it came from above. 1 Corinthians 4:7 asks:

For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

If you must flow in supernatural wisdom, you must embrace the reality of the source. This was the secret behind Daniel's rise to stardom in a foreign land, where he was a captive.

What you do not have, you cannot give. Moses was full of wisdom, but suddenly, he lost touch with the source. The moment he posed to be the doer, he became a loser! His name was canceled, and he no longer possessed a visa to enter Canaan! After forty years of pastoring three million people, he

lost it all! (Num.20: 11-12).

The rich fool stood one night and beat his chest for his greatness saying,

...This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

Luke 12:18-19

The moment this man saw his success as his own achievement, it became bereavement! The rich fool died! Herod stood up one day and made a laudable oration, and the people exclaimed, "*The voice of God and not*

of a man." God said, "Worms eat him up!" And Herod decayed immediately! For contesting with God, worms grew inside him and ate him up! (Acts 12:21-23).

One day, Nebuchadnezzar arose and boasted of himself, "See the kingdom so strong and powerful, which my hand has built!" God heard him and he paid for it! For seven years he was he was an animal in the bush! (Dan.4: 30-33). There is going to be such a tremendous flow of the spirit of excellence in our days, such that the world has never known. But you must remember, it is the Lord your God that giveth wisdom to the wise and knowledge to him that understandeth knowledge.

Gratitude is the acknowledgement of the source of the favours you are enjoying. These end-times, by the wisdom of God, we are going to see such outstanding results (and it is happening already) that will require extra humility and genuine meekness of us.

Great inventors will arise from the Church of Jesus Christ, new and strange businesses will be created, new products that daze the mind will come through the hands of God's people! But we must remember to acknowledge the source.

You Must Be Joyful

If you are grateful, you will be joyful and if you are joyful, you will be

praiseful. If you are praiseful, you will enjoy inspiration. If you have inspiration, you will encounter revelations. If you have revelations and walk in them, you will walk in wisdom and consequently, you will experience a revolution! It all begins with being grateful! The depth of your gratitude determines the height of your altitude.

Wisdom comes by inspiration and what inspiration does is to deliver revelations to you. So, it is important to know how we can contact inspiration. Daniel was a praising saint, and by that, he opened his life up to inspiration. The wisdom of God is available to the joyful. Isaiah 30:29 says:

Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.

Revelation comes by inspiration. Inspiration comes by “singspiration.” Inspiration is the breath of God; you cannot have the breath of God without the praise of God. Look at the life of every man who has triumphed by God’s wisdom, they are always very charming and joyful. They are people who are never pressed down.

Joseph was the liveliest houseboy one could ever meet – he was so charming that the woman of the house

(Potiphar's wife) wanted him. He was an ever-jumping, leaping slave. When he arrived in prison, the kind of joy he radiated made many to believe that he was the warden in charge. He was always willing to work; he was the only prisoner who was never depressed. He was too cheerful for anyone to think he had a problem, so, they made him an officer. It was in one of his usual joyful moods that he interpreted a dream for one of the inmates of the prison. This was to later take him to the palace.

Joseph was in charge. Joy continued to enlarge the breath of God all around him and the breath of God enlarged the revelation of God, while the revelation of God in turn brought

about a revolution in his life.

Every depression is a trap of the devil for your captivity. Paul the apostle said, *"Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice"* (Philip. 4:4). Paul was simply saying to all men, "This is the secret of my inspiration." It is time to rejoice!

There is no one under the New Testament covenant that ever touched the realm of revelation that Paul operated in. When Peter was referring to him, he said, *"According to the wisdom given to our brother Paul which is heavy to assimilate"* (2 Pet. 3:15-16).

This is a basic lesson for spiritual intelligence. There is no way you can

flow in the wisdom of God without the joy of God. Jesus said in John 15:11:

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Isaiah 12:3 says:

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

In the account in John chapter 4, the Samaritan woman said to Jesus: "*Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep…"* The bucket, with which you draw water from the well, represents your efforts to acquire knowledge – you attend seminars, listen to tapes, read books and so on. But without a rope, of what use is the bucket by the well?

Joy represents that rope by which you let down the bucket into the deep well to draw water from it. Without joy, you cannot draw anything from the wells of salvation. You cannot read any book and understand it without joy, neither can you listen to any tape and receive anything without joy.

Inspiration will produce witty inventions, high standard insights, and the creation of new things. Revelation is impossible without inspiration. Inspiration is impossible without praise, and praise is impossible without joy. If you can retain the joy of your salvation, you will be marked-out as a revolutionary, because this world will take notice of you.

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

Job 32:89

The word “understanding” comes from a Hebrew word called **biner**, and this connotes mental dignity, mental prowess, or flowery thinking. The inspiration of the Almighty imparts intelligence and ingenuity. From now on, go to bed every night with a song! Get out of bed rejoicing, and you will see new light.

The Amplified Bible version of that Job 32:8 tells us that the inspiration of

the Almighty gives intelligence. Do not play down on inspiration. Do not stay around people who quench your spirit. Every joy-breaker is an agent of the devil. There is no joy in hell. If you are a joy-breaker; you are a prophet of Satan! Do not be a carrier of bad news! Do not celebrate sorrow, so you do not destroy your access to inspiration. Instead, share testimonies!

Stop carrying tales about and you will never cease flowing in divine inspirations! Any time you get to a crossroad say, “Heavenly Father, thank you! I receive light from heaven right now.” Sing a song. Inspiration will bellow on you and light will shine from heaven!

(For further insight, refer to my book - *"Understanding The Power of Praise."*

You Need Knowledge

The application of knowledge is what is called wisdom. Until a man amasses adequate knowledge, there will be nothing for him to use, so he will never display wisdom. If you are not a lover of knowledge, you will never be enlisted in this end-time army, because it is an army of wise soldiers, an army of people of manifold wisdom.

Nothing establishes destiny like knowledge. An application of it makes one's destiny to flourish. For example, I located facts on how to run a

Christian family, long before I got married. Ever since then, I have never needed to pray concerning a peaceful, successful family life! I located facts concerning finances, so money serves me now – because I located its weakness, and what my duty is to keep it flowing.

Only students who have facts pass examinations. If you do not have the facts, you cannot pass. Having an idea alone is not enough to guarantee you success. You must have the facts, and these will give you a fat mark.

Your placement in this end-time move will be determined by your quest for wisdom and knowledge, since wisdom is simply the correct

application of knowledge. What you do not bother to discover, you cannot put to use. So your adventure into wisdom begins with your quest for knowledge.

Gloria Copeland said she once heard a man of God say that if you read the four gospels and the Acts of the Apostles three times over in one month, you will catch a revelation of Jesus that will explode your destiny and establish you! So, she went and did exactly as the man of God recommended. Today, Gloria Copeland is a well of revelation in the Word of God! As she began to touch God, her life, in turn, began to touch men for God! There is no future for any lazy man in the Kingdom!

John G. Lake said the Lord appeared to him and told him to go through the book of Acts, and he will have those same acts repeated in his life. This was how John G. Lake became a mighty apostle to South Africa. He planted about one thousand churches in South Africa!

Every man that ever mattered on this earth had a crave for knowledge. Every achiever has been proved to be a reader, and every reader automatically becomes an achiever.

Kenneth Hagin has this to say: “If there is anything I hear from anywhere and do not understand, I burn the midnight candle, until I locate an answer to it.” He did that for over

sixty-one years, and his ministry kept on expanding, with stability, honour and dignity!

Proverbs 24:13-14 says:

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

In 1981, I went on a search mission. My search was in a book titled “God’s Will is Prosperity” by Gloria Copeland. With that book alone, and my Bible, I took off on a journey. I gave myself three days to explore this book, and of course, light from heaven descended! The scales over my eyes fell off!

I saw the mystery of the covenant. I then left the book, picked up the Bible and began to “chew”, consume and devour mysterious truths that painted the picture of the covenant behind wealth. This was the time I got to know that poverty was no longer my “relation”. That was how I contacted what I am enjoying today.

I have never needed any encouragement to sow seeds, in my life. See how much life has come out of that one search for knowledge. Many who have stood to testify in the church of their financial blessings, are equally drawing from those three days of searching. I have seen downtrodden men lifted to great heights financially

by those discoveries. It is time to undertake an adventure into the mysteries of God!

In the days of John Alexander Dowie, there was a plague. He was one of the greatest healing evangelists of his time. As people began to die of this plague, he began to search for a reason. He is reported to have said: “In my search, I stumbled on Acts 10:38 and it exploded in my mind.” Immediately, he set out to locate the sick, brought them out of their sick beds, and a healing revival began! He that seeketh findeth. *A wise man is strong, yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength* (Prov. 24:5).

As you make discoveries and

acquire knowledge, you become an amazement to yourself and the world around you, by reason of the amazing results you will be producing! Achievers are information-seekers and searchers of secrets, not idle men or wanderers.

Osward J. Smith, through his books, taught me dedication and inspired my soul greatly. This man was a “dangerous” reader! In his diary, on June 24th 1914, he said, “John F. B. Meyers books have been such a blessing to me.” On November 3rd 1914, he said, “I have been reading about the life of George Whitefield and it set my soul ablaze.” December 7th 1914, he wrote, “I’ve just finished

reading '*With Christ in the School of Prayer'* by Andrew Murray. I have asked God to direct me very definitely as to my life's walk, and I am praying that He will make me a virtuous man. So what I did was, I went after books that would help me achieve my goal."

At 75, Oswald J. Smith was still the Editor of People's Magazine. He founded the People's Church in Toronto in 1928. This church is still standing on its feet today.

A change is cheap, if your heart is set! Settle down and get to work! It is time to make the most of God's treasures in your life. My prayers are usually very short and brief, but very effective and productive! The reason is

simply because I draw from the wells of encounter that I have had through books and other materials.

All the people I admire that have achieved anything are men and women who gave time to reading, seeking and searching for things they do not know. Daniel was a lover of books. The Bible says he operated an excellent spirit. In Daniel 9:2, Daniel tells us: *"I Daniel understood by books."* I do not believe anything that cannot produce proofs is authentic. Even Jesus said, *"If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not"* (John 10:37).

All the fasting and prayers outside the Word of God is nothing but hunger strike! The only profit you stand to

gain is just the cash you saved (from the food you ought to have eaten).

Whosoever (the truth) shall set free is free indeed.

And Hosea 4:6 says,

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

There is an answer in “The Book”, to every question of life. When its knowledge gains access into your spirit man, the light of heaven dawns on you, and darkness finds its way out!

We are in the days of wisdom. We just must be smart, awake and alive!

You Need Quietness And Confidence

For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and

rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

Isaiah 30:15-16

What is the secret of strength here? It is quietness and confidence. When these two forces are in place, verse 21 says:

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Until you are relaxed, you will not

be able to receive from God. Until Elijah relaxed, in 1 Kings 19:11-13, he almost committed suicide! When all the energy in him finished, he laid down at the entrance of a cave and was forced to rest.

If God says, “In quietness and confidence shall be your strength…”, and the Bible says, “*A wise man is strong, yea a man of knowledge increaseth strength*”, it means it takes quietness and confidence to encounter divine wisdom.

The wisdom of God has its own strategies, and I am glad to let you know that confidence is one of the principal strategies for contacting divine wisdom. It just has to be in

place. Today, we have a lot of Christians with vegetable hearts! You hear people say, “As a man what can I do? I have done my best.” If your best is still a failure, then you are a failure indeed!

In 1901, there was a meeting of scientists of that time in London. They came up with the following conclusions: It is not possible to fly a metal objects in the air and it is not possible for any vehicle to move at 36 miles per hour without choking whosoever was in it. That was just according to the amount of light they had then.

But in 1904, the Wright brothers, who invented aircrafts, were up in the

air! What made these early inventors to pursue their experiments until a plane finally flew in the air, against the scientific assertions of three years before, is confidence! Those two brothers must have told themselves, “Nobody has a monopoly on wisdom.”

Confidence promotes excellence! It quickens your mentality. It helps you to be resourceful. In 1960, John F. Kennedy called the Chief Engineer of Marginal Engineers (Aircraft Manufacturers) and said to him, “A man must land on the moon during my tenure.”

Mr. Buck (the Chief Engineer) went back to analyse the possibilities and discovered that he needed to overcome

twenty obstacles, for them to break into the orbit and subdue the force of gravity. He now began to look out for consultants to tackle each of these twenty obstacles, and he was able to get nineteen companies. He then had just one more obstacle to deal with.

Mr. Buck now told himself, “With the forces of America behind me, I do not have any problem facing only one obstacle!” Indeed, by 1969, the first man from planet earth, landed on the moon! Presently, regular research goes on, on the moon! This is what confidence can do!

Soon after we got married, I had to travel. My wife asked me how she was going to get to the office on Monday. I

told her, “That’s the car, that’s the key, and that’s the road!” and I left. Nobody in this world taught me how to drive! After I left, my wife, in an attempt to take up the challenge, settled down and listened to two tapes of my messages on confidence. Having done that, she stood up, and drove out, all by herself, to see her friend! Monday came and she drove herself to work confidently!

Through these accounts, I have tried to explain to you what confidence has been able to accomplish, especially in the natural realm, in order to provoke you, so that the best in you will come out! The Arch Bishop Benson Idahosa (of blessed memory) said, “It is risky not to take risks.” The

risk of not taking a risk is failure. Anyone who is not willing to take a risk will end up a failure!

There is so much inside you that is just ready to die! Such things are tired. Ideas have come and gone, like that! God has opened doors for you and you have closed them by yourself. God has spoken words that are as clear as crystal, but your system is decaying on the inside. Consequently, you have no inner strength to exercise outer victory. Christianity does not have much to offer without confidence!

Can you imagine Nebuchadnezzer, the king, telling Daniel, “I dreamt, but I forgot the dream” and Daniel replied, “Just give me time?” That is

confidence on display! When the young man approached heaven with confidence, heaven opened up to him! Confidence provokes you to manifest the very nature of God, and brings you to the level where you belong. Your confidence in God makes you a superstar. It makes you unbeatable. Satan is always after your confidence. Once he can get at it, he has gotten at your destiny.

And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

Isaiah 36:4

In the verse above, Satan was all

out to attack Hezekiah's confidence.

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

Hebrews 10:35

When your confidence is crushed, your reward is buried! Many people are down today because they lack confidence.

In Philippians 3:3, Paul the apostle said,

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Therefore, we are not talking about confidence in your ability, but confidence in God. Your confidence in

God must be protected with all violence.

In my book “Toward Excellence In Life and Ministry,” I wrote a chapter on confidence, which I titled “The Conqueror’s Backbone.”

Confidence is what makes you fit for battle, and right now, we are in for the worst battle in the history of humanity. So, we must protect our confidence, as we multiply knowledge and dare the challenges. Confidence was what made Daniel dare the den of lions, and he came out unscratched. It was confidence that made Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego dare the fiery furnace. It is the conqueror’s backbone.

Confidence in God will never meet

with failure. You have enough reason to be confident, for if God be for you, who can be against you? With your confidence in God in place, nothing can successfully be against you. Though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you shall fear no evil and his rod and staff shall comfort you.

Confidence is what we need today to silence every devil. If it could silence the fiery furnace and stop the mouths of the lions, it can silence anything else! It is the secret of the game. It will silence any opposition permanently!

Right now, I impart unto you the same appetite for knowledge, which God has given me, that has endued me

with confidence to dare the impossible!

CHAPTER 4

IT IS CREATIVE

In the beginning, when nothing was in existence, God went into action. He created. In chapter one of Genesis, we are told, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” The word “create” means to bring into existence, to cause to be. God wanted to bring heaven and earth into existence so He created them.

Isaiah 66:1 declares:

Thus saith the Lord, the heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool...

This means that God never had a

throne until He created one. He never had a footstool until He created it. He did not just wish them into existence. The word “create” is not a dormant word. It is a dynamic word that has to do with action. God wanted a throne. He desired and got it by creating it.

You also, by redemption, have a throne reserved for you. But, wishful thinking does not create thrones, neither does desiring. If you want a throne, you have to go into action and create it. Nothing happens by wishing. The Bible says in Proverbs 13:4;

For the soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat

Nothing comes into being through

desire. Everything is made to happen. Everything that is today was made to be.

In the beginning, God created....

How did He create? What force went into action that brought about creation? Proverbs 3:19 tells us the power behind creation:

The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath He established the heavens

Also, in Psalm 104:24, we are told:

Oh Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all.

Wisdom is God’s instrument for creating all things. It is the force behind creation. It is true that God

spoke words at creation, but these words were backed by wisdom. They were words, which had been approved of from His wisdom bank. This was why the words produced the desired results.

Notice that the Word of God does not tell us, “In anointing, thou hast made them all.” It does not say, “In much prayer hast thou made them all.” Rather, it says, “In wisdom hast Thou made them all.” Everything God created was created in wisdom. By wisdom He created the earth and the heavens; and by understanding, He has kept them running till date.

The globe has not dropped through any mechanical error. The earth is

rotating, yet you do not see houses or human beings rolling along. The wisdom behind creation is so sound and solid that the devil, as wicked as he is, has not succeeded in pushing the earth out of its orbit.

Through wisdom, God did not create everything on the same day. He created everything in an orderly manner. He created food for the animals before bringing them to be. He did not create the fish before water. When the fish came into existence, water was waiting for them.

Wisdom is the principal thing.

Prov 4:7

God's throne was created through wisdom. Wisdom took Joseph to his

throne. It is time for you to occupy your throne, and only wisdom will get you there. Wisdom, however, is of the mind. Understanding also is of the mind. God created the universe by the active use of His mind.

