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INTRODUCTION

Suddenly the lights began to dim and the appliances began to falter. Bright light around the neighbouring indicated that something was the matter with the lighting system in the house. A beautiful, cosy evening was about to be turned sour by looming darkness. Ignorant guesses and suggestions flew from lip to lip. No one was knowledgeable enough about electricity to proffer actual solutions. The ugliness of darkness became more threatening. Something had to be done.

An electrician was called in to take a look at the lighting system. After a little fiddling with some wires, he gave a smile of optimism. The problem had been identified. There had been some leakage along the line due to a faulty connection. In no time he was through and light was back in full glow.

This is a graphic illustration of the power of knowledge and frustrations of ignorance. Knowledge is priceless. Nothing can compare to it. Wit all my position, experience, title and what have you, in the absence of knowledge, darkness prevailed. The young man who eventually fixed the light did not have all my other credentials. But he had knowledge. He had an understanding of the workings of electricity.

Certainly, the absence of light from my house was not the fault of the agency responsible for the distribution of electricity. There was enough current in the system to give light to all the appliances, but until knowledge came were helpless. Knowledge is the key to freedom. It turns frustration into fulfillment, sweat into sweet. Nothing approximates the power of Knowledge. It is the key to dominion. Jesus put so much premium on it during his earthly ministry. At a point, he indicated the lawyers for taking away the key of knowledge.

Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

Luke 11:52

Knowledge is the only guarantee of your entering into your inheritance. God has placed within each one of us enough current that would give us light and make life meaningful and fulfilling. But due to ignorance; many are still groveling in poverty, disease and all kinds of oppressive hardship of the enemy. Whatever is not working in your life is not God’s fault. It is your knowledge that

is inadequate. You need your own license of knowledge to walk in total freedom on this earth. The word of God can be likened to spiritual live wires. God is the power source. Each verse of the scriptures is a live wire. However, you will need to become a spiritual technocrat to make the right connections. Knowledge is your required tool.

The knowledge of the supernatural is very relevant to a life of triumph and fulfillment in this life. Any man will lose control of the affairs of life without such knowledge. Reason? The supernatural is the foundation of all things. Like the foundation of any natural building, its reality may not easily be comprehended, yet it is the control room of all things. The natural answers to it. Every natural happening has its supernatural antecedent. That of course includes you. You are rooted in the supernatural. What you see of your physical self is not the real you. It is only a covering. The real you is spirit. You are divine in nature; created after the very image of God. God said in Genesis 1:26;

Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

In Psalms 82:6, God reaffirmed that man was in His class of being.

I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

By the law of life, like can only beget like. A goat only gives birth to a goat, a lion, a lion and so forth. If God is your father, you will be nothing less than your father. Ever born again believer is a child of God. Because God is a spirit, he belongs to the class of the spirits. One of the greatest discoveries you can make about yourself is to know that you are a spirit after the order of God. Like the Jews of old, many today either out of ignorance or religion think it is blasphemous to place man in the class of God. No wonder they have lost control or dominion over the affairs of life. The natural rules them. Darkness dogs their every path.

They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

Psalm 82:5-7

Whatever God has said is not subjected to any oppositions on earth. But for it to produce for you, you must know it, you must understand it and walk in the light of it.

God is saying that until the truth of your divinity dawns on you and you walk in it you can’t be in control. You will be subjected to the same limitations as other mortals. In God’s agenda, you were not programmed to die like men and fall like one of the princes. Only ignorance of your true nature will prevent your distinction. Understanding your divine nature, that you are in the class of God is

the way to the release of the supernatural. This is what will give the confidence you need to operate like God in the affairs of life.

The objective of this book is to provoke you to a rediscovery of your roots in God and how you can unlock the vast potential of the supernatural for your welfare in life. From the days of the patriarchs until now, those who have "reigned in life" have been those who were adept at harnessing the forces of the supernatural. We live in a kingdom of choices not chances. Your lot in life is determined by your choice. May the Holy Spirit through this book help you choose the path of knowledge and free yourself from the shackles of ignorance, poverty, disease, defeat and all the negative forces that keep men down from fulfilling the purpose of God for their lives.

REALITY OF THE SUPERNATURAL

The entire world lies in a magnetic field of wickedness. Satan, his demons and sometimes human extensions carry out their wicked acts by remote control. But by covenant, you are an overcomer. The whole world may lie in wickedness but you will be exempted as long as you remain in God.

Chapter ONE

REALITY OF THE SUPERNATURAL

Two main forces dominate the supernatural world. They are God and the devil; the forces of good and evil. These two forces cannot be compared in any way. One is greater and mightier than the other. God is the Almighty, the source of all powers. He is life. He is existence itself. He created the devil and it is impossible for the creature to be as, or more powerful, than the creator. However, God did not create the devil as the evil one he now is. He was created as the angel of light, a perfect being.

Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ezekiel 28:12-15

Lucifer was excellent in all his ways until sin was found in him. What sin did he commit? He wanted to rise up to the skies. He wanted to take the position of the most High, his creator.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isaiah 14:12-14

He was created and called Lucifer, the son of the morning. The name Lucifer means “the shining one.” He was one of the three mighty princes that exercised authority over the other angels. They were all a spirit race of beings created by God. When Lucifer sinned, he was dethroned. He was cast down from heaven and from that moment, the devil emerged. He started his mission of countering everything God has created. God did not create evil. Everything He created was declared good and very good. The devil himself did not create anything. All he did was to embark on his mission of reversing God’s creation. Good was reversed, and evil emerged. Truth was turned around and lies appeared on the scene. Love was reverted and hatred emerged. Sweet was turned to sweat and abundance was turned to poverty, etc. This was all the devil’s doing. Before the fall of Lucifer, there was only one governing force in the universe, but after his revolt, two forces came to be.

MAN’S DETHRONEMENT TO THE NATURAL REALM

Man was created by God in His own image and likeness and put in a perfect setting – the garden of Eden. Satan, in his characteristic way, sought to dethrone man. As long as man was in the garden, satan had no control over him. He was frustrated by this set up. He wanted to surround God’s man with every evil he could think of, but he could not, because man was out of his reach in the garden. Satan knew that the only way may could be driven out of the garden into his hands was through disobedience and sin. He knew that God could not stand sin. He knew that God’s relationship with man could be severed if man sinned; he therefore sought to make man disobey God.

He succeeded through his subtlety. He went through the woman, deceived her. She in turn involved her husband. They ate the forbidden fruit and their eyes were opened. They were not physically blind but they entered into a negative phase of existence. God’s judgment for disobedience is death. Man died. But it was not physical annihilation. He still retained his consciousness, moved about the garden; but the vital force that sustained him was gone. With his death, he lost his throne and placement. He became subject to things that were once subject to him. Man became miserable. Man disobeyed God through Satan’s trickery, and like satan, he was chased out of the garden of Eden. Then the reign of terror began. Man was afflicted with all manner of evil by the evil one.

God’s perfect man became the devil’s meat. This was not however, the end of man. God is still the overall ruling power. Satan is only engaged in a battle which he has been divinely ordained to lose. He knows this, for his time is short – *“… art thou come hither to torment us before the time?”* (Matt. 8:29). He knows his end. He is only trying to cause as much havoc as he can before the time comes for his final demise.

These two forces dominate the supernatural. You are either in one camp or the other. There is no middle way between the two. You are either connected to the good source – God or you are connected to the evil source – the devil. Where you are connected to determines the realm in which you operate. If you are tuned in to God, you operate in the power of the Holy Spirit through Christ Jesus. You will be operating in the good realm, releasing blessings upon yourself and others. On the other hand, if you are tuned in to the devil, you will be operating through demons in the evil realm. You will be releasing magic, curses and destruction upon yourself and others.

SATAN'S MAGNETIC FIELD

The Bible is full of evidences of the reality of an evil world under the control of Satan. It is a dark world, in which satan freely inflicts evil on those under his control. Apostle John brings us to an awareness of this fact in 1 John 5:19;

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

The entire world lies in a magnetic field of wickedness. Here Satan, his demons and sometimes human extensions carry out their wicked acts by remote control. Diseases, frustrations and all kinds of human afflictions originate here. Spells and curses that upturn people's destinies come from this negative pole of evil. A satanic influence is almost always behind the stagnations, failures and losses people experience in life. The sad things is that because of ignorance and sometimes insensitivity many Christians become vulnerable to the wickedness of the devil. Many are diligent, only a few are vigilant. Many are sincere, only a few are sensitive. Don't be deceived. If Satan attempted Christ, the Son of God, he will attempt to control any one else. The truth is that every accomplishment of destiny attracts the devil's attention. He will do everything to frustrate it. He chased Moses out into the wilderness for 40 years.

