



UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

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You know how it is; you pick up a book, flip to the dedication, and find that once again, the author has dedicated a book to someone else and not to you.

Well I won't make that mistake this time.

While it is true that we have not met yet, I believe we are meeting by this book and I know how beautiful and handsome you are. Well I want to appreciate you for always picking a book to read and giving us the drop of water in our imaginative world to write another.

Thank you for picking and wanting to learn new things, it's your first sign to transformation and becoming a future leader.

Read on and be blessed,

Jesus is Lord

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*“The world is dark, and so light is precious.
This house has treasures and I have found it
Come closer, dear reader.
You must trust me.
For It is the story of unlimited possibilities”.*

INTRODUCTION

The believers journey is a very interesting one, while some see it as a call to a life of labor, many see it as a call to a life of soberness and sobriety, some call it the life of religiosity, morality and legalism, others even see it as a free democratic world system, but I see it beyond other things as a call to walk through the open door into an eternal possibility in God.

There is a door and its actually an open one, this door unlike others unlocks an entrance into light. It is a call to unlimited possibilities. It became a closed door leaving us in darkness, the door to this unlimited possibility was closed when we sinned and chose a different governmental authority rather than the one that housed us.

What joy and relief that the shut door before us is now opened by **JESUS**, who opens the door no man can shut. He is the door and only way to the Father who gives good and perfect gifts to His children. This door is a call to a relationship with God.

In a bid to reintroduce God to some of us who might not have gotten a clear perspective and view about Him, I was driven to write this book not as one that has attained but one with a little experiential knowledge about the subject (God) and one who have listened following carefully the life of others ahead of him.

It is with great joy that I introduce you to **UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES** it will be a guide to understand trinity, see the loving Father, touch God and end up in a relationship with Him. Surely you don't want to miss the possibilities in this book.

Remain Blessed

Jesus is Lord

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AUTHORS NOTE

This book seeks to answer, and I believe that it will take you into unlimited possibilities with God. Sit back, relax and Enjoy God.

Most of us have issues with appropriating what we have learnt or read overtime. So we keep gathering knowledge without applying them. As you read this book you might and will be prompted to write down steps towards experiencing the unlimited possibilities in God.

I would advise you to take it seriously, first of all don't assume you know what is being spoken but come humbly to read, only as one paying attention to the Holy Spirit and His truth communicated here.

As you read, ask yourself critical questions and do a self-check too. Don't be in a hurry to judge things but go through it all and then screen it by the word of God.

Therefore, to fully read and maximize this book, I would advise you read this book as one studying:

- Keep aside your bible to check the word and see for yourself, as most scriptures might be from Amplified version and not just King James Version. Also note that there is power in reading the Word.
- Carry your pen and notepad, just to save those thoughts and write down what steps to take.
- Always allow your mind to think on the things written down here.
- Leave your stronghold; if the Holy Spirit prompts you to do something do it.

Finally, make a deliberate decision that this book would leave you better than it met you. I love you and pray you more growth in God.

THE INVISIBLE GOD

Who is God? Is there a God? Why is there God?

This and many more are perhaps some of the most randomly asked questions in our world today.

It is not a new fact that at least everyone has come to the realization that there exists higher than their sphere of influence one who controls it, most people believe there is up above and beyond the reach of man, a God or deity that controls the universe. **‘Someone’s got to create the whole universe’** says the atheist. This is good for us because at least everyone believes there is a God, and answering your question about God’s existence, I will gladly reply to you a big YES He does exist.

The fact that God exists and we don’t know Him is accounted for by the well over 4000 religions we have on earth. Religion in my view exist when men cannot fill the God void created in his heart and deities are formed when one tries to fill that void with anything/person or object other than God.

So men were taught to believe that whatever produces a reality and expresses intelligence beyond their realm is called a **GOD**. And this is the very reason why our forefathers partnered with a lot of spirits they thought was the true God.

For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

1COR 8:5-6 (KJV)

I have come to a realization that most of us have a cultural and religious view about God, what I mean by this is: your views about God now if screened will be unproductive because you heard about Him from someone and did not know Him yourself. So you have been shaped by the very belief in your tradition that claims the existence of a deity. It is in fact evident that: ***when your views about God are still cultural, then you have no idea who God is.*** Perception is a very powerful tool,

when its information is correct but woe is the person with a misinformed/wrong perspective.

You must take a deliberate step in knowing God for yourself even beyond the understanding you got by nature, your parents, Clergy men or even Scientist. ***God is more than just a big guy sitting up there that created and controls the universe.***

In knowing who God is, the first thing we need to do is to establish some basic concepts about God and understand them perfectly: The term God denotes amongst others:

1. God is eternal (**Deuteronomy 33:27**)

The term eternal speaks of the fact that God is ‘ancient’, aforetime, and everlasting. It is a term used to describe whatever exists beyond the scope and reach of time.

God being eternal means that concepts of time, beginning and end do not apply to God. If there was a beginning and an end, it would imply that there was something/someone frontal to God and greater than God controlling the beginning and the end.

Our concept of the eternal God must completely include the understanding that all beginnings and all endings were created by Him; that God is the ultimate source of all time, hence the name **Alpha** and **Omega**.

The reason why we always think of things with a beginning and an end is caused by our physical training of space and time. Imagine that space and time does not exist – that is the true realm of God’s dimension. Space and time were created sub-realities that exist in the dimension. The dimension has no beginning and no end, it purely just exists!

When the space and time dimension was created, all living and conscious beings were also created to explore the dimension in their own limited and progressive ways. Everything created was an expression of the dimension of the eternal God so that the creation can understand and emulate the attributes of the God dimension in their limited time-space dimensions. God is eternal and He will never stop revealing His realities.

God is eternal and we are temporal; in Him we live and move and have our being; without Him, we are nothing, just a vapor of smoke (**Acts 17:28; John 15:5; James 2:26; 4:14**). Scriptures point that we do not look at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal but the things which are not seen are eternal (**2 Corinthians 4:18**).

True restoration is founded on God's eternal nature; it is the ability of an eternal God to compress time for His children. He can make 30 years captivity turn to a dream in one day.

2. God is unchangeable **Heb 6:17 Jam 1:17**

If God is changeable then there will be no stability in the entire universe or His creation and everything would become unstable. It is because all of God's creation rests upon Him and His immutability that His creation has laws and stability. It is a fact of human life that all things change. It is the constant throughout the Universe of time and space. **All change has to change from something and to something.**

God is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega; ***everything begins in God and ends in God*** – He is immutable and unchangeable. When you relate to God, remember that you are relating to the Being of all finality, the **Unchangeable God**.

If this is truly understood, we will see the reason why our destiny cannot be better managed by anyone but by the one who is unchangeable. When your destiny is given to someone in the space-time continuum there will always be a limitation of time and space, but you try to keep it in the hands of the one existing in an unending possibility and you will be shocked at the multifaceted and unlimited expansion of your destiny. ***You are short-sighted but the unchangeable one is not but He sees the end from the beginning.*** I believe without a doubt that it will be wisdom to choose to dwell and partner with the one who sees farther than you, if you really want to proceed far.

God is unchangeable but we are subject to change; He is our Rock, He is our strength, in Him alone do we trust (**2 Samuel 22:1-2**). By His immutable person and His immutable Word, we are guaranteed His promises (**Hebrews 6:17-18**).

3. God is unique - there is only one God **Deut 6:4 1Cor 8:6**

Too much broth spoils the bread someone once said, if there were several gods, there would be no unity of plan or power in the entire universe. There is only One God and no other beside Him.

Our perception of God as being the Trinity is due to our idea from our time-space dimension. Behind all the façade of time-space manifestations, **God is One God. Not three God's one.** We will examine the Trinity much later but for now we need to know that there is only One True God who manifests Himself through God the Father, God the Word and God the Holy Spirit. God is One God.

Humans who worship multiple gods and deities have mistakenly worshipped other created beings more powerful than natural man making them into gods.

There is only one true and living God. He might have been known vaguely by other names in various cultures but to the believer He is known as the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is unique, there is none like Him. There is none who love like God loves, there is none who love like Jesus loves; and we shall love Him and love one another. To love Him with all our heart, all our mind, all our soul, all our strength and to love one's neighbor as oneself is more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (**Isaiah 46:9-10; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Mark 12:32-33**). We love Him because He first loved us (**1 John 4:11, 19**).

4. God is a person but not a man. **Num 23:19**

While it is impossible to say that God is a Man, it is also of relevance to understand the truth that God is a person. It is already true that man is a person but not all persons are men.

A person is according to the dictionary “any sentient (**able to consciously perceive through the use of a sense faculty**) or socially intelligent being”. A person can talk, he can act, he can think, he can see, he can hear and so on. A person is not just abstract, He/she is a tangible being, he is touchable, and he is easily felt. This definition we have not really put to use and have so limited our definition of God.

God is not a wood, or an iron, neither is he a statue up there on the cross that refuses to come down. God is obviously bigger than that, He is a personality. While it is true to state that a man is a person, it would not be logical and completely truthful to say that a person is limited to all possible definitions captured in a man rather than a man is a form of person not a definition of a person. It is rather safer to say “***a man is an example of a person***”.

God is not a man. it is true that man is created to be like God, the reverse is not the case as God is not like us. A computer in itself is important and very intelligent but it would be wrong to state that a man is a computer. Every created product cannot be more intelligent than its creator because whatever is created will definitely not be as updated as the one that created it. Therefore, you find out that **man is limited in capacity as related to the unlimited God.**

There is a natural tendency to humanize God; ***we always think that God is like us whereas we are like Him. (Gen 1:27)***. An image is never a 100% representative of God; it is only a minimization at the finite human level dimension of what the full infinite God is like. A photocopy is not and will never be the same as the original, despite the fact that it looks the same. There is none like Him and no one else besides Him.

Even though He has manifested at the human level through Christ (He is so great that Christ has to leave all the glory behind to manifest at our finite level – **John 17:5; Philippians 2:5-8**), we are not to think of His human manifestation through Christ as all there is to Him. We are exhorted not to think just of the limited Christ who manifested in the flesh but rather of the unlimited Christ who is now full of the glory of the Father (**2 Corinthians 5:16; John 17:5, 24**).

If God is not a man, then there lies his inability to lie and having a true and strong conviction on this is called Faith. ***Absolutely if God's word is truth, you cannot be telling a lie repeating God's words. (Num 23:19)***

Speaking God's word when the situation seems and looks otherwise is not foolishness, it is not a lie, it is a show of Faith. It is calling those things that be not as they really are. **Rom 4:17**

5. God is immaterial and beyond all His creation **Heb11:3 Rom1;20 God is spirit John 4:24**

It is a known fact from the above and the principle in our normal life, that if the creator was higher than his creation then he has to dwell in a realm or a paradigm that is higher than the one his creation exists in. If God were any part of His material or created universe, He Himself would be subject to them; thus He has to be above and beyond His creation and not part of the material of the created universe.

Although His life fills and sustains the entire universe, He Himself is above and beyond His creation. If nature or any created things seem to demonstrate powerful forces and demands that we understand its laws of harmony with nature and creation, it is merely because God has created self-sustaining forces within His creation and also assigned His created angels or created spirit-beings to be in charge of them. He, Himself, will always remain above and beyond His creation. **John 1:4** shows that His creation draws life and light from Him but He always remains separate from His creation. All His creation merely reveals His attributes by which we can come to know Him more.

God is not a Spirit (a form of spirit), **He is Spirit** (the one from whom all spirit draws reality) and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth (**John 4:24**). Our worship is no longer dependent on time, place, race, culture, creeds and all outwardly forms (**John 4:21-23**). Our worship is continuously flowing from deep within our hearts and our spirits – deep calling unto deep (**Psalms 42:1, 7**). There shall be continual praise and worship from our spirits to God who is Spirit (**Exodus 29:42; Psalm 34:1; 1Thessalonians 5:16-18; Hebrews 13:15**).

6. God is absolute **1John4:8 Ex34:6 Heb 4:16**

God is complete love, perfection, wisdom, goodness, righteousness and everything that we can conceive of all concepts of love, goodness and mercy – for these concepts first originate from the attribute of who God is (**1 John 4:8-19; Matthew 5:48; Mark 10:18**).

All measurements of love, perfection, goodness, righteousness and mercy are based on comparisons to God who is the true measure of these attributes. God is light and it is from His light that we can perceive and know all things **Psalms 36:9**. Just like

we need physical light to see, we need God's light to enable us to have thoughts and sentient existence.

All things exist only in relation to God. Just as God is the Absolute of all absolutes. He is the perfection and the personification of our highest concept of perfection, of love, of righteousness, of wisdom and everything else we can conceive of.

God is the Absolute expression and personification of mercy, graciousness, longsuffering and abounding in goodness and truth; and we should absolutely know that all His thoughts and all His plans for us is only good (**Exodus 33:6; Jeremiah 29:11**). His thoughts and words seek only blessing and goodness to us (**Isaiah 55:8-13**). We need to learn to be like a little child before Him and learn once again that God is SO good.

It is important that you pause to meditate on all that has been revealed to you about God above, some minutes of prayer will help a great deal.

CHAPTER REVIEW

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5. What did the Holy Ghost say to you while you were reading this Chapter?

TRINITY REVEALED

The purpose of the above revelation is so we can appreciate and understand the very nature on which trinity was founded upon. We must come to terms with the very fact that there exist some words used to name experiences of the scriptures. They have over time been agreed to be acceptable by the whole Christian body or a body of theologians for the Christian community. Some of these words include rapture (being caught up to meet with our Lord), Christianity (the term given to followers of Christ and believers of the faith, this appeared just twice in the KJV new testaments) Trinity (the tri in unity) etc.

As we proceed to understand further we must recognize that our definition of Faith is that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity. But first we need to establish that:

- We do not serve three God existing as one but one God.
- Trinity does not show the powerlessness of one over the other. For the same God is God over all.
- The Father is not more of a God than the Son, nor is the Son more of a God than the Father; they are all equal in power and are not competing with themselves.
- There is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost is all One, the Glory Equal, and the Majesty Co-Eternal.
- Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Ghost.
- The Father is Incomprehensible, the Son Incomprehensible, and the Holy Ghost Incomprehensible.
- The Father Eternal, the Son Eternal, and the Holy Ghost Eternal and yet they are not Three Eternals but One Eternal.
- So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Ghost Almighty. And yet they are not Three Almighties but One Almighty God.

- None is before or after another, none is greater or less than another but the whole three are coequal and co-eternal.

The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God. And yet they are not Three Gods, but One God. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Ghost Lord. And yet not three Lords but One Lord.

The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created, **but begotten** when the word became flesh. The Holy Ghost is of the Father, and of the Son neither made, nor created, nor begotten, **but proceeding**.

So there is One Father, not Three Fathers; one Son, not Three Sons; One Holy Ghost, not Three Holy Ghosts. And in this Trinity none is afore or after Other, none is greater or less than another, but the whole Three Persons Are Co-eternal together, and Co-equal. So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity is Trinity, and the Trinity is Unity as to be worshipped.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting Salvation, that the believer must also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. *For the right Faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both God and Man.*

He is equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His Manhood. Although He is God and Man, yet He is not two, but One Christ. ***He is one, not by conversion of the Godhead into Flesh, but by taking Manhood into God.***

This I believe should be the way we see trinity and not the other ways which end up producing perspectives of God multitasking or three Gods existing in one.

In defining trinity, I believe our approach should be of one having an understanding of the indivisible Godhead rather than the dividing three to show one. It should be with full knowledge of the following:

- All things are not from the Father alone, but also from the Son. And the Holy Spirit is very God, equal with the Father and the Son.

- God's unity is not a unity of separable parts but (that) of distinguishable persons.
- **You must recognize before doubting that the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are not names for different parts of God but one name for God.**
- The Father is not Son and the Son is not the Holy Spirit, neither is the Holy Spirit the Father but they are all God.
- The Holy Spirit leads you to the Father through the Son.

On the basis of this established paradigm it is important for us to lay emphasis and proof by the real truth (God's Word) the Trinity. There are three personalities present in trinital unity, which include Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.



Let's go through the following scriptures that cited the very existence of trinity.

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God (the Father) and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all”

2Cor13:14 (AMP) *emphases added*

As we will later find out the Father provides the reality, the Son substantiates it and it takes the Holy Spirit to bring you into that experience. That will put this verse of scripture saying **“the grace which Jesus brought is the love of God, who is Love and this love of Father and Son extended to us now as/in Fellowship with the Holy Spirit.** Search through scriptures and this you will find throughout, from His sacrifice to the outpouring.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

Mat28:19(AMP)

The above was Jesus' words and expresses the truth in God, about God's trinity because God's word is truth. Below is yet another scripture

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. John 14:9-10(KJV)

Here was the people that should know and understand the trinity asking who the Father was, and notice Jesus' reply showed trinity, He spoke of the Father then He called Himself and the one who indwells the believer (Holy Spirit).

As we conclude on God and the trinity dimension of the Godhead we must see trinity as the extension of the mercy of God who chooses to express Himself in the dimensions He created in the way they will understand.

The Father dwells in the god's realm; the Son dwells in the earth realm and the Holy Spirit exists to maintain the ordinances of all realms, this altogether proves God's Omni nature. Remember until the Spirit moves the Fathers word cannot be productive **GEN 1:1-4**.