Wisdom is God's instrument for creativity. Your creative ability is tied to wisdom and wisdom resides in the mind. If Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour, then you have that creative ability in you. Jesus was the principal architect of creation. He is the Word of God and He is the Wisdom of God.

The Bible tells us "*By him all things were made, and without him was not anything made that was made*" (John 1:3). Jesus was the one who

made things happen at creation. He is the wisdom of God: He conceived the heavens and the earth. He is the Word of God: the word spoken by God came to be. The word came to implement the mind of God, His wisdom.

Creating Your World

This same Jesus has said unto the believer "...*As my Father has sent me, even so send I you"* (John 20:21). This means that we are co-architects with Him in the realm of creativity. We are called to join in the mystery of making things happen. This is creativity and it can only happen through divine enabling.

It does not matter how shapeless your life is. It does not matter how

empty it is. You can give it the shape you want. You can make it full. We came to this world to give shape to it. You are the principal initiator of your destiny, and wisdom is the instrument you need. The forces of creativity reside in wisdom.

As the Father has sent Jesus, so He also has sent you. The wisdom of God is designed to be personified in you. It is the essence of creativity placed inside of man.

What Then, Is Wisdom?

Wisdom is knowing the scriptural way to go, that is, the way to go, as signaled by the Spirit of God. It is knowing the scriptural step to take, which more often than not is the most

irrational thing to do. For instance, by the signal of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed them in John 2, at Canaan of Galilee when they needed wine, to fill the water pots with water. That is not rational. It is not in line with common sense. They needed wine and He asked them to get water. But they obeyed and their obedience produced the desired proof. Wisdom is knowing the scriptural things to do and doing them. In John, chapter 6, in feeding the 5,000 men, Jesus knew what to do with five loaves of bread and two fishes to produce a miracle meal for that large number.

Ordinary ways lead to ordinary ends, while higher ways lead to higher

ends. The wisdom that will produce takes giving up the ordinary ways of men and going for the higher ways of God. This is the importance of heaven's ideas to the earth. The wisdom that is from above is not kept above. It is made available for earthly use.

You can get hold of this wisdom and mould your destiny. You are not created to live an ordinary life. You are not created to follow the ordinary ways. You are created to live an extraordinary life through active use of heaven's wisdom on earth.

The Creative Nature

Man is a product of creativity and must be creative. Since he was made by

a creative God, and like begets like, he must experience creativity as the order of his life. For instance, the Jews, whom the Bible calls the natural branches (Romans 11:21) are a relatively small community of people, who have, in our world today, carved out for themselves an enviable name in most fields of human endeavour — science and technology, trade and business, etc.

It is quite a puzzle what the Jews have made out of themselves, a people with a simple, natural connection to God. Does this phenomenal fact have any spiritual undertone, or is it just a product of sheer industry and self-help?

I believe there is a genetic link here. You will recall that the offspring of the first Adam were men of exploits. In Genesis 11:1-9, ordinary men were out on a seemingly impossible mission — to build a city and a tower, whose top will reach the heavens. God affirmed to the ability of these natural men to achieve their objective.

...and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Genesis 11:6

The genetic connection between that generation and the fallen king of Eden, Adam, must have played a vital role in the level of mental prowess demonstrated by these natural men.

Remember, Adam was imbued with an extra-ordinary mental capability, such as, the naming of all the animals in the garden.

In a similar demonstration of natural ability, Noah came out to build, perhaps, the largest ocean liner that housed the most comprehensive zoo, since the days of Adam (Genesis 6:13-22). Yet, the vessel would not sink! It is simply amazing, when the level of education (if any) at that time is taken into consideration.

The Holy Spirit— The Spirit Of Excellence

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Job 32:8

But there is (a vital force) a Spirit (of intelligence) in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives men understanding.

Job 32:8 (Amplified Version)

Further more in Ephesians 4:4-6;

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all

One Spirit; the Holy Spirit; one Baptism: the Baptism in the Holy Spirit; in you all; same Holy Spirit in all believers.

This is talking about the spirit of

excellence, with a ministry to unfold mysteries (1 John 2:27), deepen understanding (John 16:13), dissolve hard sentences (Daniel 5:12), and remind of the facts (John 14:26).

The ingredients of the excellency of this Spirit is clearly listed in Isaiah 11:2 *as the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.* As you fellowship with the Holy Spirit, I see Him baptize you afresh with the spirit of creativity.

The Time Factor In Creativity

A wise man once said, “There will never be another now, so make the best use of today. There will never be

another you, so make the best of your life." God is a perfect timer. Everything He has arranged for has its own time. He makes all things beautiful in their own time. Every plan of God has an appointed time.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time...

Habakkuk 2:3

Every heaven-sent idea has a time tag. The moment the time for it passes, it becomes unproductive. Going into action on an idea before or after its time will only end up frustrating you.

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

A farmer who wants to be successful must watch the times and the seasons. There is a time and season for every seed under heaven. If a seed is not planted in its season, it does not produce. Every God-sent idea is a seed. It, therefore, has its time tagged on it. Failure to execute it in its season will lead to its becoming unproductive.

You can only get the best out of life by being prompt in responding to the dictates of your redeemed mind. This is the way to tap into its vast treasures. Paul, while writing to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2 said:

Preach the word, be instant in season and out of season.

The word, “instant” means prompt.

For you to succeed in life you have to be prompt in putting ideas given to you by God into action. Your convenience does not matter. Stop pushing ideas off for another time. When an idea from God is pushed off your mind, you end up killing it.

In July, 1989, the Lord said to me, “Son, arise, get out to Lagos and raise Me a people.” I kept on hearing this all day long and by that afternoon, I acted. This was God’s timing and within one month, the Lagos branch of this ministry kicked off. God supplied all the requirements because that was the appointed time for it.

Doing what you have to do at the time appointed for it is wisdom. Action

delayed leads to frustration. A beautiful picture of the consequences of delayed action is portrayed in Songs of Solomon 5:2-7:

I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. I have put off my coat; how shall I defile them?

My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him. I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.

I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake; I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer. The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me.

Jesus is the one knocking at the door and His voice is an instruction. He is knocking at the door of your mind, giving you an instruction, an idea. You are His beloved. He knocked, but, at first, the beloved refused to act. She delayed. When she finally obeyed, it was too late. Jesus had gone. The time for that idea to be productive has

passed. Her going out to look for him ended up in her being manhandled by the watchmen. The keepers of the gate took away her veil. Her glory was removed and lost forever. This is what you get when you fail to act promptly.

Timing is very important in God's programme. He is always knocking at your door with one idea or the other. You have to get up and act promptly, so He does not leave you alone without ideas. Responding promptly to divine nudgings gets God into action.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call upon Him while He is near.

Isaiah 55:6

This is one of the keys to obtaining a future for yourself. Whatever God is

asking you to do, do it, and that, right early!

Obstacles To Creativity

Someone once said that blind minds are worse than blind eyes. That means there is a blindness that is worse than physical blindness, and that is mental blindness. There are people, spirit-filled children of God, who walk around with their two eyes open, yet are blind to the core. These are the mentally blind. They are Christians, yes. But they have nothing to show for their redemption. Physical blindness is bad, but mental blindness is worse, because it robs you of your ability to be productive.

Blind minds are worse than blind

eyes. The gospel of Jesus is a glorious gospel. It is supposed to produce a shining in the Christian, for he is the light of the world. The Christian is supposed to stand out as a city set on the hill. His light is supposed to shine for all to see, bringing praise and glory to God.

The Christian is supposed to radiate the glory of God. But why do most Christians not experience a shining? Why do they keep crawling under pity, sympathy and empathy? The reason is not far-fetched. There was an experience related by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. It says,

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of

this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God should shine unto them

If the gospel be hid, if the good news does not sound good or produce good, then it is because the god of this world has blinded their minds. Satan is the god of this world. He specializes in the blinding ministry. But, he has not as much interest in blinding your physical eyes as he has in blinding your mind.

Why the mind? Because the mind is the seat of wisdom and creativity. Your creative ability does not reside in your physical eyes, but in your mind. So

what does the wicked one do? He blocks your mind, then your defeat and destruction is established. If he can block your mind, he has gotten you.

The blockage of the mind is the greatest bondage. When your mind is blocked, your bondage is established and only a lifting of this blockage can guarantee freedom.

The Word of God says that the knowledge of the truth makes for freedom, but if the ability to know the truth is blocked through the blinding of your mind, then your bondage is established. Blind minds are worse than blind eyes.

There are so many obstacles to creativity. When you know what they

are and avoid them, you are on your way to a creative destiny.

What are some of these obstacles?

Accepting The Status Quo

He has looked everywhere, even into the Word of God, but having not understood it, he concludes, there is no way out; he is no match for the challenges of life; he is not lucky. He has pictured defeat, therefore, he is defeated.

Accepting the status quo and accepting that low value of yourself, is a creativity killer. From the day you accepted Jesus, you became a new breed. You rose from the level of the common to that of the special breed.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light

1 Peter 2:9

You are not a pitiable specimen. You are a peculiar treasure unto God's glory. The whole world cannot be exchanged for your soul. You are God's heartbeat. He created you a king, to reign, to show forth His praise and glory by overcoming life's challenges. David said in Psalm 139:14.

I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

The discovery of your specialty in

Christ is the beginning of your overcoming. This is the redemptive fact that holds your future. You are meant to restore to the world the Edenic lifestyle that connotes comfort and dominion. You are to give taste to the tasteless system. You are the light that shines in darkness. Shine forth and cause praise to rise unto God.

Mental Torture Of Irreparable Past

He has lost his house and all his belongings through a fire disaster; or he lost a family member, and from that time he has not recovered. He is so tied to the past that he is of no use in the present. He is unable to move forward. He suffers mental paralysis, and,

because he is of no use in the present, he destroys his future.

The Word of God says:

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:18-19

This is the law for winning the race. Don’t be unduly attached to the irreparable past, so you can be valiant in the present, to earn a future.

The Plague Of Past Failures

He has failed in business, so taking new steps is impossible to him. He is unhappy. He is weeping, and because

he is weeping, his eyes are blurred. He cannot see opportunities passing him by.

Breakthrough revelations do not make a man immune to failure, but they prevent him from remaining one. Look at yourself as a man in a wrestling contest, for the Bible says, “we wrestle.” A wrestler falls, but refuses to be paralyzed by the fall. So he gets up with renewed determination not to fall again. Failure is not strange in the covenant race. It is remaining a failure that is contrary to the covenant.

A just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again.

Proverbs 24:16

The motto of the overcomer is:

Rejoice not against me, o my enemies, when I fall, I shall rise again.

Micah 7:8

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were slaves who did not allow the weight of slavery to weigh them down. They used their minds and rose to the top echelon in a strange land.

If anybody ought to be a failure, it was Joseph. From being his father's darling, he went into slavery and then to prison. But he was not weighed down by these circumstances. He saw a bright future ahead of him. He became a Prime Minister in a foreign land!

Most of the Pauline epistles were written in prison. He did not allow the

mental plague of prison to dampen him. He pressed on. Don't let past failures paralyse you. Press on. There is a weight of glory ahead of you.

The Pride Of Past Achievements

He believes he has arrived. He has reached his goal. There are no more worlds to conquer, no more mines to explore. He therefore relaxes. He stops growing and mental paralysis sets in. There is no more push. He then starts to fall.

God's intention is for the believer to come into the fullness of Christ. We will not arrive at this ultimate until He appears to take us home.

God has not called you to bless you for yourself. He has called you to make

you a blessing. He wants to make nations out of individuals. I would like you to know that what is successful today will not be so tomorrow, except it is improved upon.

Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction

Micah 2:10

Where you are now is good enough only for the now. If you remain in it, it will become polluted and lead to your destruction. Don’t let what you call achievement today tie you down. What you call a standard today becomes sub-standard tomorrow.

Comparing Oneself With Others

He looks at his contemporaries and says, “We used to be childhood friends. We were classmates. I was even more brilliant than he was. Now he is a Managing Director. He is only lucky, he is not that clever.” He does not believe that they must have reached their position by a more excellent way. Or he sees his old mates and says, “We used to be school mates. But now, they cannot even come near where I am. I must be very brilliant.”

Comparison is an enemy of mental development. There are both negative and positive comparisons. The use of others as the yardstick of your drive towards your goal is a slow killer.

For we dare not make ourselves of

the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

2 Corinthians 10:12

According to the scriptures, it is foolishness to compare oneself with others. Don’t let the achievements of others or the lack of it set a standard for your own achievements.

Belief In Spells And Enchantments

This is more common in the Third World countries. Almost everything that happens is traced to the devil and his cohorts. Barrenness, sickness, death and failure, are said to be caused by

witchcraft, voodoo, enchantments, and so on. This has made many Christians to believe more in the power of the devil to kill and destroy, than they believe in the power of Jesus to deliver. They trace their failures to men: “That old woman is responsible for my failures and woes.” “That man has sworn that I will never have a child, since I refused to marry him,” etc.

If God can deliver from hell, is it too much for Him to deliver you from men? The Bible says, in Romans 8:32:

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Your redemption gives you a new

beginning. Even if there were curses and enchantments against you, your redemption strikes them off. The effect is erased. You have a new beginning with Jesus.

Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel.

Numbers 23:23

When you become born again, you become an Israel of God, a spiritual Israelite; enchantment loses its grip on your destiny. Mental attachment to enchantments paralyses mental reasoning. When enchantments are used against you, act like Moses and put down your rod. Your rod is the Word of God and just as the rod of

Moses swallowed up the Egyptian rods, so also will your rod swallow up any enchantment against you. Display your rod in the face of the enemy. Don’t just stand and watch.

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment, thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 54:17

You are to do the condemning of every tongue, which rises against you. Always fight back with your rod — the Word of God in your mouth. Curses should not determine what happens to

you; you should determine what happens to them. You are light, so you are the master of darkness. The strength of darkness is in the absence of light. The thickest darkness flees at the entrance of light. The weakness of darkness is made manifest at the appearance of light.

Loose your mind from the mental grip of enchantments. You have power over them. Break loose and live!

Concept Of Unequal Destiny

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also justified; and whom he

justified, them he also glorified.

Romans 8:29-30

There is one destiny for all that are called and your calling in Christ culminates in glory. You were predestinated to be called, justified, and then glorified. The same God is rich unto all that call upon Him, nationality and race notwithstanding. All have a common destiny in Him.

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.

Acts 10:34

Never accept your situation as your destiny. As long as where you are is not glorious, it is not God’s destiny for you. Even if it is glorious, glory is in

sizes — one exceeds the other.

But we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

We are being changed from one realm of glory to the other. Keep on moving from glory to glory until Jesus comes.

These are the seven main blindfolds the devil uses to tie down God’s people. Now that you are aware of them, watch out for them and, as soon as you notice any of them rearing its ugly head in your life, deal with it immediately.

Chapter 5

YOUR TESTED ACCESS

In your quest for wisdom, there is always where to begin from. There is an asset of value with which you register in the school of wisdom. You cannot ignore it and expect to triumph in life. Happy is the man that has this master key, because he has automatic access to a life of unrivaled wisdom. What is this all-important key?

The Fear Of The Lord!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for

ever.

Psalm 111:10

A look at Joseph in chapter 41 of Genesis reveals that he was lifted, by wisdom, to a position of authority, and became a ruler in the land of Egypt.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

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.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:39-41

But he enrolled in the school of wisdom by possessing the fear of the Lord. He said, "... *how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"* (Genesis 39: 9) And also, "...*For I fear God"*(Genesis 42:18). Divine wisdom will always demand divine sanctity.

Daniel also arrived on the scene and refused to defile himself with the king's meat. Therefore, God lifted him. God can lift any man on the surface of the earth today, but all He requires is purity! Purity is what gives you access to the instructions of wisdom and leads to your distinction on the earth.

What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way

that he shall choose.

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant.

Psalm 25:12,14

When Jesus came, the Bible said concerning him, that men marveled at His wisdom, and asked, “What wisdom is this?” Why? Because no matter how seemingly impossible the situation, He always knew what to do! But this same Jesus, we are told, knew no sin. The devil came to Him and did not have anything in Him.

Jesus fulfilled the primary condition necessary to register in the school of wisdom: the fear of the Lord. As long as He possessed it, He was a

man in charge! The life of God had a free course in His spirit, soul and body, making it impossible for Him to be under any form of physical, mental or spiritual attack.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than my enemies: for they are ever with me.

Psalm 119:98

God’s wisdom makes you wiser than sickness, poverty, failure, stagnation, etc., and when a man is wiser than his enemy, he cheaply knocks him out! That is why the enemy strives to corrupt you with iniquity, to ensure that you do not get wiser than him, so he can keep oppressing you. But an end has come to every form of

satanic oppression in your life today, in Jesus' name!

Let Go Of Sin

Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.

Proverbs 14:9

Everyone that mocks at sin is a fool and ends up in mockery. Sin is a sinker; it can sink the destiny of any man! You have a glorious and enviable destiny, you cannot afford to sink it with sin. Sin is also a destroyer; you cannot toy with it and not be destroyed! You will not be destroyed!

Look at Samson: he was literally born a prophet (God called him before he was conceived in his mother's womb), he grew up and became a

mighty warrior; yet he fell down flat. What happened? Sin destroyed him. He was slain by adultery!

What about the man Solomon? He was the embodiment of wisdom in the Old Testament, yet his wisdom was corrupted through immorality.

But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites.

1 Kings 11:1

Solomon’s wives turned his heart away from the Lord; the Source of his wisdom, and his wisdom was converted to folly. So, at the end of his journey on earth, everything was vanity to him

(Eccl.1: 1-2). Friend, sin is a destroyer, it destroys the enviable destiny of its victims and leaves them to end their lives in regret. That will not be you!