The drama at the court of Pharaoh between Moses and the magicians of Pharaoh is typical of the contest between good and evil. Just like the rod of Moses, swallowed up the magicians rods, so do the forces of good always overcome the forces of evil. The satanic world is always counterfeiting the real thing. Such counterfeits are designed to intimidate, deceive and distract from the truth. No Christian must be so foolish to be deceived by them.

Witness also Elijah's encounter with the prophets of Baal. It was another contest between the forces of good and evil. Elijah had challenged them:

…call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God.

1 Kings 18:24

When the chips were down, the God of Elijah won. God proved His sovereignty by sending down fire at Elijah's instance. God will always have the last action, no matter the roar and threatenings of the devil.

The mysterious escape of the three Hebrew children from Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace is typical of God's deliverance for every believer who will not compromise his faith in the face of severe opposition and attack of the enemy. The climax of the contest was that between Christ and Satan. From infancy he sought to eliminate Christ. He entered into king Herod and countless number of innocent children were killed. However, at the cross, Christ humiliated him. His death and resurrection brought an eternal defeat to Satan.

With that Satan was stripped of all power. Understand this: Satan does not have all the powers being attributed to him. No. All power belongs to God whose you are. What he has left is deception. Get this into your consciousness and you will be set free from all anxiety and fears. Don't be scared of Satan's roarings and threats. You live in a superior positive realm in which Christ and the angels of God reign and are on stand by to establish your victory.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1 John 5:4

By covenant you are an overcomer. The whole world may lie in wickedness but you will be exempted from it as long as you remain in God. If you are conscious of your redemptive placement in Christ you are automatically outside the satanic magnetic field. You have been translated from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, where the devil and his spiritual and human hosts of wickedness cannot reach you.

MAN'S RE-ENTHRONEMENT TO THE SUPERNATURAL REALM

Jesus came on an everlasting mission to restore man to the life of God which Adam lost to Satan. The Bible announced the mission of Jesus in John 3:16

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.

Before Jesus came, man was in a perishing state; stripped of all honour, dignity and power. He lost control of every aspect of life. The natural man, the

man without Jesus in his life, is under the control of the evil one. Without Christ you are still in the state of perishing, under Satan's reign of terror. He does what he likes with you. He can link you up with any demon of his choice. That is why for instance, you find a lot of men addicted to cigarette smoking that even when the doctor warns them about its risks to their health, they can't stop. They try to, but a stronger force than them prevents them from victory. Isn't it obvious that such persons are perishing?

Jesus told the Syrophenician woman that **"it is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it unto the dogs"** (Mark 7:27).

The children of God are only those who have received the divine nature through Christ. Those who reject Christ are no better than dogs. That is how God regards them. It sounds unfair but that is what the word of God says.

Only through Christ can anyone enter the covenant and be rescued from perishing. Through Christ God once again re-establishes man in his position of dominion where he has control over all things. Man can once again live supernaturally on earth. This means living out of the ordinary through divine motivation. But how does this operate? How does one step from the natural into the supernatural?

ASCENDING THE NEW THRONE

For the natural man to step into the supernatural nature of God, there has to be a conscious stepping out from Satan's fold into God's fold through Jesus Christ. This is the new birth. When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, something significant happens to you. The Bible explains it thus:

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

2 Corinthians 5:17

The new birth is described as being in Christ Jesus. When you consciously step out of satan's fold and accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, He comes into your heart and gives you new life. Your old nature passes away and the new nature of Christ Jesus is born in you. You are then referred to as being born again, by the Spirit of God. You become a new creature with God's supernatural nature inside of you. You can now live supernaturally. You can now live out of the ordinary by the power of God at work in you. How do you show forth the supernatural nature of God in you?

Some years back I had a rare opportunity to manifest the supernatural nature of God in me. It was exciting. There was this young lady who was possessed of the devil and was upsetting her entire family. She enthroned herself as a little tin god, driving her parents to a state of despair by her constant evil manifestations and they could do nothing about it. One day the Spirit of God came very heavily upon me and I (in the company of another brother) put her in a van and drove to an unknown road in the valley, very late at night. I said to her when we got out of the car, "whatever I tell you to do, do it. Now lie flat…" She obeyed, shivering like a leaf. I was issuing commands to her and she was obeying without question. I was full of power from the knowledge that I am above the devil and when I am talking he must keep quiet. Then I said "why has your master not come to rescue you from my hands? Do they not call him the prince of the power of darkness? Where is he now?" Her answer was most revealing. She said, "as long as you are here he cannot come." I had the power to destroy her with no devil coming to her rescue, because my God is the God of the day and the night.

Also some years back, I needed to go out early in the morning, so I went to start my car. The only response I got was a horrible noise from the engine. My well meaning neighbour heard it too and came over to us (I had a visiting co-minister and personal friend with me then) and said, "Sir, it appears your car engine is about to knock." I came out of the car, opened the bonnet and in the name of Jesus, I commanded the engine knocking demon to get off my car. This is promptly obeyed and I supposed landed on my well-meaning neighbour's car which packed up within a week! He had to do without his car for six months!

This is out of the ordinary. This is living by engaging divine forces. This is extraordinary. The believer, at new birth, steps out of the ordinary into the extraordinary. The first time Jesus mentioned being born again, it was related to supernatural living as was revealed in His encounter with Nicodemus. As a matter of fact, that is the major identification mark of the new birth.

To Nicodemus' question, Jesus answered:

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God….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. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 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 3:3, 5-8

Those born of the Spirit of God belong to the extraordinary class of people. They call divine forces into operation like the wind. They blow like the wind and operate outside of the ordinary. They call divine forces into operation and you only see the resultant effects but you don't see, and cannot tell how the operation was carried out. Jesus said that the man born of the Spirit operates like the wind. You cannot tell from where the wind comes and where it is going. You only hear the sound. The "sound" of the children of God is not an ordinary sound, it is a sound from the spirit that is backed with heavenly energy, carrying effectively, whatever orders are given by the saint.

If you are born of the Spirit, you are designed to live this order of life. It is not meant for a privileged few either. This supernatural life is for everyone who is born of the Spirit of God.

There is nothing like the gift of heaven; heaven is for everyone who has received Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Get this clear: the supernatural life is for you if you are born of the Spirit. You are to exhibit that supernatural nature of God in you in your daily life. The entire world believes that there is not a mountain that a miracle cannot make a plain. It accepts the ability of a miracle to deal with any situation. It takes a miracle to come out of critical situations. What is a miracle? It is the supernatural intervention of God. This is what you are – a miracle. You are the supernatural intervention the world needs to get out of difficult situations. This is the manifestation of the supernatural life in you.

YE ARE GODS

God was duplicated in man, leaving man with all divine attributes that would make him operate like the true son of his father. If sons of men are men, then it follows that sons of God are gods. Like will always beget like.

Chapter Two

YE ARE GODS

In God's order of creation every living thing produces after its kind. The original creature simply duplicates itself in its offspring. Thus, a dog can only give birth to a dog. It cannot give birth to a goat. The same applies to plant life. A mango tree can only produce mangoes, not oranges. That is the principle.

Now at the creation of man, God subjected himself to the same principle of life. He used Himself as the original and spoke man into existence from His very self.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness…

Genesis 1:26

Since the scripture cannot be broken, not even by God, the same principle of life that obtained at the creation of other things came into force. God was duplicated in man; leaving man with all divine attributes that would make him operate like the true son of his father. Adam operated fully in the class of God. He had fellowship with him. God visited him from time to time to find out how he was administering the garden of Eden. He was endowed with the wisdom of God and that enabled him to stand in his position as the caretaker of God's other creation. Consider how he called the other animals to himself and gave them names. That takes wisdom and authority. Like God, Adam was also endowed with creative potentials. He was created to be fruitful and to reproduce himself. However, as we have established, when man fell he lost his divine attributes. The essence of the divine was lost. Man became mere flesh. Thenceforward human beings gave birth to human beings. Like will always beget like.

NEW STATUS

Let me quickly state that spiritual laws or principles will always work whether you know it or not, whether you agree with it or not. Not everyone that is born of

man is a child of God. When Jesus was here, he had occasion to tell the Jews, who by ancestry, were children of Abraham.

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.

John 8:44

Since the fall, what makes anyone a child of God is the new birth. That is the spiritual initiation that reestablishes the divine nature in any man. When you come to Jesus; a spiritual rebirth, which necessitates a spiritual transfer, takes place. The Spirit of God through Jesus is born in you. Then you are said to be born again. You become a new creature and a new growth (in the spiritual realm) starts off in you.