This does not mean they are limited to one place but from scriptures you find out that in the dispensation in which God revealed Himself, first it was the Father's dispensation, then the Son's dispensation and the Holy Spirit's dispensation, and what Joy it is for us to have all this dimension and dispensation fully handed over to us.

In conclusion you must know that in the trinity:

- Father is the Heart of God, the Son is the Face of God and the Holy Spirit is the Voice of God. (we did not understand the Love of God until Jesus was shown to us)
- The Son dimension was made visible so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, the invisible Father can be made visible to you. **HEB1:3**
- Jesus in **JOHN 14:6** simply declared the fact that people who do not trust in His oneness with the Father are blind to the reality of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Whatever reality of the Father, Jesus the word confesses the Spirit Manifests. **JOHN 14:17**
- **The Father provides the reality, the Son substantiates it and it takes the Holy Spirit to bring you into that experience.** If you only seek for the Father, you will definitely not walk into His full realities and manifestations. Life is a function of progressive yielding to the workings of the Holy Spirit. **God has given you all things that pertain to life and Godliness but you can only walk in it by yielding to the Holy Spirit.**

All the above points can only be appropriated and seen by the light of the Holy Ghost. **Why not pray for your eyes to be opened to see what He is saying and thank Him for the revelation you have gotten so far.** I would also advise you to fully understand about the trinity before proceeding, so you don't end up dividing and raising one above the other. I believe you are changing already.

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BUT WHO IS THE FATHER?

Just close your eyes a little and ask yourself, who the Father is? Take out time to write down the answers you get/hear in your notepad before you proceed in this chapter.

“Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, who is the source of all things, and we exist for Him:”1Cor8:6 (AMP)

“Yet for us there is only one God—the Father. He is the source of all things, and our lives are lived for him.” 1Cor 8:6 (The Passion)

The above scripture points to the existence of a functionality of God called the **FATHER**. And it is from Him that our lineage comes from.

From life's little lesson you will agree with me, that the father is the source of things in a family, not to be biased though, I will also state in this context that there will be no children existing without the father.

So also is our heavenly Father without whom we cease to exist. All possibilities came into existence through Him, and all information originates from the Father. This means is that every reality has its source in the Father.

Man was created in the image of God, carrying a dimension of God, it was God tendering the possibilities of His existence (**Spirit**) in a being with intelligence who will be housed by a body fully crafted from the realm of existence called Earth.

The Father is who Love is, and it means that all expressions of love must exist in the Father and be reflected with full reference from His view. Just like a moon draws its light from the sun and cannot shine except it has caught a glimpse about the sun's light so does all things originate from the Father. ***Every form of revelation about life must truly come from the Father.*** If God is love, then it means love originates from the Father.

“The one who does not love has not become acquainted with God [does not and never did know Him], for God is love, [originator of love, and it is an enduring attribute of His nature.]” 1John4:8

Before discussing this topic, let's deviate a little, many of us have at one time been forced to think about what brought good and evil, knowing fully well that all things proceeded from the Father. To answer this question, I must start with the very fact that ***'evil exist as a result of usage'*** take for instance a gun; a Gun is not dangerous on its own until it is held by a wrong person. If you see a soldier holding a gun you are not scared, as a matter of fact you seem to develop a certain level of confidence, but just take the same gun and hand it over to a thief, I bet you will run away for fear of your life.

Everyone knows He is a good God but why then does He allow so much evil to continue on the earth, they seemingly ask. People who ask this question I realized ignore the fact that ***when freewill was created there must also be given the full workings and consequences of alternative scenarios which will result from free choice.***

God cannot create evil, everything He made is Good, evil came about when wrong choices were made just as darkness results when there is absence of light.

In every kingdom or country there is a Law which binds its citizens to the right choice in order to maintain order. And if a law is set in motion then there must be consequences for breaking the Law. If there is no consequence, then there is no free will and ultimately it becomes a disordered colony. We must appreciate the fact that law is binding on even its law giver.

All evil in the world today I came to also discover is not just new but has been the accumulation of all wrong choices made since the creation of man. Some previous actions have contributed in the degradation of society today. It would be corruption for a judge not to allow the free course of the law run. But thank God there is freedom for those that seek to leave citizenship with this world. Remember the law only bind on its citizens and one who is resident in a place.

If man did this all as a result of wrong choice. why do we seem to blame God for its result? ***It is certain that if you choose life you shall live but if you choose death, you shall die.*** It is actually irresponsibility to move the blame and consequence of our action to God.

The result of the above does make man irresponsible because everyone should be able bear the consequence of his/her action(s) but thank God for His love. As we return to our previous topic of discussion I believe our misconceptions about the nature of God have been answered, yes you thought it right, and it is true that **God is love**. This very fact is portrayed by a dimension of God know to us as Father.

“Just as a father loves his children. So the Lord loves those who fear and worship Him (with awe-filled respect and deepest reverence)

Ps103:13”

A Father is someone who loves his children and will do all it takes within his scope of power to express the same.

“For you have not received the spirit of slavery leading again fear (of God’s judgment), but have received the Spirit as of sons (the Spirit producing sonship) by which we (joyfully) cry, Abba, Father.”

ROM8:15

You must understand that **Abba** means and connotes ***Father, Source, Sustainer and Preserver***. When you understand the Fatherhood dimension of God two spirits depart and they are **Bondage (the state of lacking freedom, enslavement)** and **Fear**. Fear and guilt will always be produced, every time we lose sight of our Father while on a journey to somewhere we never knew. Remember when you went to see a friend for the first time and missed your way, you nearly or even felt unsecured.

Scripture also said that **“Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above: it comes down from the Father of lights (the creator and sustainer of the heavens) in whom there is no variation (no rising or setting) or shadow cast by His turning (for He is perfect and never changes)”**

JAM1:17

We must understand what a good gift is and that He in full capacity knows how to give it. You will agree that a car is a good gift but no good father will take a car (***good gift as it were***) and give it to his 3-year-old son. This gift is good but for want of time it will end the life of the son, so ***although the gift is good, it is not perfect in timing***.

“if you then, evil (sinful by nature) as you are, knows how to give good and advantageous gift to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven (perfect as He is) give what is good and advantageous to those who keep asking Him”

MAT7:11

Apart from the fact that all scriptures point to God supplying just what you need. Our heavenly Father will not give us bad gifts no matter how hard you try, fast, pray and cry.

So whatever God does not give you, you are supposed to allow no man give you, not even the devil. In this same context, Satan wants to supply you with your wants and God wants to provide you with your needs what will you choose, **NEED** or **WANT**. Understanding this alone is a major breakthrough which should instantly destroy fear and bring you back to the Fathers love.

He is actually Alpha and Omega, the one who knows the end from the beginning, you are restricted in sight but He is not. Maybe the reason you lost that person you prayed for all your life is because the person needs to sleep so He won't be lost. God's Will is not the best but is BEST; I bet you He always knows what is best for you. **All you think you see might not really be all that there is.** Try to change your view point. But where does our Father reside

You must understand even as we proceed further that **“Our Father here is in Heaven. Mat6:9”**. He is not our Father who lives on earth but whose throne is in heaven and whose footstool is the Earth **ISH 66:1**. Read that statement again, His footstool is not in the earth at one point, the whole Earth is His Footstool. Hallelujah.

Every person's need is limited to the rank and position he/she occupies, but our heavenly Father is more than a senator or president, He is in Heaven. Pause for a minute and think about heaven and what is there (street of gold not concrete; mansions; no sorrow; no power outage; no stress and so on.) then imagine the owner of this heaven being your own Father. ***Yes, you guessed right, they are all your possession.***

Also we must not forget that every man supplies needs according to their riches in glory, the reason why you call that your uncle is because your riches have no

capacity to cater for your needs in question at this particular time, but his capacity in glory can.

So also **“My God will liberally supply (fill until full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. PHIL4:19”**

If I may ask what limit can you put to His riches in Glory? Nothing I believe, because

“Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all we can dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams] according to His power at work within us”

EPH3:20

Nothing!!! But how far your mind can see and picture. He is even able to do far beyond the limit of your imagination, so why do you for once ever think that your Father is limited. God can never be limited not now, not tomorrow, not forever. Hallelujah.

“But without faith it is impossible to (walk with God and) please Him, for whosoever comes (near) to God must (necessarily) believe that God exists and that He rewards those who (earnestly and diligently) seek Him.”

HEB 11:6

There are times when you begin to feel like God doesn't exist especially when you are hit with so many challenges and you can't figure out why he is not answering you. All you need to do is to believe beyond any reasonable doubt that He exists as your Father, for this is where faith for results is born.

Everything that pertains to life proceeds from the Father and knowing this alone is a major breakthrough in your life from the pursuit of things. Here lies the breakthrough to anxiety and worry. ***You must understand from experience that a child never worries at all, all he needs to know is that Daddy is around.***

Look at the birds of the air, are you not more precious than them, if your father has time to provide for the security men and servants in your house, why on earth are you still trying to believe He can't provide for you? Cheer up my friend God's not dead, He is alive and the good news is that He is your Father.

*What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
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?*

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

*Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,
who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*

Rom 8:31-34

Our ideas about God's love are limited without the help of the Holy Spirit. If you look very well you find out that all forms of love in this world are conditional programmed by man. *Human love is conditional in nature but God's love is not*, what really happens when we say "I love you or I will love you" is not the words but what we are truly saying sometimes is "I will love you but we will attach some conditions to it". This has made us give out our love when someone does something or gives something

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the daylong; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Rom 8:35-37

It is saying who will separate us when we have tangibly touched the love of God expressed through Christ, is it love or hunger or even lack of resources. If you truly have experienced the Father's love you will not be moved by anything

*For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,*

*Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from
the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Rom 8:38-39

The dimension of the Love of God, expressed through the Father is multifaceted but I would like to focus on just two for want of time:

- It is unconditional.

“But God clearly shows and proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”

Rom 5:8

Most times our parents' love is manipulative and not unconditional, so they love you and buy you things, so you will be sensitive enough to be a good boy, *but God's love is not manipulative but unconditionally selfless.*

God's love is more of **“I know your limitation my child but whatever you do remember my love for you is unconditional”**. You did not have to pay anything for me to express my love for you. I love you

- It never ceases.

Isa 49:15 can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

Well from life it is possible for a mother in a serious challenge with her head all worked up on thoughts, to forget her suckling child but the Father says even if this were possible I will never forget that you need to eat, bathe, live, and need to go to school. God's love never ceases. God cannot forget you.

Lam 3:22 it is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

Just so you know it will never come to the point where God says *“I will never love”* only you actually choose to leave His love, he won't. This should make you understand that God's love for you cannot cease.

The book of Luke chapter 15, talks about the ceaseless and restless Love of God.

Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

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

And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

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

Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

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

Luke 15:1-10

They that have left the fold in which they were nurtured in early life, and have gone over bleak mountains and through tangled brakes, find themselves in this exquisite picture. But the **Lord is on their track. He cannot abide happily with the rest,** while one sheep is liable to be torn by beasts of prey or caught away by eagles. He goes after it till He finds it.

Don't you think that the Lord loves that child of yours, now far away, as much as you do? Can you trust Him to seek until He finds? Then He will ask you to rejoice with Him. Jesus not only *receives* sinners, but *seeks* them. Those who have always lived an outwardly correct life and who do not think themselves in need of repentance are the ninety and nine.

Tell me the truth if you misplace a golden coin with the King's stamp on them, before I say move you would have rolled away into the dark corner amid dust and shavings. willing to go down on your knees to sweep the floor just to find the lost! The nine links of a necklace are useless if the tenth is missing. God cannot be satisfied until the lost child is found. You are His most treasured earthen vessel.

Furthermore, looking at the parable of **the Prodigal Son** in the book of **Luke15:11-32**

Too often we desire God's gifts apart from Himself. *The far country* is not far in actual distance, but in the alienation of the heart. You may be living in a religious home and yet be in *the far country*. Sin is waste. *The far country* is always swept by famine, because our soul was made for God and cannot live on husks. Neither things nor people can really appease our awful hunger if we are away from God.

Sin is temporary madness. **The first step to God is to come to ourselves.** The prodigal's real nature stood face to face with the ruin and havoc of his sin. ***Never, for a moment, had the Father ceased to love and yearn.*** There was an instant response to the slightest indication of repentance.

Love was quicker than words, to understand what the prodigal meant. The confession was therefore cut short. Note the profuse welcome, meeting every need- the robe of righteousness, the ring of reconciliation, the kiss of love, the shoes of a holy walk, and the feast of fellowship.

Depression and addiction actually sets in when we try to find satisfaction anywhere outside God, first a little drink, then you notice you are still sad then a little smoke and then a little movie excitement and still not happy with this, you proceed to a little pornographic content and Bam you are already and addict and are trying to come out of where you entered voluntarily.

Never think running away from God will ever save you; your help is always on the Hill, where your Father dwells.

Never run away from your Father when you do wrong instead run towards Him, that's the only place your true safety lays.

As we attempt to wrap this up here, I perceive strongly in my heart that you need to make amends with the Father, maybe you have run out of His love, and you are thinking “He doesn’t love you again”, that is the lie from the devil, even right now the Father is calling you back home, as you are reading this you can feel Him, telling you to return to Him, ***why not just pray to the Father right now and ask the Father to reveal Himself to you more and bring you to understand His love for you.***

The love of God is actually tangible and if you prayed the prayer above sincerely you would have experience it. It is this experience that will make you not to divorce Him in the face of battle or challenges.

It is my prayer **That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

May be able to comprehend with all saints what are the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

EPH3:16-19

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WHY SEND THE SON?

The word of God has been the upholding foundation from the beginning, yet people still had difficulty obeying the word, one of the reasons for this was because they lost touch with the tangibility of God. Apart from the promise of a savior, the question began to prevail “**Who is Jesus, Why send Him to mankind as a man**” this and many more questions will this chapter seek to answer by the help of the Holy Ghost.

“For in Him all the fullness of Deity (the Godhead) dwells in bodily form (completely expressing the divine essence of God)”

COL2:9

It is necessary to establish in the field of everlasting Salvation, that the believer must also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***For the right Faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man.***

He is equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as touching His Manhood. Although He is God and Man, yet He is not two, but One Christ. *He is one, not by conversion of the Godhead into Flesh, but by taking Manhood into God.*

From the scripture ***John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.***

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

The titles of our Lord are set forth in royal fashion. As speech reveals the hidden thoughts of men, so does our Lord utter the unseen God. God spoke and it was done. His words preceded the act of creation, but Christ was the Word or utterance of God.

He who created time preceded time, and that which is before time is eternal and divine. **Christ is the organ or medium by which God goes forth in creation, providence, and redemption.** The life of God was stored in the human nature of

Jesus, when the Word became flesh that it might more readily pass into us. True life is always light, as just as the moon shines when it receives the sunlight. When we receive Christ's life, we shine.

Men are still sent from God, as John was, to bear witness to Jesus; but there is also a witness to Him in the breast of man. We call it conscience, or the inner light. The blinded world knew Him not. Indeed, **John 9:1-41** is a parable of mankind's condition, **2Cor4:4**. Believing and receiving is the same thing.

Let Christ in, and you have instantly the right to call yourself a child of God, **Gal3:26**. Only God can impart to us the truth of that life, which we share with the Son Himself, **James 1:18**.

Jesus is the administrator of everything the Father produces, **and without Him not even one thing was made that came into being**. What this means is that without Jesus nothing that was made would have been made.

He is the substance of Reality. He incarnates the possibility that comes or originates from the Father that is the reason why *'if you want to feel the love of God, it is Jesus you must first touch'*. He makes the Father communicable, and the truth is without the existence of the Son we might not have known the true realities of the Father. In fact, ***you cannot prove the Father without the Son.***

He is like the Mirror that gives you a perception of who you are. No man has truly seen himself except through the reflection which he sees from the mirror. So also the Son is the Mirror in which the Father is made visible to us His children.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all"

2Cor13:14

Our definitions about grace have been largely incomplete. Grace is more than just unmerited favor, Grace is any good and perfect gift (*spiritual or physical*) coming from the Father, manifesting in the Son and Revealed by the Holy Ghost to us. It is also any possibility captured in the person of Jesus as a reality in the Father and brought into manifestation by the Holy Ghost.

You see Jesus is the Media between God and Man, ***the Holy Spirit Reveals Jesus who is the Only True way to the Father.*** So no one at any time can truly see the Father except through the image of the Son. In the Son lies the Father Tangibly.

If you have been visited by Jesus before; you will find out that His presence naturally brings to bear the realities of God. This is the reason why people feel love and cry when they see, feel or touch Jesus.