Sin Deadens The Mind

I once heard T. L. Osborn say, "When you sin, something in you dies." That describes the man called Adam - a man who had single-handedly named all the animals finally used leaves as clothes to cover his nakedness. Leaves! That was strange, because it is a well-known fact that Adam was walking in the same mental realm as God. He had the mind of God. Yet, the moment he sinned his mind was corrupted and he could no longer function at its original frequency. What

a tragedy!

Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Ezekiel 18:4

Now that we are in the wisdom age of the Church; the fear of the Lord must be our watchword or else, that wisdom will soon turn into foolishness. As you walk in purity, the sanctity of your mind will be safeguarded, in Jesus' name.

Salvation Is Superior

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them

questions.

And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

Luke 2:46-47

Salvation is superior to education! The word “understanding” in the scripture above comes from the Greek w o r d **Philosis.** This talks about surpassing intelligence!

When Jesus answered the questions the doctors of law and philosophers posed to Him, there was never anything more to be added. After He spoke, they did not need to speak anymore. The mind of Christ came from heaven, so it is superior to all the elemental minds on the earth! Jesus never struggled with

anybody. His wisdom alone beat them hollow! This is mental dignity.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Cor. 5:17

The word “behold” means, “look here!” All things have been affected by reason of your redemption - body, soul and spirit. Your reprobate mind has become a new mind; life has been fired into it.

When you are born again, a vital force penetrates your mental faculty. The Spirit of God gives you a new way of thinking. This goes to affect your taste - the things you used to love

before just drop off, because a new life has penetrated your mental region.

Up to the moment you got born again, you had a dead mind, which the Bible calls “a reprobate mind” (Rom. 1:28), programmed to do silly things - a corrupted mind that could deliver excellence. But the spirit of wisdom and power was what penetrated your mental region when you gave your life to Christ:

But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:24

You are not an ordinary man anymore! That is why He called you a peculiar people, a royal priesthood (1

Pet. 2:9). Now you have surpassing intelligence! You have access to mental dignity!

Salvation is superior to education! I have seen professors who behave like babies in the affairs of life. It is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord. For:

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing…

John 6:63

This quickening affects your entire being. Salvation brings you into a class above the human class. When you are saved, another mind is transplanted into you. The Bible says:

… But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16

The mind of Christ is the epitome of soundness and excellence! Once you are saved, your mind is no longer in the natural realm. Spiritually, it has ascended into the divine realm, where you are seated with Christ. You now, therefore, carry divinity in your mentality! This is a great asset! But you need to know it is there.

On one of my trips, at the airport, I inquired from a responsible-looking airline staff where the V.I.P lounge was. He said there was none. I had a first-class ticket and needed to sit in a first-class lounge. So, I needed to find out for myself. The man's answer almost got me deceived, but I said to myself if there is a first-class ticket,

there must be a first class lounge in this airport. And there was!

Many of us do not know the worth of the redemptive ticket we carry. Your salvation is not just an escape route to heaven. No! Among the benefits loaded in redemption is an excellent mind. There is an invasion of divinity into your mental region, which gives you a superior mentality. You now have the capacity to operate in the class of God's wisdom.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and

might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears

Isaiah 11:1-3

This is a strange level, where you no longer judge by what you hear and what you see naturally.

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

Isaiah 11:4

That is wisdom in a strange realm! Nothing compares with the wisdom that the Spirit of God offers (Job 32:7-8) - neither age nor greatness, nor accomplishment. God's wisdom is superior to any of man's experience or age.

It is not just enough for you to be saved, your salvation must be added to, in order for you to experience the things that accompany it. I do not believe in Christianity that offers explanations for failure. It is your failure to carry out your own responsibilities in the faith that makes you a failure. The world is not waiting for your explanation, but your manifestation (Rom 8:19).

Every time one door closes, we have a covenant with God that opens seven new ones! When they pursue you one way, God said they will flee before you seven ways. Every time one door is shut, seven others are saying “Come on in!” But when you are not a diligent searcher, thinker or reader, you will be trapped and imprisoned in the closed door!

You have been called unto glory and virtue, so, why are you suffering and dying under shame and reproach? There is a way out! It requires an effort on your part, to make your calling and election sure. It will not become sure on its own.

Isaiah 33:6 says:

And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation…

Your salvation experience becomes strengthened as you encounter wisdom and knowledge. How can you be a businessman and have never read any book on how to run a successful Christian business? What kind of a businessman are you?

Every diligent man will always experience a supernatural lifting from heaven. Inside your mind is the creator's capacity. You are a co-creator (John 20:21). So why are you not winning?

You Are Loaded!

Wherefore I put thee in

remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

You now have a regenerated mind. So, why should anyone with a reprobate mind beat you in the race for excellence? Because you have left your regenerated mind to become irresponsible and complacent! It is time to stir up the grace of God in you. It is time to stir the rich deposits in you to productivity and excellence. Stop seeking man's approval, while missing heaven's approval! It is time to wake

up!

There was a man called Jonathan Edwards. He was one of the greatest men that ever lived. In his days he preached a sermon that is still a powerful sermon today - any place, any time! It was titled, “A sinner in the hands of an angry God.” As he preached that message, people held on tightly to their pews, for the fear of God! This man, Jonathan Edwards, was a lifetime student. He passed fire into his bones through a profound encounter with knowledge.

You must rub your mind with other superior minds in Christ, or it will remain blunt. The quickest way to stir up the gift of a sound mind is to engage

in a sound crave for knowledge, for, as the scriptures say, *Iron sharpeneth iron* (Prov. 27:17).

You are a “sugary” personality; don’t allow your life to become tasteless! You are created to be an envy of your generation; don’t become an object of pity to the people around you. There is a deposit inside you crying for expression. The mind you now have is the same one that created the world we live in. Why must you die in your little corner?

Our generation is going to witness explosive inventions that could be compared to original creation, and these will come from people who were no people before, people who know

how to stir up the gift of God inside them. You have a sound mind. It is the gift of God and it is time to stir it up!

You are not programmed to partake of the darkness and gloominess that is fast covering the people of this earth. You are to be a solution to the world around you, not a problem. It is your time to reign. For *by wisdom kings reign and princes decree justice* (Prov 8:15). Go for knowledge, and you will walk in wisdom.

Your mind came alive when you came in contact with Jesus. Now you have a responsibility to renew that mind through encounters with knowledge. It has to be updated. Romans 12:2 says:

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Your mind has to be constantly renewed for it to remain current in any system.

What a joy to know that we are all privileged to possess the mind of Christ, and when you start to walk in the covenant, your mind begins to blossom and it becomes increasingly fertile, until the whole earth begins to take knowledge of you.

Lack of insight is the reason for your imprisonment! It is time to open up! What other mind could God have given you? The mind of Christ that He has given you harbours the wisdom and

the power of God. You do not need any other mind.

I found out a few years back that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, everyone that fears Him and walks uprightly is acceptable to Him. This scripture, in Acts 10, has helped me a lot. It makes me never to think I am disadvantaged in any way, when compared with any other race on this planet earth. It gives me a superiority-mentality, so that I am able to appreciate the fact that redemption is the same, for every race, your colour notwithstanding. I have come to realize that I am not disadvantaged by either creation or geographical location!

If the shadow (that is, the wisdom

of this world and occultic wisdom) has produced so much, imagine what the substance will produce! If we would dare to face “The Book” just as the world craves after worldly wisdom, we will become impossible for any devil to handle. May you be especially attracted to this source from now on, in Jesus’ name!

By operating in the wisdom of God, we will reflect the glory of God on the earth. You cannot bring heaven’s wisdom down here and not be a peculiar person, because the one that is from above is above all.

The Spirit of the Lord is essentially the Spirit of wisdom and might. So, if you have the Holy Spirit, you are

connected to heavenly wisdom. When we look at the scripture in Isaiah 11:2, we find out that the Spirit of God is 5/6 wisdom, and 1/6 power.

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD

Isaiah 11:2

Wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge and the fear of the Lord are wisdom-based, while might is power-based. But we have over-celebrated the minor (power) at the expense of the major, (wisdom). This is the missing link, which has made Christianity very frustrating. Potentially, you carry

inside of you divine explosives! To be a dull-head is an abuse of redemption. When you are saved, your brain is not suspended, it is upgraded! Your being a dull-head, makes you a misfit in the kingdom!

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego lived under the ministration of death. If they experienced such a level of glory, how much more should you? It is one thing to have potential and another to tap into it. Can you imagine how potentially loaded John the Baptist was? But he never realized it. He was greater than Elijah, but he died as a sheep! Who could have gotten hold of the head of Elijah – a man who single-handedly slaughtered 400 priests of

Baal? Yet, the Bible says John the Baptist was greater than him.

John's potentials were unreleased. Please release your own, so your destiny can be realized. It is time to begin to stir up your divine endowments. You have certain potentials in your mental faculty that will daze the world when released. You do not have an ordinary mind, but a sound one; a mind after the order of the mind of Christ. You possess the Creator's abilities in your mind.

Pharaoh said to his servants in Genesis 41:38-40:

...Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph,

Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

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.

The mind of Christ, which we possess, is what makes New Testament saints unique. This is why God reserved His complicated, many-sided wisdom, in all its infinite varieties for us (Eph. 3:9-10). Job 32:8 tells us, *But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.* The Amplified Bible says, "*There is (a vital force) a spirit (of intelligence) in man, and the breath*

of the Almighty gives men understanding.”

Salvation is superior to education because it grants you access to superior mentality. It is time to charge that vital force in you, so that you will begin to enjoy mysterious deliveries of favour.

Examples Of The Superiority Of The Renewed Mind:

Jesus

Everybody called Jesus “Master”. The philosophers, psychologists, astrologers and doctors of law of His days all called Him “Master”. Yet, He never went to any school. He was a school Himself! All marveled at His wisdom!

And all bare him witness, and

wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

Luke 4:22, 32

Stephen

In Acts, chapter 7, we see Stephen ("full of faith and power" and supernatural boldness and confidence) summarize the story of creation so accurately! So much so that wisdom exploded in him and his face shone like an angel's.

Can you remember the qualification that got him to that position? It is in Acts 6:3:

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out

among you seven men of honest report, FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST and WISDOM, whom we may appoint over this business.

You are connected to Jesus and you can no longer live a life of disgrace! Let the best of you be found in anything you are involved in.

A. L. Williams

There was a man called A. L. Williams. He was a football coach in a High School. He is the author of the book *All You Can Do Is All You Can Do.*

One day, while in church, he laid hold on certain principles bordering on church growth. These principles so exploded in him that he resigned his

job as a coach and started an insurance outfit, together with some other fellows.

In four years, A. L. Williams became one of the most renowned men in the insurance field! Under ten years, his insurance outfit became the greatest insurance empire, all by a new perspective to the business delivered to him by God (Job 32:8)! This business started in 1977, by 1987, the workforce stood at 180,000, and they sold insurance to the tune of 81 million dollars that same year! One commentator said A. L. Williams is a human dynamo.

John 1:9 says:

That was the true Light, which

lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Nothing can be truer than the truth. When the content of “The Book” is fired into your spirit, you become a star without sweat! The content of “The Book” can affect any kind of man, woman, career or profession!

Benjamin Franklin

There was a man called Benjamin Franklin. He had only three years of formal education. This man, however, grew to become one of the greatest philosophers in America. He even set up a university and a special research unit.

He single-handedly negotiated for the French government’s support for

the American Revolution, which enabled them to win the war. Today, there is a public holiday called Benjamin Franklin Day.

Benjamin Franklin knew the Lord. He had a regenerated mind, and he stirred it up. He was an attentive preacher, who would rather go for books than food. From a background of just three years of formal education, he rose to become a pillar in the field of philosophy! Salvation is indeed superior to education.

Your life cannot matter anymore than it is stirred-up. I wish our activities today could be integrated into what could be called intelligible activities. Then we would be

disciplined to stick to divine directions for our lives.

Michael Faraday

Michael Faraday was as good as an illiterate. He had only primary education. But when he encountered Jesus, when he was a laboratory attendant for Sir Humphrey Davies, in no time, he became the envy of his master. He was a vast reader of spiritual materials and, yet, a great scientist.

Michael Faraday sharpened his spiritual mind on the supernatural rock of wisdom – Jesus is the rock of our salvation, He is the wisdom and power of God. No mind is greater than that of Christ.

An account of Michael Faraday in *Men of Purpose, by Peter Masters* says that he "extended his own scientific education by the most formidable programme of reading. Faraday found an understanding of life's purpose by studying and believing the teachings of the Bible and seeking a personal experience of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Not surprisingly, Faraday, at forty-four, was recognized by all as the leading man of science! He was such a devoted Christian that he became an elder in his Church and a very celebrated preacher in his congregation. When he traveled out for scientific lectures, the first thing he would ask in any city where he arrived

was, “Where is the church?”

Michael Faraday was an inventor of electricity. Proverbs 8:12 says:

I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

New things! New life! New products! New strategies! This is the essence of divine wisdom – profitable wisdom, not just religious wisdom!

James Clerk Maxwell

James Clerk Maxwell was such a fantastic scientist, but one who would still lead his family and servants in fervent praises every morning! This great scientist read volumes of spiritual books. Every time he was studying, his Bible was by his side, and everywhere he went, he had a Bible in his hand. He

used to read books written by men like James Owen and Jonathan Edwards, and it showed in his life!

Peter Master, in his biography of him, says, “There is no doubting the fact that James Clerk Maxwell’s spiritual involvement was what was responsible for his fertile mind. James Clerk Maxwell never missed Sunday worship and spent hours in the enjoyment of his Bible. His continuously active cultivation of religion, like Faraday’s, had a very important relation to the course of his intellectual life.” History has it that “James Clerk Maxwell was universally regarded as the greatest physicist of the 19th century.”

The wisdom we are referring to here is revelation, produced by a heavenly connection. With the wisdom of God working in you, for example, 10 Naira can turn you into a millionaire in two years. But with 1million naira and no sense, you can be broke in three months! It is time to tap into heavenly wisdom.

R. G. Le Tourneau

I read about a Frenchman called R. G. Le Tourneau. He was a mechanic who had only primary school education. At the age of 30, his workshop came to a close. He kept struggling, till finally, he became bankrupt at the age of 44. So, he had to start all over again!

In his book *Mover of Men and Mountains* he said, “I am just a mechanic whom the Lord has blessed, but I am in active relationship with God. I am a searcher out of things that I know not. I am a seeker of light from heaven, therefore, there was no limit to what can be achieved in my life.”

In the days when people were using mules and colts to move earth to construction sites, he sat down and convinced himself that there must be a better way of doing it. He developed a digger that could carry 200 tonnes of earth, which combines two huge mobiles diesel engines, and supplies electricity to a small town.

He said, “In my thoughts, along

with the statement that I am just a mechanic whom the Lord has blessed, I have frequently heard that He (God) uses the weak to confound the mighty. There is no logical explanation in the world to account for the development of this digger."

He continues, "At the age of thirty, my garage had failed and I was 5,000 dollars in debt. At the age of forty four, I leaned so heavily on contracts that my employees (with more faith in me than I had in myself) took up a collection to get me back on my feet. That was I working on my own. If there was no logical explanation for the development of the digger, there is a theological one available to all of us."

God’s wisdom is superior to the wisdom of this world! If your earth is without form and void (as it was in Genesis 1:1), all you need is the creative unction of God. If at forty four Le Tourneau could begin all over again and become a world famous and renowned person, it is not late for you.

Sir James Simpson (Discoverer of Chloroform)

On his first day as a medical student, Simpson took his place with the spectators around the operating table. There were no clean antiseptic walls, gowns or masks in those days, and worse still, there were no anesthetics. A patient was brought into the room, pale with terror, and laid on

the table. The assistants held her down firmly and a bowl was put in the right place to catch the blood.

Then Liston, his black gentleman's suit protected only by a small apron, took up his knife, and with Simpson taut and horrified, he plunged the knife into his patient. Terrifying screams rent the air, and buried deep into the mind of Simpson a longing to see the end of consciousness and suffering in surgery.

So brief was the medical training in those days that Simpson qualified as a member of the Royal College of Surgeons at eighteen. For a time, he assisted the village doctor at Bathgate, then returned to Edinburgh to take his

Doctor of Medicine degree and to stay as an assistant member of the hospital staff. He earned £50 a year, and took every opportunity for research work. In fact, he spent all his energies on getting honours, and they soon came his way.

Because of the success of his research work, he was elected the Senior President of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh when he was only twenty-four. But even while the laurels were being bestowed, he was beginning to feel an undercurrent of dissatisfaction and unrest in his life.

“Yesterday was my twenty-sixth birthday, and what a fearful waste of time is summed up in that little numeral ... it is awful to think how such

a small fraction of time out of these twenty-six years has been employed as it ought to have been. I am always sad on my birthday and yesterday sadder than ever. It was one of those days, those fitful days of gloom, in which the past appeared to me as almost lost, and the future as a labyrinth of vexation and disappointment."

Simpson was asking himself, "What is life for?" But his hopes and ambitions were too active for such a fundamental question of life to vex him for long. He believed in this world and he believed that his work would win success and happiness. That was all there was to it.

Then, in 1846, the news came from

America that a successful anesthetics had been discovered — ether. Within months, Robert Liston had tried it in Scotland, but the dangers and disadvantages of ether were too great and a more satisfactory anesthetic had to be found.

Simpson joined the struggle to find the answer, and through the summer and autumn of 1846 he and his helpers tried drug after drug, sniffing, tasting and recording the effects on themselves. Eventually they tried chloroform. The local chemist suggested it in the first place, but failed to produce a bottle.

With typical impatience, Simpson immediately obtained some from

another town, but when he examined it he shook his head rather dubiously. “After seeing such an un-volatile liquid, I despaired of it.”