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.

John 3:5-6

Being born of the Spirit makes you a spirit. Jesus said, “That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” Note that He did not say, “that which is born of the spirit is spiritual.” No! You are not spiritual. You are only called to be spiritually minded. Your mind is part of your flesh, that is why you are asked to give it a new orientation now that the real you has come alive.

By virtue of new birth, you now belong to a higher order of the spirit realm. For instance, it won’t take me too much effort to destroy a witch. This is not pride. The fact is that I am higher and stronger and thus, have the power to destroy the weaker being. The supernatural word is the spirit world. God expects you to be alive and alert in the spirit all the time.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

If you must worship Him profitably, you must do so in spirit and in truth. Your worship of Him must be in the spirit, not in the flesh for He cannot be stirred up into action by your flesh except by your spirit. It is your spirit man that relates with Him. Thus, how alive your spirit is, determines how much you count before Him, and how much of a meaningful relationship you can enjoy with Him. If God then be spirit, those who are born of Him cannot be flesh because the law of reproduction demands that, like beget like.

YE ARE GODS!

The strongest opposition the Jews had against the Ministry of Jesus was His proclamation of His father-son relationship with God. They couldn't stand it. It provoked them to the extent that a number of times they sought to kill Him.

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God…

John 10:31-36

Jesus could not be daunted by their threats. He knew who He was and where He came from. Besides, He knew the scriptures and what they said about God-man relationship. He knew that children of God are gods.

I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

Psalm 82:6

The believers are the ones to whom, when the word of God came, believed; and by believing became children of God, the father called them gods.

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken.

John 10:35

If sons of men are men, then it follows that sons of God are gods. Just like children have the attributes of their natural parents, so do the children of God have the attributes of God. no matter how fond you are of your pet, it can never be called your child. You are not in the same class of being; it can never manifest your attributes in spite of your fondness. If you have been born again, you must accept the fact of your divine nature. The human nature is associated with humanity, while the divine nature is associated with God. Just like human nature makes man, human, divine nature makes God, God. A genuinely born again person has the divine nature inside of him. The reason many believers have not come to terms fully with this truth is because we have stayed so long among humans. We are so body oriented, conscious largely of operations within our five senses. We have come to believe that there is no difference between us and the rest of humanity. We live in the same communities, we shop together, work together etc.

During one of my meetings in one of the northern cities of Nigeria, I visited one of the elders of our church whose goat demonstrates the powerful effect of association on behaviour. The goat had been reared with his god. Over time, the gat began to behave exactly like dog. When its master comes back home from work, like the dog it wags its tail as a sign of welcome. But much more disturbing, the goat no longer feeds on leaves or vegetables, rather it feeds on

whatever the dog feeds on, including of course excreta! I never read this from any book or heart it from anybody, I witnessed it.

Association has robbed believers of the consciousness of their divine nature, you will never be in control of the affairs of life if you keep the wrong company. God did not programme you to live and die like men (that is live unfulfilled, unaccomplished lives) but He programmed you for distinction. He loaded you with divine abilities and potentials that would make you operate in His class and exercise dominion over the affairs of life. This is truth, it may even be regarded as blasphemous; but that explains the human predicament. Until you embrace the truth of your divine nature, don't expect to be in control. You will be buffeted and suffer like ordinary men. A revelation of your divine nature will open you up to the realm of the supernatural. When you become consciously aware of this truth, even when you are asleep, the wicked forces on earth would cheaply surrender to you. There was a time my wife was admitted in the hospital. She was on drips for a supposedly serious attack. When I got to the hospital, I told the doctor to remove the drips and discharge her. He looked at me in amazement but I had my way. And later that day, she still attended the end of year the pastors' banquet. That ended the affliction.

Sometime ago, my youngest daughter was said to have tuberculosis. When the news got to me, I simply said, "No it can't happen!" I forgot about it. I dismissed it as guess work. Praise God, the same doctor who had earlier diagnosed tuberculosis came back with the report that it had left.

Consciousness of your divine nature will change your attitude towards life and things. You will be so settled about issues of life that when men run helter-skelter you will be at peace. Jesus knew who He was. Even in the midst of a storm, while His disciples were frantically wearing themselves out in their bid to save their lives, He could afford to sleep. When He finally was woken up, He calmed the storms by His words. Jesus could afford to sleep because He was conscious of His position in God. All over the scriptures you will hear Him saying, "I and my Father are one; if you see me, you have seen my Father" etc.

Believers need to be conscious of this fact too. God did not call you a man. He called you a god. So get your thinking tuned into this.

RECREATED FOR DISTINCTION

God has called you into His marvelous light for a marvelous life. You have been chosen to show forth the praises of God on earth. You are an ambassador from heaven. What is not permitted in heaven should not be found in you.

Chapter Three

RECREATED FOR DISTINCTION

God's mark of distinction is placed on everyone who is born of His Spirit. You are put beyond the realm of the ordinary mortals, to the realm of God where you can reflect God's glory and majesty. The Bible paints a concise but beautiful picture of your new personality.

In 1 Peter 2:9

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

God has called you into His marvelous light for a marvelous life. The word "peculiar" signifies that you are a special breed of being. You have been chosen to show forth the praises of God on earth. Your life is supposed to constantly give glory and praises to God by its excellent manifestations. You belong to the priesthood, which means you can reach God on behalf of others, you can stand in the gap for them. You belong to royalty, which confers on you honour, dignity and power. The purpose of these distinctions is so you can adequately represent God here on earth, by your status. When men talk of failure, see yourself out of it. When men talk of frustration, poverty and disease and whatever will not glorify God, see yourself out of them.

Many years ago, there was a chicken pox epidemic around the area where I lived. It was very serious and virtually everybody around was a victim. They painted their bodies while with a prescription that was supposed to keep it away. It was so funny to see everyone painted white overnight. But thank God, the flat where I lived was shielded. Chicken pox could not gain access because we were marked out for distinction.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:17-18

Signs and wonders take place as a result of supernatural intervention. It takes only one who is supernatural to bring it about. As a believer, you have a mandate to cause things to happen while operating in the realm of the supernatural. Jesus said that the believer will not only be able to do the things He did, he will do even greater things. For you to do greater things you must be in the class of Jesus, the supernatural class.

Shortly after we got married (my wife was pregnant then) I came back from a trip and she announced to me that she had a miscarriage while I was away. I responded immediately "No, it cannot happen. Can I have my food please?" And do you know something? The pregnancy stayed till full term and we had our first son, Halleluyah! True, she actually saw some blood (an indication in the natural world that the pregnancy was aborted); but I know from God's word that I possessed the power to work miracles because I have been created for signs and wonders.

As far as God is concerned, a believer is not an ordinary man and since with God nothing is impossible, then nothing is impossible for the believer (Mark 9:23; 10:27).

Since all things are possible with both God and the believer, then the believer is in the class of God and can exhibit the character of God and work miracles and signs, as long as he is aware of his position.

YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR:

You are an ambassador, a representative of Jesus on earth.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ…

2 Corinthians 5:20

You are an ambassador of heaven. This also proves that you are a citizen of heaven because only a rightful citizen of a nation can hold an ambassadorial position. Only a citizen of Nigeria can represent Nigeria in a foreign country. So also, only a citizen of heaven can represent heaven. Only a rightful citizen can represent his nation. Just like a Togolese cannot be sent to represent Nigeria in India, so also an ambassador of Christ has to be a citizen of heaven. The ambassador stands to represent the interests of his nation in the country where he is sent to. Similarly, as Christ's representative, you are required to stand in for Him here on earth. By reason of this privilege, you enjoy the immunity of the kingdom you are representing. The ambassador enjoys special privileges. He is

well protected, and is treated as very special; even his passport bears a special mark!

For instance, to manhandle the American ambassador to Nigeria is to cause national calamity, all diplomatic relations between the two countries would be severed. Similarly, everything about the believer is marked; he cannot be treated carelessly because he is enjoying the immunity of heaven against earthly authorities. An ambassador is an intermediary between two countries, his country and the country he is sent to. So also the believer reconciles the world back to God. No one that is deaf or dumb can be made an ambassador for his country. Why then should a born again child of God be blind, deaf and dumb or, indeed, be found with any form of deformity? It is alien to his nature and does not prove his supernaturality. Indeed the position of an ambassador is one of absolute protection.