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the (only) Way (to God) and the (real) Truth and the (real) Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’”

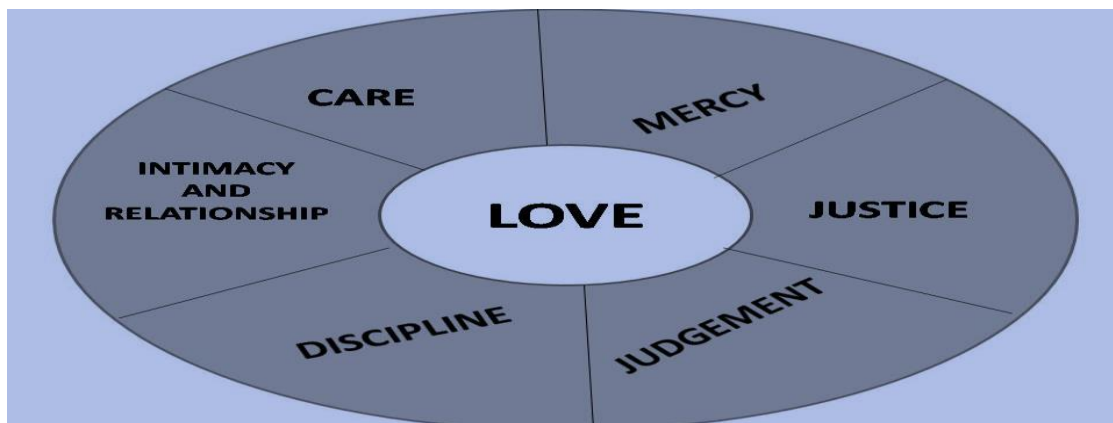
JOHN 14:6

Remember in the garden was the tree of life and guarding it was the cherubim and sword in the middle, can you recall that the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God **Eph 6:17**, remember that in the beginning was the Word and the word became Flesh **John1:14**

There are and may be other trees (many ways) to the Father but if you want life, He is the only way. Money, resources, gifts and even the Anointing are ways to God but Jesus is the only true way.

Our views about God and the reality of his existence were unclear until Jesus came, apart from the very fact that He came to show us how to live here on earth. He also did good and great work showing us the nature of the Love of God.

The love of God is unsearchable and beyond all human understanding, and from the picture presented by Jesus who is the reality of all things, Love is **Care, Discipline, Judgment, Justice, Mercy and Intimacy.**



The life of Jesus from the picture above shows you the reason why God who is love will correct you when you are heading for the Dead, He will care for you by providing all your needs, He will go to all lengths to get justice for you even if it means Judgment on your enemies. He will be Merciful too factoring your earthly, weak and powerless nature, and will ultimately call you to Intimacy, a place for Communion and Relationship.

Every name is best explained by the name bearer, so no one except God knows you higher than you do. Therefore, let's look at what Jesus did say about Himself before we look at why we should follow Jesus.

The mission of Jesus here on earth is found in the book of Luke

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Luke 4:18-20

And He came to preach and teach as seen in

Luke 4:43 And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.

He came to give you the living water

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

The love of God overlaps narrow restrictions of gender, and sect, and nationality. Two conditions, **John 4:10**, precede our reception of God's best gifts: **we must know, and we must ask.**

The living water is not a stagnant pond or well, but leaps up from a hidden spring. The woman keeps referring to the *well*, Jesus to the *spring* in the well. That alone can satisfy. Not the word, but the spirit in the word. Not the rite, but the grace it symbolizes. **John 4:13** might serve as the inscription on all places of worldly amusement. Ponder that word *become* **John 4:14**

First of all, you must drink for your own needs, only then can you help to meet the needs of others. And this is the well of salvation.

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.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

And this is the condemnation, that light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

JOHN 3:16-21

Though physically on earth, our Lord was spiritually in touch with the heavenly realities. He was living among them and bore witness to them. He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, and the divine purpose of redemption would fail unless He fulfilled His part in the eternal compact. That which had been resolved upon before the foundations of the hills were laid must be carried out in all its terrible detail. He must be accounted as a sin offering, and go forth as a scapegoat.

He must tread the winepress alone, and pour out His soul unto death. Yet He was not rebellious, nor did He turn back. He rejoiced to do the Father's will. For the joy that was set before Him, He endured the Cross.

Redemption originated in God's great love. Notice the pairs in **John 3:16**: *God* and the *Son*; *loved* and *gave*; *the world* and *whosoever*; *believe* and *have*; *not perish* but have *life*. The judgment is already in process, and the turning point with each who has known the gospel will be his attitude toward the light he has enjoyed. Evil men avoid the light, as an inflamed eye the sun. No true heart fears Christ, and on coming to Him it discovers that unconsciously it has been wrought upon by God.

Before we look at the price Jesus paid for us let's take a brief view of why we need Jesus, it would be listed here and explained later but I need you to search out also why you need Jesus.

The following accounts for the major reason we need Jesus in our Life:

- Reconciliation for humanity **Rom 5:11 2Cor5:18-19**.
- He took the sins of the world by His sacrifice **John 1:5-9 1Pet1:19**.
- Salvation of our souls **1Pet1:9-13**.
- To pay the Price **1Cor6:20 Heb 9:13-14**.
- The mediator of the better covenant **Heb 8:6**.
- He is the only perfect exchange for our sins and life off slavery **Gen22:8**.

I believe you have gotten a better understanding now, you can read **COL1:13-22** for better understanding.

The lamb that appeared in the **GEN22** story of Abraham caught up in thorn was foreshadowing the sacrifice Jesus was to offer, remember He is the lamb that takes away the sins of the world. Therefore, it would be wise to look at the power in the lamb that could be used for exchange. Remember nothing is exchanged without it having a higher value than the previous product.

“For this reason also (because He obeyed and so completely humbled Himself). God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name. God so that at the name of Jesus, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW (in submission), of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth. And that every tongue will confess and openly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord (sovereign God), to the glory of God the Father.

PHIL 2:9-11”

All the underlined above belong to personalities, only persons are named or have knees or tongues. Having seen this let us now go to what Jesus did for us and what our salvation entailed. You see the devil is not mighty but looks mighty to the extent to which you give him by ignorance.

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

2Cor 2:11

Satan is not powerful at all; he only seems powerful because of ignorance, like the above scripture said his advantage is our ignorance of his devices.

Many people have been driven into Guilt and Depression by their lack of knowledge and ignorance of the sacrifice of Jesus, which He paid for them. It is a known fact that if you have no knowledge of a matter, abuse and bondage is inevitable.

So briefly we would look at the work of Christ. ***Mind you this price is called a finished work and if it is a finished work it means that nothing can be added to it, neither subtracted from it or otherwise. Christ has paid the price all you have to do is enter into that rest.***

The death of Jesus on the cross of Calvary has two aspects;

- 1. To the Law (RECONCILIATORY ASPECT)**
- 2. For our Life (ORGANIC ASPECTS)**

The reconciliatory aspect is the payment necessary for Jesus to pay for Justice in Heaven and the Organic aspect is what the Spirit of Christ is here for.

We must recognize that except the roots of evidence are legal in the spirit, it cannot be able to obtain divine Justice. If you read **HEB 7:7-10** you might discover a little about why Job said “in sin did my mother conceive me”. **Do you know that when Adam sinned we were in his loins?** And if we were in his loins then we should understand that a curse from a higher office can also affect and cover the whole of man’s seed, so as the blessing pronounced on Abraham.

Now let’s look at what God spoke to Adam when he sinned and then we would know the judicial payments Jesus did. Among other proclamations you find:

- You shall surely die when you eat of the tree (talking about spiritual death leading to a physical degradation).
- I will put enmity between you and the seed of the woman.
- Her seed shall bruise the head of the serpent.
- The husband shall rule over his wife.
- Cursed is the ground for Adam’s sake, in sorrow will he eat bread all the days of His Life.
- Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee.

When Adam fell, we lost many things to the devil, a mutation took place and we gained corruption. When man fell corruption gained entrance to the world and the works of flesh became operational by the spirit of the world. They are ***adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, reveling etc. GAL 5:19-21***

When Adam sinned he declared independence against God (That is he rebelled) and therefore he entered into bondage. And remember bondage is valid as long as the spirit of the court still thrives. ***ISH49:24.***

When you disobey a Law of any kingdom, you lose your right and are under obligation if found guilty to be punished by the law. One of the laws Adam broke is found in **ROM 6:16** “**Do you not know that when you continually offer yourselves to someone to do his will, you are the slaves of the one you obey,**

either (slaves) of sin, which lead to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness (right standing with God)?”

You must recognize and know that your will does not have any authority to determine a change in your life when a spirit is involved. There is a law in the realms ``that **when a man commits a crime it will take a man to atone and save him**” so **GEN 7:16** in obedience to this law will show that since God shut the ark of Noah then it will take only God to open it. Therefore, if God says yes no man can say no.

By the ***Law of Inclusion***, every man in Adam was implicated on account of his rebellion. So no man could stand as an advocate or a surety for Adam. It was because of this that God said the only way out was through the seed of the woman (***another man but not of Adam***) that is a man without the DNA of Adam, that is a man having a different life source. Hence the reason why Jesus (***the last Adam***) had to come as a quickening Spirit (**1Cor15:45**) so if all die in Adam that means all can live in Jesus Christ (**1Cor15:22**). **SELAH** (pause and think meditatively).

And in order to avoid DNA mixture from the already contaminated Adam, the Holy Spirit spearheaded the birth of Jesus through the woman (Virgin Mary) **Mat1:20-21**. It was because of the law of residence that Jesus had to become man (the only legal entity of Earth). What love is expressed when ***God in Christ came as man to make sons of men, sons of God***. Before we proceed let's see what God has done through Christ in response to the consequence spoken of in Genesis:

- For thorns and thistles, He wore a crown of thorns.
- His blood touching the earth shook the curse on the ground and translated us to the blessings of God.
- He is the seed of the woman who bruised the serpent by His death on the Cross.
- He is now the Head of the church.
- He is the bread of Life.

The world today and the happenings all around you might be a sign that you have not come into the place of light. I can assure you not as a prophet of doom or a

wicked person but out of love that life will get bitter and darker until the light of Jesus shines into your life.

Jesus is saying to you like **“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the (only) Way (to God) and the (real) Truth and the (real) Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’”**
JOHN 14:6

There seem to be many ways trying to reach the Father, but He is the only way. Money, resources, gifts and even the Anointing are ways to God only Jesus is the true way. You have tried money and did not find joy, as you are reading this now you are struggling to live, there is no peace in your life, and you are being bothered everyday by challenges of life.

You have a void in your heart as I speak to you right now, sincerely you and God know that though you have many friends and even attend church service or religious gatherings, yet there is no peace in your heart. God said in **MAT11:28** that if you come unto Him right now, He will give you rest, come as you are. He is able to give you rest. It does not matter what the situation is, all that matters is that there is rest for you.

If you truly want to experience the Love of the Father and encounter this Jesus and encounter peace, love, joy and all he represents. All you have to do is **confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

You have tried many other ways and it is not working, you have even tried religion, going to church but still there is a void in your Heart. With all sense of humility and truthfulness, go on your knees right now and ask Him to come into your Heart as you confess Him your Lord, Savior and Friend. Ask Him to help you live for Him, tell Him your pain right now and make sure you drop those burdens at His feet till you feel peaceful or joyful.

Now you can pray the prayer below:

“LORD JESUS, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM A SINNER AND THAT I HAVE WRONGED YOU IN SO MANY WAYS, BUT TODAY I RETURN TO THE VERY LOVE I LEFT, FORGIVE ME OF MY SINS AND CLEANSE ME WITH YOUR PRECIOUS BLOOD, I BELIEVE YOU DIED FOR ME AND ON THE THIRD DAY YOU ROSE AGAIN FOR MY JUSTIFICATION, FOR MY SALVATION AND FOR MY DELIVERANCE FROM SIN AND SATAN TO SERVE THE LIVING GOD, I ACCEPT YOUR LOVE TODAY AS MY LORD AND SAVIOUR, COME AND BE MY ALL IN ALL, THANK YOU FOR SAVING AND ACCEPTING ME BACK IN JESUS NAME. AMEN”

Congratulations and welcome to the family, please let everyone know you have seen the Way. And don't forget to follow God from now henceforth with the whole of your heart; we will look at how to build this fellowship later by the Help of the Holy Ghost. Once again welcome to the Family. **JESUS SAYS HE LOVES YOU.**

In the next chapter, we will be talking about a very interesting personality, you don't want to get distracted, why not ask the Holy Ghost to open your eyes to the Light of God's word in the next chapter. Please Pray before you Proceed

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DISCOVER THE SPIRIT

There is nothing as powerful as conception and nothing as dangerous as misconception. it is important to understand that:

- The Spirit of God is not just the third person in the trinity; He is as much God as the Father and Son.
- The Spirit of God is not a dove, or a fire or a wind; He is obviously not the anointing oil. All these things are just but similitude and medium through which He has communicated His power and might choose to communicate it again. We would look at the meaning of these mediums later on in the book.
- The Spirit of God being a Holy Spirit does not mean that He is Holy ALONE and therefore one of the Good Spirits. What this entails is that all other Spirit drew their existence from Him and not Him from them.
- The Spirit of God is not an Influence that specializes in disrupting services by throwing people down or making people cry and scream. In as much as this might result from His presence it is an effect and not His person.
- The Holy Spirit whether we are conscious of Him or not is ever present, in and with the believer.

You can't preach and minister without the Holy Spirit. You can't pray for the sick without the Holy Spirit. You can't lead worship without the Holy Spirit. You can't really be that kind of Christian businessman that God wants you to be without the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything without the Holy Spirit. In fact, we can't pray without the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit of God who helps us to pray.

Therefore, before we do anything to fulfill His destiny and His will in our lives, we must yield to the Spirit, check with Him. He is a real person whom we can relate to. When we relate to the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost many of us have a view that we could come to any one of them.

Sometimes we think that we could shake hands with the Holy Spirit and we could relate to Him. Then we sometimes relate to Jesus Christ. And sometimes we relate to the Father.

Christians struggle because of the way they have been taught Trinity, they are not sure how they are going to spend their time with God. And so they are afraid of displeasing God, so they spend half an hour with the Holy Ghost, half an hour with Jesus and half an hour with the Father. And you thought that you pleased God. That is also wrong.

The first person you probably met was the Lord Jesus Christ. Although ***it was the Holy Spirit who brought us to Jesus*** we didn't know Him for He is invisible. Slowly we discover about God the Father and the Holy Spirit. Now ultimately we relate to God the Father. That is what I call a secular theological view of God. You could approach any one of them. That's not the real picture. This very picture will end up making someone think that the Father needs to be prayed to, so also the Son and finally the Holy Spirit, so you will end up seeing someone trying to divide His time for the three of them. This is not a true understanding of the Trinity. But thank God we understand trinity now.

And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:*

And after the earthquake a fire; *but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.*

And it was so, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?*

1Kings19:11

All through scriptures you find many titles and names of the Holy Spirit. Among these six symbols: wind, fire, dove, river, seal and oil exist. These are symbols the

Bible uses in regard to the Holy Spirit. Many people know the Holy Spirit's symbol to a certain extent but they do not fully understand His personality.

But we can get to know Him more through the symbols because they were medium used by Him and metaphorically represent the way He walks. So outlined below are some of these mediums and the possible persona we can find about the Holy Spirit of God. They Include:

- Wind

Before you go on, what does the word Wind mean to you?

The Holy Spirit is likened to a wind. 'When He moves, He is like the wind. The Bible wants us to understand the Holy Spirit by means of symbols. The principal symbolism of wind is that it is all about us. ***You can go anywhere and the air and the wind is there.*** You cannot survive without air. Everywhere we are surrounded by air.

This indicates a characteristic about the Holy Spirit - His omnipresence. The Holy Spirit has the supernatural ability to be omnipresent, to be everywhere at the same time. That is a tremendous aspect of His whole being. It is the Holy Spirit who makes the Father and the Son present in the reality of our lives. It is through that invisible power and presence of the Holy Spirit that God perceives all things and governs all things. God the Father has a specific location on the Throne. Jesus is on His own right hand. There are two thrones in the chambers in the heavenly places. Because of the omnipresence of the Holy Spirit, the Father and Son knows all things.

The second fact of the Holy Spirit as wind is that He is invisible. You cannot see the wind. You can only see dust particles or water drops. **John 14:17** The world cannot receive the Spirit because it neither sees nor knows Him. The reason they do not know Him is because they do not see Him. You see the world knows the historical Jesus. But the world does not know the Holy Spirit. Jesus says we will know the Holy Spirit because we believe in him and He dwells in us. We will know Him because He is the wind. In

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

John 3:8

In Jesus' description of the wind, which signifies the Holy Spirit, He says **you can't see Him but you could sense His influence, His manifestation**. We can't see the wind. What you actually experience about the wind is when the wind blows on an object, the object moves. It is the effect of the wind that tells us the presence of the wind. Jesus said the same thing about the Holy Spirit. You can't see Him but you can know Him. Because when He moves you can sense His movement. You could sense His voice.

The third point is He could manifest His presence in different degrees and different levels. It is just like the wind - sometimes it is just a breeze, light, soft and gentle. And then it can be very strong making everything move. Sometimes you call it a hurricane or cyclone. But you still feel the wind, no matter how light or strong it may be. The most important thing for us to know is what causes the Holy Spirit to move or not to move. What laws does the Holy Spirit follow? What actually brings forth the work of the Holy Spirit? **It is the force of hunger and thirst**. When you are hungry for God, He manifests Himself even more and you feel Him even more. The less a seeker of God you are, the less you feel God. When you are hungry for God and seek the truth, this creates a spiritual vacuum and it opens the way for the Holy Spirit like a wind moving in your life.