The bottle lay untouched for a few days until one evening, Simpson decided to try it as a long shot. His helpers, Dr. Duncan and Dr. Keith, set out three tumblers, Simpson poured a little into each one, and then they breathed the fumes deeply. For a moment there was no effect, then Dr. Keith began laughing loudly, Duncan danced round the room like a child and Simpson felt very, very drunk. Suddenly, all three lost their senses and collapsed. They had found their better anesthetic, and in no time, it was

introduced to the operating theatre to be hailed as a resounding success.

Simpson first tried chloroform for a mother in labour. She was so excited about the less painful birth that she named her baby girl Anaesthesia!

The famous doctor was urged to repent of his sins before God and to trust only in Christ's death for salvation. No one who earnestly seeks Christ in repentance is ever turned away, and by Christmas 1858, James Simpson knew that he was a changed man — a newly-converted Christian. His whole attitude to life changed. He found that he possessed a new understanding of God, and of His Word — the Bible. He could pray freely and

fully, as never before, and God answered his prayers. He felt a deep certainty within that God had made him His child, and he wanted above all else to serve Him and know Him more.

Henry J. Heinz (Heinz Foods)

Heinz was the eldest boy of a family of German immigrants. To Henry Heinz, Jesus Christ was the Lord of heaven and earth - above and beyond, yet everywhere; in the Heinz household and in the lives of his parents. Heinz said in later years, “In living for the Master and serving Him, something have been incalculably helpful and I turn with grateful heart to the teaching of my mother. Many of her sayings ever stand guard around my

thoughts and influence my actions.”

As the firstborn of their eight children, Heinz’s parents hoped that he would become a church minister, but he was so successful and indispensable in the garden, and later in the family business, that nothing ever came of it. He was only ten when his gardening activities led to his selling a wheelbarrow-full of vegetables round the village every day, and at twelve he was growing enough to load a horse and cart. Even at that age he could react with speed and effectiveness to adult-sized problems.

In 1869 (at age 25), he took a plot of land, two rooms and a celler to begin the production of bottled horse radish.

The trouble with fresh horse radish was its preparation. Washing and grating it was worse experience then peeling onions. But Heinz put an end to this painful household chore by churning out bottles of ready-grated horse radish by the thousands. His product was an instant and spectacular success.

While the firm grew — with all its attendant problems, Heinz still found time to run his local Sunday school. He prepared meetings, led the worship of the children, taught and gave spiritual counsel with an affection, which was seldom forgotten by his “scholars.”

As he devised new manufacturing processes, evolved sales methods and concocted recipes, the firm saw rapid

expansion. Extra land was acquired, new factories erected and an even greater variety of products introduced. Premises must be the cleanest everywhere and the buying of raw materials and the selling methods must be absolutely straight and fair.

H. J. Heinz was one of the first few American companies to introduce staff welfare facilities. The founder insisted that the firm provided staff with dining rooms, locker rooms, dressing rooms, gymnastics, swimming pools, uniforms, free hospital and dental treatments, free life insurance and further education facilities. The result was that few people ever left the sprawling Heinz Empire at Pittsburgh.

At the centre of it all, Heinz remained in the words of one of his executives —”a monument of inner peace.”

Throughout his life, he continued to be very active as a Sunday School Superintendent, giving very considerable financial support to Sunday school work in numerous churches. For 25 years, he helped to build up and run a statewide organization for the encouragement of Sunday school work and participated in many special campaigns to visit homes and encourage people to attend church. He also sponsored the promotion of Sunday school in such far-away places as Japan.

At the time of his death in 1919,

Heinz's firm had 6,523 employees, 26 factories, 227 offices and other premises and 100,000 acres of farmland. The obituaries published fairly reflected his own order of priorities in life: "Henry J. Heinz, churchman, philanthropist, manufacturer..."

The Dean of Pittsburgh University said, "The real passion of his life was his religion." Henry Heinz made clear what he meant by "religion" in the preface of his last will and testament: "... the most important item...a confession of my faith in Jesus Christ as my saviour."

Daniel Defoe (Author of Robison Crusoe)

Daniel Defoe, being conscious of his wasted past and, yet, believing God would fulfill a promise made in the Bible - “I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten,” strove to be as active as possible in Christian work for 15 of his later years in life.

The Lord did bless his later years, so much so that subsequent generations were to associate his name with the books he wrote, which bore a testimony to the covering power of the saviour. The once vain social climber had become a humble, genuine and warm person, concerned for the eternal souls of those around him.

All the knowledge of the Bible and of the Lord, so long covered up by the years, took on new relevance after his conversion and rapid progress in his walk with God. His tongue went to work in personal witness: explaining to others the change, which had taken place in his life.

The books he wrote included: *The Family Instructor* — which broke all sales records and which King George 1 read regularly to his children; and *Robinson Crusoe* — his best known novel, in which he described his personal conversion to Christ most graphically. A number of further novels followed: *The Life, Adventure and Piracies of the Famous Captain*

Singleton (another best seller, which also had a conversion message written in it). *The Misfortunes of the famous Moll Flonders*, *The Remarkable Life of Colonel Jack* and *The Fortunate Mistress* – all constitute his remarkable writings; and all had underlying repentance and conversion themes.

The same mind delivered to you was the same delivered to Michael Faraday, James Clerk Maxwell, R. G. Le Tourneau, and all the others I have told you about. You have the mind of Jesus – the ultimate for solutions, excellence and exploits.

You are not a worthless entity! You are not to be pitied, but to be envied. You have a sound mind, which will

only operate at a high frequency, if it is adequately charged, and you charge it by exposing it to the wisdom of others, through reading, listening to tapes and videos of anointed messages.

You have a sound mind, and a sound mind must produce a sound life, so if you are not living a sound life, it means you are not using your sound mind. You need to understand what you are loaded with. I am glad salvation is universal. Right now, you can chart a new course for your life.

CHAPTER 6

ITS SPIRITUAL DIMENSIONS

We have already established that the mind is the seat of wisdom and the seat of understanding. It is in the mind that issues are analyzed and broken down into absorbable bits for corresponding action.

We have also established that at redemption, the spirit of God carries out a quickening process also in the mind. The Holy Spirit that saves the spirit at redemption also redeems the mind from corruption. The quickening that takes place makes the mind to become a living mind. It is the Spirit

that gives life. If the mind is alive, then it must have a spirit. Ephesians 4:23 confirms this.

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind

Your mind has a spirit. This is the spirit, which is able to receive illumination from above because it is linked with the spirit of the Almighty God. Job 32:8 says:

There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding

The Amplified Bible renders it as “a vital force.” There is, therefore, a spiritual dimension to wisdom. The entrance of the wisdom of God into your mind brings light, which drives

away darkness from every issue confronting you. What you receive from books and the tasking of your brain are facts. Facts have no control over darkness. It is only light which comes from God that is able to lord it over darkness.

When this light comes from above, your eyes are opened; and with the resultant illumination, you are able to see your way clearly.

The Apostle Paul, while praying for the church in Ephesians said,

That God...may give unto you, the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know the hope of his calling,

and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints

Ephesians 1:17-18

You need a healthy mind and an enlightened and illuminated understanding in order to locate your inheritance in God. To enter and possess your inheritance, you need the spirit of wisdom and revelation. You need this divine revelation to be able to know the things that are yours for the taking.

There is that vital force in you. There is that potential on the inside of you. When you open it up to inspiration, there is a charging. When you connect that system to God, there is a charging that produces excellence.

You will come under the power of heaven-sent ideas which, when put to work, will cause you to rise from the realm of the ordinary to the extra-ordinary.

There is a vital force in the redeemed man. You are not expected to live an ordinary life with this force in you. There is a force that produces excellence in every realm of life. There is a force in you that should cause a shining forth, proclaiming the glorious gospel of Jesus.

If you must shine forth, you must receive illumination; you must receive wisdom from above, for it is only wisdom that makes the face of the wise man to shine. If you must receive this

wisdom, your mind must be actively alive, open and resourceful, having the ability to receive, analyse and break information into absorbable bits, which is what takes place at salvation.

Examples Of Excellence

Joshua, the servant of Moses, was a man who had the Spirit of God in him. He had been the minister of Moses almost all his life. When Moses was about to die and asked for a leader for the people, God told him about Joshua.

Take thee Joshua, the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit and lay thine hand upon him.

Numbers 27:18

Joshua already had the spirit, but he needed a higher release of the spirit to

enable him to carry out his new and higher function. The Holy Spirit was not yet at work on earth, so, Moses had to lay hands on him so he could receive the spirit of wisdom.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him.

Deuteronomy 34:9

Joshua became filled with the spirit of wisdom after Moses laid hands on him. He needed the spirit of wisdom to ascend and retain his throne as leader of Israel. He had to be filled in order to be fulfilled in his mission. With the spirit of wisdom in him, his mission was fulfilled: the children of Israel

hearkened unto him. There is no nation more rebellious than the nation of Israel, yet they listened to Joshua. They obeyed him and his leadership was fulfilled.

There is a spiritual dimension to wisdom. You do not force the issues of life through physical strength. Wisdom is not a product of mental exertion. It is an issue of the Spirit. There is a need for this understanding among believers today. You need to open up to the spirit of wisdom and revelation and let the wisdom of God flow through you and manifest. This is what you need this end-time. This is the gateway to fulfillment.

The wisdom that will produce must

come from God. The wisdom that will cause a shining forth must come from above. Noah found grace in the sight of God and God released to him wisdom. He built the largest ship ever, which housed the most comprehensive zoo in history. He received it from the Lord and acted accordingly and today he is down in history as the one who kept the human race and all animals from extinction.

Think of Daniel. There was no way he could have known the king's dream, not to mention the interpretation, even if they had slept on the same bed. But the Spirit of God, which searches all things, even the deep things of God, brought both the dream and its

interpretation out. It takes the Spirit of God to trace the actual rig that hits the oil. The Spirit searches out the deep things and releases them to men. Daniel was able to do what the wise men of Babylon could not do because he was a man "… *in whom is the spirit of the holy gods"* (Daniel 4:8).

Wisdom is not by power. It is not by might, it is by the Spirit of God working on the inside of you. This was the Spirit at work in Daniel and the three Hebrew boys that made them to be ten times better in all matters of wisdom and understanding than their contemporaries.

The spirit of wisdom is an excellent spirit. It produces excellence. This is

the ability to excel, to get to the top and to stay above. Daniel had no choice, but to excel because he became the president of the presidents.

Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents because an excellent spirit was in him...

Daniel 6:3

Looking at the equipment designed by man during the Gulf War, I told myself that the brains, which designed all the complicated gadgets, are unsaved brains. They do not have the Spirit of God in them. They are unredeemed, reprobate minds. They are dead minds, because they do not have the spirit of the living God, the quickener, on the inside of them.

If unsaved minds could do all these, how much more could you, who has the spirit of God working in you? You should excel. The best of the natural man's output should not match your own. Stop sitting down at your desk thinking that that project is impossible. Nothing is impossible with God; and if the Spirit of God is at work in you, then nothing should be impossible with you. Impossibility is of the devil. When you have the Spirit of God in you, you transcend the realm of impossibility to that of marvelous possibility. You are able to pierce through the thickest darkness to create a way.

An excellent spirit took Daniel to the throne. The same will take you to

yours. It took Joseph from the dark dungeon of Egypt's prison to the throne room of Pharaoh. How could Joseph, a man with no formal education, devise a means of preserving grain for seven years in far away ancient Egypt without the Spirit of God working in him? Pharaoh's declared with his mouth:

...Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is....there is none so discreet and wise as thou art; Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled...

Genesis 41:38-40

Our Saviour laid an example for us to follow. He was always connected to the source of power. He was always

full of wisdom from above.

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom...

Luke 2:40

And Jesus increased in wisdom...

Luke 2:52

As Jesus grew, His wisdom increased. We can, therefore, say that when He grew into the fullness of manhood and started His mission on earth, He also grew into the fullness of the wisdom of God. He manifested the wisdom of God in its fullness. He always knew what to do, where to go and when to step out. He was never stranded. The enemies were many and the traps set for Him were numerous, but He escaped them all with ease.

A day came and His enemies thought to get Him to contravene governmental laws. They asked Him, “You say you have come to free us from bondage. Now, do we pay tax to Caesar or not?” Jesus looked up and the light came. It was a trap. The way out was laid bare. He answered after showing them the inscription on a coin, “Give unto Caesar what is Caesar’s and unto God what is His.” His enemies were silenced.

A woman caught in adultery was brought to Him. He was asked, “Master, the law of Moses says anyone caught in adultery should be put to death. This woman was caught in the very act. Now, what do you say about

it. Do we stone her to death or not?" The Master looked up and light came. He wrote down with His fingers on the sand. Then He said, "He that is without sin among you should cast the first stone." The enemies sneaked away. They were beaten hands down. This is Jesus manifesting the wisdom of God on earth. No one could tie Him down. No enemy was too strong for Him. No situation was too difficult for Him.

The Holy Spirit at work in the disciples enabled them to make a landmark in history. They were unlearned and ignorant men. They were illiterates, yes. But we are still studying them today. Where did they get their wisdom? Peter's message on

the day of Pentecost was not ordinary. It came straight from heaven. Stephen's exposition in Acts Chapter 7 was not learnt from any school. It came from above. This was the spirit of God in them at work.

Don't allow your education become a trap. Lay it aside and open up to receive the spirit of excellence from above. Open up and engage in the active, exciting process of shining forth in the kingdom. Great heights are obtainable in the kingdom; great heights, which the eyes have not seen; the ears have not heard, and the mind has not conceived. Open up; enlarge your thought pattern, and receive illumination by inspiration from

heaven.

God is able to do far more than you are able to ask or think. So let your mind open up; not in daydreaming, but in covenant dreaming and insight, looking forward to a tomorrow that puts you in charge.

Wisdom is spiritual and it comes from God. It is our right to possess. So open up and receive it and avoid undue mental pressures and exertion. Receive it and begin to use it to press into your inheritance in God. Receive it and let it cause a shining forth of the glorious gospel of Christ Jesus through you.

Stir Up That Gift!

Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift

of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1: 6-7

We used to have one local bell in schools in those days. Until you pull at the rope attached to it, it would not sound. That sound was what alerted the entire village that it was time for school, (since few people had clocks in the village). As soon as children heard the sound of the bell, they came running to school. However, until the bell was rung, nobody knew it was school time.

There is a hidden treasure; a rich deposit in you, which needs to find

expression; it is one of the greatest wonders of the earth and it is lying dormant on your inside, waiting to be galvanized into action. That unique gift is the mind.

The mind is a gift from God, and every gift has to be put into use before you can see the results. It is the active utilization of gifts that make them produce. Your mind has the potential to command attention, but until you sound it, like the bell, it cannot make you an attraction on the earth. You must sound your mind for it to become sound.

God has given you a gift. He will not take it back: *For, the gifts and calling of God are without repentance*

(Romans 11:29). It is left for you to go into action or go to sleep. Great possibilities exist in the covenant and only the productive utilization of your mind will take you there.

It is time to stir up your mind; it cannot stir up itself. God cannot do it for you. The wonders of God are lying idle in your depths. Launch out and cause them to come forth. They have been waiting for you. God has been waiting too. It is time for you to act. That gift of a sound mind is on the inside of you waiting to be stirred into action.

It's A Pool Of Bethesda

Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in

the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

John 5:2,4

There was a pool in the days of Jesus, known as the pool of Bethesda. It was so loaded with healing virtue that was capable of healing all the diseases of all the people that lay there daily. But as powerful as that water was, it could not heal anybody until the water was troubled! In other words, it was the troubling of the water that

released the healing virtue that brought about healing.

Your mind can be likened to the pool of Bethesda; it is loaded enough to make you the envy of your generation. But until you stir it up, those virtues cannot flow out to bless you and your world! The thorny situations you might be going through are waiting for you; if you will sit down and trouble the virtues stored up in your mind, a solution will emerge.

Remember, 1 Corinthians 10:13 says that there is no temptation that is beyond your ability to handle; but in every temptation a way of escape is provided to help you overcome it. However, you need to sit down and

think through to a way of escape. Once you do, no devil can stop the manifestation of your miracle.

A young man had just completed his national youth service programme and was looking for a job. According to his testimony, in the month of May, which was prophetically declared as the month of prosperity, he contacted some light while I was teaching. He heard among other things — “Living without working is dying without knowing. Until you work, nothing works. Where there is a will, there will be a way. What you need to succeed is insight, not capital; and the insight you need demands your humility. Until they mock you, God won’t make you.

If you despise the days of little things, you will never see great days."

With these statements, he felt he did not need more scriptures to push him into productivity. He went to an aunt of his and asked her to help prepare coconut for him to start selling in the market. Later, he added a teaching job that fetched him twenty naira daily!

As he stayed faithful on his job, God located him and by the time he was sharing the testimony, he had become a manager in a company! By putting his mind to use, he located a way of escape out of joblessness to gainful employment.

E. W. Kenyon, a man blessed with

strange depths and insight said, “Make your brain work. It will sweat, but it will improve. It will develop until you become the envy of the people around you.” All men are equally endowed with a mind. But not all are exploiting it the same way, so the results cannot be the same.

How do you stir up your mind to produce? There are various ways by which your mind can be stirred into action.

The Word

The Bible is made up of hidden treasures and until your mind’s eyes are opened, you cannot see beyond the letters into the wonders. When reading the Word, your prayer should always

be:

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law

Psalm 119:18

You need to be able to see before you can possess. Nothing is appropriated in the kingdom without first being seen. You must see it and have it is a covenant law, which cannot be broken. Until you see beyond the letters in the Word, you cannot behold them. Until you see it, it cannot stir your mind. The Word that will stir your mind is the Word that you have seen.