As an ambassador, therefore, you are entitled to heaven's protection, authority and provisions. You are expected to live in health and prosperity because there is neither sickness nor poverty where you come from! When I came to Jesus (became born again) I came with tuberculosis. I had already gone through all the necessary medical treatment but to no avail. After my new birth I went on an adventure into the four gospels. I read them over and over against and imbibed all the miracles Jesus performed, as I did that a holy anger rose in me. Then I went to Him and said, "Lord Jesus if it is true that you performed all those miracles, if they did not lie against you then heal me today." I held on to Him.

I am supposed to be His representative on earth and I cannot do that effectively with tuberculosis. I stayed with Him that night and I was set free. For over 23 years now, I have been free. Tuberculosis disappeared, never to return. Imagine what it would look like if I still had it as a preacher. Who would have been saved? You are an ambassador of Christ which means that heaven can now entrust its welfare to you to represent effectively here on earth. That means that every action of yours and every step you take must prove who and what you are. What is not permitted in heaven should not be found in you. Would it not make news if a nature ambassador was caught in a brawl or found in a brothel?

4
MATURING INTO SONSHIP

There is a seed of sonship implanted in everyone at birth, which will undergo the usual growth processes for it to mature into sonship. Although everyone has

the potential of becoming a son, not everyone does in reality. A child is born, but sons are given.

Chapter Four

MATURING INTO SONSHIP

The world is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. That is those who through an understanding of their divine nature can operate like God on earth. Such ones shall be able to exercise total dominion over all issues of life, bringing deliverance to many. They will think, talk and live in the realm of dominion where all things shall be possible with them. They will have it the way they want it, according to the word of God.

A SON IS GIVEN

Everyone is born as a child. This is true in the natural as well as in the spiritual. However, every child has the potential of becoming a son. There is a seed of sonship implanted in everyone at birth, which will have to undergo the usual growth processes for it to mature into sonship. A child is born but sons are given;

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given…

Isaiah 9:6

Although everyone has the potential of becoming a son, not everyone does in reality, biological age notwithstanding. Many adults live as children all their lives. Such ones are quite incapable of taking vital decisions or handling responsibilities. There are some though married, are still ruled by their parents. Their parents tell them when to love their wives and when not to. In our culture, where there is a close link between parents and their children, this is often a source of conflict between wives and their parents-in-law. Until anyone matures into a son, he is excluded from handling certain responsibilities. Can you imagine an eight year old child being crowned as king? No! No matter his right to the throne, he will have to undergo the usual growth processes, until he matures to adulthood.

Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

Galatians 4:1-2

An heir who is not yet mature for his throne, will be kept under a regency which will decide and execute decisions for him. He has no freedom or ability to exercise authority. Whatever the regency decides is good enough for him. Until he becomes mature, his authority is as it were under "bondage." Just like in the natural there are many in the kingdom, born again, but are being robbed and cheated by the devil and his agents not because they have the right to do so but because their victims refused to grow. They chose to remain babies, still feeding on milk. The Bible says *"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby"* (1 Peter 2:2).

Only babies feed on milk for growth. For an adult, milk is no longer an essential for growth. It could be quite irritating to see a grown adult still carrying about a feeding bottle. What he needs is solid food that will give strength to his muscles. The fact that you are born again does not give you an automatic access to your kingdom inheritance. You have to grow into it through knowledge and spiritual exercises. As long as you refuse to grow, you will live as a servant without tasting a vast portion of your inheritance in Christ.

MANIFESTING YOUR SONSHIP

Our sonship is the backbone of life in the supernatural. That is what gives us access to walk in the realm of the supernatural.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

John 1:12

The cardinal mark of sonship is power, power to reign, power to exercise authority. Anyone who is born again has this power potentially. But he can only grow into actual manifestation. There are many in the church today, who though born again, hardly have anything tangible to show for their Christianity. They can hardly be differentiated from the rest of the world. They are subjected to all the buffetings and intimidations of the devil. They are ruled by fear, plagued by diseases, poverty and lack. But the truth is that they are victims of ignorance more than anything else. Understanding your sonship power, rights and privileges is the master key to freedom and a life of fulfillment. That is what puts

you over and puts the enemy on the run. As long as Jesus emphasized His sonship, the enemy was kept restless on his toes. It is interesting that just like anyone else, Jesus was not born as a son, He was born as a child, but grew into His sonship.

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

Luke 2:52

Yes, Jesus was born a child like every other child. He underwent the various growth stages. However, as soon as the voice from the clouds declared His sonship at the mount of transfiguration (Matthew 17:5), His status changed. He ascended His throne, vested with all the authority and power of heaven. Whatever He commanded came to be. He had been enthroned and wherever the word of a king is, there is power. Negative and positive forces were compelled to obey Him. He cast out devils with His words. A time came when He didn't even have to speak, His presence compelled evil spirits to come out of their victims. Now remember that Jesus is the pattern son. He is our perfect example. And as the Father has sent Him, so He sent you. Everything Jesus manifested as a son ought to come cheaply to you when you attain the status of sonship. That is the time you will take charge and be in control of all affairs of life.

Sometime in 1984, a lady came to me with a pathetic story of harassment by a swarm of insects. They hovered around her head and followed her everywhere she went. She was in utter embarrassment and grief. However, as she approached the entrance of the church, the insects stayed behind. After she narrated her story, I asked about the insects, and she told me they stayed back as she stepped into the gate. So I asked if we might go over to see them – it was a swarm of praying mantis. Evil spirits know their bounds you see. Well, after she narrated her story, I took my staff to go and kill the insects. As we headed towards them at the gate, they began to move backwards. We did not need to use slings or any instruments to chase them away. They disappeared at our presence. And that was the end of that experience. After your sonship is declared, every force in heaven and hell obeys your voice. Your status as his son commands respect in human, animal and insect kingdoms. This is what makes Christianity different. Christianity is neither a religion nor a philosophy, it is not belonging to an organisation, but it is the release of the life of God into human vessels. It is becoming a member of a mysterious body from where you draw mysterious virtue to live a mysterious life. God is committed to bringing you out of childhood into sonship so that all the forces of life will obey you. The devil will become a toy in your hand and you will enter the fullness of your inheritance in Christ. The whole world is waiting for your manifestation.

5
STIRRING UP THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

In the spiritual, for any spiritual gift to produce, a spiritual rod is required. It is the stirring of the gift with the rod that will lead to profiting by the gift. Knowledge is God's instrument for stirring every gift deposited inside man.

Chapter FIVE

STIRRING UP THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

We have established that being born again is an adoption into sonship. It is a call that places you in the life class of God. What you receive at new birth is the same eternal life force that makes God, God. Adam had the same life force before he ate the forbidden fruit. What he lost Jesus came to restore.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Eternal life is a gift from God. It is released or imparted at the instance of your professing Jesus as the Lord of your life. It is not something you work hard for. You don't need to struggle for it. It immediately translates you to a higher order of living. Free as it is, not many have been able to enter into its full benefits. There are some who have been born again for 20 years without any visible evidence of that life. God's life is light. And just as light is reflective, so ought your life in God reflect his light that is in you. The truth however, is that just like any other gift, God's gift to you at salvation remains dormant or even wasted except you take steps to utilize it. Apostle Paul was worried that his ministry son, Timothy was in danger of falling into complacent ignorance that has left many gifts wasted among believers. Wrote Paul:

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

2 Timothy 1:6

Paul meant to say that the gift would not produce without the practical involvement of the receiver. The gift will only be provoked to produce when it is stirred up. Believers who are manifesting their sonship are the ones who have learnt to stir up their gift. The vast majority are not manifesting because their gift is left dormant. You have a responsibility to stir up the gift if you want it to produce the effect for which it was given.

HOW TO STIR UP THE GIFT

In the physical, any stirring operation is carried out with a rod. You need a rod to stir your porridge if all the ingredients must mix properly for the taste to come out. The sugar in your tea cup will remain settled down at the bottom of the cup until you stir it up with a spoon which is a kind of rod. If you must enjoy the sweetness of your tea, stirring the sugar is inevitable. In the spiritual, for any spiritual gift to produce, a spiritual rod is also required. It is the stirring of the gift with the rod that will lead to your profiting by the gift. Knowledge is God's instrument for stirring up every spiritual gift that is deposited inside man including the gift of eternal life. The gift is provoked into manifestation through the knowledge of God.