You can only know the presence of God through the wind of God in the person of the Holy Spirit. There is no possibility of experiencing God without experiencing the person of the Holy Spirit. **And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to his disciples by breathing on them. John 20:22**

Thus says the Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. Ezekiel 37:5

Then you shall know that I am the Lord. The bones come alive when the breath of God enters into them. This breath is the wind of the Holy Spirit blowing and giving new life and revival to the church. Revival is always due to the wind of God.

- Fire

Pause and Think!!!, what does the word fire mean to you?

The fire of the Holy Spirit is a symbol of God cutting a covenant with us. A covenant is the most powerful bond a person can have. When you have a covenant relationship with God, God calls you His friend and His son. And this means that the fire of the Holy Spirit comes when you have a covenant relationship with God.

A price is involved in a covenant relationship with God. There is surrender on your part. There is an exchange between two parties. The fire of God comes in different degrees. When you are just beginning your life in the Spirit, you are in the covenant relationship through the blood of Jesus. But this covenant relationship is not automatic. It has to be activated. The fire of the Holy Spirit begins to manifest more and more as you deepen this covenant relationship with God.

For the baptism of the fire to take place we must reach a point when we can say, ***“God, my life is no more mine. My talents are no more mine. My gifts are no more mine. My money and possessions is no more mine. They are yours for your use. And because they are no more mine, I make a decision no more to use my talents just for myself. I will no longer consider everything mine. I will consider them all yours.”***

As you make this kind of commitment and covenantal relationship the Holy Spirit will begin to manifest in your life as a fire. He will come like a fire into your life in a way that He has never come before.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1-2

When you make a sacrifice of yourself God will send the fire of the Holy Spirit to seal that covenant.

- Dove

The wind and the fire are something to consider but to move on deeper and to press on deeper, the Holy Spirit must minister to you as a dove. He transforms your life. You will begin to understand the very heart of God. The Holy Spirit as a dove speaks of several things. ***He speaks first of gentleness. Secondly He speaks about His peace and about His voice.*** If you realize it, you will relate to His love.

These are qualities of His very person. ***A person is someone who has feelings. Someone who has “soul quality.”*** And in the Holy Spirit as a dove we will see the very soul quality of the Spirit: ***His gentleness, the peacefulness, and the wonderful manifestation of His voice.*** There is no voice as the voice of the Holy Spirit. If you understand Him as a dove, you can easily pick up His voice.

There are two aspects to show forth His gentleness and the gentle ways He operates. And there are two warnings that we have to be aware when we relate to His gentle personality. Seeing a dove symbolizes gentleness. Jesus said be wise as serpent and harmless as dove. Jesus Himself uses the illustration of a dove as being innocent and gentle. The Holy Spirit as a dove can rest upon our lives like a bird resting on a branch. ***He is not a dove; He is as a dove - don't mistake that. He is not a fire - He is as a fire.***

So there are two aspects of His gentleness that we must learn to be very careful. One is grieving the Spirit and the other is quenching the Spirit. The bible says in ***Eph. 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day or redemption.*** The word grieve here conveys sadness and sorrow. And so the Holy Spirit can be saddened. He can be filled with sorrow.

He lives inside of us and we can cause Him to be sad. He has a personality so gentle that like a bird resting on a branch, ***if you are a restless branch He cannot rest.*** He is in you but He does not really have a grip over your life. It's only when you are still that the Holy Spirit comes and rests on you as a dove.

Whenever you move out of the rest into restlessness the Holy Spirit will take off again. He is so gentle that He is the gentlest personality of the whole universe. We can cause Him to be sad just like you can cause your loved one to be sad. By the

words you speak and by your actions the Holy Spirit can be grieved. ***1 Thes. 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.*** The word quench is the same word that is used as in quenching a fire. The context of that verse says do not despise prophecy. So quenching gives a picture of a fire coming up and someone taking a pail of water and pouring it over the fire. That is the same picture the bible gives of quenching the Spirit.

These two aspects speak from different angles: ***the grieving comes from a sin of commission whereas the quenching comes from a sin of omission.*** You grieve the Holy Spirit when you do something or say something or even when you think something that is wrong. He straightaway becomes sad.

When your attitudes, actions or words are wrong or are damaging to the Body of Christ or to a servant of God the Holy Spirit starts being grieved. When you begin to move into a wrong attitude, speak a wrong word or do a wrong action that the Holy Spirit is not pleased with and if it's not His will which He did not ask you to do and you went ahead and did it you grieve the Holy Spirit.

- River

Ezek47:1-5 shows that there is a river where we swim in by measure. Firstly, of the knowledge of the life flowing from it, secondly of the ankle deep measure, thirdly the knee deep measure and finally a river that cannot be controlled and which you can't swim in but carries you along. So there are actually four dimensions all in all. Please do not forget this, as it will be helpful to your understanding later.

From Gen 2:10-14 It is important to establish that there are four rivers coming from one source. **Pishon, Gihon, Hiddekel and Euphrates.**

So there is the seven dimension of the Spirit of God called the Seven Spirits of God dividing into four heads. And you find them below here. And before the throne lies a river (**Rev4:5-6**)

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;

Isa 11:1-2

it is important to state here as opposed to other views that there are seven dimensions of the Spirit of God as seen in the above Scripture and not six as taught by some theologians.

It is important to establish the truth that the Holy Spirit is seen as a river in **John4**, living water from wells, *Jesus answered and said unto her, whosoever drinks of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.* **John 4:13-14**

And on the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe in him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) **John 7:37-39.**

It is now clearly seen that there is a river dimension to understand about the Holy Spirit. I would like to state here the evidence of seven rivers flowing from one person, remember the water broke into four heads but they were from one source.

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;

Isa 11:2

Count them you will see that they are four. I found out that **John** chapter **14-16** was not just written but bore in them the dimensions above. So we will find the meaning by the Help of the Spirit of the river dimension through these four heads. If you look at the above scripture you will see the four heads the bible was referring to:

1. Spirit of the Lord

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:1-4

This first head of the river reveals to us the new birth dimension of Life flowing from God. It speaks widely about new birth and bringing us there. There is no condemnation again. It talks about the dimension of the river that cleanses and washes.

Remember in **John 3:5-6** *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Therefore, this talks about the ability of the Holy Spirit to convict a sinner. This is where spiritual rebirth takes place.*

2. Spirit of wisdom and understanding

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which* is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Eph1:17-19 showed also Paul praying for the Ephesians to have their eyes flooded with light by the Spirit.

A river flows and revelation is the flow of wisdom and understanding. So this dimension points to the fact that true knowledge and understanding is gained only by the Holy Spirit of God powering it.

Wisdom is the voice of the word of God and instruction is the voice of the Spirit of God. ***Replacing wisdom with instruction is craftiness and replacing instructions with wisdom is witchcraft.***

The truth is if you actually understand a thing you will apply that understanding, which wisdom actually is. This two cannot be absolutely separated.

3. Spirit of counsel and might

Joh 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Isa 30:21 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.

A river is pure and hence shows right counsel. So in that matter which you are confused in, the Spirit of God has the right counsel all you need to do is to ask Him, and ***the moment counsel is right counsel is gained might and strength is actually gained.*** And remember only the counsel of the Lord is mighty enough to stand the troubles of Life's challenges. **Pro 19:21 *There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.***

4. Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Pro 9:10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

This scripture is pictured as saying that you will encounter true knowledge as you fear (reverence) God. True knowledge is found in the very fact that you fear God.

- Oil

1Sa 16:13 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. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

The oil has always been one of the mediums of the Holy Spirit in the olden days. Oil in the context connotes power, anointing (upon and within), it also connotes lubrication and finally revelation.

Just like when an oil lamp loses its oil it goes off, so also if you lose the Holy Spirit you are going off instantly.

- Seal

Eph1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Eph1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

The Holy Ghost is the Seal; a seal is a legal signature to a property. We bear the mark of Christ being sealed by the Holy Spirit you become a touch not.

Psa105:15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

The analogy of someone engaged best describes this scenario, when you see an engaged person the ring actually wards people off by telling them “**This one is already taken**”. So also the Holy Spirit is the seal that tells people that me and you are already engaged, and are in the light of Jesus Christ.

The most important thing in being in God’s perfect will is to know the person of the Holy Spirit. It is not possible to do anything right in this life without the Holy Spirit.

There is no five-fold ministry without the Holy Spirit. The only asset that I have in my ministry besides the Word of God is the person of the Holy Spirit. Without listening to Him and without doing what He wants nothing else can take place. Sometimes we forget the person of the Holy Spirit because we are looking at the man of God. Now thank God for men and women of God who yielded to the Holy

Spirit because through their lives we can see the Holy Spirit and understand the working of the Holy Spirit.

There is no way to further quantify the working of a person without full knowledge of the person doing the work. Therefore, let's look briefly at who the Holy Spirit is:

Who is the Holy Spirit?

- **He is God**

The Holy Spirit is God. The difference of the trinity is not in the power or might but the system and nature of their office. The Holy Spirit is God that you must put in your subconscious otherwise you will begin to see Him limitedly and logically whereas He is as much God as the Father and the Son.

- **The Holy Spirit represents the unlimited presence of the Son.**

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 14:16-18

The son on earth was limited. That's the very reason why Jesus will have to travel from one place to another to heal someone. Jesus could not be everywhere at the same time and this limited the reach of His power.

You can pray for your sister or brother distant from you now and you will find out he/she is receiving answers, this is only possible because the Holy Spirit who is the unlimited Jesus is everywhere and at your request performs what you ask.

- **The Holy Spirit is not wise, He is the Wisdom of God**

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit is the Wisdom of God, He is not just wise, and He is the one who is the custodian of all wisdom from God. **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. James 1:5**

If any of you lack wisdom, don't rush out to pick any book anyhow ask the one who is the custodian of wisdom, He is the best Google search engine you can ever find because He is a dimension of the Ancient One.

- **The Holy Spirit is the revealer of the Presence and power of Jesus.**

If you follow the Life and story of people in the bible you will see that despite the miracles, signs and wonders wrought by Jesus, until the Holy Spirit came they doubted Jesus and never believed in the presence and power of Jesus. *Without the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life I assure you that you will be full of doubt of His power in your life.*

Without Him we have no change, no conviction and absolutely no transformation.

- **The Holy Spirit is the Author of scriptures.**

2Ti 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

If you are really current with the history of the disciples of Jesus, you will discover that most of them were either unlearned or otherwise. So there has to be a person that taught them all they knew. Moses wrote about the creation of this world in the book of Genesis years before He was born.

You must recognize that scripture did not produce or birth the Holy Spirit but the Holy Spirit birthed scriptures, so you will be a hypocrite trying to understand the scriptures without the Help of the Holy Spirit. And I must note here also that ***you cannot fully understand the Holy Spirit through scriptures you only understand***

Scriptures through the Holy Spirit. The scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and only the Holy Spirit houses the purest form of its revelation since he authored them.

Let's not forget that behind every ministry is the Holy Spirit.

Zech. 4:6 Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit. Whatever we say, whatever we do has no value unless you make contact with the Holy Spirit. And He is a real person, invisible but very real. But the secret is how to make contact with Him. In any place, in any meeting you can make contact with Him.

If you knew the Holy Spirit intimately the Holy Spirit will give keys in your lives. I realize that each man of God or woman of God will discover specific keys that they will demonstrate in their lives. But all of us got it from the same source. In fact, without the Holy Spirit you can't even understand the Word of God. He is the Spirit of truth.

His work on earth is nothing outside the three underlined above. So let me just help someone reading before we proceed. Your ***ministry is not the ministry of conviction but reconciliation***, you can't save anybody only He has the power to save. It is not your power; it is not your might but by the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit's work and mission on earth and it is that "And **He, when He comes, will convict the world about (the guilt of) sin (and the need for a Savior), and about righteousness, and judgment**. JOHN16:8"

We would be focusing on the work of the Holy Ghost in the Life of a Believer which leads to righteousness. They include:

- **Activation of our Spiritual Senses**

"But the natural (unbelieving) man does not accept the things (the teachings and revelations) of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness (absurd and illogical) to him; and he is incapable of understanding them, because they are spiritually discerned and appreciated, (and he is unqualified to judge spiritual matters). But the spiritual man (the spiritually mature Christian) judges all things (questions, examines and applies what the Holy Spirit reveals), yet is

himself judged by no one (the unbeliever cannot judge and understand the believer's spiritual nature)"

1COR2:14-15

This scripture has said it all, this point it means being alive to Christ and conscious of God's things, it is being unreasonable to men but very reasonable to God.

You will not believe in the genuineness of spiritual things except the Holy Spirit opens your Spiritual Senses. ***Why would Jesus make the blind mind more blind than he met Him***, someone will ask but let your eyes be opened by the Holy Spirit and you will see the Dirt being washed as sin being washed of and just as man was created from the dust even so the blind man was being born anew with brand new organs. **HALLELUYAH**

When He said in **Mat 8:17** that ***He took our infirmities and if he took it (past tense) then you don't have it***. Someone with a carnal sense begin to complain of headache and fever or his/her disease being normal and natural. But you are no longer natural, you are now supernatural, and the moment you've got your senses activated it will all begin to function without you even knowing it, it is no longer premeditated but begins to work like your natural sense organs, ***the nose doesn't beg you to smell once it picks any scent it goes into action***.

Again when someone sees the scripture in **Mat 6:30-31** about taking no thought and not worrying about what to eat, drink or wear etc, you want to logically see the impossibility but you have your senses activated and all you begin to see is the Almightyness and Sufficiency of **EL-SHADDAI**.

Another might be complaining of not writing anything on his/her exam answer sheets but you with a quickened sense will find out that your God has a hand with which He wrote on the wall in Babylon and that if he could blot out the handwriting and ordinances then he can cover your errors and color your effort.

This thing is not planned at all, it is like a computer program, all that is needed is to activate it; once your spiritual senses have been activated you will begin to see your spiritual rights and advantage.

So many of us question spiritual things because our senses have not been opened yet, trust me when your senses are activated you will start seeing from a whole new plane and realm. For want of time let's proceed to the next point. I believe you are getting really blessed.

- **Revelation and Understanding of Scriptures**

“And (I pray) that the eyes of your heart (the very center and core of your being) may be enlightened (flooded with light by the Holy Spirit), so that you will know and cherish the hope (the divine guarantee, the confident expectation) to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints (God's people).” EPH 1:18

There is one very thing we have gotten wrong and that is the fact that Scriptures do not help us understand the Holy Spirit but rather it is the Holy Spirit who helps you understand scriptures because He authored it **2TIM3:16**. All scripture is God breathed dear, don't just go for the kiosk, go to the storehouse owner.

Reading the bible without the help of its author is just you looking for confusion, it is one and the same way most people had and are still feeling about some of the major hypotheses and laws of science. Everybody knows they are real but not everyone can see its practicality. Why not check in with the Author?

You and I know that no one can explain getting burnt like the person who experienced a burn, also no one can tell you how to make coca cola like the inventor. Come on what are you waiting for, make use of the help of the Holy Spirit. ***You can understand just anything by asking the one that knows everything.***

The bible will always look disordered until it is read by the help of the Holy Spirit. I bet you to ask the Holy Spirit to help you study the bible and you will be shocked to find Jesus in every verse of scriptures yourself, I have been shocked at how He does it and I still want to see more by His Help, you too can enjoy that today just ask Him before you read to come and read with you. TRY it and See.

- **Divine Guidance and Divine Direction**

“But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth (full and complete truth), For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will

speak whatever He hears (from the Father-the message regarding the Son), and He will disclose to you what is to come (in the future). JOHN 16:13”

And then at this point **“your ears will hear a word behind you ’This is the way, walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right or to the left. ISH 30:21”**

There is a big difference between ***Direction and Guidance***. Direction is at best informative but Guidance is not without a person walking with you. Also where direction directs the other guides, one is presence certain and the other is presence directed. Directions are good but beyond direction seek to be guided for this is far better.

I remember many times during personal evangelism how the Lord guides and directs us, sometimes even when we went to the very places we knew nothing about. Have you ever lost something before and then you hear a voice directing you to where it is to be found, I bet you have, **that is the voice of Direction?** He just tells you what to do and also follows you.

Ask Moses and he will tell you why he asked for the Lord’s Presence rather than His angels or direction. There is a feeling you get when God is guiding you, he always guides you into all truth. Do you want to lead 3million people without a problem, or lead the children of Israel like David did? Then ask the Guide to help you do that.

Not all open doors are of God, even satan and strong desires can open doors. When He is your shepherd like **Ps23** says you shall not want, you will be in the path of righteousness for His name’s sake, even when you walk through the valley of the shadow of death you will have nothing to fear because the Lord is with you. He will (*only when He is the one guiding you*) prepare a table before you in the very presence of your enemies. ***He leads and guides you and anywhere he makes you lie down become green pastures.*** For those people looking for Greener pastures, ***there is no Greener pasture anywhere but where the Spirit of the Lord leads you to.*** So stop looking for one and start looking for Him. Beyond Direction you have to seek His Guidance.

- **Renewal and Transformation**

“And we all, with unveiled faces, continually seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are progressively being transformed into His image from (one degree of) glory to (even more) glory, which comes from the Lord, (who is) the Spirit.”