The Word of God you have seen is the rod that stirs your mind into action; it is what ensures a proper mixing of that rich deposit in you. Wisdom,

sound wisdom, comes through the Word of God. Psalm 119:98 says;

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me

The Word is the commandment of God. It is that Word that makes for wisdom. It made Timothy wise, and it can make any dummy wise. The Apostle Paul told him, in 2 Timothy 3:15:

And that from a child, thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God is what stirs the wisdom deposit on your inside to produce. It is the rod, and you know

that there is no stirring up to form a proper solution without a rod. The man of wisdom must bear the rod. The man who will be wise must feed on the rod.

The Lord's voice crieth unto the city and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod.

Micah 6:9

Feed thy people with thy rod.

Micah 7:14

The rod stirs up your mind to action. The wonders of God embedded in the Word of God stir up your mind to produce. Hearing and studying the Word is feeding on it. But not all hearing and not all studying leads to the unveiling of the treasures behind the letter.

How, then, do we feed on the Word to get results? How do we lay hold of the gold in the gold mine?

Meditation

Food is not eaten to increase the size of the stomach. The objective of eating is not for the stomach to be full. You eat food to release essential body nutrients and fluids into your system. The food that will nourish the body must produce body nutrients. And the food that will produce these nutrients must pass through the digestive process.

This also goes for the Word of God, which is the food of the spirit. You can only extract the treasures in it by meditating on it. Meditation is the

process of digestion, which leads to absorption and assimilation of the Word. Meditation is reasoning in the scriptures.

People have attended great meetings. They have listened to the most renowned preachers. Every time they come out of meetings, you hear them sing and shout for joy. Visit them the next day and it is all gone. The joy has gone. The excitement is over.

Why? The substance of the Word did not get into them. Listen, beloved, at the end of the day, if you do not retain the substance of the Word in you, you have no means of sustenance. The excitement of hearing the revelation will go and if you do not

have the substance, you may go with it.

The Ethiopian eunuch read and read, but the Word did him no good, because he lacked an understanding of it. The nobility of the Berean Christians was revealed through their daily search and reasoning in the scriptures after listening to great messages.

Meditation is thinking through. Pondering on the Word is the gateway to a refreshing from above. You cannot get juice out of an orange without squeezing it. Squeeze out the Word of God and get it into your system, for, it is the entrance of the Word into you that brings light, not the reading, not the hearing. It has to be broken down

and analyzed before it can be absorbed.

There can be no careless glancing over scriptures. Each section under consideration must be thoroughly digested. Proverbs 24:32 says:

Then I saw, and considered it well; I looked upon it, and received instruction.

The instruction many require for living cannot be acquired by scanning the letters, words, phrases, clauses, sentences and paragraphs of scripture. There must be a digging deeper. As the Word penetrates, the mind receives illumination and the body is directed on what steps to take.

The Word of God that will produce in your life must necessarily pass

through this process. No one can do it for you. You have to do the eating; you have to digest it to get the nutrients. It is time to accept your individuality and step into your responsibility.

The Importance Of The Night Season

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me a counsel; my reins also instruct me in the night season.

Psalm 16:7

Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Psalm 19:2

Nighttime, contrary to popular opinion, is not for sleeping. It is the time the enemy goes about planting tares in your vineyard! If the enemy is

busy at night, why should you be sleeping? Reasoning in the Word is almost always impossible during the day. There is a stillness that goes with reading, which is only available in the night. It is the best time to receive instructions from God. It is the best time for proper analysis of events.

This is when you reason with God on the basis of His Word, and, by applying it to the real life situation you are confronted, that you get results.

Great men of old used the night season to their advantage (Jesus Himself used to wake up a great while before dawn). I have read about an unbeliever, one of the most productive men of our times, saying that his best

periods for cracking hard nuts is between the hours of 2 and 5:00 a.m. If an unbeliever could use these hours to his advantage, how much more should you, in whom the Spirit of God dwells?

The night season is at your disposal. God is not only the God of the day. He is also the God of the night. Make use of the night season and see every obstacle put into its proper place. Enough of sleeping! Sleeping Christians are defeated Christians. Cut off that sleep and lay hold on the reward.

Prayers Of Enquiry

Remember that King David, the war marshal, never lost any battle. He was a great soldier with expertise and

experience, but he never allowed these past experiences to lead him into the next battlefield. Before any battle, David always found his way to the enquiry room.

Every move of his was as directed by the Lord when he enquired. After the Amalekites made away with all their possessions, he did not run after them in haste. He first went to ask God for direction.

And David inquired at the Lord, saying, shall I pursue after this troop?

1 Samuel 30:8

God dictated every move of his. Even after the death of Saul when it looked like the coast was clear for him to be king, he still went to ask God for

direction.

And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the Lord saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah...Whither shall I go up...

2 Samuel 2:1

He always asked for clear, specific directions. This is the realm of tapping into God's ways. He never lost any battle because he was operating by heaven's strategy. God says that if any man lacks wisdom, let him ask. The wisdom you need in order not to lose any battle is with the Lord. There is no other source. Ask of the Lord and He will release it to you. This prayer also demands a deliberate waiting and listening for God's response to your

enquiry.

Never embark on any project without having obtained heaven's go-ahead; it is dangerous. The way to triumph is by knowing which way to go. This is wisdom. Ask for it from God with all honesty and sincerity of purpose and He will give it to you.

Praying In The Spirit

But ye beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.

Jude 20

One of the ways to face the unknown is by praying in the Spirit. By this, I do not mean speaking empty tongues while you are also engaged in greeting everyone that comes around

you! Praying in the Spirit without the active involvement of your mind is an exercise in futility.

When praying in the Spirit, there must be a corresponding subject on your mind. That obstacle which has been the object of your worry must be in your mind, as you pray in other tongues and as you pray, your faith begins to be built up to stand against it. More scriptures, eye-openers on that subject, begin to come into your mind and suddenly, you see the situation as it really is, in the eyes of God.

The illumination comes into your mind because your spirit, which is doing the praying, communicates with the Spirit and searches deep into the

subject to minister to your mind the way out. Learn to pray in the Spirit with a mission on your mind and you will experience a refreshing, an edification, a building up of your faith to stand against all the wiles of the devil.

Praise And Worship

The disciples were worshipping in the upper room when, suddenly, the inspiration came that Judas was to be replaced. On the day of Pentecost, they were at it again and the Holy Spirit came down in flames and tongues of fire. Paul and Silas were not sent on any mission untill the Holy Ghost gave the word. And the word came on it while they were ministering to the Lord

in praise and worship.

Examples abound all over scriptures showing that inspiration from the Holy Spirit comes under the atmosphere of praise and worship. Praise and worship always invokes the presence of God; and where the presence of the Lord is, His ways are made manifest.

The kings of Israel and Judah, with their entire host, were stranded in the wilderness without a drop of water for their tongues. They neither knew what to do nor which way to turn. Elisha was sent for, but his inspiration level was at low ebb. He sent for a minstrel, and as the minstrel ministered in songs with his instrument, inspiration came. The

word of the Lord came to him and spoke deliverance unto the stranded parties.

You have a responsibility to stir up your mind by exposing it to inspiration from above. Get good music; make melody with your mouth unto the Lord. Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs from the Word unto God; worshipping and exalting His name — and the presence of the Lord, the citadel of inspiration, will descend. When that vital force in your mind is exposed to inspiration, mighty things result.

Sing praise to God with objectivity. Worship Him with a mission. When there is darkness hovering in one corner, worship God with that purpose

behind your mind. You are stirring up your soul to receive light. This was what Elisha did. Do the same and you will receive illumination and a solution to your problem.

Concentration

This has to do with having a goal and identifying with it. It calls for a singleness of purpose and pursuit.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Matthew 6:22

You need to have a set goal and focus on it. Have a set vision. This should be deeply imbedded in you. It should have your all in all. It should be able to occupy you fully. Your mind

has eyes. This is why we are told that it can be blinded.

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them...

2 Corinthians 4:4

These are the eyes with which you see beyond the physical into the supernatural. You can stir up your mind into action by continually keeping your goal in view — in your mind's eye. The light will be shed on your way for action. If you want light, you need to be single-minded about your goal, allowing for no form of distraction. Focus your mind's eye on one goal. Concentrate on it. The more you look at it, the clearer you will be able to see your way towards

accomplishing it.

Identify completely with your goal. Stop moving from place to place, minding other people's businesses. Concentrate on your set goal, and that light you need to be able to make a move will come bursting in.

The Lord's Table

Two of the Lord's disciples were on the way to Emmaus. They were confused and perplexed. The death of Jesus and His rumoured resurrection was giving them great concern. They needed the light from above. They needed illumination from heaven. They needed their spiritual eyes to be opened. Jesus came and explained things to them, but they were still

blind. They went into the house and something magnificent happened (Luke 24:13-32). In verses 30 and 31, we read:

And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it and brake and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him...

Their participation at the Lord's Table brought about the illumination they needed. The solution to that problem upsetting you has always been with you. All you need is for your eyes to be opened to see it through divine illumination. You can get this by eating at the Lord's Table.

Do not disregard the service of the

Holy Communion. It is of utmost importance in the life of a believer. It is an injection of the life force of Jesus into you to stir up your own dormant one. As you partake at the Holy Communion, see it as a toast for the opening of the eyes of your mind for a new walk in great supernatural illuminations of the spirit.

Good Company

In order to positively sharpen your reasoning to enable you obtain your covenant blessing, you need to keep good company. The Word of God says in Proverbs 13:20:

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

Good company is necessary if the wisdom deposited in you must be stirred into action. Rub minds with great minds. Rub minds with great covenant thinkers and you will see light continually shed on your path.

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend

Proverbs 27:17

Iron can only sharpen iron. It cannot sharpen wood. When it comes in contact with wood, they both lose. The wood reduces in size and the iron gets blunt. Do not lay your plans before ungodly men, asking for counsel. This is dangerous to Christian growth and progress.

The Bible is full of evidence of men who got destroyed by relying on counsel from ungodly men. Ammon got destroyed through his friend Jonadab (1 Samuel 13). Rehoboam lost the kingdom of Israel through ungodly advice and retained only the kingdom of Judah (1 Kings 12).

A man who befriends ungodly men and listens to their counsel will be destroyed. The man that will be blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly (Psalms 1:1-3). Wood cannot sharpen iron. Look for another sound mind to share ideas with. Make friends with wise men and you will be wise; you will grow from strength to strength, enjoying God’s

eternal blessings.

CHAPTER 7

ITS CHANNELS

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

Proverbs 9:1-2

Wisdom is founded on several pillars. Until you discover them and walk in them, your triumph in life is not sure. What are these pillars?

Self-Discovery

The greatest discovery in life is the discovery of self. It is knowing who you are, and what you are here on earth

for. That is the discovery of self. You are unique. You are not a common person; rather, you are peculiar. It does not really matter how many people look like you; nobody else can be you. That explains why as close in resemblance as twins are, they still have different fingerprints. Creation is as detailed as that!

The uniqueness of your person should also tell you that you have a unique destiny. God has a plan in place from the foundation of the world concerning you. He has already mapped out what you should accomplish on the earth. He has already formed in His mind an expectation about you. That is why

Jeremiah 29:11 in the Revised Standard Version says:

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Therefore, know that you are a creature of destiny, not of chance. All you need, however, is to make a personal discovery of God's plan for your life and pursue it. A wise man once said, "You don't decide your destiny, you discover it." That is true, because a product does not determine its purpose, the manufacturer does. God is our manufacturer and we are His products. He has determined our purpose; all we need to do is to

discover it.

You cannot make a mark on the earth until you discover your God-ordained purpose and walk in it.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

The above scripture confirms that God has great things prepared for you, His beloved; but for those things to become manifest, you have a responsibility to discover them.

Discover What Is Within

Every human being has a treasure within. That treasure, when exploited,

determines your placement in life.

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

Matthew 25:14-16

The man in this parable gave talents to all his servants. The first man traded with his talents and multiplied them. The second man traded with his

and gained two more, but the last man dug a pit and buried his talent. Jesus said, "*For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country.*" Thus, signifying that what occurred in this parable obtains also in the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, you have divine abilities inside you, but what becomes of your destiny lies in your discovery and subsequent exploitation of these abilities.

A pointer to your divine abilities is discovering what gives you the utmost joy when you are engaged in doing it. What do you do with the least effort, but which excites and provides you the necessary motivation? Sometimes you

may be doing something, which you have an interest in, but which you are not gifted for. That is why you find yourself struggling with it, but accomplishing very little.

When you locate the treasure of God within you, you will not need to struggle; it will flow naturally out of you. I am not talking about your qualification, because sometimes your qualifications can trap you into pursuing a career for which you are not gifted. rather, I am saying that there is something inside you that can make you the star God designed you to be.

For instance, there are some people who are cut out for business – anything sells in their hands. But they have

found themselves in careers where there is no buying and selling. Others have strayed into ministry, so they keep sweating and struggling, yet, God has not called them to preach, therefore, the grace required is missing. No wonder they are frustrated and are under pressure.

According to Ecclesiastes 9:10, anything you do will prosper. So, you can actually get by doing whatever your hands find to do. But you cannot make a mark on the earth until you locate God's unique purpose for your life. This is practical application of wisdom.

There Are Gifts And Callings

For the gifts and calling of God are

without repentance.

Romans 11:29

The word gift is translated from the Greek word “charisma”, which means “divine gratuity, a spiritual endowment, a free gift”. And calling is from the word “Klesis”, which means an invitation. In other words, a gift is put inside you by God for trading, and as you discover and develop it, your destiny is secured. But a calling is a vision or an assignment from God.

Both gifts and callings weigh the same before God, but you have a responsibility to make it sure (2 Pet. 1:10). God’s calling is not based on natural abilities, but on predestination. Remember Moses, who was the pastor

of the three million congregation in the wilderness? The question is, how was a stammerer going to preach to a congregation? But God calls based on His eternal purposes.

It's A Dreamers World

We live in a world where only dreamers count. Most people who have accomplished extraordinary feats were dreamers. They dreamt of their inventions long before it came to be. Nobody arrives at a future of greatness he did not dream about in his today.

For instance, any young person you find in the Nigeria Defense Academy is dreaming of a day he would be decorated as a general in the army. You cannot ask him what he is doing in the

Academy today; he already knows that!

The same thing obtains in medical s c h o o l s . The young medical undergraduate only dreams of when he will emerge as a celebrated surgeon. Everyone who ever became a celebrity in the secular world rode on the wings of dreams. Dreams are the stuff giants are made of, unless you are a dreamer you will remain a dwarf!

The world is dreaming, but too many Christians are without dreams; they think Christianity excuses them from dreaming. but nothing could be farther from the truth. God has a great future for you, but you must dream it today to encounter it tomorrow.

It is not just enough to dream, you

must also believe in those dreams! The most fascinating dreamer in the world was Joseph. No prophecy went ahead of him, telling him that he would be the head of his family. But Joseph was a dreamer, and his dreams secured for him a glorious future. To be dreamless is to be doomed.

And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

Genesis 37:5

Joseph’s dream stirred up jealously among his brethren, but he did not care. He believed in his dream, so he declared it. The dream angered his brothers, but Joseph kept dreaming and kept on proclaiming it. Why? Because

once you catch a dream, you cannot but speak of it. Maybe if you only heard it, you would have an opportunity to doubt; but when you have seen it, it is settled and nobody can persuade you otherwise. That is why the apostles, in spite of the threats by the elders of the Jews, said:

For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 4:20

Whatever you are afraid to proclaim, you have not seen. You may have heard it preached; but hearing is not enough, you must see it. That is how to set a pace for a victorious destiny.

Let businessmen use their minds to

paint pictures of success in their businesses, and it shall be so. Let the career person imagine himself at the top echelon of his career, and it will be impossible for him to remain at the bottom. Let the weakling catch a dream of living in perpetual strength and health, and he cannot be weak again. That is how to get God committed.

Joseph's dream brought him to the throne in Egypt. If you, too, can catch a dream of good health, wealth, peace, joy and success, you will ascend your own God-given throne.

Your mind is the compass of your destiny. It gives direction to your life for, "...*As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he*" (Prov. 23:7). The mind is

where matters are weighed. You use it to think over issues, and reason out what next step to take in life to arrive at where you are going. The mind is also where solutions are found to difficult situations, through the process of reasoning and analyzing.

In addition, it is responsible for the storage of memories and projections. The projection dimension is where many people get stranded. Projection means shooting forward.

An aspect of projection is dreams.

What Is A Dream?

A dream is a mental picture of a desired end. I am not referring to the night dreams you have after heavy bowls of pounded yam, no. A dream

helps you paint a picture of your desired end and supplies you with inner strength to accomplish it.

Consider those fellows in Genesis, chapter 11. They set their minds to build a tower “whose top may reach heaven.” Ambition was the force behind this super- human project. God, however, knew that they were capable of doing it, because they had painted a picture in their minds and that picture had supplied the drive needed to pursue their dreams.

And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them which they have imagined

to do.

Genesis 11:6

If God had not intervened, they would not have surrendered. Therefore, any assignment or mission is accomplishable once you can catch a picture of the desired end.

Ever before I got married, I knew I was going to have a blissful married life. God's Word showed me that marriage is honourable. It showed me that two are better than one. It showed me that it is not good for man to be alone.

I reasoned it out in my mind that if I was not a fighter as a bachelor, marriage should take me further away from it. Besides, I saw in the character

of Jesus something that made me optimistic. He was literally married to the twelve apostles (we are his bride), but in spite of their divergent characters, he was still able to put up with each of them and accomplish his mission.