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

2 Peter 1:3-4

Divinity or eternal life is contained in God's word. The word is the carrier of divine nature when the light of heaven is shed on it. What you read from the Bible are no ordinary words or letters. They are so only to those who seek mere information from it. But when it is received as a revelation or when illumination comes upon it, it communicates the life of God. Jesus said:

…the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:63

All the precious promises of God are gift packages to the believer. They are all intended to make him a partaker of the divine nature. With these promises in hand, you should be able to release or operate the divine nature. The divine is already there, but for you to partake of it, you need the knowledge o the great and exceeding precious promises. What you don't know, you can't partake in.

A lady ran to me sometime in 1984, full of tears. She had a threatened abortion. According to her she saw blood and fear gripped her heart. I asked her; "Was it blood you had or a baby? If I cut my flesh with a razor blade what you will see is blood. Is that a baby?" The moment I said that the gloom on her face turned to smiles. Now she had told herself she had an abortion. She said what she saw and ignored God's word. God's word said "There shall nothing cast (abort) their young…" (Exodus 23:26).

That lady's husband was out of town but the pregnancy was sustained. Lack of knowledge of God's word was responsible for her anxiety. Ignorance threatened her ability to sustain the pregnancy. The ability to sustain it was there, but she didn't know it. Many of God's people are perishing today because they lack knowledge of what God says about their situation. Many are in financial bondage, because they are watching the economic barometer and stock exchange ratings of their countries, at the expense of what God's word says about their welfare even in the face of calamities. Being saved is not a deprivation. It is not a call to suffering or hardship. It is an entrance into a life of honour and dignity. God has called us to a life of glory and virtue by making all things that pertain to life and godliness available to us. But we can only actualize them through knowledge. Take the apostles for instance. They were full power. They were so heavily imparted with the life of Christ that their presence announced divinity. People saw them and knew from their speech that they had been with Christ. Anywhere they went they were identified with divinity. History has it that, John the beloved was thrown into a drum of boiling oil but he did not die. Then they banished him to the Island of Patmos. Immortality had swallowed up mortality. This was possible through knowledge and supernatural impartation. It is impossible to possess God in reality. Hear this:

A woman was dying and they rushed to our office to call me. When I got to her residence, her husband was in tears, it was becoming obvious she would die. I asked for her age. It was 42 years. I declared she wasn't going to die. I stood my ground and commanded her to rise in the name of Jesus. She not only got well, she traveled out of town that same day! That is the power of knowledge. The word of God says you will fulfill the number of your days. 70 is the minimum. I knew it from the scriptures and used it to rescue that lady from untimely death. Glory to God.

At another occasion while I just ended a seminar on the mystery of divine protection, a 3 year old daughter of one of our faithful members, fell into a well while she was at play. When the father got to the spot, he found her 'standing' on top of the water. She did not die! Truly, the faith of the parents sanctifies the children!

It is the incoming or entrance of the word of God that makes a god of any child of God, in adverse circumstances. When the truth of God's word penetrates your inside in any area of life you gain control there. When the word on divine healing enters you, all wicked plans of the enemy will amount to nothing regarding your health. In the midst of fire, you will walk out relaxed as one in a cool room. No matter your involvements with religious or church activities you don't gain control until God's word comes in.

A woman came to my office in tears. She was heavily pregnant and was afraid of dying during labour. She was bound by fear. She had always brought forth previous issues after terribly protracted labour – the last one lasted three days. She received the word that even the Hebrew women under the old covenant used to give birth without going through undue stress and strain. She received that word and supernatural intervention set in and she was set free. Her tears dried. She brought forth her child in less than 30 minutes after the first birth contraction!

Friend, we have the same destiny but our depth of knowledge differs. That makes the difference between a winner and a loser, a failure and a success. If you have the knowledge of the truth in any area, you gain authority in that area. May I tell you with all humanity, I have total control over financial troubles. God's word placed it in my hands. I have not taken overdraft once. God has not taught me the 'technicalities' of borrowing!

God's word would provoke the divine nature in you and place you on a pedestal of honour, dignity and excellence. Men will look at you and marvel. Many have been kept down because their minds have been blinded to the truth of their divinity. They are more aware of what the WORLD says than what the WORD says. They are more aware of the workings of the devil than their authority in God. The knowledge of God leads to more strength. Can you imagine a dog chasing a lion? That is what you portray when you are scared that a witch is after you. That is living with the knowledge of the devil. The devil has two representations in the word of God.

1. the serpent and
2. the best

All his children are represented as dogs. However, the knowledge of God should make you aware that you belong to a higher order of life. You belong to the order of the Lion of the tribe of Judah. That lion is a direct reference to Christ. It was He that prevailed! When the Holy Spirit opened my eyes that I belong to this order, I said to myself that never again must it cross my mind that the devil was pursuing me. *'A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any'* (Proverbs 30:30).

In December 1983, one of my cousins suddenly got mentally deranged. When I was told about it, I got infuriated. I went to where he was. As I entered, he rose from where he sat and prostrated to greet me. Meanwhile, he had stopped to recognize anyone including the mother. They asked if he knew me, he said "yes, that's my brother!" They asked my name and he called it out loud and clear. The miracle had started – light had invaded the prison house! So I asked them to dress him up and put him in my car. Drawing strength and authority

form the gospel of John chapter one, I said: “Put him in my car and let me see the devil that has power to enter into my car with me!” Soon after he entered the car, he slept off. That was the end of it. The following day he was taken to the hospital for check up. When they asked “what is wrong with you?” He retorted: “Do you mean what was wrong with me or what is wrong with me?” He was made perfectly whole without struggles. He is now a university undergraduate.

In 1984, at about two o’clock in the morning, in one of our travels, we suddenly sighted a narrow bridge on the high way with an oncoming vehicle. It was obvious we were to meet on that bridge. Nothing other than divine intervention could have been responsible for our escape from death. Indeed all those traveling with me were literally dead, due to fear. For me that was on the steering, I couldn’t tell how it happened. All I know is that there was no atom of fear in my heart. Immediately it dawned on my spirit man that “He shall give His angels charge over me, to bear me up lest I smite my feet against a stone.” So I said in my heart with the angels in charge – we must escape! Because knowledge gives strength, right inside me I saw the angels ready for an operation. We escaped unscathed. Halleluyah! That was the most mysterious escape of my life up till this moment. There has been no physical explanation of the escape!

Through the knowledge of his exceeding great and precious promises, we manifest the divine nature inside of us, causing us to escape the corruption that is in the world. You are created to escape! That means that what touches men of the flesh is not permitted by God to touch you. You are a special treasure to God, so He has made available to you everything that would make you walk in dignity and honour on earth. You have the eternal life of God as a gift in you, stir it up. You live after the order of Jesus, because he has laid for all who believe an example to follow in his steps.

6
PROPHETIC SOUND DYNAMICS

Your mouth is a weapon of authority ordained by God to keep you in perfect dominion. It is your instrument for the exercise of supernatural authority. You must make distinct sounds with your mouth concerning what you desire before you can see a sign in that direction. Every sign and wonder is a direct product of a sound.

Chapter Six

PROPHETIC SOUND DYNAMICS

Mere knowledge of the supernatural world won't bring about its manifestation. You need an understanding of the dynamics of its operations if you must benefit from it. A cardinal step in the release of the supernatural is the production of sound. It is the production of sound based on the word of God revealed to you that will compel supernatural forces to work in your favour. That is what brings about the signs you desire. **Soundless Christians are therefore signals Christians.** The night discussion between Jesus and Nicodemus is very revealing of the dynamics of sound production.

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

When the wind blows, you hear the sound distinctly; that is the evidence that the wind is blowing. In the same way, everyone that is born of the Spirit produces sounds. You must be heard for the supernatural to be released in your life. Everyone that is born of the Spirit of God is designed for sound production. This is the switch that sets the supernatural in motion. Just like no one understands the movement of the wind, the sound of the believers may not be understood. You hear the sound alright but may never understand it until you see the effect.

Get this straight, your mouth is a weapon of authority ordained by God to keep you in perfect dominion. It is your instrument for the exercise of supernatural authority. Jesus said everyone that is born of the Spirit is like the wing. You must make distinct sounds with your mouth concerning what you desire before you can see a sign in that direction. Every sign and wonder is a direct product of a sound. That is why only the confident loud-mouths command

the miraculous in the kingdom. Many people in church are too religious to manifest signs and wonders. They keep a closed mouth and a complaining heart. If you say positive things based on the word of God in your heart, you will get positive results. The same is true for negatives words. As a believer, the basis of whatever you say must be the word of God. Until light permeates your heart from His word, you won't be able to produce the right sound.