2COR3:18

Transformation is a change of state caused by a change of paradigm or mindset.

“And do not be conformed to this world (any longer with its superficial values and customs), but be transformed and progressively changed (as you mature spiritually) by the renewing of your mind (focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes), so that you may prove (for yourselves) what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect (in His plan and purpose for you).”

ROM12:2

And the mindset in this case will be “.... *mind of Christ in you*” **Phil 2:5** so as you walk in the Spirit you begin a gradual change from Flesh into Spirit fruits more **Gal5:16-21 for more understanding.**

There is the word as a person and the word as a testament, the letters kill but the word breathed upon by the Spirit giveth life. You are actually transformed when the Holy Spirit breathes upon scriptures.

The word is at best informative only the Holy Spirit transforms. Also every confession without the Holy Spirit's presence and power is mere Psychology.

He is the experience of God. He is the means of experiencing the substance of the Father. He is the one that will bring you into the experience of the substance in you. ***For instance, Faith exist in God, Jesus is the Author and Finisher of our Faith but it takes an experiential encounter with the Holy Spirit of Faith to walk experientially in this Faith,*** and until you encounter the Holy Spirit of God, you don't really have faith.

Let's take another example of Healing, God can heal and want us to live in total health, for so we saw from the substantiation by Jesus' going about healing the sick and delivering the oppressed but you must encounter the Spirit of God to walk into your Total Health.

Let's talk about the Holy Spirit a little, knowing that we cannot in words quantify His reality. He is best known by experience. So what I will write down will be drawn from personal experience and the experience of fathers. Let's talk a little about relationships and Marriage.

First of all, we must recognize that many relationships started from two friends becoming lovers, lovers becoming Husband and wife and so on. So your relationship with God started from being friends with the world to being friends of God.

How does this reflect our discussion here some of you might be tempted to ask? You see **Intimacy is a communion that is legally between two married people.** Hence that implies that you cannot be intimate with someone you are not married to (in this context bonded to by a love covenant) and do not love.

As you begin your communion with the Holy Spirit you must first become a friend of God by being married to Jesus through salvation which will bring you into an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit (Unlimited Christ).

So as you partner with the Holy Spirit you begin to find out that as time goes on **(just as your mom and dad are beginning to look alike after some period of years)** you begin to take on the form of the image of Jesus as by the Spirit of the Lord **2Cor3:18.**

Then after a period of Intimacy you also find out that the wife begins to have a change in the shape of her body they call it pregnancy, everybody sees the woman and begin to congratulate her. No man can doubt that she is heavily pregnant because the signs are visible there for all to see. ***One of the proofs of intimacy is pregnancy.***

Also you begin to walk with the Holy Spirit in intimacy and communion, things within and around you begin to change, the glory of God begins to radiate around you and in you. People see it and call it **Testimonies** but you know that it is a proof of Intimacy and Marriage.

Another proof of love is the benefits of Gifts, as long as communications last gifts will keep flowing. ***There are unlimited gifts of the Holy Spirit and they manifest fully by His control and with His backing.*** Because we are not talking about this gift I recommend you find out about them and study them.

It is also worthy to note that a gift is not always prayed for but it is given, most of the spiritual gifts are bound to manifest to the extent to which the Spirit of God permits it and not to the extent to which you pray for it. ***Don't forget that they are Gifts.*** You find some of the named ones in **ROM 12:6-8 and 1Cor12:8-10**

At this point you can go out fully bearing the name of your husband, so when you stretch forth your hand to pray for the sick, you know for sure that ***you are not alone*** and that whatever you do or are expressing authority over, you are doing so in the name of your husband whose permission you don't beg for because you are already married too. **SELAH**

As we draw close to the conclusion of this part, we must recognize that there are two dimensions of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer: **There is the Spirit upon and the Spirit within.**

Most people (especially the Pentecostals and charismatic) understand the Spirit because of the power to throw people here and there but not many understand the Spirit within. It is ***being conscious of the Spirit within that is our solution to the flesh;*** our flesh is obviously not the desire but the boundary. In a brief definition: The Spirit upon is the dimension of the Spirit that energizes us to do work and Quicken our mortal bodies **ROM 8:11 and ACTS 10:38**. And the Spirit within comes to direct, guide and quicken our spirit.

So you see the extent to which God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and with power which made Him to have the ability to do good, heal the sick etc and notice the word ***for God was with Him Act10:38.***

In conclusion **The Father provides the reality, the Son substantiates it and it takes the Holy Spirit to bring you into that experience.** If you only seek for the Father, you will definitely not walk into God's full realities and manifestations.

Life is a function of progressive yielding to the workings of the Holy Spirit. **God has given you all things that pertain to life and Godliness but you can only walk in it by yielding to the Holy Spirit.**

There is a gift promised us by Jesus Himself that if we believe we shall speak in new tongues. You might have heard many things about it, I am not here to convince you

into having your free gift but I can assure you that without it, fellowship with the Spirit will be a little bit difficult.

All you have to do now is to first receive the Holy Spirit into your heart (gotten by/at salvation) and then if you believe and know that the Holy Spirit is in your heart then pray this prayer:

“Holy Spirit, reveal yourself to Me and fill me with the language of Heaven”

Now I want you to pray in your understanding asking Him to fill you, and listen you will sense the Holy Ghost in you bubbling forth trying to pray from the inside with your lips all you have to do is to open your mouth wide and bam you are speaking in that language already. If you still are not filled, then go to a nearest bible believing church and ask for more clarification. God Bless You.

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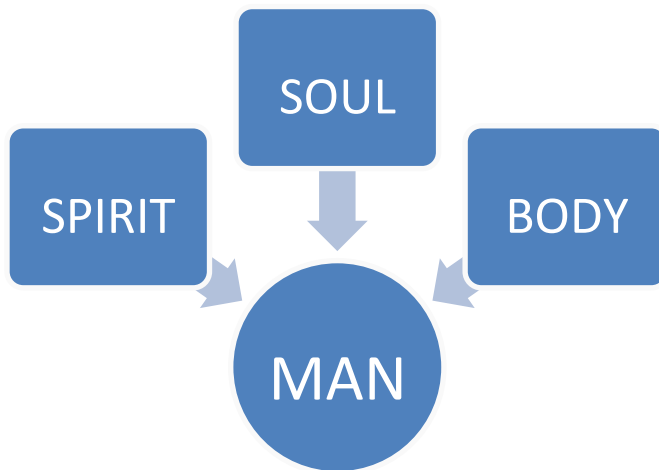
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WHAT IS MAN?

‘What is man that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him’ **Psalm8:4**

The above statement will imply that man must be a very amazing being. Permit me not to bother you with much detail as we go right into what is necessary, from the scientific point of view Man is divided into three: *Body, Soul and spirit*. **1THE5:23**
HEB4:12



Before we dive into unveiling the nature of man, we must understand that the need of Man is factored into three: ***the life of God, the Spirit of God and the Nature of God***. In a bid to satisfy these needs of man, we have created many religions. We have forgotten that you can't use mere social philosophy to satisfy the need of man. It takes a proper understanding of this nature to harness the power and be a host to the Godhead.

SPIRIT

This is one of the purest dimensions of man, because it came as a result of God's breathing upon man. Satan can't tempt you in the spirit but in the flesh, ***"can you imagine satan tempting you to pray, or telling you, common son you have to put that offering in, or you have to worship God"***

The spirit part of man is his purest part of man because God is its habitat, that is why it is not easily accessible. Worse that can happen is that you will be broken down.

And the spirit is divided into three main functions: *conscience, intuition and communion*. So we will just go through the explanations of these dimensions of the spirit shortly:

• **CONSCIENCE** 1Cor2:14 1Tim4:2 Heb10:22

This is the discerning organ in your spirit; it distinguishes between right and wrong. It is if I would call it the emotional part of your spirit that has nothing to do with your soul. When this part of you speaks, you are obviously thrown into an emotional turmoil. You will be as if you are torn in two worlds of decision.

The conscience is an extension of the mercy and love of God to keep you from destruction, until you acknowledge and consciously accept God your conscience might be dead.

The conscience does not wait for outside stimulations but emerges directly from within Man. In fact, the bible categorically calls it in some part the voice of the Spirit. 90% of the voice of God to us passes this way (Rom8:16).

The conscience gives your spirit man Uprightness so you will have a right stance before God. It is the pain in the spirit that tells you something is wrong and when we violate God's law, conscience is the indication of sin in the body.

• **INTUITION** 1Cor2:11

This is the brain of the inner sanctuary; it is a knowing coming directly to your spirit from God. This is the part that senses and knows information beyond the capacity of your mind in your soul. It knows by revelation beyond what the mind can capture or perceive. Even Jesus had intuition (Mrk2:8). Spiritual perception is the work of that part of your spirit I call intuition.

Knowing things in intuition is what the bible calls revelation. God never explains Himself to Man through reasoning, because the mind will only crash. The process of the intake of information from God is that, information comes to you by revelation in your spirit and then due to the limitation of your mind, you begin to decipher and understand it as English. In the intuited part of your mind God speaks his language and your intuition receives it quietly yet retaining its message in full.

God reveals himself to the Human spirit, the head is only where God's will is understood after the information has been received in your intuition.

Except a man receives God's life and has his intuition reborn, he is eternally separated from God and will never be able to access the voice of God. Spiritual perception is actually the work of the part of your spirit we call intuition.

• **COMMUNION** 2Cor13:14

This is the part of you that worships God, it is this part of you that creates the need to pray and worship God. It is the part of your spirit man that is responsible for maintaining an intimate relationship with the Godhead.

If this part of your spirit is not fully engaged you will lift up your hands during church worship and find out that you are thinking about the food you are to eat at home. This is the part of your spirit that wills and is responsible for worship and fellowship with God.

SOUL OF MAN

2Cor10:4-5 Rom12:2

The spirit does not have the ability to act directly on the body, it needs a medium and this medium is what is called the SOUL, which is the fusion of the spirit and body. This is the media between the body and the spirit. The soul receives from the senses and deposits it in the spirit.

SPIRIT + BODY = SOUL

There is communion in the soul too and this is where relationship is factored but it is an extension of the three forms at work. Just like the spirit can subdue the body through the soul, so also the body can draw the spirit into loving the world through the soul.

There are two forms of the soul influence system: **conscious** and **subconscious**. Addiction thrives when habitual action in the conscious moves to the subconscious. That's the reason why an addict smoker will look for grasses or paper to light up if he can't find the original item of abuse.

One of the steps towards recovering from addiction is, by replacing the very negative act and habit by positive ones. Once you begin to do another action consistently it registers in the conscious then the subconscious. It is not a problem when it is in the conscious (for instance the picture of a beautiful girl) because you can choose to look away, but you allow it enter your subconscious and you will be shocked at the kind of thoughts you will be having consequently about her.

Same thing with that verse of scriptures **ROM10:17, “Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God”**, faith does not comes by the word coming merely to your consciousness but when it enters your subconscious, at this point it is in you and cannot be easily taken out.

I remember in school a certain time when I was called to speak in a state meeting, somewhat political in nature, and as I stood up you will be shocked at how I motioned the audience, I did that by saying “**PRAISE THE LORD**” it has already found way to my subconscious. Before we proceed to look at man’s souls faculties, I dare you to look at those addictions (not just pornography but whatever you are attached to that is gradually becoming an idol) and make a deliberate habitual act to do something positive like studying your bible, or listening to messages in its stead, do this consistently and I bet you addiction is gone by the help of the Holy Ghost. **Remember that whatever did not come with you from creation was learnt, (consciously or unconsciously) cultivated and made to grow and can be permit to use the word unlearnt.**

Man’s Souls faculties cannot perceive God or the world, it needs an agency to do that either body or spirit. I would like to cite here that there is imagination, creativity, analysis, and picturing in the soul but the soul is fundamentally divided into Mind, Will and Emotions.

• **MIND**

The mind is the set of faculties including cognitive aspects such as consciousness, imagination, perception, thinking, intelligence, judgement, language and memory, as well as non-cognitive aspects such as emotion and instinct.

Thought is a mental act that allows humans to make sense of things in the world, and to represent and interpret them in ways that are significant, or which accord with their needs, attachments, goals, commitments, plans, ends, desires, etc.

Memory is the ability to preserve, retain, and subsequently recall, knowledge, information or experience.

When you pray do you ask for proofs that God is listening? No Obviously. Why you may ask? Because your mind has been conditioned by what you see, hear and have read in the word of God. So the mind of everyone has been programmed to believe that when they sleep they will definitely wake up in the morning, and by this simple statement of truth I can boldly declare that 85% of people that sleeps at night rarely pray before they sleep.

There is a part of our soul called the Mind and this part is essential for analyzing, reasoning and imagining. I call it the Central Processing Unit of a Man. Your mind has its own realities but it was not made to function without the Spirit of God. ***The word of God acts on the information that is found in the imaginative part of your heart and converts it to spontaneous thought which forms the prophetic word.***

If you want to live you cannot isolate your mind from your existence doing so ultimately produces a fool. ***Faith attracts what you believe in and fear draws you to what you are afraid of, all because of the mind.***

You can only have the mind of Christ when you walk in Love (which is walking in the Spirit) PHIL2:5, as you begin to walk in Love you begin to see things the way God sees them (which I call the greatest conditioning of the mind).

The devil does not attack any other place but your mind and the instructions therein, you see until you have been able to understand and control your mind, you will be a victim of ignorance which is ultimately one of the breeding ground of the devil. May I surprise you by saying this fact that, ‘the devil only thrives and disturbs us because we believe his existence more than we believe God, *it was one of the God’s general that said, I am too afraid of God to be afraid of the devil*’. Satan wants to move you from the position of love, so that you can fear. Many will be driven into condemnation, when they miss the mark, and can no longer fellowship with the Lord as they should.

Wrong teachings and wrong doctrines have actually conditioned the minds of many believers to never hear the voice of God. Do you know that ‘you don’t see with your eyes but through your eyes’, in fact your mind is the agency that makes you see, ask the blind man and he will tell you how he sees? Your eyes cannot see anything without light. *So, the blind man is not the one whose physical eyes is closed but one whose mind is closed.* Without light you can’t see anything both physically and spiritually.

• EMOTIONS

Emotions are biological states associated with thoughts. It is often intertwined with mood, temperament, personality, disposition, creativity and motivation.

Emotion can be defined as a positive or negative experience that is associated with a particular pattern of physiological activity.

Emotions produces different physiological behavior and cognitive (*cognition is an important aspect of emotion*). Emotion is often the driving force behind motivation be it positive or negative. Emotion covers passions, sentiments and affections.

A manifestation of event seems to follow an order of: Cognitive appraisal (perception), a Physiological change (intellection + emotion) and finally Action (volition). So, John sees a lion, believes his life is in danger, becomes suddenly changed as he begins to sweat, heart start pumping faster, at this point he begins to form his actions and seeing he has no weapon he screams and runs away.

If you followed properly you will see the power of God in a perfect and well-coordinated system He made, this action and process cannot be stopped because it happens almost within the split of a second. But however, it can be controlled. Now let's sight another example, a lady walks into the supermarket and after 5minutes notices a guy consistently staring at her, then her mind begins to process this information, she now has two streams of thought coming in, one will be Positive and the other Negative. Positively she begins to sense a form of attraction, or the possibility of the person knowing her etc. negatively she begins to have thoughts of danger, shame etc. this will now spark up a physiological response to the positive cognitive perception thought will be a show of love illustrated with a smile or even a kind gesture to the guy, and if it is a response to the negative she begins to sense danger and all of a sudden sweat appears on her face, she now plans on her escape route out of the place.

I have found out overtime that the reason why we respond to Anxiety is because of our personality. Actually, you will have no worry or anxiety if you were not alive in the first place, a dead man does not think of what to eat, drink or what cloth to wear, no wonder GOD tells us not to worry.

I have also noticed that *when you pay attention to things it seems to expand*, what I am saying is this: imagine you were going to a far place and all you started doing from the first thought till you got there was to keep thinking of how long the journey is and the time, do you know that most times the journey will seem very far to you and in no time you will even get tired. Emotions give flavor to life. Everything you see and act on is solely colored by your desires. The way you interpret everything you see and hear is greatly influenced by your desires, goals, background and Limitations.

The Universe exists in a state of literal freedom from all influences; in fact, I am of the school of thought that it

(Universe) is like a white light, it exists pure in its own form but when an obstruction is placed in its rays of stream it produces other colors. So, you see it would be true to state here that there are only two colors but the rest of the colors are gotten by the frequency of obstruction to the pure white light, I call this obstruction to the universe flows EMOTION.

Most of the feelings we get from emotions are fake because they are not pure. So the Emotion ultimately becomes the flavor of Life for in it happiness can harness the world and sadness can destroy the world. It is so funny that even the voice of God needs to be screened through your emotions. And this is where most of us fail.

Control your emotion from fluctuating by the help of the Holy

Ghost and trust me you will live a life as it were free from negative energy. You cannot trust your minds judgment of you, subscribe to He who knows the intentions of the mind and the heart.

• WILL

The will is the faculty of the mind that selects at the moment of decision, a desire among the various present. There is nothing on earth as powerful as the human will. What a Paradox it is. It is the most precious and most dangerous thing God gave to man. It is precious because it makes you like God, and it is dangerous because you can choose to rebel against God.