I then, reasoned that if Jesus could cope with such characters, it was not impossible to have a blissful marriage. To the glory of God, over the years that we have been married, I have enjoyed a hitch-free, tension-free marriage!

But it did not happen by chance. I saw it in the scriptures and I programmed my mind towards its manifestation. I caught a dream of a hitch-free marriage ever before I got

married; and because God is committed to granting our expectation, He granted me mine!

Remember Abraham? God told him:

For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.

Genesis 13:15

God did not expect Abraham to see all that was to be his with his physical eyes. He was expected to form a mental picture of a desired end. If you see nothing, you will get nothing. But when you locate any treasure in God's Word and create a mental picture of it in your mind, no matter how impossible it may seem you can have it.

When I say I cannot have an accident, it is not an empty boast. It is a boast well-anchored on the divine provisions for my protection. Jesus was wounded and bruised for my sake, so I would not suffer wounds and bruises! Besides, He has put His angels in charge over my protection (Ps. 91:11).

I cannot imagine Jesus in an accident wreck, why should I be found in one? These truths have become so ingrained into my spirit man that nothing moves me in all my travels. Before I set out on a journey, I already see myself arriving. It is so wonderful!

Before our ministry began in 1983, I had designed all the administrative set-up. I saw it in my mind's eye

before it became a reality. A sophisticated printing press for the ministry was priced as far back as 1983! We had no money at all for it then. But in 1993, we saw the establishment of a giant press, where all our books and other evangelistic materials are produced!

That is the power of dreams! The signs and wonders you are expecting in your life are possible if only you can open up your mind to picture their arrival. When they finally arrive in your hands, they will come so effortlessly.

Dreams are destiny boosters. As I said earlier, to be dreamless is to be doomed.

You Need Goals

Wisdom is knowing how to handle issues in order to make them produce your desired results. Once you have a dream the next step is to translate that dream into goals. Many who are failures in life today are so because they do not have goals. So, they keep whiling away time because they do not know exactly where they are heading for. Dreams help you to set mental goals.

A goal is defined as, “a mark or an end toward which effort is directed, an aim or a purpose”. Think about this: have you ever heard of footballers playing on a pitch without goal posts? You will never have a winner, because

goals cannot be scored and a winner cannot be determined.

Martin Luther King Jnr. said, “If you don’t have a purpose for living, you are not fit to live.” You should be able to ask yourself where you are heading to in life; why you were created and what you are on earth to accomplish.

When you have ascertained where you are heading for, you put your mind to work and imagine your access to your destination. Dreams help to make the pursuit of your purpose in life more resourceful.

Once you can translate your dreams into goals, and take the necessary action, you are definitely heading for

dominion. You will emerge a man in charge of the affairs of your life in Jesus' name.

Kingdom Dreams

The primary reason why God frustrated the dream of those building the tower of Babel in Genesis 11 was because it was not God-centred. Every selfish dream is doomed before its execution. But when the expansion of God's kingdom is the reason for your dream, God is excited and undoubtedly committed to the accomplishment of that dream.

Consider Hannah: she had bemoaned her ill fortune, grumbling and accusing God. But when she put God first, her greatest dream was

fulfilled.

And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

1 Samuel 1:11

As she pledged to give God the son He would bless her with, God answered her prayer and also added many more children to her. A kingdom dream secures all other dreams; it ensures that all your other dreams come true!

Delight thyself also in the Lord;

and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalm 37:4

Cast Down Evil Dreams

Dreams are potent forces in establishing the destiny of a man. Right dreams have a positive effect on any man’s future, but watch a man with evil dreams, he soon becomes a captive of evil.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and

bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

When the imaginations of your heart tend only to evil, when the dreams of your mind are contrary to the truth revealed in the Word of God, watch it - Satan is laying a trap for you.

All anti-scriptural imaginations are strongholds of the enemy designed to pull you down. Likewise, scripture-based imaginations are your covenant strongholds.

Some people claim to have “the gift of dreams”. According to them, whatever they see, good or bad, comes true. As a result, the enemy has trapped and boxed them in. A man dreams that

his child has fallen sick, so he wakes up panic-stricken and begins to run helter-skelter. That is the entrance Satan was looking for to afflict their health! Job said:

For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

Job 3:25-26

God responds to the thoughts of your heart (Eph. 3:20), whether negative or positive. Sometime ago, when I was aboard a commercial jet, the pilot began to make negative announcements concerning the state of

the plane. All I said to myself was, “I don’t have any problems, I will just arrive in my bedroom, if any thing happens.” That was the picture I painted and carried in my mind; I believed it, so I was calm.

Interestingly enough, an unbeliever was aboard the same flight, and later told me after we landed that when he looked up and saw me he became calm. That was because, according to him, he knew something would take me to safety. So he concluded that if anything went wrong, he would “dive” to where I was and hold on to me, so that whatever evacuated me from the plane would evacuate him also!

Deep within me, I could not

imagine myself involved in an air crash. I thought to myself that if Jesus were aboard the same flight, He would not crash. To me, it was an opportunity to arrive home without the use of a taxi! That is wisdom at work, and it works any day! We landed safely and God received all the glory.

Many are mental captives, but you can free yourself by casting down imaginations that are contrary to the truth revealed in the Word of God. Every contrary thought is a trap of the enemy, and must be cast down. But you do not stop at casting them down; you also have a responsibility to fill up your mind with the Word of God. It is with that Word, therefore,that you pull

down all negative imaginations.

For instance, I was away in America for an engagement, when one night, I had a dream and saw myself in a coffin about to be buried. I reacted while still asleep and said, “Satan, you must be very stupid, because it is written, *there is no wisdom nor counsel in the grave where thou goest*. No one sees himself in the coffin and stays there!” With that I knocked off that negative dream.

Perhaps your wife is in labour and the enemy bombards you with negative images of the likelihood of complications or death. Simply stand your ground and cast down the negative imagination by the Word of God.

Declare, “It is written, *You shall serve the Lord your God and He will bless your bread and water, and take sickness away from your midst. None shall be barren or cast their young*” (Ex. 23:25-26).

Your wife will definitely return from the labour room with her baby. This applies to any other area of challenge; when you apply the Word of God to that situation, you cast down negative imaginations. Proverbs 4:23 says, “*Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.*” The writer of Proverbs is asking, “Do you want to have continuous victory over negative imagination? Load your heart with scriptural

imaginations, otherwise known as revelations.”

The information you open up for, determines the type of imaginations you have, whether positive or negative. And the type of imagination you have determines just how far you go in life. From today, you will no longer be a victim of negative thoughts in Jesus’ name! As you begin to nurture kingdom dreams, I see you reign in life!

You Need Direction

If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.

Ecclesiastes 10:10

One of the benefits of wisdom is direction. Wisdom will show you which way to go. It will tell you that you are not created to roam about on the earth. Wisdom will lead you to a discovery of the plan of God for your life.

There are many people, who, in God's agenda, are meant to reign on the earth, but who are still held in chains, because they have not discovered their gifts or located their calling. So many destinies have crashed because of lack of direction.

There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler:

Folly is set in great dignity, and the

rich sit in low place.

I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

Ecclesiastes 10:5-7

Do you know how many children are roaming about today, instead of flying on eagles' wings because their parents will not allow them to pursue their areas of interest? "You must be a doctor! You must be a lawyer!" But there is nothing 'doctoring' or 'lawyering' on the inside, so the child spends a better part of his life battling to pass, when he could have been soaring high effortlessly elsewhere.

Parents, please, do not sit on your children's destinies. You are not their

creator. Let God who is their creator determine the course of those young lives! I met someone sometime ago in America who had been called into ministry some ten years earlier, but who had not responded, because he could not approach his father to tell him about the call. He is still struggling through life where he is, doing what he is not called to do. That will not be you!

Do not let anyone dash your destiny – not physical or spiritual parents, and not even older and seemingly more experienced men. Be willing to discover the treasures hidden in you. Someone once said that for every step you take in life, at least twenty percent

of the people around you will not see it the way you see it.

It was said concerning Jesus in John 2:24:

But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men,

Jesus did not commit Himself to men, or else He would have made a shipwreck of His faith. But today you find that many Christians are too committed to men to make a mark on the earth.

There is no way a man can know everything, because man is limited in insight. But we have an all-knowing and all-wise God, who has access to eternal facts. At best, man has access to natural facts; but God knows the end

from the beginning. It is better to be connected to the all- knowing God.

Wisdom demands that you sit down and locate the treasures of God inside you. A wise man said, “Find out what you truly love doing and build your daily agenda around it.” What you love doing becomes a clue to the gift of God in you.

Identity

Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather.

For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord’s freeman: likewise also he that is called, being

free, is Christ's servant.

Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

1 Corinthians 7:20-24

Identity is what I call the second pillar of wisdom. It is identifying with your discoveries, no matter what. It is sticking to your gift or calling until it produces. An understanding of the subject of identity will make any man outstanding on the earth. Many people are stranded today, because although they have made outstanding discoveries about themselves, but they fail to stay by those discoveries until they begin to speak.

And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Habakkuk 2:2

When I first began to teach faith, it was not popular. To many people, it was a bad subject. We were called fake preachers. We were torn apart on many pulpits. I had the opportunity of losing my identity as a result of the persecution, but I refused to compromise my stand, because my identity is my strength. Anyone was free to preach on any subject, but I would not shift my ground for any reason whatsoever.

Psalm 16:11 says:

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

You can only have pleasures when you have located the path for your life and identified with it; if not, you are signing up for a life of pressure and stress. Many years ago, someone asked Billy Graham's associate why he did not start his own ministry. He answered, "I'd rather be number two in God's plan than be number one in my own plan." His destiny was tied to that divine placement.

If he had moved out, perhaps he would have eternally lost the place God had reserved for him in the body of

Christ. Why? Because it is not a question of natural abilities, such as eloquence, but a matter of calling.

Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather.

1 Corinthians 7:21

God's rating of a man weighs more than the rating of men. Look at the case of Moses and Aaron, for instance. Moses was a fugitive, whereas, Aaron was a free citizen. Aaron was also eloquent, a man of words; but Moses was a stammerer. Aaron was the elder, Moses the younger.

When God was looking out for a man to lead His people, He chose the one who was less qualified—Moses. It

took an understanding of the wisdom of identity for Aaron to serve under Moses. It was not Moses who spoke directly to Pharaoh; he instructed Aaron on what to say. Yet, Aaron did not let his second position bother him, because that was where his star shined.

There is a wise man, Jerry Savelle, who was pastoring a struggling church. God told him to close the church down and go and serve under Kenneth Copeland. He left that church and became a staff in Copeland's ministry. But he found his place in God, and today, he has a thriving ministry of his own.

Stay wherever God has placed you and enjoy being there, because that is

where your star will shine. You cannot make a mark on the earth until you identify with your discovery. For instance, I am not more fulfilled now than I was fourteen years ago, because I cannot imagine any other thing I would rather do than preach the gospel. I enjoy my job and I will not give anything in exchange for it.

Some are struggling in pursuit of a career for which they have no flair. Perhaps that is their area of discipline (they have a certificate to show for it), but they are not cut out for it, so they never become authorities in that area, they never become stars. But take that same man and give him some capital to start a business, and you will see him

do excellently well in it.

Certificates are the pitfalls of many! You may be wondering how a graduate of Agriculture can become a spare parts dealer. But that is where his star will shine (Eccl. 8:1). You must never allow the fear of what people will think of you rob you of your place in destiny. Do not sell off; otherwise, you will end up the loser.

Identity is where your strength lies. God has caused me to come across many great men, but I will not do things the way they do them. I will only do the things God has sent me to do the way He has instructed me to do them. Today, they have come to accept and respect my individuality.

I have been to North America several times, but nobody can make me talk like an American. They cannot talk like me, so why should I talk like them? No matter how I talk like an American, can I ever be one? So what is the point of losing my identity to somebody else?

Also, I have come to appreciate the fact that the differences in colour is only skin deep. When a white man needs a spare kidney, a black man can donate one to him. Will he say that because it is a black man that gave him the kidney that he will not take it? Is there any black kidney? That means colour is only superficial; the real man is within!

Accept Your Uniqueness!

You are unique by creation. By accepting and embracing your uniqueness, you are securing your destiny. One point at which many people miss it is in the area of comparison. When you start comparing yourself with others you are not wise. Your friend begins a business and you know you have no flair for business, but you go and borrow money and start a business – and become a concern to everybody; all because you reasoned, 'If he can do it why not me?' That is how many, who are, by destiny, assets in the Kingdom, have become liabilities.

You are only your best when you

are in God's place for you. Remember that you have only one life to live; so let your eyelids look straight before you. Do not be ashamed of God's gift in you, or His calling. Turn your back on the comments of men and abide by your discovery; it will soon speak.

What About Joshua?

And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

Exodus 24:13

Joshua was a mighty man of valour and the commander-in-chief of the armed forces of Israel. Later on, he became Moses' minister. Mind you, the word "minister" means steward. But Joshua was content to wait on his

master. However, when it was time to choose a man to set over the assembly, God chose him.

You do not have to experience an identity crisis. Staying wherever God has placed you is the only way to protect your destiny in God. Identity is God's wisdom for ascending your throne in life. It is His tool for realizing your place on earth. Don't compromise it!

There Will Be Persecution

Let me mention, at this juncture ,that not everybody will agree with you. Many will not. You may never be commended for pursuing your discovery, but do so nevertheless. Do what God has instructed, no matter

what people feel about it. You may be mocked, but those who mock you today will sing your hosanna tomorrow!

When I heard God say to me, “Go and make My people rich,” I was alone. To let the opinion of men dissuade me would have been foolishness. When I heard Him, I went all out in my pursuit of that instruction. Today, many wealthy men have been raised as a result of compliance with that commission.

Remember, where you are now may be small, but your latter end will greatly increase. So, stay where God has placed you and you will have cause to rejoice in the future.

Tenacity

Let me introduce you to the next pillar of wisdom — tenacity. It is defined as holding fast; sticking stiffly. I define it as un-compromised commitment. Nobody succeeds in life without adding tenacity to discovery and identity. Until you are unwaveringly committed to your discovery, you do not have a guarantee of accomplishment. You must come to a point where you are so committed to a course in life, that it becomes all you are living for.

Jesus said:

...My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 4:34

He was so committed to His

mission that it became like food to Him. As He progressed, He became an eternal star — someone who outlived His time. The world will only pay attention to you when you pay attention to your work. Until you sow the seed of commitment, you cannot reap the harvest of accomplishment.

Look at Apostle Paul, a man of unwavering commitment. He said concerning himself:

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

1 Corinthians 9:16

He bound himself with an oath to stay faithful to his calling. Even when

he was put in prison, he held fast to his calling, without a sense of shame (Rom. 1:16). Paul was like the proverbial grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, but soon begins to yield much fruit (Jn.12: 24-26). He was deadly committed to his calling, so he became fruitful in life. Commitment is the highway to honour; there is no substitute for it!

I remember making a vow when God called me into ministry, that no man serving in the vineyard part-time would outrun me in the race. I reasoned that I have 24 hours on the job, whereas a part-time minister has only about twelve; so I should be able to produce more than him. It may sound like pride

to you, but I was setting a pace for quality input into my job.

If you are running a kiosk, you should be so committed that people see you there early in the morning, welcoming customers with a smile. That way, it will soon become a supermarket. It is lack of commitment that makes a man sleep until mid-morning before going to his place of business. Nobody rises that way.

At the onset of our ministry, I remember that by seven in the morning, I would be in my only suit and be on my way to work. My co-tenants always thought I was a lawyer, because I would not return until late at night. Commitment! No amount of

prayer is a substitute for commitment. Fasting will not take its place either. You only make your calling and election sure by “unshakeable” commitment.

One reason many givers are not as blessed as they should be is because they are lazy. What God blesses is the work of your hands. When you are a hard worker, you provide a channel for Him to release your blessings.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:3

This generation of Christians needs

an appreciation of the place of commitment in realizing their God-given goals. Commitment, to God, is only foundational; what makes a man is his commitment to his gift or calling. For instance, God spoke to me to start a Bible School, which would raise the foundation of many other ministries. God had spoken, true. But I still needed to visit other Bible institutes to find out how they were being run.

My investigations revealed how many could not really pinpoint what their mission was. So, I sat down to define the mission of the school and to draw up a corresponding curriculum. The result is that some of the courses

are hardly taught anywhere else in the world! Commitment will bring you to great heights; it will distinguish you.

Joseph was committed to his work in the prison and he became a Prime Minister. Commitment is wisdom, and wisdom enthrones (Prov.8: 15).

One man, who was so committed to a course that today, he is still being celebrated, is Martin Luther King Jnr. He was so committed to his course, that he almost, single-handedly fought, racism in America and won. He is the one who said, “If you can’t fly, run. If you can’t run, walk. If you can’t walk, crawl. By all means, keep moving.”

No committed man is ever stagnated. You always make progress

with commitment.

Versatility

The last pillar of wisdom we would be considering is Versatility. To be versatile means to possess the ability to turn freely; that is, many-sided ability or something, that is capable of many uses.

Your mind, for instance, is versatile; it is capable of many uses. All you require is to engage it strategically for maximum productivity. But there are factors that enhance versatility.

Planning

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is

established:

And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 24:3-4

Planning is the fundamental way of being versatile in your pursuits in life. It is also a smart way to obtain results. Many Christians, who are still grounded today, are so because they are poor planners. It is true that they have discovered their gifts; they have identified with their discoveries and are unwaveringly committed in its pursuit, yet they cannot move forward because they are poor planners!

A wise man said, “Failing to plan is planning to fail.” Planning, therefore,

is God's wisdom for increased productivity. For instance, since our ministry started, we have never squandered all our income; there has always been money brought forward into the New Year. Also, in my home, my wife is an excellent planner. Right from when we got married, food never finishes in our home, because she makes sure the money I give her is judiciously spent. Smart planners always obtain results.