A preacher who wants the supernatural to manifest must first proclaim it with his mouth. This is why during healing meetings, one often hears preachers making great proclamations of what the power of the Great Jehovah can do. You hear them declare confidently that blind eyes will be opened, the lame will walk, the deaf will hear, etc. They are giving sound to what is in their hearts. As such proclamations are being made, supernatural forces are called into action. Even God the Father of the miraculous operated this way. We are told in Genesis chapter one that a time came when God wanted a change of situation. He wanted to re-create the heavens and the earth. Darkness was everywhere. No sign of light and of life. God's Spirit was hovering over the shapeless, formless, void but that alone did not bring about the desired result.

So how did God go about the task? He followed the same pattern that Jesus talked about in John 3:8. "And God said…" God produced a sound. This turned on the supernatural. As soon as God said "Let there be light," light came. The same thing happened for every other thing He created. If God needed to produce sound to manifest His divine nature, then you and I have no choice if we must manifest that same nature. There was darkness upon the face of the deep but God called light out of it. This means that for every problem there is a solution, but it takes a calling out for the solution to manifest. If you cannot produce the sound, don't expect the sign. The type of sign you'll receive (negative or positive).

For several years now, I have been making a clear sound about my health, based on course on the revealed truth of God's word. To the glory of God, I live in perfect health today despite my busy schedule. It is the same thing for every other area of life-ministry, family, etc. Like God, everything I desire (in line with God's word) I sound it out. I want protection so I sound protection. I want a great future, so I make the same sound and so on. You can replace "*And God said…*" in Genesis 1 with "And God sounded…" I take after Him, Halleluyah! Do the same thing too. Keep saying what you desire until it comes alive and manifests physically. The supernatural responds to a sound drawn out of a fountain of revealed truth. God could not have what He wanted without producing a sound. Neither can you.

GOOD SOUND PRODUCTION

Always produce a sound in your favour using the name of Jesus. There is great power in that name. At the mention of it every knee bows and every tongue confesses that He is Lord. His name is above all names. Too many Christians are producing dangerous sounds to their own hurt. Some are finding it hard to pay their house rents because all you hear them say is "I don't have money" or "times are hard." They make sounds of failure and they reap failure. There is a great need for you to repent of the dangerous sounds you have released into the atmosphere in times past. Remember, the angels of God are at your service. They are ever ready and are specially commissioned to execute whatever sound you produce. They hearken to the sound of your voice. Angels are there to serve you that is why in Revelation 19:10, the angel said to John *"I am thy fellow servant and of thy brethren."* John did not know this truth and had bowed down to worship the angel earlier on!

Be careful what you say with your mouth because the angels will make sure they execute them. No wonder God's word admonishes us in Ecclesiastes 5:6;

Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

Isn't that revealing? Anytime you produce sound the miraculous takes place either in your favour or against you depending on the kind of sound you produced.

God has given you the gift of a mouth to rule and reign in the midst of your enemies. Your mouth is a destiny-moulder.

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

Luke 21:15

Furthermore, in Proverbs 18:21 we read: **"Death and Life are in the power of the tongue."** Whatever happens in your life, positive and negative is determined by the sound that you produce. Every obstacle on your way is awaiting your sound (your command). The most hopeless situation will take shape at the instance of a sound that is drawn out of the depth of God's word.

TWO MOUTHS

You have two mouths: an outer and inner mouth. The physical mouth which can be seen is the outer mouth, while the invisible mouth of your heart is the inner one. Several times in the earthly ministry of Jesus, He addressed the thoughts in the hearts of men. He recognized that the real mouth is the one on the inside. What you say in your heart is what you actually mean; what your physical mouth is saying at the same time notwithstanding. That is the reason why what you say in your heart is more important to God than what you say with your outer mouth. The woman with the issue of blood "said within herself" (Matthew 9:21). No wonder she got her healing. Before a miracle can take place in your life, what you say with your physical mouth must agree with what your inner mouth is saying. To say what is contrary to what your heart is saying amounts to hypocrisy. Hannah poured out her heart to God; only her lips moved, her words were not audible. Her heart spoke and heaven got committed (1 Samuel 1:13). Mind what you say in your heart. That is why the Bible says *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life* (Proverbs 4:23).

What you think is what your inner mouth is saying and what you speak is what your outer mouth is saying. God is committed to both. That is what Ephesians 3:20 means "*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ASK or THINK…"* Your audible and inaudible voice weigh equally before God.

Some years ago, I was down physically and very weak. I was so exhausted that I could hardly lift my hand to wave down a taxi cab. So I said within me (in my heart) "If I can only get to the fellowship venue, no devil will be hold enough to follow me there." And you know something? That was exactly what happened. Heaven got committed to my "silent" words. When you speak from within and speak right, God honours your word. Many Christians go about making fake confessions and end up frustrated. They say "I have confessed it but it has not worked." They pay more attention to their outer mouth than to their inner mouth. They say "I am healed" with the outer mouth and say "This pain is killing me" with their inner mouth. So they get no result. The inner mouth is the real mouth. Look at the Jews. They are a very religious set of people (always going to the temple to pray, paying tithes and offerings etc) yet they went into captivity.

Why? **This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.** (Matthew 15:8).

God knows that the outer mouth can be deceitful, therefore He pays more attention to the inner mouth. Train your inner and outer mouth to say the same thing.

Note, however, that when it comes to exercising authority over the enemy your outer mouth must come into play. The devil does not hear what you say in your heart. He only hears and obeys what you proclaim with your physical mouth.

Luke 21:15 also implies that if a sound is produced against you, you can use your tongue to avert it. Don't forget that you mustn't speak just anything, speak the truth – the word of God. It is the truth of God's word spoken by a believer out of a heart of revelation that moves Him into action. So, you see you must be loaded with His word and have light before you can make a meaningful sound. If not, your sound will be void of power. You were not created for failure, defeat, sickness, oppression and every such thing. What makes you triumph over them is the knowledge of the truth.

Some years back when we were going to have our second son, the doctor said my wife had to be operated upon because the baby was not coming out in the proper way. I then asked to see my wife. When I saw her I said, "child, I command you now, turn to the right position." That was all I said and I went home to sleep. Labour ceased, as I was told the following day and the child assumed the normal position. I came in the morning and found my wife and baby waiting for me after a normal delivery.

This is not positive thinking or psychology; it is spiritual sound dynamics. And as you know, we all have a common pre-destination in Christ. He is no respecter of persons. Life is not an issue of chance; it is an issue of choice. Choose to mature in the things of God. Load yourself with the knowledge of God's will concerning your life and produce the same sound in the face of every contrary situation. Don't be ashamed of God's word. Say what He said about you in His word even to the hearing of those who don't believe you. By so doing, He will definitely rise up to defend His word. Do you know that Goliath's head was already chopped off in the spirit realm before the physical manifestation of it? David had killed him with his words before the actual killing took place. He was too sure of God's ability to deliver and he sounded that out loud and clear. God has nothing to confirm until you give voice to the words in your heart.

I am the LORD that maketh all things… That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers

Isaiah 44:24-26

BOLD DECLARATIONS

How then should you speak in line with all that we talked about? In a whisper? With half your mouth closed? No, Jesus said “what I tell you in secret shout it on the roof top.” Boldness is the key word here. It depicts deep-seated conviction and authority.

Do you know the secret of the great successes recorded by the apostles of old? Boldness! Acts 14:3 says “Long time therefore abode they speaking **boldly** in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of His grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.”

They did not just speak in the Lord, they spoke boldly. This was what compelled signs and wonders to be done through their hands. The Lord confirmed His word in their lives because of their bold speaking. In order for your enemies to be subdued under you, you must speak God’s word boldly. Whatever you cannot speak confidently about, don’t expect to see it come to pass. Speak boldly in line with the word of God and you will see results. Whatever your heart desires, as long as it is covered in the word of God sound it out loud and boldly.

TWO RESULTS OF PRODUCING SOUND

The sound you produce in line with God’s word has two major effects:

First, it forces the opposition to bow. What actually happens when you keep saying what you believe despite what is happening is that the negative situation gets tired of hearing you speak against it and therefore leaves. When I was sounding prosperity, poverty was my neighbour! But after a while, it became uncomfortable with my incessant bold speaking and packed away. Now, I don’t know its address. The Bible confirms this:

As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me. The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

Psalm 18:44-45

Every situation and occurrence in your life that is contrary to God’s word is a stranger. As you keep producing the sound of God’s will for your life, they will bow and disappear.