Will is a mental state that represents a commitment to carrying out an action or actions in the future. It is the very part our soul that carves out our intentions. Meanwhile it is good for you to know also that Intention involves mental activities like planning and forethought.

There are three forms of will (choice) we need to examine: **freewill, self-will, and God's will.** You must of importance know that, no man can force you into action, they can at best give a very persuasive suggestion, but you alone have the right to how you direct your will.

THE BODY

We are very familiar with this part of our self. So I would not really want to go that far for want of time.

The body is the container of both soul and spirit. No one exist in the earth realm without the body, whatever plain of existence you have to be in, you must get the body of that place, it is a law. It becomes illegal which I guess you already know for a spirit to exist on the earth without a body from the earth.

We are largely constituted of sense organs and none of them is without a function. We are taught that we possess five sense organs. In the body we find a unity of operation.

No man is actually created to be an Island. You can see that this very fact is portrayed by the very function carried out by the body system. The system is made of cell, tissues, organs, system, and organisms. You find in this biological classification; the latter is made out of the combination of the former and they function interdependently.

So the day you decide to treat one part more special than the other then you are truly planning to collapse the whole system. The eye will always need the head which needs the neck to connect with the rest of the body.

If you understand the body then you have just gained entrance to the first step of understanding the body of Christ.

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HAVE YOU HEARD GOD?

What do you do when God is not speaking?

This question looks familiar to every believer who is trying to listen to His/her father of whom they have been taught is not deaf and dumb. There is never a time God stopped speaking this does not refer to God being a talkative nor His scarceness to speak but the truth is **when it looks like God is not speaking you need to check your hearing.**

The hearer and not the speaker in this case is the issue. See it from this perspective. We are all familiar with the fact that a radio tower is always transmitting and the fact that you are not hearing might either mean you are not connected to the tower at all or you are connected to the wrong frequency.

We must know the following key points.

- Certain realities are only possible at a level of consciousness.
- Revelation does not come when you pray alone but also when you stay.
- Something you do not know is responsible for the limitation in your life.
- Something you are aware of but have not believed is responsible for your limitation.
- Something you have believed but have not consistently acted upon is responsible for your limitation.

Recently I discovered that most of us know what the voice of God should sound like but not all of us believe we are hearing God or have heard Him at one time. No child at any time has not heard the voice of his Father; the problem is that we have not had our senses trained to hear and understand Him.

Every realm has a sound that controls it. Voices are not just the only means of communication we have, you can ask your mother when she makes some eye expression for you, it's like they were obeying **Ps32:8** where God said ***I will instruct***

thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Human life gives consciousness to your spirit and soul, in the same way the life of God is what gives you consciousness to the realm of God. It is because you were born into this world that your senses became conscious of this earth realm. If you are born again (**JOHN 3:3**) then your mind is spiritually being renewed (**ROM 12:2**) to become conscious to God's realm. **SELAH**

There are many ways of communication and its reception techniques and these communication techniques are made perfect by usage. **Everything has a frequency at which it communicates (some lower and the others higher).**

To you the dog is barking, but to another dog it is communicating. It is not nonsense to them but it is to you, accordingly God has a frequency of communicating to His children, it is communicated in the Spirit, as John would say ***'I was in the spirit on the Lord's day and I heard His voice'*** and then he began describing the way and what he heard. God is a Spirit and when He speaks we must be in the spirit to hear Him. ***You cannot Hear God in the flesh.*** Hence we must come out of the flesh to hear Him.

Language is one of the best ways to narrowly channel a communication; no one can understand fully a tribal language spoken, if he/she is not related to that tribe. God knew this and gave us the Language of Heaven powered by the Holy Ghost (***our very means of communicating with the Father without barriers.***)

Already it is established that God is not an idol nor without a form of life, although He is not a man, He is a Person, you must not forget that. A person is not just a man but one with a Mind, Will and Emotion. He is basically one capable of communicating.

There are majorly two ways of communication God has been seen to communicate through, in both recent and times past. They are factored into:

1. Non-Cognitive Way

This type or form of communication is not mind based, it is spirit based and in this part your mind is mostly bypassed. You must master the non-cognitive before you move on to the cognitive mode. This is the part where you mostly learn obedience because it is not easily understood.

One of the reasons for this way of communication is the fact that, ***there are several assignments God would have you do that are in your best interest not to know what you are doing.***

It is in this place that you learn how to walk by Faith and not only by sight. You know and are taught here that you ***sometimes don't need to understand before you can participate because you don't live by God's explanation but by God's instructions.***

This is the part where you respond with full faith in the communicator. There are many examples of this form of communication, I will list some few examples so you can have an idea of what I am trying to communicate, and we have:

Burdens: a call to duty, it is a fully fledged communication from God.

Stirrings: a call to action, it is most often felt.

Inner peace: perfect calmness in the state of storm and turmoil to produce the right prescription and solutions to challenges or problems.

Promptings: a call to vocal action, it most times looks like God is disturbing you to say what He is saying, and this if effectively obeyed will translate to seeing what He saw before saying it. It is like God borrowing your voice.

Impressions: this can be best explained as God writing or imprinting the words of the Spirit in your heart, and example of this, is the time when you felt as if someone was telling you to open the bible to a particular part.),

Inner witness: the confirmation you get from your spirit backed up by the Spirit of God in a particular situation etc.

God impresses our heart with a burden (**a weighty feeling pressing on the heart which the body is unfruitful**) gotten through discernment. So you remember when

he told you to go and pray for someone, you did not know why but you had to pray. ***The only way to diffuse a burden is through intercession mostly in tongues***, until you pray the feeling will never go away. This form of communication is mainly spirit-based and Spirit controlled, it cannot be understood by the flesh no matter how hard you try.

In this form you learn to trust God and not just what people say. Note also before we proceed to the next way of communication that every non-cognitive communication is supposed to boost your trust in God believing that He exist **HEB 11:6**.

2. Cognitive Way

In this form of communication, the spirit is not totally suspended but instead the mind is carried along with the spirit.

20% of God's communication here is carried by means of voice, it is so scarce. This is the reason why in this way of communication it looks like you can so easily speak to people God's voice under the anointing but when you try it for yourself when you get back and you are shocked to find the scarceness of His voice.

Most people seek cognitive communication they want to hear God shouting to their understanding from heaven they want to hear him say like He did to Samuel "HELLO SON", and they don't know that you must pass through the lessons of the non-cognitive where you learn the obedience to walk in the cognitive. ***Being under pressure to hear God speak is the very reason people don't hear Him*** because the very moment you are under pressure you naturally lost the right to hear Him clearly.

Every cognitive communication is supposed to give you spiritual intelligence, that's why you later find out the reason why you did what was urgent; God will never leave you in the dark.

The right procedure is you must learn obedience by walking in faith and not otherwise. ***Your experience in God is tied to your obedience of God.***

As we proceed to the medium of God's communication, some examples of the cognitive way of communication include:

Inner voice: This is a distinct reception of a perfectly coordinated speech in the language of your thought facilitated by the function of the Holy Ghost within you. You find an example of this in the life of Peter (**ACTS10**).

Knowing: is an inner ability to discern a thing for what it really is, this knowledge goes from the superficial look of things into their real nature. Jesus was actively using this on the Pharisee and others. **LUKE 6:7-8**.

Pictures: This is a means of visual communication **ISH6** etc.

The inner voice will always contradict your philosophy, pictures are a higher configuration of words, and they encode in them more words than voice. You can access God's inner testimony about people and things.

There are many transmissions in the spirit realm but you must be able to discern the voice of God (which must be in accordance to His word). God is not the only one talking in the spirit realm and sometimes you find out from the media that; ***the fact that your radio is talking on a frequency does not mean that you are hearing the right station.***

Before moving forward one very key thing to consider and be conscious of is the very fact and example seen by Jesus' life, if you read the story of Jesus you find out that after God spoke to Him from heaven in **MAT3:16-17** the next voice you hear is the voice of the devil in his temptation to the authentication of that voice **MAT4:1-13**. And if we are He is, then when God speaks the next voice you are probably going to hear is the suggestions from satan. Because he comes to stop what the Lord says, so that God will be displeased with His Son.

Our issue most times is not that we don't know how the voice of God should sound or; look like, the issue we have is that we are not well aware of the communication modes and how God communicates. Although this is different per time yet a pattern and nature can be gotten in consistency with the way he related with our fathers

On how God speaks you should be acquainted with the following ways, God will always speak through:

- Scriptures

God speaks through scriptures as you read or as is revealed to your mind. An example of this is when you were reading the bible or heard someone sharing the scripture and suddenly it was like the scriptures leaped to you and you were like **“was this what you were saying, oh my God!”**

The word of God is one of the platforms of the knowledge of God's voice. Remember every word is a spoken, written or an echo of a voice. Behind the word of God is the voice of God communicated by the Spirit of God.

The more you study the word of God the more you begin to find out the voice and nature of God which will naturally create a defense in your mind when the enemy rises up.

The foundation of the word of God is important for a revelation from God. ***Every Rhema is always the Holy Ghost breathing and revealing the Logos.*** So you cannot have a revelation without having first gone through scriptures. Without logos there will be no amplification of Rhema.

The revelation of knowledge of Jesus is what you should be looking out for, and not just trying to read many chapters or finish the book of the bible. Settle down for this and the more you stay you get revelation, ***revelation does not come when you read rushing but when you stay***, because when you are still you will know that He is God.

- Inner voices

This is a distinct reception of a perfectly coordinated speech in the language of your thought facilitated by the function of the Holy Ghost within you.

It starts from the core of your being and is normally too strong to ignore even when it contradicts your philosophy. You find an example of this in the life of Peter (**ACTS10**).

We always want to argue with this form of God's voice because it does not conform to our nature or understanding. It's the Spirit using your spirit's voice to speak to you.

- Your Soul (mind, will, and emotion)

The sense of knowing is actively used here. All your souls' faculties are actively tuned to hear God. It is beyond logic and intellectualism; you know it is definitely not your mind capturing this line of thought.

The Holy Spirit operates the human mind to impress His thought in your thought. At this point it looks as if you just know in your faculties of understanding what God will do.

This is built overtime by a consistent study of God's word and fellowship with the Spirit of God. It is like a son having full ability to know what his father might like, so if you are bringing something else he chases you. It is looking a lot like discernment; it is actually in fact the foundation of operation for discernment.

The spirit man is capable of communicating with our souls, our perception of the voice of the human spirit is likened to the perception of an inward voice within us. Our spirit and soul dwells within the physical body, they both have their voices and most times we hear this voices as inward voices, thoughts or imaginations.

- Dreams and visions

This is the use of mental pictures and pictorial scenarios to allow visual communications. Not all dreams are fake and useless; God would sometimes because you are very noisy and busy in the daytime and use your quiet time to speak to you.

Unlike normal dreams and visions this is not actively controlled by you or your thought but is distinctively controlled by the Lord. Another thing to note here is that the Lord does not scare or put you in dread fear as most people think, and anytime you have a dream there is always an interpretation from the Lord in alignment to His word and the voice of the Holy Ghost.

When you have a dream, vision or revelation and it seems as if you have no understanding of it whatsoever then the Lord is calling you to a place of prayer.

As you pray you will find out that either in part or in full you will begin to gain understanding of the subject matter and what God is saying to you.

Vision comes in the conscious state and dreams happen to your subconscious most times this is the major difference between the two.

Most people have an issue interpreting or understanding the communication through dream, this is largely because over time this medium of hearing God has been misused and misunderstood.

Before we produce to the next point, it is of importance that we have some understanding of some spiritual knowledge. The bible made reference to discerning of spirits and discernment.

One of the ways of this discernment is through visions, and there are three ways in which this visions are expressed:

- **Closed vision 2Cor12:2 Acts10:10-16**

In this type of vision, the physical senses of the person are temporarily suspended and only the spiritual senses of the person are alert. The person experiencing a closed vision is totally unaware of what is taking place in the physical realm.

Dreams are a type of closed vision because the physical senses of the body are suspended. This looks like a trance like form of experience

- **Open vision Luk1:11 Acts12:6-11**

In this kind of vision, the spiritual realm is opened to a person while the person is fully conscious of the physical realm. Here the person is permitted to see both physical and spiritual realm simultaneously.

- **Spiritual vision Acts9:11-12**

This is most common with believers that have renewed their mind to a level. It is the lowest type of vision but the highest form of revelation. It is lowest because this is like a mental vision. It is like seeing with the inner mind of the spirit man with the mind by passed or carried along.

It is the highest type of revelation because it takes greater faith to obey a spiritual vision than an open or closed vision. It is usually and mostly seen with the eyes closed although with spiritual training and growth, a person can have this with their eyes opened

It is sometimes called a **mini or flash vision** because the mental image flashes as quick as lightning on the screen of the imagination. I believe you are changing and being transformed.

It is also worthy to note that this three types of vision comes in three categories;

The Allegorical vision DAN7:4-7 DAN8:4-8 Act10:11:1-12

Like the name implies symbol. All that is seen is symbolic, it is just like a parable and it always needs interpretation. One of the cardinal point in interpreting this vision is that all symbolism in the vision must be interpreted in line with the word of God.

So for instance if you see a white dove in your vision, you begin to scan and search through scripture and what a white dove meant in scriptures, you find purity, gentleness etc. you can then by the help of the Holy Spirit discern the message. ***However, we must recognize and learn to wait on God for the right interpretation at the point of interpretation.*** So before you jump into conclusion ask the Holy Spirit.

The Message vision ACT16:9-13

This seeks to impact a particular message, it can be both direct and indirect. This type of vision mostly involves the use of messengers like people you know, or even angels to give you a message or a warning.

The Plain vision ACT9:12

In this form of vision, all things persons, events and environment must come to pass exactly as it was seen in the vision. It does not need a special interpretation for it shall be fulfilled precisely as it was seen. Many of us have had this kind of experience and vision before.

I had this type vision in 2017 about a bible school program and then by 2020 bible school program, all what I saw in 2017 including the number of people in the program and the outpouring of God happened as it was seen.

I believe you are being transformed, now let's look at another way God speaks to us.

- The chain of command by the Holy Spirit

This is when the Lord speaks through the gifts of the Spirit **1COR12:8-12, ROM12**. All this is coming from God, it is birth in the Father, He speaks it to the Son, the Son speaks it to the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost speaks it to you and you speak it to the Church.

This is what happens when you are praying in church; an example of this is when you were speaking God's voice in prophecy.

- Audible voice in your ear sometimes sounding like a familiar voice.

Many of you have heard the voice of God but did not know it was God, you thought it was the voice of a person. You find that expressed in the life of Samuel and Eli **1SAM3**.

I bet you have heard the voice of the God before and thought it was your friend, or your spiritual father or even the voice of your mind. Samuel heard it too and thought it was Eli, obviously because it sounded like Eli's voice. The audible voice of God when you actually hear it sounds like somebody else's voice you know. And it can sound like some natural sounds that you have heard. It is Just like when God brings to your mind scriptures.

The scriptures He brings to you are within the circumference of your vocabulary. For example, God could say to a little teenage girl in prophecy and say, "Thus says the Lord, 'Do not be afraid, I am with you.'" Maybe to a little kid who had received the same prophecy God says, "Don't be scared" the actual words of prophecy came out differently because the vocabulary of each of them is different.

When the Holy Spirit wants to speak in a sense, He could sometimes supernaturally get around the limited vocabulary of a person. But in another sense, He is also for want of clarity to the receiver limited to speaking within the confines and vocabulary restrictions of the receiver.

When the raw form of the word of God comes to earth something spectacular must happen. ***God will always speak using a voice you can understand until He is sure you have understood His nature.*** Sometimes it even sounds like the voice of your pastor.

Most times we hear the voice of God in the medium or voice of others, and if you find favor with God like Moses or Enoch, you could hear the raw voice of God for our own safety.

- Odd things like nature, animals or lower forms of life.

This is mostly used when God cannot get your attention with the above points. This is when he uses nature to get your attention, an example you see in Balaam and his donkey **NUM 22:21-39**.

I have had a number of experiences in this form, an example is when I saw an ant carrying another dead one, and I instantly started hearing the voice of God telling me about how that we most times instead of helping our wounded soldiers and fellow Christians we leave them there to die like the story of the three men and the wounded man on the road **LUKE 10:25-37**.

Also another time it was a plant, I plucked a plant and after sometime it died, and God began to tell me about something, He said “***your habitat is me and anytime you leave your habitat you instantly begin to die until you return to your habitat, so anytime you sin you are leaving your cover and habitat and are prone to death***”.

I bet you have heard something similar to this, you must understand that this is not just premeditated, it is supernaturally powered and Spirit controlled.

Hearing God begins with a response to the caller; it's like a telephone line communication. Until you pick up the phone the call keep going to voicemail box.

There are three conditions to hear the voice, **Discernment, Perception and Position**. We must be able to sustain a good posture and a solid structure in knowing God otherwise we will begin to live in doubt to the very instructions we said we heard from God.

All communication has an encoder as well as a decoder. In every language spoken there is an interpreter and translator. No matter how high the frequency on which the language is, there is always an application which we call a translator for it (***in our case the Holy Spirit 1COR2***)

You must know God for yourself now otherwise you will soon have an issue discerning and knowing His voice is a critical challenge.