Any enterprise is built by wise planning...

Proverbs 24:3 (Living Bible)

I believe that if Christians become covenant planners, the world will not be able to contain us! What is the use

of wanting to rent a shop of 200,000 Naira, when all you have is 20,000 Naira? To make matters worse, you claim God spoke to you! That is not God; it is the devil setting a trap for you.

Your cash should determine the type of shop you rent, not vice-versa. It is your budget that should control your purchases, not your purchases your budget.

In another instance, a man wants to buy a pair of shoes, which costs twice his income. That is not a need; it is covetousness! Your desires should be within your income. There is always a shoe that matches the size of your pocket. So, go to a shop where shoes

are sold for ten percent of what you earn, and buy from there. That is how to live long!

Through wisdom is an house builded...

Proverbs 24:3

Don’t be a husband who gives your wife money you know cannot meet the needs of the family. As a husband, give what you know will be sufficient and leave your wife to plan how to spend it, using her God-given wisdom.

When my wife asks me what I want to eat, I tell her to give me whatever she has prepared. I am too busy to think about what to eat. But this places a responsibility on her to ensure that nothing finishes in the house, and to

plan within the available resources.

Planning makes life easy. Remember also that you have a covenant responsibility to your children, so put them into your monthly budget. They are not born to suffer. All our children have monthly allowances, so that their needs are taken care of. From their allowances, they pay their tithe and give offerings.

These are some ways to put that versatile mind of yours to work. You do not have to live in crisis. By engaging your mind, you can walk out of problems and emerge in bright colours.

Therefore, create a place in your house called, “Thinking Corner”. Go

there, sit down with paper and pen and begin to plan how to make the best of your days, your time, your money, etc. If can think through, you will breakthrough!

Get At The Facts

Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.

Proverbs 24:3-4 (TLB)

A fact is a truth, reality or a real state of things. There are natural, technical and spiritual facts. A natural fact is a truth pertaining to nature. A technical fact, on the other hand, is a truth pertaining to art or applied science, for example, electrical facts.

But spiritual facts are superior to all, because whatever is from above is above all.

We have seen natural and technical facts producing outstanding results. Then you can imagine what spiritual facts will produce! That is why men who are linked up with spiritual facts effortlessly excel in all areas of life. All the candidates in an examination have an idea, but only those with the relevant facts score fat marks. Facts make you stand out!

Unfortunately, however, few Christians are interested in gathering the facts on their jobs, businesses, family life or even ministry. But your job cannot be “fatter” than the facts

you have access to.

If you want to begin a business, you must have practical facts on what to deal in, where to find the goods, what time of the year they sell fastest and best, what profit you expect to make and how to beat others in the open market. It is not just buying and selling. The success of your business depends on the facts you have collated.

Many pastors need to be pastored, because they do not have any facts on pastoring. They think pastoring only entails flipping through the pages of the Bible and preaching messages. But pastoring also involves administration. To be a successful pastor you need more than the anointing, you also need

wisdom for proper administration.

In the case of financial prosperity, you do not prosper simply because you are a giver, no. There are other facts you need to have to ensure that your giving produces. One of those facts is that God expects you to give according to what you have. He knows your financial position per time, and He does not ask you to give to a point where you become a borrower or beggar. Some people even borrow to give. No, you need to locate the facts on prosperity and you will go flying!

Every fact you locate and apply puts you in control of life's circumstances. They so put you in charge, that the devil is permanently

kicked out of your life. You need to be in touch with the facts that it takes to triumph cheaply in life.

Reason Your Way To The Top

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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

Isaiah 1:18-19

Reasoning is godliness! Godliness simply means god-like-ness. Therefore, reasoning is a quality of God. There was a time when some Christians advocated that the ability to reason was of the devil. Reasoning is of God and

must be used by Christians to make a mark. Jesus, for example, succeeded through actively engaging His mind. He always knew what to do, so He must have had cause to think through issues.

No man can obtain reasonable results without reasoning. You must be prepared to set time aside, sit down and "lay your cards on the table." Ask yourself what you should do to multiply your capital base, your profit margin, etc. Your brain can do more than a million things, if you will make it work. You do not need more capital; all you need is a "capital" sense. Thank God you have it; so go and make it work! Remember that you have the mind of Christ and if Christ reasoned,

you too must reason.

One man, who reasoned his way out of suffering, was the prodigal son. One day he called himself to order. He sat down and arranged the relevant facts before him; he analyzed his present position and designed a technique to get out of his predicament.

He listed out the total number of servants his father had and estimated the quantity of food they ate annually and how much went to the dogs. Then he picked up a pen and wrote down his findings. He arrived at the logical conclusion that home was his best bet out of starvation.

When it dawned on him that he could not simply appear before his

father looking bewildered and dumbfounded, he calculated what to say when he arrived home.

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

Luke 15:18-20

I often wonder where the devil was when he sat down to work out his liberty. The devil is not your problem!

Imagine the case of a man who sits down with ten thousand Naira in his hand, not knowing what to do with it. When he has spent more than half of it, he will start “believing God” again. You can reason your way to your throne in life. You can build a tower through qualitative reasoning. Sit down and count the cost, settle down and organise the materials for your tower.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

Saying, This man began to build,

and was not able to finish.

Luke 14:28-30

You can get the best out of the covenant; you can produce the best result in life. You have what it takes, so put your covenant mind to work. You will make it.

Chapter 8

ITS SCRIPTURAL RAMIFICATIONS

Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors.

Genesis 37:3

The coat of many colours in this story represents a very colourful destiny. For every believer, God has ordained a colourful destiny. In Psalm 87:2, we are told that, *The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.*

You and I are seated in the heavenly Jerusalem. God loves us more

than any mortal life on earth. Romans 8:28-30 tells us:

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

And in Jeremiah 29:11 God said:

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts

of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

The coat of many colours was one piece of dressing but with several colourful component parts. It was so attractive and well combined that it demanded, compelled and attracted attention. So much so, it caused the envy of others.

The coat of many colours was prophetic. Just like its several colours, Joseph had to pass through several attention-demanding phases to arrive at the palace earmarked for him and he compelled the world, by his wisdom, to pay attention to him. Joseph’s colourful destiny, as his dream depicted, could not become a reality

until wisdom came in. He was in **prison** when he was called to the **palace** to interpret dreams. By the wisdom of God, he interpreted Pharaoh's dream and went further to prescribe a solution.

And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

Genesis 41:38

Joseph never went to school, but he could design a method of storing food for fourteen years! How? By light dawning on him from heaven! Which chemistry can do this today? But Joseph did this without the use of any chemical.

Wisdom finds out the knowledge of

new things. To understand the problem is not enough, you must allow wisdom to show you the way out.

Wisdom is able to destroy attacks and oppositions. It will make you triumph, prevail, overcome and conquer. This is the mission of wisdom. It designs new strategies to deal with circumstances.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph:

...Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

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.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See,

I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:39-43

Access into heaven's secrets equals the lifting of man on the earth.

The Manifold Wisdom Of God

The end-time Church is a multi-coloured Church, wearing the coat of

many colours, like that of Joseph. It is a Church that will operate the many-sided wisdom of God in all its innumerable aspects and infinite varieties, a Church walking in the celebrated dominion of discovered truths!

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly

places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord

Ephesians 3:8-11

The instrument God will use to bring His enemies to their knees is the manifold wisdom operating in the Church. God has prepared His manifold wisdom for the last days, and we are walking in it already.

Nothing enriches life like insights into the riches of God and access into divine secrets. There are some secrets that God, by His Holy Spirit, has delivered unto our hands for, *It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the*

*honour of kings is to search out a matter (*Proverbs 25:2).

The Mantle

It will be recalled that at the time of Elijah's departure, Elisha took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him. When he got to the bank of Jordan, he stood by it, took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and smote the waters and said:

Where is the Lord God of Elijah! And the waters parted and Elisha went over! (2 Kgs.2: 12-14).

Any material that has come in contact with the anointed of God carries with it the unction for manifestation. Such material is what is referred to as the mantle, in our

context.

God’s presence is proved by signs and wonders. The Bible says the disciples went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word with signs following (Mk. 16:20). Hebrews 2:4 also tells us, *God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will.*

In Acts 19:11-12,

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them,

and the evil spirits went out of them.

It was not Paul that wrought the special miracles, it was God. The virtue did not come out from Paul, it came out from God.

The virtue that operates in the mantle (the handkerchief from the man of God), is the virtue of God. This is why I never feel anything leaving my body when miracles take place by the mantle.

One day, I was walking through the congregation and a man who had had a spinal injury for seventeen years touched my ‘agbada’ (flowing gown) and immediately heard a cracking sound in his lumbar region and that was it! He was instantly healed. And

for the first time in seventeen years, he did not need his lumbar jacket anymore.

It was the power of God that healed him – God's virtue, not mine, because nothing left my body. But when the woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of Jesus' garment and received her healing, virtue went out of Jesus, and He felt it (Mark 5: 30).

The virtue in the mantle is from God, the virtue- carrier. All we need to do is provoke Him with our obedience, then His virtue goes into action, not the prophet's virtue. Elisha said, "*Where is the Lord God of Elijah?*" And the virtue of God went into action, not Elijah's virtue (Elijah was already

gone, 2 Kings 2:13-14).

Whatever God can handle, His virtue can handle.

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul

Acts 19:11

Those miracles were wrought without any special effort of Paul's or the people. The people took notice and acknowledged Paul as a man that had the hand of God upon him. So when he could not come to where the problem was, they knew they could take anything from him to the problem and it would be solved.

God has not changed. He is still working by the hands of men today; men, who carry transferable unction,

sent for the deliverance of mankind.

In 1989, a brother's wife ran mad in another town, which was some distance away. He came and told me, and since I could not go that far with him, I took my handkerchief, spoke some powerful words into it, and gave it to him, saying, "Get down to Ekpoma. The power working inside me is going with you now. Get there, wipe her face with this handkerchief and the madness will be gone!"

He went believing, and later testified that as soon as the mad woman saw the handkerchief, she ran to grab it, but he held her and wiped her face with it. The madness vanished instantly! That same month, she

became pregnant! She later had her baby and nursed the baby all by herself. Till today, she is doing fine in the Lord.

The mantle of a prophet of God in your hands is a medium of transmission of unction. It is a mantle for exploits. It is the end-time prophetic mystery in the hand of the carrier, for amazing results, signs and wonders! It is a carrier of divine energy and heavenly virtue. It always produces signs!

Prophetic Utterances

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of

bones… And he said unto me … Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD….So I prophesied as I was commanded….

Ezekiel 37:1-7

We also see in Ezekiel 2:2-3 and 7:

And the spirit entered into me … And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel… AND SPEAK WITH MY WORDS unto them.

Prophetic utterances are ‘godly’ utterances. They are heavenly utterances. They are divine commandments given expression to through mortal lips. The prophet only declares what God has commanded.

For:

Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?

Lamentations 3:37

The One who gave the commandment is then obviously the one to be honoured. He is the one in charge. The word is His own. Prophetic utterances are pacesetters for the miraculous. Every time the prophet says, “Thus saith the Lord”, it is actually the Lord Himself speaking. He is only using the prophet’s vocal system as a microphone.

Prophetic utterances are full of power and majesty. For “*The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the*

Lord is full of majesty" (Ps. 29:4). Isaiah 44:26 says this concerning Him:

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers.

Prophetic utterance will cause your daystar to rise. It will always bring a change of position. Mountains bow to it. Hopeless situations bow to it. It gives life to any dead situation. It will turn worthlessness to exceeding greatness.

There is power in prophetic utterances. They are the words of the Lord, not the words of the prophet.

The Anointing Oil

The mystery of the anointing oil is another blessing we have seen produce

such terrific, mind-blowing results! In Exodus 30:23-31, God introduced the mystery of the anointing oil, giving Moses the detail of how it was to be mixed.

In 1 Samuel 16:13, we see that it is the Spirit of God.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward….

David was anointed with oil, but what came upon him was not oil, it was the Spirit of the Lord. So, the anointing oil is a medium by which the Holy Spirit, the power of God, is invoked to intervene on behalf of man. When the

oil is applied, the Holy Spirit goes into manifestation.

James 5:14-15 says:

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

It says, "… *the Lord shall raise him up*". Not the oil; the Lord! The Lord who authored the oil, will respond to your obedience to raise the dead, destroy cancer, AIDS, etc. It is not the oil; it is the Lord. He does the raising up.

The anointing oil is not a chemical product. It is the Spirit of God mysteriously put in a bottle, which is mysteriously designed to communicate the power of God bodily. It is the power of God in your hand, in the person of the Holy Spirit, used for humiliating Satan. It is the power of God placed in a tangible form in the hand of man, to make an open show of the devil.

It is God's wisdom for man's rescue! It is the might of God. No gate can close against it. Every gate lifts up at its appearance. It is what it takes to be absolutely free. It destroys all discomforts of life. It is God's standard against every invasion of the enemy. It

is a carrier of mysterious virtue!

The anointing oil is God's standard in your hands, to put the enemy where he belongs – far from you and out of your life, your home and your affairs (Isa. 59:19). No devil in hell has a resistance against the authority loaded in the anointing oil!

And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Mark 6:12-13

The anointing oil is able to end all frustrations in your life. When it touches the barren, she becomes abundantly fruitful. When it touches

anyone chained by the devil, the person becomes automatically free.

There is no sickness or disease of any kind that can escape the power of the anointing oil. Diverse testimonies abound of the wisdom of God in the anointing oil.

Look beyond that common chemical called ‘olive oil’, into the mystery that it carries. It carries mysterious virtues. It is the power of God.

The Blood!

There is tangible power in the Blood of Jesus! It is God’s last card. It is the believer’s stronghold!

As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners

out of the pit wherein is no water.

Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee

Zechariah 9:11-12

We have our stronghold in the blood, against every corruption that is in the world. The blood of Jesus is the divine provision for man's freedom from every form of satanic corruption. It is what it takes to silence the opposition. It is the ultimate for our victory.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb…

Revelation 12:11

God has nothing extra to offer after

the blood. When the blood came on the scene in Exodus chapter 12, Pharaoh gave up. The blood is God's last card. The blood of Jesus is a singular devastating weapon against Satan. He has no answer to it and never will.

The blood is to be applied against the wicked plans of the enemy. If the enemy is out day and night against you, then you should be out day and night too, with your armoury – the blood of Jesus.

Every time you plead the blood of Jesus, you have turned on a switch in heaven. The blood begins to speak, "Passover". By the blood of Jesus, every evil passes over you.

BLOOD OF SPRINKLING

In Hebrews 12:24, God showed us that in mount Zion, the city of refuge, we have access to the blood of sprinkling that speaks for us.

The blood of sprinkling provides a covering for us against the wickedness of Satan. Every time God's people appear in Zion, angels are present, whose only job is to sprinkle the blood of the Lamb that speaks every good thing for the believer. That blood speaks healing, peace, protection, and every other good thing. It is impenetrable by the avenger of blood.

In Zion, there is a continuous sprinkling of the blood, twenty-four hours of the day, so that whenever a child of God appears there, whether

alone or with others, he gets sprinkled with the precious blood of the Lamb.

The blood will silence the devil anytime, any day, anywhere!

When the devil comes to you with depression or any form of oppression, just blast the atmosphere with the blood. Declare vehemently, “The Blood of Jesus is against you, Satan!”

The Blood of Jesus is the seal of our victory in every conflict of life. The Blood of Jesus is God’s last card, and every devil automatically bows to it!

So, when it is Satan, put on the blood!

THE COMMUNION

I am the living bread which came

down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

He that eateth my flesh, and

drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

John 6:51-57

We renew our eternal life policy every time we come to the communion table. It is the Zoe, the very life of God that we contact in the communion, so that whatever flows in Jesus (the vine) begins to flow in us (the branch).

When we take the communion – the flesh and the blood of Jesus – eternal life swallows up human life, which is susceptible to demonic oppressions. Jesus said:

For my flesh is meat indeed, and

my blood is drink indeed.

John 6:55

There is no drink, capsule or medicine that can be compared to the flesh and blood of Jesus. The communion is a supreme capsule compared to any other. In the garden of Eden, God gave Adam and Eve all kinds of shrubs and herbs. For what purpose? For food (Gen.1: 29). He never intended that these plants be used as medicine.

If only men would eat what God intends for them to eat, they will not experience sickness and disease. When God created man, He never made provisions for his healing. No! He only gave man what to eat.

It was after man was corrupted and dethroned that Satan's wicked rule and oppression began. So God now had to send His only begotten Son with another type of food – which is to ensure we never need drugs of any kind.

What is that food? "*My flesh is meat indeed and my blood is drink indeed.*" If you partake of the communion with this understanding, you will never need to take any drug for the remaining days of your life!

Jesus, speaking, said, "*As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me"(*John 6:57). God said He will satisfy your mouth with good

things, and Jesus said:

I am that bread of life… which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

John 6:48-50

Nothing compares in value with the nutritious value of the flesh of Jesus! You become spiritually indestructible! Sickness will no longer be mentioned around you, forever.

By the communion, you are no longer positioned for humiliation or molestation. Jesus said, as often as you observe this ordinance, you remember Him:

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which

he was betrayed took bread:

And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The communion takes care of everything that weakens you and mocks your redemptive testimony.

The children of Israel ate manna in

the wilderness and as they went from nation to nation, from one people to the other, God suffered no man to manhandle them. He cursed kings for their sakes, saying, "*Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm*" (Ps. 105:13-15).