Secondly, the sound you produce gets heaven committed to perform. Isaiah 44:26 tells us that God confirms the words that we speak and performs our desires. Whenever you speak boldly in the Lord, you are challenging God to rise up to the occasion and defend His word, which He has exalted above all His

names (Psalm 138:2). Think about the valley of dry bones in Ezekiel 37. Is it possible for any situation to be more hopeless than that? Prophetic sound revived that seemingly hopeless situation. Ezekiel spoke as he was commanded. That means he spoke in accordance with the word of God. Jesus also said in Mark 11:23 that all you require to move a mountain is to produce a sound. "*Say unto this mountain…*" He didn't say push or cry or struggle with the mountain. He said make a prophetic sound. The mountain will definitely move as long as you do not doubt in your heart. Friend, loose yourself from the shackles of religion. Shake off your feet from the dust and put on your beautiful divine garment. This is the truth of God's word. Embrace it and live, amen.

7
THE WORKING OF MIRACLES

You are created in God's image and likeness so you can fully represent Him. A lot of believers have been waiting for God to do the signs. God too has been waiting for them to obey His command and use His ability deposited inside of them to do them. The truth is miracles don't just happen, they are worked out.

Chapter Seven

THE WORKING OF MIRACLES

It is not uncommon to hear statements like: “The days of miracles are over. The seal was put on them with the apostles.” This is absolutely untrue. It is an easy excuse for failure or total ignorance. God does not change. He has not changed. If He did miracles in the past through believers, He is still doing the same today. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Signs and wonders are the birthright of every believer. You are programmed for it. It is part of God’s design for your sonship.

Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders

Isaiah 8:18

You are created in God’s image and likeness so you can fully represent Him. You are meant to show forth his power, dominion and majesty through the instrumentality of signs and wonders. Indeed signs and wonders should follow you as you go about the Master’s business. It is one of your proofs that Jesus is alive. He told the disciples before He left here:

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:17-18

A lot of believers have been waiting for God to do the signs. God too has been waiting for them to obey His command and use His ability deposited inside of them to do them. It may not sound religious, but the truth is that God does not work miracles, but has given the believer the mandate to do so as an evidence of his faith in Christ Jesus. When He gave Moses a rod (a type of the name of Jesus) in the old dispensation, He gave it to him to do signs.

And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

Exodus 4:17

God gave the rod, Moses was to do this signs with the rod. With the name of Jesus every believer has a mandate to do signs, to operate in the realm of the miraculous.

The working of miracles is one of the remarkable gifts of the Holy Spirit;

…There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit…And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all… For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom… To another the working of miracles.

1 Corinthians 12:4-10

Read that again; "the working of miracles," not the waiting for miracles or the watching for miracles, but "the working of miracles." Miracles don't just happen, they are worked out. Many hide under the excuse that they don't have the gift of the working of miracles. But I tell you this is a lie of the devil to keep you perpetually in your state of defeat. Reject his lies and agree with God's word: "… And these signs (miracles) shall follow them that believe…" Are you a believer? If so, then the signs are meant to follow you.

During His earthly ministry, Jesus stressed the ability of believers to do things that transcended the limited natural ability. He said a class of people will believe Him and He will cause them to walk in His class. Nothing would be impossible with them.

And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Mark 10:27

Jesus meant to say that all things are possible to natural men who believe because by believing what He declares, He makes them to walk in His very class where they don't have regard for impossibilities anymore. Put another way, men who believe the gospel are no longer in the class of men but in the class of God, because it is only with God that all things are possible. This is the position you occupy on the platform of the gift of eternal life you receive at new birth. God has made all the provisions for you to live in the realm of the miraculous with Him but you have to work it out.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13

GOD'S PRINCIPLES

He works inside you for you to work it out. That is the principle. God deals with principles. His principles require that you play your part if you must see a manifestation of your desire. Take salvation for instance, it is the free gift of God. You don't struggle for it, you don't work hard for it. Yet for you to be saved you must take some steps on your own. First, you will decide to believe the gospel in your heart. Second, by faith you will ask Jesus to save you with your mouth. Free as it is, it doesn't just fall on you by chance. It's a clear case of choice and responsibility to your choice.

It is the same with divine health. God has made provision for you to live in divine health all the days of your life by His word. In 3 John 2, the word says;

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

That is God's provision. But it will not just fall on anyone. If you want it to be real in your life, you must work it out by appropriating it personally to your life and health situations. The same is true for financial blessings. If you will not be an excited giver, you will die in poverty, no matter your involvement in church activities. In fact, right there in the presence of God, you may fall down and die of starvation and God won't bat an eye simply because if He does, He will be violating His own principle or law of seed time and harvest.

If you don't understand the operations of God's principles or laws (the laws of the spirit of life) you will be struggling with the law of the flesh (law of sin and death) to succeed in spiritual matters. Take a look at this: the natural law says to increase in substance, you hold on tenaciously to what you have for "a bird in hand is worth two in the bush." But the spiritual law, (the law of the spirit of life) says to increase in substance, you sow that which you have because:

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 126:5-6

Facts rule in the natural but faith is the backbone of life in the spirit. To walk in the miraculous you have to learn to face the faith and not the facts.

Think of this: somebody had a blood experience which naturally connotes abortion, but spiritually, the reserve was the case. She had her baby on the expected date of delivery. The truth is that the blood she saw was only a threat by the enemy, to find out if she was ready for an abortion.

The moment you see blood and call it abortion, he says "Yes that's right, that's what I have come for." The moment you have a feeling and you call it a name, you give it room to manifest. These things just go about looking for who is available. Don't accept the counsel of the devil. Stop carrying about a self

appointed cross. He took your place in shame to lead you into glory, by giving you what it takes to control all appearances of evil.

If you can convince yourself that your blood can't save an ant, then you won't need to carry a cross around. So many cry: "God will do it. I know He will do it, but this is my cross to bear." You are not the saviour. Only one cross is authentic, it has been used; only one blood matters, it has been shed. So, if you're sick and require divine healing but refuse to believe God for it, God cannot intervene. If you are weak and sickly, but appear in church only during seminar time, you will be married to weakness, because;

They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

Psalm 84:7

So if you want ever-increasing strength, work it out by plugging yourself into Zion with understanding. An applicant who stays in bed by 10.00a.m is only courting poverty. He doesn't want to work. An unemployed young man I know got ready one morning and headed straight for the post-office. It was as if jobs were posted on the notice-board of the post-office. No, but this young man went to the post office anyhow. On getting there, he overheard a discussion of an interview holding that morning. He strained his ears and caught the location. Without any application he went for the interview and he was the one employed!

Another young man was neck deep in depression. He did his examinations, and it was not very good. He did not fail, yet he did not pass well either. He mentioned it to me and his only regret was that he did not know anybody. I said not him: "I wish you knew who you have."

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Psalm 147:10-11

I further said to this young man. "If you want to get into University of Ibadan, get down to Ibadan. You don't need to know anybody higher than God. Just go there." True to these words, he arrived at the university gate and saw a man driving in with his son who was also seeking admission. They had never met. The man picked this young man thinking he was a student and would show him the way to a particular office. In the car, however, the young man disclosed that he was also there for admission. The man with the car then took his and the young man to the admission office. He got there and said "these are my sons and they are the ones I came for." Ultimately, it was the son of God that was admitted, not the son of the man. That man with the car was the God appointed ass that the child of God would use to rise majestically into his admission. This

is the working of miracles! If that young man had been waiting for God to drop an admission letter from the skies, perhaps he would still be waiting by now. This is the gospel. God works inside you to enable you work on the outside. The mystery of the working of miracles has eluded the church and individual believers (including preachers) because they have spent all their lives waiting for what they should be working out.

Our ministry has had no back-up of any kind from anywhere since inception. What God says is "Carry neither purse nor scrip, nor shoes: **and salute no man by the way**" (Luke 10:4). That means you are not expected to lobby any man because God is sufficient for the assignment. When He sent the disciples without purse, scrip and shoes, they lacked nothing.

Friend, there are keys that unlock the doors to the supernatural. Feelings have no part in the realities of the supernatural; all you need is to walk in the path of the truth. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). The faith walk is walking in the reality of the unseen, drawing strength from the written word.

It is not natural for preachers to be rich – particularly when you are not touching the church purse. But until you discover how to flow in the supernatural, prosperity will elude you. I have not found any reason why anybody in the church I pastor should be richer than me because it was JESUS who rode on the colt. The disciples were following him on foot! If what I preach is enriching the congregation, I must be crazy not to be partaking of the same.

The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

2 Timothy 2:6

Jesus was never found roaming the streets on purposeless visits from house to house. So why should any preacher spend valuable time going from house to house on idle visits. If you go about like that you won't get fresh messages for your congregation.