I have come to realize that **being in the spirit is merely being conscious of the presence, person and power of the Holy Spirit**. If you look carefully you will find out that what increased your flow with God and communion or communication with him was just an increase in the level of your consciousness of him. Some people get this by spiritual exercises like fasting, praying etc; you must sustain a way of recognizing Him and communicating with Him.

You must recognize that:

- You need senses to hear in all of the realms that means there are senses.
- All voices connote the nature, person, power, will and character of the speaker. Behind God's word is His nature
- All information is predicated on a communication mode.
- The voice from the Spirit is always in line with the Word of God but the voice from the soul is contradictory to the word of God.
- The voice that is not of God produces doubt and fear whereas the voice from God produces Love and Faith.
- The voice from the soul is stronger when we are lacking in fellowship with God. Whereas the voice from the Spirit is stronger in times of worship and prayer.
- The voice of the Spirit is patient but yet firm, but the voice from the soul is hasty and pushy.
- The voice from the Spirit seeks to edify Jesus but the voice from the soul seek self-glorification.

The voice from the Spirit is loving and forgiving but the voice from the soul is jealous and resentful. When we spend much time in prayer and waiting on the Lord, we are able to hear the voice of the human spirit more clearly. In the next chapter we will be talking about Spiritual growth, don't close the book yet. There is still more treasure to find.

CHAPTER REVIEW

1. What New thing did you learn in this Chapter?
2. What wrong ideas were corrected by reading this Chapter?
3. What actions are you prompted by the Holy Ghost to do from this Chapter?
4. What questions did you have while reading this Chapter?

What did the Holy Ghost say to you while you were reading this Chapter?

ARE YOU TRULY GROWING?

Growing up is a process. Our own process involves moving from babyhood (*innocence, ignorance, and irritability*) to childhood (*unsteadiness, curiosity and talkativeness*), to manhood (*esteeming earthly things lightly, deadness to censure or praise, ability to recognize God at work*), and in manhood there is sonship (*walking with your Father and walking in love*), heirs (*receiving knowledge of the Truth*) and then joint heirs with Christ (*Glorification*).

When you see an 18year old child crawling, what comes to your mind? It will be nothing but pity and the thought that the child is under an attack, that's why he/she is not growing up. *Everything has been programmed to grow, and when they don't grow, they become a prayer point.*

The preceding statement should be taken from two points of view, it is true that your finance might need a spiritual attention when stunted and stagnated; it will be untrue to disregard the place for work and physical attention. When your seeds are not growing you don't just pray and fast, but you cultivate and grow them by watering the seeds and the other.

Believers are not just built by reading or praying alone, *believers are built when the word of God that contains the dimensions of God is by the Help of the Spirit of God taught accurately*, then listening and understanding it will now supply the grace to walk in it. If you focus your entire spiritual growth on prayer alone, you might/will become a prayer warrior without the word which is the sword of the Spirit.

In **2King4:1-7** is the story of the oil and the vessels. And if you follow the story well you find out that the question is never about God's oil (*Who symbolically means the Holy Ghost*). You must recognize that **it is not the oil that you need, the oil will always keep flowing** but you will be limited by how much room you created and how many vessels you have available. As we proceed, you must be **Ready, Attentive, Empty, Clean and Available**, if you really want to grow.

You must know that any *spiritual knowledge that does not translate into your victory, Knowledge of Jesus, advancement of the kingdom of God and progressive knowledge of Christ is useless, discard it*. We move forward in darkness by the light

of the Holy Spirit. **And if you only pray when you are in trouble then you are really in trouble.**

There is something I have over the years tried to do, and it is that Every message must leave me with a decision of what to do next; If you are not left with a responsibility, you will not be transformed but will be headily informed.

There are four ways the church might set up people for a crisis of Faith Says Dr. Marriot, and some reasons why I think Christians do not grow. These four ways are outlined below:

- Over-preparation

Over preparation occurs when parents or church mistakenly equate their unique take on Christianity with the essentials of Christianity itself, they then require those whom they are responsible to discipline, to accept and maintain belief in their entire doctrine, this officially has promoted divisions in the church which began the faith crisis. So people are taught to revere and esteem their church's doctrine high above every other one. This tilts the believer towards independence and not inter-dependence.

- Under-preparation

Christians are Under-prepared when they are not helped adequately to navigate life in the society that is predominantly worldly and secular. ***Obviously it is evident that we don't make connections between the world we talk about on Sunday and the world we live in throughout the rest of the week.***

The under prepared Christians are taught to live in a world that is old fashioned and outdated. They are taught to apply old principles that were durational given for a particular era.

The world is evolving every day, and so should our way of teaching the truth be, while we are not supposed to change the truth, we are supposed to update the way we bring the truth to match up with the advancement of the world.

2500 years ago, there was no cancer or malaria but the Truth says diseases will keep coming, "but ***by His stripes you are healed***", ***He*** is the same yesterday today and forever. Truth says irrespective of the time and season the truth should always

produce result. So for whatever sickness that comes all you need to know is that ***by His stripes you are healed.***

- Ill-preparation

The ill-prepared ones are the ones half-baked in truth with little or no solid concept about God; they are like Fish-pies without the Fish in them. They have read about God but do not know Him as of firsthand experience.

They have no experience, take for instance when someone talks about the love of God, the ill-prepared ones are the ones who will fight back because they have not experienced the tangibility of that Love.

They resent and will fight openly anything that does not appeal to logic, it is this set of people that normally have issues with Faith, when they hear have faith for finance, they be like why have faith for provision when you can just work for it. Favor needs you to labor so they say. Please never permit yourself to be in this area.

- Painful preparation

Painfully prepared ones are the ones who experienced hurt at the hand of the Church. They have been cursed, insulted and fought by some undisciplined members of the church and now holds it against the church.

They are the ones that makes statement like '***I can never go to that church again, after all I did for them, they could not even visit me when I was sick***' The painfully prepared Christians do not grow because they still hold on to their past despite the very fact that Jesus has given them the victory already.

Therefore, let us get past the elementary stage in the teachings about the Christ, advancing on to maturity *and* perfection *and* spiritual completeness, [doing this] without laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of teaching about washings (ritual purifications), the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. [These are all important matters in which you should have been proficient long ago.] ³ And we will do this [that is, proceed to maturity], if God permits.

HEB 6:1-3 (AMP)

Spiritual growth has been rarely understood in our days, and this I think is the reason why we have many tongue talking believers exercising spiritual activities with no spiritual power, this and many more we must acknowledge is what we continue to see in our days, we have many people going on retreats yet there is no power whatsoever evolving.

Growth is measured in our present day by ***how much religious and spiritual activities we engage in***. This if not effectively managed will release religious Christians and not truthful believers. We have even lost the measuring tape of growth and are using our head measurement to scale growth.

When we become Christians, we enter into a relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit that will cause us to grow. With the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called to become more like Jesus and to become more holy. It is this spiritual growth that becomes a birthmark of our faith!

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about it, we have not stopped praying for you, asking [specifically] that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [with insight into His purposes], and in understanding [of spiritual things], ¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord [displaying admirable character, moral courage, and personal integrity], to [fully] please *Him* in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing in the knowledge of God [with deeper faith, clearer insight and fervent love for His precepts]; ¹¹ [we pray that you may be] strengthened *and* invigorated with all power, according to His glorious might, to attain every kind of endurance and patience with joy;

COL1:9-11

There are many reasons why we don't grow, they would include if I am not mistaken:

- Replacing prayer with praise.
- Taking unassigned battles; going where we are not called.
- Refusal to stay in the secret place and staying with men rather than with God.
- Fighting the wrong war (we are fighting doctrines rather than the devil).

- Using the wrong weapons of warfare.

When we are supposed to be fighting the enemy which is the devil, we are here fighting trousers and doctrines only succeeding in making the devil laugh.

But grow [spiritually mature] in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory (honor, majesty, splendor), both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2 PET 3:18

There are many measures and definitions for Spiritual Maturity and Growth, but the major thing we must note is our transformation and conformation to the mind of Christ. *Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus Phil2:5.*

Transformation here is not just a measure of increased knowledge but on experiential knowledge. It is not how many scriptures you know, but how much you have been transformed to the image of Christ.

You see in my little knowledge and experience I have learnt that *transformation is not possible until we behold a reference*

‘And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own Image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.’

2COR3:18 (AMP)

What you look at is what you should look like, from this was the very name Disciple found and envisioned to be, so if we are Christ like we should be transformed to be who He was on earth.

And remember we would only be transformed based on the level to which we behold him. We should know your reference by what you look like. If your reference has been on money, then after a while all we will be seeing in your growth is increase in finance but deficiency in management and that is why scripture advised us to look at Jesus the perfect picture of Growth (who is the very Compendium of our Faith).

Who you gaze upon is who you are transformed into. *Before we proceed I must ask the question **what is your purpose for following God? Is it because of things? Or is it because of Genuine Love?*** Until we genuinely seek the kingdom and His righteousness, we are not ready to grow yet.

Growth is progressive, no man instantly becomes a Man full of the Spirit immediately, every cup that must overflow must start with a drop and we must recognize that our growth in this kingdom is too. If you jump up you must come down, *'you don't jump up to stand tall, you grow up to stay tall'*.

Salvation is instant but spiritual growth is progressive and measured by our level of acclimatization to God and to His will. Life is about letting God use you for His purpose and not you using Him for your purpose, this I feel is one among the other foundations of growth.

If the reason why you read the word of God is to cure your feeling of guilt and not feeling Spiritual, you are really joking and I think and believe the devil is really happy with you. Are we really expected to grow? Someone may ask, YES. Any branch that is not bearing fruit is supposed to be cut down **LUKE 13:9**.

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers [because of the time you have had to learn these truths], you actually need someone to teach you again the elementary principles of God's word [from the beginning], and you have come to be continually in need of milk, not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who lives on milk is [doctrinally inexperienced and] unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a spiritual infant. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the [spiritually] mature, whose senses are trained by practice to distinguish between what is morally good and what is evil.

HEB5:12-14

There are many aspects of Growth and it is reflected by your growth in **PRAYER and the WORD, and many others which we may not mention for want of time.** We must understand here that there is a place for mercy and the time for Growth and if you replace one for the other you are bound for destruction.

Quickly we will take some few notes on this, and it is my prayer that it might help you grow in God and the Knowledge of His Word.

Believer's primarily grow by: Ministry of Prayer, Ministry of the Word, Fellowship with God, Fellowship with the brethren and Genuine worship to God. Anything outside this will not add to your growth as a believer. The first we will look at is the Ministry of prayer:

PRAYER: A WALK WITH THE SPIRIT

Prayer as largely spoken of and acted is not spirituality; it is a call to walk with the Spirit. ***Every priest that communes with a deity or a spirit needs a medium of communication, Prayer is one of that medium.***

Many people pray but only a few recognize the power of prayer, ***do you really believe there is power in the prayer you are saying to God and that it would be answered.*** If we are really sincere with ourselves then we already know when our prayers will ascend to heaven and when it won't be.

I have heard many people say many things about prayer but I would like to let you know that ***'you can't live without prayer, sooner or later you will soon find out that it is true'***. If you pray only when you are in trouble, then you are really in trouble. If you refuse to pray, you will soon be a prey.

I have already by the help of the Holy Spirit established in the other book (**The Believer's Journey Part 1**) some basis about prayer so for want of time we would continue from here.

What is Prayer?

- Prayer is the point and place of engrafting our whole self into God's divinity.
- Prayer is one of the ways and acts put in place for trapping heavenly realities into the earthly realm.
- Prayer is in levels like a marriage relationship (from friends to lovers and then to husband and wife) between God and Man.
- Prayer is the point where the **God phase** (Father, Son and The Holy Spirit) begins to fraternize and communicate with **Man's Phase** (spirit, soul and body).

- Prayer is one of the systems of maintaining communication with God to make sure the relationship with God is not threatened.
- Prayer is the birthplace of revivals.
- In prayer you must pray, look and listen.
- In prayer our conscience becomes quickened to righteousness and our sensitivity to temptations comes alive.
- Prayer is a communication, and every communication has a listener who will later speak and a speaker who will later speak. If this is not achieved, you never prayed.
- Prayer must be approached from the standpoint of the Love of God and the Victory of Christ.
- God instantly answers when you pray correctly but most times the answers are in the form of an idea and that's why it does not look like an answer.

There are many dimensions of prayer or what I call information to note before engaging in Prayers but I will by the help of the Holy Spirit categorize them to three:

1. Revealed will of God

This is the part of prayer that deals with and is gotten from Fellowship and Growth. It is gotten from the knowledge of God revealed to us through His word or through an experience with Him.

After knowing that God is Love and your Father, you can now ask with full confidence out of the Love He has for you. It is easier to ask when we have understood fully the revealed will of God from His word.

2. Permissible will of God

This dimension presides on obtaining promises of God in accordance and based on the premise of His Word. In this dimension you must ask within His will and with a selfless heart. You must know His will and what His word says before you get answers.

For instance, you can't ask God to kill your wife because it is not permitted by His word. You can't ask God to kill someone so you can marry his/her wife; it is not permissible with His will.

3. Dimension of declarable will and spiritual legislation.

This dimension is concerned with not just talking to God but also to things, time, nature and demons etc. This is the part where we take on the **Ben-Elohim** dimension of God. This is an encounter with the power to create things and the creative part of God. It is at the Point that the words you speak become Spirit having the ability to give life. Remember Adam named the animals.

You must understand also that there are levels in prayer, you start as a **Man of Prayer**, then you move in **Intercession** and become a **Watcher** and finally you become a **Judge** and at this point for you not to claim equality with God He takes you home.

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Luke 18:1

For you to have a matured spiritual life, Prayer must be a non-negotiable factor to look out for. Looking at **Ish 66:7-8** and **Rev 8:3-5**, you would discover that prayer was given so much preference that it was put in the Golden censer on a Golden Altar which was before the throne. Prayer has really been misinterpreted and misunderstood.

‘Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come ‘

Amos 6:1.

You should always be at alert in Zion, for many things happen there: it is a place of much spiritual activity; in fact, it is a spiritual city where God is seated **Heb 12:22-23**. A praying ministry is actually a power packed one, and of course only the travelling church can bring forth fruit.

You see it is only in prayer that true realities are touched and it is only by prayer revival can be made to happen. Prayer is not for a show off to those in the Church or the world, it is really a place of encounter, as **you behold in prayer the Glory of the Lord, and you see yourself changed into the same image from Glory to Glory.**

Any ministerial action that was not birthed or backed up by Prayer will be a Funfair and will utterly fail. And this is the reason why you ‘**don’t talk to the souls about God, until you have talked to God about the souls**’ The force holding people will not let them go by preaching alone but by power of God in and true you which is built most times through prayer.

If you want to see a glorious meeting meet the glorious God, while in school I took Tutorial classes and guess what, I always pray for my class before I get there to teach, and in all my days of teaching I have never had anyone confused in my class, Christians and Muslims alike.

I want you to understand that God speaks in the very silence of your Heart; in fact, **Listening is the very beginning of prayer.** Many people do not get answers to their prayers because they don’t listen to the one they pray to. You must learn to pray and meditate too. **Prayer is how you communicate to God, and meditation is how you listen to Him.**

No man is truly greater than his prayer life. There are many forms of prayer from **Eph 6:18, Jer27:16, Rom8:27** ranging from intercession, to petition, to supplication to thanksgiving etc.

Intercession is standing in the gap as a mediator to ensure the purposes of God finds expression; it is actually an extension of the mercy of God, for whatsoever you bind on earth is bound in heaven too.

And guess what: **Prayer is Earthly permissions for heavenly interventions.** And if you have not gotten replies from heaven, you actually did not pray.

Why not take out 30mins now to talk about that bothering situation to the lord in prayers before you move on to the next point. Make sure you listen for answers before you proceed.

In conclusion, I want to remind you that God speaks in the very silence of your Heart; **Listening is the very beginning of prayer.**

You must learn to pray and meditate too. **Prayer is how you communicate to God, and meditation is how you listen to Him.**

You must remember that prayer warfare is not just shouting and disturbing everyone in the neighborhood, but it is establishing the will of God in spite of the contentions of hell. Intercession is standing in the gap as a mediator to ensure the purposes of God finds expression; it is an extension of the mercy of God, **for whatsoever you bind on earth must have been bound in heaven too.**

No true communication is one sided, otherwise it becomes a monologue, for a conversation to be a dialogue then the speaker must be a listener and the listener must also speak. We always want to talk to God but we never seem to retain or possess a posture that has can well enough host and receive the very answer to the prayer we just offered.

Truthfully speaking, we know when we have prayed and when we have not, sometimes when we go for prayer meetings and are told to pray. We know that we are just muttering words we don't believe in. There is a question we must ask ourselves every time we pray and it is in **HEB11:6 'do I really believe God exist and He, not your uncle or relative can answer you'** if you truthfully answer this sincerely you have already broken through from the mindset challenges.

There are many reasons why we do not see answers to prayer and these are outlined below:

- Sin **Ish59:1-2 Ps66:18**

A dirty person cannot receive anything from the Lord. God is too Holy to behold iniquity. The truth is that until you clean up God will not show up.