The communion infuses God's kind of life into your blood stream, your bones, marrows, mind and spirit-man. Whatever is contrary to life inside your system is instantly destroyed!

It is a mystery! It is an end-time wisdom of God! It is for the saints! It is for the Church of Jesus Christ!

NOTE:

But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine,

until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matthew 26:29

Communion is symbolic. Any fruit drink, either in concentrate form or natural state can serve as the blood of Jesus in communion.

As for the flesh of Jesus, the Bible said, "*…he took bread… he brake it and said, Take, eat: this is my body…*" So bread, in any form, can serve as the flesh of Jesus in communion. It could be wheat or barley baked in form of bread, cake or biscuit. It could also be any form of food, whether baked, roasted or cooked.

How Often?

In that same 1 Corinthians 11:23-

26, Jesus said, "…*this do ye, as often…*" And in Acts 2:46, the Bible says the apostles were breaking bread daily.

The biography of Smith Wigglesworth records that he took the communion daily. No wonder he continually flowed in great insights, which provoked great faith in him in a most indescribable manner!

The communion is no ritual. It is a reality!

Feet Washing

The mystery of feet washing is, among other things, God's wisdom for establishing dominion. What was lost in the first Adam, Jesus, the second Adam brought back.

Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt

never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

John 13:3-8

By this mysterious exercise, Jesus was restoring to the new generation of the human race (the new creation), the dominion that was lost in the first Adam.

As your feet are dipped into the water, you step into the plan of God, through the mysteries of His wisdom, and you walk into the realm of dominion. If all things given to Jesus are handed over to you, tell me what devil will challenge your life?

Jesus washed His disciples' feet so that they, too, could enter the realm

where the Father had put Him.

Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

John 13:8

Evidently, dominion was passed on to the disciples through this mystery of divine transference, such that when Jesus left, they represented him spirit, soul and body. Everything bowed to them.

Whatever part in Christ that you are yet to experience, it can be delivered unto you through the feet-washing mystery. You certainly need unbeatable intelligence, for example, in the things of God, and to run the affairs of this

life.

Jesus had such amazing wisdom that sounded in heaven and answered on the earth too! The same Jesus told us, *"The works that I do you shall do and greater works ye shall do"* (Jn. 14:12).

There is a part you have in Christ that Satan is out to keep you away from. As you violently dip your feet inside the water for washing, that part will be delivered unto you. The moment Jesus stepped into that turbulent boat in Mark 6:47-51, there was a great calm.

If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

John 13:14, 15,17

Angels

And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Hebrews 1:7, 13-14

Angels are sent to minister to the saints. Indeed, there is something

principally missing until the angelic dimension of our redemption is brought to light. There are areas a Christian will never cross into until this dimension is in place and one of the most pronounced ministries of these end-times will be that of angels.

Just as all the other benefits God has for the redeemed are packaged in mysteries, angelic intervention is also packaged as one of the most sophisticated mysteries of life. Until such mysteries are unfolded, the Church cannot utilize or enjoy them.

The angels of God are also referred to in the scriptures as the hosts of heaven or the heavenly hosts. They are real personalities. They are not ideas or

mythical figures. Angels are spiritual personalities with physical impact.

In any conflict, the angels always win in the absolute, flushing out the opposition completely. Angels have never been known to fail. There is nothing that can rise up against you that matches their strength. They constitute the most efficient bodyguards of the saints.

A look at the lives of the men of exploits in the Bible reveals that they all enjoyed angelic companionship.

An angel appeared to Moses and spoke to him. An angel appeared to Gideon and said he had come to finish the battle for him. Abraham also encountered an angel, who paved the

way for the realization of his destiny. Lot was safely led out of Sodom by an angel, just before the city was destroyed. Daniel excelled in strength and operated the wisdom of angels because he had such sweet fellowship with them.

Remember Peter, who was locked up in prison? He was freed and led to safety by an angel. Recall also the man John, who saw what was impossible for natural eyes to see. He said an angel showed them to him, that is, the entire book of Revelation.

There is almost no man of worth in scriptures who did not have a physical, tangible evidence of angelic companionship.

Angels are an essential and relevant part of God's package for the redeemed.

The anointing cannot replace the services of angels. Jesus Christ was born of the Holy Ghost and He had the Holy Ghost anointing (without measure), yet He needed the services of angels.

I am glad to let you know that Jesus believed in angels and He enjoyed their ministry, even the Son of the Most High God. Jesus said to Nathaniel in John 1:51: "…*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.*"

God said to Moses:

Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

Exodus 23:20

There are things prepared for us in this generation also, but we do not have any hope of getting there without acknowledging the ministry of angels. They are the heavenly forces made available to us by God, to bring His plan and purpose for our lives to pass.

Angels do more than sing in heaven; they wage war on the earth. Every redeemed soul has a company, not just one, of these excellent spirits at his disposal. They are not sent to sit down with you; they are your powerful

and militant ministers. The supernatural security arranged around you is impregnable; Satan has no answer to it.

Testimonies

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:11

Testimonies are truth. They are not only true, but truth. In Mark 6:52, Jesus said the reason His disciples' hearts were hardened was because they did not consider the miracle of the loaves. These people saw a very tangible miracle, yet they did not appreciate it, because their hearts were hardened.

Testimonies are like scriptural passages. They can be quoted and rehearsed in warfare. They can be used to work miracles, as in the story of David and Goliath.

David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine….

1 Samuel 17:37

Testimonies are as powerful as the operation of the blood of Jesus (Revelation 12:11). They are living issues, with the ability to reproduce. They give birth to other testimonies. They also help the recipient to keep the testimony.

Testimonies shame the devil! Every time you listen to testimonies, recognize there is something in every testimony that will keep you sailing. If you take a good look at Mark 6:52, you will discover that Jesus was implying that the disciples fell into that trouble because they did not consider the miracle of the loaves.

I once read a testimony of Smith Wigglesworth's abject disregard for the devil – one day, he heard a noise in his sitting room, and went down to find out what it was. And there was Satan sitting and rocking on Smith's rocking chair. Smith Wigglesworth simply hissed, saying, "I didn't even know it was you!" and he went back to his

bedroom. Just like that!

I considered this testimony and from then on, heaven's authority was set on my life. From then on, I vowed never to give the devil any form of recognition again on the face of this earth! I received strength in my inner man. That testimony turned me on!

Thereafter, I sat down and wrote a powerful article titled, ***You Can Walk Out On The Devil!*** Revelation began to multiply in my heart on the littleness of the devil, the nothingness of Satan and his foolishness!

When you stop considering testimonies, you begin to fail. Anybody who does not exalt testimonies will never have one! I saw the testimony of

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that they were ten times better than others in all manner of knowledge and skill. I swam richly in the reality of that testimony and consequently, something happened to my mental faculty!

I was in a deep meditation the day I caught this revelation. From then, I knew I would never have any problem understanding anything written by any mortal man on this earth and God proved it! I was about to write an examination when I caught this revelation. I wrote that exam at a very strange frequency and scored one hundred percent, neat! Do you know why? I considered a testimony as real!

Let me say, with all humility, I do not need any preparation to address any audience in the world today. Immediately I stand, the Holy Ghost, whom I relate with, turns me on like a switch, on any subject. Just name it! The heavens send the power, the light of the sun comes down and the utterance of the creator is granted me!

Finally, concerning the manifold wisdom of God, let me say this: all the forty days and twenty days fasting of old, were done according to the amount of light available then. What we need to fast for now is for extra light, not to beg God! God will hear you, whether you have eaten or not. All you need is extra insight, to double-cross the devil.

Do not sit down under the torture of yesterday's insight. You must make progress! Our shining will only be guaranteed by the operation of the manifold wisdom of God. You need manifold insight to operate manifold wisdom.

No devil can resist the wisdom of God. As long as it is on display in your life, every devil becomes helpless and disarmed; and you have nothing to fear. Just operate this wisdom on the frequency of faith.

Whatever is unfolded is first, to bless you, and secondly, to disarm the devil, because the blessings of the Lord maketh rich and addeth no sorrow. God's blessings are sorrow-free. How

does He do it? By disarming the opposition, through the operation of the manifold wisdom of God.

When Jesus sent His disciples out in Matthew 10, in verse 16, He said:

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

He did not say: “Get ready to sweat and struggle.” No! He said, “be wise as serpents and you will disarm the devil.”

You must understand that there is nothing in the devil that should cause you anxiety. His case is a concluded one. Principalities and powers have been spoilt. All we need to do is to

actualize the judgment. (See my book: *Satan Get Lost!)*

Operate the way God says you should and all the fiery darts of the devil will be quenched. Take God at His Word and stop the devil! Faith is the wisdom of God on display – "God said it, I am, therefore, walking by it" is the choice of the wise.

Chapter 9

IT'S YOUR TURN TO REIGN!

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:9-10

God has made you a king and a priest and YOU SHALL REIGN on the earth! Whatever He has made you to be, no man can unmake you. The Bible

says:

…I will work, and who shall let it?

Isaiah 43:13

By virtue of redemption, you are a candidate for the throne. You have been redeemed to reign, not to be enslaved. You are redeemed to take charge, not to be a reproach.

Turn From Your Own Ways!

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9

Every revival takes its bearing from

a renewed mind. Your mind has to be fine-tuned to contact inspiration, intelligence and ingenuity. *To be mindless is to be worthless!*

New light is what gives birth to transformation. There is something in your mind that will make you a co-creator on the earth, something that will make you a sustainer and administrator of creation!

But your mind must be constantly recharged. God must be able to inoculate you with divine instincts that will transform your life. He must be able to get across to you.

Every man that will ever have a testimony must first do something before God can do something. The

moon has no light of its own; it merely positions itself at a particular angle to the sun. So, the moonlight you see is a reflection of the light from the sun.

If you must shine, you must position yourself at a covenant angle to the Sun of Righteousness. Then Christ's light will be collected and reflected by you. Jesus is the Sun of Righteousness. Every object assumes a state of rest, until a relevant force is applied to it. Many people are too complacent. God says if you must shine, you must first arise. If you do not arise, you will remain in darkness (Isa. 60:1).

It is time to do the right thing. And what is it? Do the Bible! When you

reflect the marvelous light, you begin to exhibit the marvelous life. As a spiritual plant, your life is dependent on light. How much light you are exposed to will determine how healthy you are as a plant. Nothing jumps on anybody in this world. Anything that will become a testimony requires your practical, conscious involvement. You must press the right buttons that will set heaven in motion.

There is nothing good inside man. So, if any good thing must be found around you, it must be by reflection. Jesus said, "*without me ye can do nothing*" (Jn. 15:5).

Let us stop waiting and wishing. Philippians 2:12 says:

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

There is no luck in salvation. People must consciously and practically take certain steps to get the things that the covenant promises. God, the covenant-keeping God, will always stand by to see that none of His words fall to the ground. The Bible says:

…a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

Ecclesiastes 8:1

Every time God's Word comes to you, all you have is wisdom crying out,

uttering her voice. God sounds a trumpet saying, “This is my will, this is the way to realize my will.”

Proverbs 1:20-22 says:

Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,

How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

Every time God’s Word comes to you, God is saying, “Turn from your ways to my ways. Turn from your ideas to my ideas. Turn from your thoughts

to my thoughts.”

When you turn from your own ways, you are ready to learn. God’s ways are higher; His thoughts are better than yours. If you reject the counsel of God, the following is to be expected: calamity and fear (which will produce desolation).

Prayer is useless when God’s ways are ignored. People who hate knowledge cannot secure heaven’s favour. When they call upon God, He will not answer them. They will seek God; He will not answer them. They will seek Him early and they won’t find Him. Why? because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of God.

Proverbs 9:10 says:

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom….

There are many today that won't do what God has said, but they are ready to go on a fourteen day fast any time! If you reject God's reproof, don't expect prayer to procure you any benefits. Why? Because the scriptures cannot be broken. God can do all things, but He will not break His Word. His Word is settled in heaven, forever!

We just must embrace the wisdom of God in order to get favour from Him. Hearken unto God. It is your only access to safety.

Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the

commandment shall be rewarded.

Proverbs 13:13

If you reject His counsel, you will be rejected of Him. Prayer and fasting become nothing but religious punishment that produces no results. When God's Word is given its rightful place, no Satan in hell can stop you from experiencing a positive encounter.

God said, "Return unto me, and I will return unto you. The reason why you are struggling is because you have chosen your own ways rather than Mine." It could be very costly to go ahead in any endeavour without God's counsel and knowledge!

It is important to know that there is

nothing God has that can be made available to you except you act on His Word.

Paul said,

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Acts 20:32

It takes the Word for you to take delivery of what is rightfully yours. It is your inheritance, yes, but you cannot collect it outside the Word.

Exalt and embrace the Word and you shall have promotion, enjoy honour and become living testimonies of the faithfulness of God!

A Mouth And A Wisdom

Wisdom has expression in the mouth. Whatever you cannot say, you cannot have. As your heart is indicating good matters, you need to explode in prophecy – establishing the things your heart is full of. That is how it is done. It is the wisdom of God.

Every time you have light, begin to call the things that ought to be. The Bible says that Abraham called those things, which be not as though they were (Rom. 4:17). Whatever you do not call, will not answer. You must call them before they answer. That is the wisdom of God! Hebrews 11:3 tells us:

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.

God says, in Luke 21:15, that He has given you a mouth and a wisdom. It is time to use it! Whatever you see, say it and you will have it (Mr. 11:23-24). Say it! It is a seed, until you sow it, you won't see the fruits. When you say it, you are sowing the seed; and while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest shall not cease. Thus said the Lord:

"You have kept mute for long! You have gathered a lot of seeds, but you have not sown them at all, and you are crying and weeping for fruits. From this hour, whatever you see from the Word, whatever you hear by My anointing working through My people,

My servants whom I have sent - in tapes and in books, - see it, and if you have caught it, declare it! You will possess it.

Open your mouth wide, shout down sickness, shout down poverty, shout down witchcraft, and shout down occultic powers. I can’t confirm what you have not declared. This is My wisdom.

I have given you a mouth. It is not ordained for just eating, it is ordained for victory. It is ordained for warfare. Say it My people! Say it out! Say it loud! Shout down barrenness, shout down armed robbery, and shout down failure. Shout them down! It is My wisdom.”

In the natural, people don't say it until they see it. But in heaven where we live, you will never see it until you say it. Whatever you are too careful to say, you will be careless to see. You'll never see it.

"Behold I show you a mystery", saith the Lord. "My wisdom in the heart is ineffective. Until it is declared, it has no effect (Rom. 10:10). Say it My people. Open your mouth wide and shout down the devil and the forces of darkness. Shout down all of hell, and they will give way to you.

Behold, I've given you a mouth and a wisdom, that none of your adversaries can resist nor gainsay. I gave you the mouth. It's My gift for

your victory. It's My gift for your triumph."

Sow Those Words

A curtain just opened in heaven and the Lord told me to make this emancipation call, that the prisoners may come out of where they are. He said, "*I have given you plenty of seeds. You have been storing them in your store, and you have been crying for harvest. My word that I declare to you, they are seeds you have gathered. It is your duty to sow them.*

Until you say what I've said, it does not produce any results. You are the one to declare it. Remember Ezekiel, I saw him in the valley of dry bones. I will not say it for him. I had to stand by

to confirm it. 'Son of man, prophesy to these dry bones!' And Ezekiel said, *'Thus saith the Lord, dry bones come alive!' and the bones began to come to themselves."*

The Lord said to me, "*See this curtain, it is open. The mouth I gave to you, go and put it to work. Until I hear your judgment on sickness, it will keep reigning. Until I hear your judgment on poverty, no matter how much you give, you will never see returns. Until I hear your judgment on family problems, you cannot have peace and harmony.*

I am waiting for you. You have to put Me in remembrance. You have to plead your cause. You have to declare with your mouth.

I am helpless until you move to obey Me. Open your mouth. Your judgment is final. You will have what you say. What you have not said, don't expect to see. Therefore, go ahead and say it. This is my own wisdom. The seed has no value in your store. It only produces on the field. Go and sow the seed you have gathered!"

Now, as you obey His Word, declare the results. As you sow your financial seed, declare your abundance. As you serve the Lord with your strength, declare your understanding.

God said, "*I have committed all judgment to your hand. Whatever you have not said, I'm not committed to perform.*" This is all it takes to beat the

devil hands down!

Receive courage! Receive inner strength! That from today, nothing that God has said will be too heavy for your mouth to say. Your heritage is peace in the home, you will have it! Your heritage is outstanding success, you will have it. Your heritage is abundance, you will not miss it! Whatever is declared as your heritage, shout it on the housetop. "*That is my wisdom,"* saith the Lord.

Whether you are among friends or enemies, keep saying it. If you are ashamed of Him, He will be *ashamed* of you. Go outside the gate, where there is reproach, tell the devil, "I cannot be poor!" Tell the devil, "I

cannot be sick!" Never let the thought, "What if I fall sick?" ever occur to you. It has ended! This is the cheap victory of God's wisdom.

I knew I would never fail, and I have been shouting it ever since. I have kept on saying, "This ministry will get to the topmost top, whether you pray for it or against it." I shouted it, I hammered on it! Many people were angry and they left. But I did not want God to leave, so I had to keep doing what God said I should be doing. I kept on declaring it. They left. But God did not leave!

Send away all sinners from your corridor, by your bold and confident declaration of what God has said about

your family, your children, your business, your career, your academics, your finances, your health, etc. Let the words you speak determine the company you keep.

Right now, I release mental dignity upon you! You will begin to manifest God's wisdom in a way that will amaze all your neighbours! Any step you take in life, from now, will be a surprise to all who are looking at you! You will never be a victim of circumstances anymore, in Jesus precious name!

I welcome you on board the **winning wisdom** flight!

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