- Lack of absolute Faith in God and His Word **Jam1:6-8**

It is only absolute Faith in God that can produce result, a double minded man is unstable in all his/her ways.

You must believe what you pray before you pray what you believe. So once you set your mind on His provision, it is always advisable that you don't look back.

Anything that is not done in faith is a sin. **Rom14:23**

- Lack of Kingdom mindedness **1Sam1,2 Mat6:33**

Every prayer that ever ascends to God is weighed in terms of its kingdom relevance. So as long as Hannah did not plan to use her prayer request for the Lord, there was no child until she dedicated her request to the Lord. ***The Lord will never give you what you cannot use for His Kingdom.***

You must understand that you don't get it because you want it but because He can use it for His Glory.

- No backing of God's Word **Ish55:11 Lam3:25**

Behind every man's word is the integrity of that Man, God only does what He says or has said. Wisdom in prayer is saying what He says. Produce your strong reasons (within the confines and parameters of His word) if you want to see results and answers to prayers.

- Ignorance **Eccl10:15**

Some people are ignorant of who God is and who they are praying to. If you don't know who you are praying to, how do you even expect results from your speech.

- Wrong Prayer **Rom8:26**

If the above scripture says we know not how to pray, then it implies that there is a wrong form of prayer. In praying we must rely on the Holy Ghost to help us to pray.

- Wrong Motives **Jam4:3**

Many people have wrong reasons and motives for prayer. Some pray out of jealousy and others pray from fear of future events. So you hear some people saying '***if you give me the car, I will show him I know how to pray***' while others in fake humility have said '***oh lord bless me so all those around me will know that ...***' Your motive will ultimately determine if you will get answers to your prayers or not.

- Unforgiveness and Offenses

Like the bible said in **MAT6**, if you don't forgive you will not be forgiven and cannot have answers. Jesus said if you come to the altar and find out that you are holding a grudge with somebody go back home and ask for his/her forgiveness.

THE WORD OF GOD (God's love letter to you)

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

2Co 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

There is nothing as powerful as conception and nothing as dangerous as misconception. All through scripture you find out that although satan is not powerful, yet he gains as much power as we give him due to our ignorance. So like the scripture points to above ***he gets advantage based on our ignorance of His devices.***

The Worth of God is truth according to **John 17:17 sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.** You must know that God's word is the truth in any situation, it is not a form of truth, but is true for all situations.

Truth is a shield according to **Psalm 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.** Every shield is protective in a war front, your conviction and belief in the word of God is the shield of Faith.

And if you are familiar with battles, you will see that every shield sets free, so if his word is a shield then it should set free according to **John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.** Remember that knowledge of the truth is the same as having the truth, what you know gives you an edge. If you know how to cook then you have a shield against hunger right.

Therefore, [let me warn you] beloved, knowing these things beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men [who distort doctrine] and fall from your own steadfastness [of mind,

knowledge, truth, and faith], 18 but grow [spiritually mature] in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory (honor, majesty, splendor), both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2PET3:17-18 (AMP)

The bible was talking about growing spiritually mature by growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

ROM 12:1-2

Our perfect image of growth is born from our physical representation of the word of God as flesh. Until the word becomes flesh in us we are not growing, recently I looked at my life and had to pray a prayer, which I think will be of help to you, it says **‘Lord I want to see the realities of all the knowledge of the word of God I know manifest in my life, simply let the word become flesh in me’**

You will find out that you have taken enough notes about challenges of life but are not utilizing it, now it’s time for you to manifest what you have taken down.

There is no study of the word of God that is a waste of time; it is the word of God we encounter that turns us into the express image of His Son. ***I think the problem we have with studying is that we don’t even know how to study the word of God.*** We come to scriptures expecting what to receive; someone trying to get God idea about marriage and the right spouse comes to God with someone within his/her heart and expects in a fake humility, God to pick the person in his/her mind, this I believe has already made him double minded, and remember a double minded man is unstable in all his ways and even in his discernment of answers. ***The output effect***

of this is that the person will reject everything God will say until it matches what is in his/her heart.

We have been guilty of this a lot, we don't actually allow the Holy Ghost to help us read the word, we only open our bibles just to feel spiritual or in order to answer the bothering questions of our heart. But the words to us should be like our daily food; it should be longed for and thirsted after.

Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became a joy to me and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

JER 15:16

You must treat God's word the same way you do when you are hungry and thirsty for your food. In reading God's word you must in all you do **never physicalize spiritual scriptures or physicalize them.** Let all your corrections rest absolutely on the Word of God, remember **2Tim 3:16** points to the fact that if all scriptures are given by the inspiration of God they should and would be profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness.

Let's take a look at Jesus, you find out he answered every test and temptation with the word of God proving the very statement '**Thy word have I hidden in my heart that I may not sin against you. PSALM 119:11**' the word of God is a non-negotiable factor for a successful ministry. The truth is Jesus is the word and perfect substantiation of the word, so who are you truly following if you don't study the word. '**Study to show yourselves approved, as a workman that needs not to be ashamed for any purpose, rightly dividing the word of Truth**' **2 Tim 2:15**

You will be ashamed as a workman if you don't study the Word of God, it is written all over the word of God, you are not studying to prove that you are a mighty man of God, or even how good you are in memorizing scriptures, but you are studying to show yourself approved to God and it is at this time that you will be given full right to divide the word of Truth before others.

If you don't have the word then you don't know the name, and if you don't know the name, I wonder who you are representing in your ministry and calling. The

reason why you are ashamed of the Lord and standing for God is because you have not known and seen the one behind the word.

True ministry is actually birthed from the revelation of the word of God '**for on this revelation which you have gotten will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not stand against it Mat 16:17-18**' the truth is that Satan is not afraid of your title but the power of the word of God through you, he is afraid of your experiential knowledge of the truth because it is the truth you know that actually sets free. And on this account '**you shall know the Truth and the truth you know shall set you free John 8:32**'

The bible did not say here that it is the word your mentor knows that will set you free; it might give you a temporal relief but not a lasting solution. You must study the word, for even the Holy Spirit will only remind you of what you have learnt of Jesus and bring them to your remembrance guiding you into its complete truth.

Until you are worded you cannot be loaded and are not loaded. **Dead meats gather vultures but fresh meats gather eagles.** Study and be updated in knowledge of God and His Word. Take out time to really gather relevant knowledge from all aspects of life so you can show yourself approved in all facets of life and can be able to address any form of situation coming as challenges to you or your ministry. **Prayer will bring them but the word will keep them.**

Why not take a chapter every day, or a book a week, plan something seeks for knowledge by the help of the Holy Spirit and I see God helping you in Jesus Name.

FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SPIRIT

A large discussion about fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit has been dealt with at the Holy Spirit part.

Intimacy is a communion that is legally between two married people. Hence that implies that you cannot be intimate with someone you are not married to (in this context bonded to by a love covenant) and do not love.

As you begin your communion with the Holy Spirit you must first become a friend of God by being married to Jesus through salvation which will bring you into an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit (Unlimited Christ).

So as you partner with the Holy Spirit you begin to find out that as time goes on you **(just as your mom and dad are beginning to look alike after some period of years)** begin to take on the form of the image of Jesus as by the Spirit of the Lord **2Cor3:18**.

Then after a period of Intimacy you also find out that the wife begins to have a change in the shape of her body they call it pregnancy, everybody sees the woman and begin to congratulate her. No man can doubt that she is heavily pregnant because the signs are visible there for all to see. ***One of the proofs of intimacy is pregnancy.*** So as you begin to walk with the Holy Spirit in intimacy and communion, things within and around you begin to change, the glory of God begins to radiate around you and in you. People see it and call it **Testimonies** but you know that it is a proof of intimacy.

At this point you can go out fully bearing the name of your husband, so when you stretch forth your hand to pray for the sick, you know for sure that ***you are not alone*** and that whatever you do or are expressing authority over you are doing so in the name of your husband whose permission you don't beg for because you are already married too. **SELAH**

I want to believe you have been blessed and also have made some plans on what to do, because any ***Spiritual knowledge that does not translate into your victory, advancement of the kingdom of God and progressive knowledge of God is useless.***

In conclusion on the spiritual tools, I must clearly state that '**they that are in the flesh cannot please God Rom 8:8**' the end product of every successful ministry is to please God and if this is done out of love, sacrifice will be of minimal concern.

Success in ministry has no respect for grammar but that the prices and sacrifice be paid in full. You must actually stay with God to get the full pattern of your ministry. **Those who hang around God get words for the moments but those who stay with God get words for a lifetime.**

The question now is can you stay with God, duration notwithstanding. We must try to fight with the last drop of blood the very act of rushing away from the presence of God. The truth is that you actually have all the potential to impact the world but you can't do that without the help of the Holy Spirit. **If you don't employ the help**

of the Holy Spirit, then you are proud and do not know Him. And remember every proud person will end in frustration and destruction.

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HOW TO MAXIMIZE THE POWER OF A RETREAT

One of the templates that have proven a great tool in the growth process of a Christian is retreat. Retreats has ben one of the most neglected aspects of our growth, this is largely due to the fact that w have been taught the wrong ideas about it.

Retreats provide the opportunity to step away om the noise and distraction of this world to a quiet place **to collect, to consider, to encounter** and **to engage** with the spiritual self and God.

If you are familiar with war and battle settings, you will find out that a retreat is necessary when the soldier finds out that he/she is receiving much casualty, or even much success. In response to this, there becomes a need to have a reappraisal of events, successes or failures.

If we ae spiritual soldiers of Christ then we cannot neglect or overemphasize the importance of a retreat or even a secret place. ***There are certain things that God would never tell you in the public.*** Battle cries and strategies are not announced in the open, you will find the plan going on in the secret meeting point.

There are different kinds and types of retreat ranging from cooperate to personal retreat. In this part of the book, we would discuss *how to maximize a personal retreat.*

I would be dividing the steps to maximizing a retreat into three:

THANKSGIVING

We all know what thanksgiving means, at one point or the other we have demanded the same of someone. But why start a retreat with thanksgiving, the truth is there would be no chance for a retreat if God had not kept you alive in the first place. Being alive is one of the first blessings of a human being.

So how do we offer thanks well, **you must deliberately thank God for what He has done, mentioning specifically what he has done**, I belong to the school of thought that, genuine thanksgiving is preceded by deep thought.

Once you begin to think of what God has done for you, thanksgiving will burst out of your mouth and most times, thanksgiving leads to worship and praise. Are you at the verge of having a retreat, how do you thank well you would ask, my answer is

that *you write down at least 20 things you think God has done for you down, then specifically appreciate Him for each of them.* Wow you are already thanking God already. HALLELUYAH

PROGRESS REVIEW

Like we stated in the introducing part of this chapter, a retreat is not complete without a genuine review. I would advise you have your review divided into six units of measurement. It is worthy to also note here that this review are basically questions and genuine answers, I would even advice you have a rating system for it, so that you can have a score system.

1. Spiritual Review

This part of your review will cover the spiritual aspect of your life and its sponsoring ideas. Remember in the previous chapter we talked about what spirituality includes, so the basic reason for this review is to check your spiritual progress. Some of the question you ask here will include:

- A genuine review of your passion for God and His house?
- What spiritual activities was I doing before that I stopped doing?
- Why is my spiritual fire reducing? What am I doing wrongly?
- Do you really love God or you are just saying it, because you find yourself in a faith?
- What new illumination did I gain this year?
- What truth and principles about God that you didn't know before but now know?
- Are you living a double life, one for the church environment and another for the world environment?
- Are you really spiritual or religious?

Don't just be in a hurry to answer the questions, but pause and think and note down where improvements need to be made.

2. Mental Development and Capacity Review

Our mental development is a part of our retreat that cannot be overlooked, remember we are told to constantly renew our mind and in so doing we would be transformed

into the same image. ***Transformation is only possible when we behold a reference, then care needs to be taken as to what reference we are beholding.*** We must constantly ensure that what we know is the truth that sets free and not just mere true statements. So below are some of the guides to doing so:

- Did I cooperate with the word of God to develop my mind?
- What useful information did I acquire this year?
- How improved is my mind now, am I still thinking like my village people?
- What new skill have I learnt now?
- In this year, and with this mindset can I sit under myself and pay to hear me talk?

After doing this check, it is important that you note the ones with the negative answers, so you can quickly work on them.

3. Health and Body Review

This is the part of every believer that is mostly neglected, yet we forget that the spirit cannot function on the earth without a body. We tend to forget that all the visions we have had can be stopped if the body is pronounced dead. Here are some questions to ask

- How well did I take care of my body this year?
- How was my eating habit this year?
- How well did I rest this year?
- Was I careless with my health this year?
- Did I spend my money on junk or food this year?
- How many drinks did I take this year?

After answering the above questions, it is important to do a review, May we never get to the point where our spirit and soul is willing but the flesh is weak in Jesus name. But if your body is getting weak quickly it might be a sign that you are not resting or eating well/good. Do a check and adjust.

4. Purpose and Assignment Review

Everyone was created with his/her specific assignment and purpose, there is the general purpose for every being created in the image and likeness of God to

dominate, but yet and again there are no two persons with the same purpose, for where then lies their uniqueness, though purposes might look alike, they are never the same. If you have seen your life's purpose, it is important in your retreat to ask the following questions:

- How well have I achieved the assignment God sent me to do in the earth?
- What was my commitment to my assignment this year?
- Was I diligent in pursuing my assignment and fulfilling my purpose this year?
- In relation to my destiny did I make progress this year?

It is important for me to remind you that you have not started living until you can vividly point to the impacts made from your life, through the fulfilment of its purpose. If you have issues and need help on finding your purpose you can ask any trusted spiritual guardian or contact me on Samuelokpe3@gmail.com

5. Financial Review

I have heard a lot of people talk about finance with ignorance but the truth is that you would never value finance until you are stranded and all that should have bailed you out was a little financial help. If one of the greatest contention to serving God was mammon, I think its important we take a review on your finance

- Am I restricted in my kingdom service to God because of finances?
- Is financial pursuit becoming a priority in my life and taking the place of God?
- How well was I able to apply the keys that brings wealth this year, did it produce result for me?
- How obedient was I to paying my tithe and keeping the laws of finances?
- How much did I give out this year? Was it more than the amount I saved?

Just take a look at all the response and see how you need to change your financial strategies; it first begins with a genuine and honest acknowledgement that you need help then as you pray God would bring you to the path of people and materials that will help your finance grow without deviating from His word.

6. Relationship Review

One of the greatest gift God gave man was men. And the truth is hidden in the fact that it takes a man for Gods purpose to be accomplished on earth, but while we make

some interesting statements about God's reliance on man's performance, it is importance for us to know that **without God we cannot and without man God will not**. This is the basic truth to know as we take our review questions below:

- How was my relationship with people this year, career, business, destiny and marital wise?
- Who did I meet this year that I shouldn't have met?
- Who added to my growth and improvement this year?
- What was my relationship with my mentors and spiritual parents this year?
- Did I push anyone out of my life by dishonor, disrespect or even a foolish attitude?
- Who did I give access to my life this year that slowed down my progress and destroyed my productivity?
- What degree of access did I give the Holy Spirit this year in my life? Was I really faithful to Him?
- Am I valuable to people or am I a nuisance to them?

The truth about this part is that, even favor walks with honor and when we lose out of honor, we are already in trouble of seeing shame and disgrace.

Now having done all this review, what do we do next

PLANNING

This is one part of our retreat that we do not take serious but do a wishful thinking on. **Writing what you would do without assigning target time is not planning but wishful thinking and trust me when I say you would not do any of the things you wished.**

Have you ever been in a service before and because of the anointing and the power of God in the service, you made decisions that after the program you would pray for a number of hours, only for you to leave the atmosphere and not do any of the things you declared in your mind. The truth is that you were wishing and not planning to do any of it.

Noticing a problem is good, making decisions is better, but planning with target time is what will produce result. Most **spiritual people are some of the most poorly**

planned people, giving themselves to fate rather than Faith. Praying without planning is playing without knowing. I have seen many people say they want to marry, well I am happy they haven't ***the problem is not saying you want to marry, the question is and eat what?***

So how do we maximize and move forward after our retreat

- Set clear goals with scriptural backing to all the six unit of measurement we listed in the previous point.
- Add time targets and expiry dates to them (time targets put a healthy pressure on you and make it possible for you to achieve them).
- Now you have written down those plans and put them in your heads, put them into action.

In conclusion and example of a plan that would work is: **before march I would have finished studying the book of MATTHEW, I would read a chapter daily. Then you drat out the timetable for reading it.**

Another example is that I would have learnt a new skill, so you write down who knows the skill you desire to learn and meet up with them. **This is how to Grow**

As you finish reading this book, my advice is for you to Be intentional about everything you have heard here and read, don't just drop this book like the others you have read. Don't just stay where you are, ACT. Do something like you have seen in here and as you have heard from the Holy Ghost.

I want to see you increase in your fellowship with God, as would God also.

I Love you and there is nothing you can do about it, remain in power.

For any question and inquiry please contact me on my Email @ samuelokpe16@gmail.com . Thank You

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BE WITH YOU,
BOTH NOW AND FOREVER.
AMEN.