TOOLS FOR THE WORKING OF MIRACLES

There are tools to use to bring the miraculous into manifestation. We shall discuss three of them in this section.

PRAYER

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:24

Do you want to walk in the miraculous on a daily basis? Then cultivate a habit of effective praying. There are certain mountains that can only be moved through prayer. And prayer is nothing but giving God back His word in a form of dialogue. However, before you can enjoy the triumph prayer guarantees, you must come to God with a desire. God grants the desires of the righteous when they are in line with His word. But many believers come before God without desires. James 4:2 says: *"Ye have not because ye ask not."* How else do we ask except in prayers? Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed and fifteen extra years were added to his life. Elijah prayed and a drought of three and a half years was broken. Paul and Silas prayed and the prison gates burst open. Prayer is one of the powerful tools for the working of miracles.

PROCLAMATIONS

Faith is aroused by the proclamation of the truth. I was writing an examination sometime ago and I suddenly lost consciousness. I knew that was nothing but an attack of the enemy. So, I addressed the devil, saying: "If you were rude enough to tamper with me, I will show you the son of whom I am." And that was it. Mysteriously, though not surprising to me, I passed that examination with flying colours. I knew that as soon as those words were released, the angels in charge organized an operation and brought about desired results. To show you how much I believed in my proclamation, somebody visited me the same day and no mention was made of my experience at the exam hall. I have had so many other children after that order who made a mess of the devil in dangerous examinations without any natural performance that guaranteed success. So you can make your choice. Miracles do not just happen, they are made to happen. Stop agreeing with your feelings, agree with God's word that you can have ceaseless triumph, say it, believe it and you will see it manifesting.

Mark 11:23 is a loaded scripture, it says:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

It is self explanatory. He shall have **"whatsoever he saith."** The key word is **"saith"** and not **"thinketh"** nor **"dreameth"** not **"crieth"** not **"crieth for"** but **"saith"** God is only committed to establishing what you have uttered from your mouth.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and *with the mouth confession* ***is made unto salvation. (Emphasis mine)***

Romans 10:10

No confession, no possession! When Jesus cursed the fig tree, it did not dry up instantly. That did not bother Him because He knew that the power behind that word had gone into operation. The next day, the disciples marveled when they saw the fig tree dried up to the roots. The great men of faith in the book of Hebrews declared plainly that they sought a country whose builder was God. They were persuaded, but it did not stop there. They embraced that promise but there was more to it, they spoke out their conviction and became established in faith. There is power in the spoken word.

God said *"Let there be light,"* and the light came because GOD is a faith God. He had no room for doubt inside Him, so the sayings were working out the signs. You want miracles, you want signs, then change your language! Let it fall in line with what you claim to want. God has been waiting to see what you will make of your life. He has made provisions for you to choose life in the place of death; to choose abundant life above mere existence. God in Proverbs 18:21 says: *Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."* God never makes choices for anyone; He works on your inside and allows you to work it out on the inside. He cannot speak for you. He will confirm your words and perform the counsel of your heart. What you have not seen is what you have not said. That miracle you want but claim to be waiting for God to perform will remain undone if you do not work it out. It is time to manifest your Sonship. Rise up to the challenge and watch Him beautify your life.

THE NAME OF JESUS

The Name of JESUS is the Master Key to every door the believer wants opened. It provides a covering for everything you want to produce result.

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Colossians 3:17

It is the invocation of the name of faith that releases divine intervention in your direction. Any day you want to open up for you and produce miracles, simply invoke the power in the name of Jesus. Say something like: "I go out today in the name of Jesus." And address the day, "Day – bring forth wonders,

bring forth miracles in Jesus Name." That day, you will meet with unprecedented miracles.

Peter and John were going to the temple at the hour of prayer. They met a man lame from birth who lay at the gate of the temple daily. When he saw Peter and John, He asked for alms. Instead of tossing him some coins, these men of God said:

Look on us… Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: *In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth* ***rise up and walk. (Emphasis mine)***

Acts 3:4, 6

Immediately, the miraculous happened; the legs of the lame man received strength and he leaped up for joy.

There is power in the Name of Jesus. But it has to be used in faith for it to produce the desired results. Get out of the shackles of ignorance and get into action with the name. Everything that has a name bows to that name. Use it to work out your miracles. Do not die a cheap death when you can reign as a prince. A proper utilization of the Name will give you control over all the issues of life. The will bow to your authority. We shall be talking about the power in the name in greater detail in another chapter.

8
THE PLACE OF THE WORD

Those He called gods are those unto whom the word of God came. It is the incoming of the word of a man that effects a change in his status. The entrance of the word sparks off the supernatural. When the word of God comes into you on an issue confronting you, light is shed on it and the darkness around it disappears, the you manifest supernaturally.

Chapter Eight

THE PLACE OF THE WORD

The supernatural cannot be separated from the word of God. It is the word that gives birth to the supernatural. The foundation for supernatural living is the word of God. This is the platform upon which it operates.

Jesus said:

Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

John 10:34-36

The implication of this scripture is that when the word of God enters your heart on any particular subject of life, that entrance automatically makes you a god over that circumstance and causes you to operate in the realm of the gods- the supernatural.

Your being a walking bible who can reel off any number of memory verses is no proof that the word has gained access into you.

Those He called gods are those unto whom the word of God came. It is the incoming of the word of God to a man that effects a change in his status. The entrance of the word of God sparks off the supernatural. It is the entrance, not the reading. It is neither the preaching, nor the confession of the word, but the entrance of the word. None of these is an entrance in itself, they are all a means to an end, only the quickened word gives entrance. The natural reigns until the supernatural appears. Darkness reigns until light appears. The entrance of the word brings light.

When the word of God comes into you on an issue confronting you, light is shed on it and the darkness around it disappears, then you manifest supernaturally.

A believer who is far away from God's word will be far away from the supernatural. God did not call them gods because they went to church. He did not call them gods because they were preachers. He called them gods because they received the word of God.

The great man of God, Kenneth Hagin, had been bed-ridden for years. He was reaching the scriptures some day and came to Mark chapter 11, verses 23, 24:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

This word sank deep into him. From that solid depth, he acted. He spoke the word and stood on his feet. The mountain of paralysis disappeared and he that was billed for death, rose up. He has been up for next sixty years now.

I received a letter from a man sometime ago who had been a victim of high blood pressure for years. He was reading my book, **Keys to Divine Health** when his eyes got opened and he received the word on page 20; "The devil is not a gentleman." He took his healing by force and he has been free ever since. Not long ago, another gentleman wrote to me as follows: "I have never met you nor heard about your ministry before, but I bought a copy of your book **Keys to Divine Health** and it has performed a miracle in my life. The satanic hold on me (a mysterious illness for 17 years) was broken." The word of God entered into him and the supernatural manifested.

While reading **The Miracle Seed**, one of our earliest books in 1985, a young man, alone in his room, got saved, filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak in tongues. Today, he is married and is already running a flourishing ministry.

I read T. L. Osborn's book, *Purpose of Pentecost* in 1976, and got literally intoxicated as light dawned on me from heaven and for the first time in my life, I began to hear God. My spirit ears popped open. This miracle is one of the greatest assets to this Ministry today.

The supernatural is transmitted by the word of God. God's word is the container of His character and He is supernatural. How much of God's word you receive, determines how much of His character you manifest.

GENUINE AND COUNTERFEIT SUPERNATURALITY

There is the need to warn you that not all supernaturality is of God. Indeed, some supernatural operations are demonic. Don't confuse magic with miracle.

A distinct case of this is found in the book of Exodus between the Egyptian sorcerers and magicians; and Moses and Aaron on the other hand. Pharaoh's magicians were operating in the negative realm while Moses was operating in the positive realm. When Moses' rod became a serpent, their own rods too became serpent. The only thing that distinguished them was that Moses' serpent swallowed all the other serpents, thus proving that God's power is almighty and supernatural.

Another case is that of Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. "If God be God, then serve Him and if Baal, serve him." The yardstick of measurement was fire. The God who answers by fire is the true God. That was how Elijah proved the supremacy of his own God above all other gods.

Of a truth, no building can stand on a shaky foundation. Make sure of your foundation of faith today, otherwise, it will not be long before you crumble. You must test every manifestation of the supernatural via the acid test of God's word. If the supernatural is not based on the word, it can, and has misled many into occultism. Only the word of God generates authentic supernaturality, anything else is FAKE; it is traditional magic!

MEDITATION

When you eat food, you know you have eaten. It goes deep into you, gets into your digestive track and produces the energy you use. Food leads to the release of natural energy to man. As food is to the physical body, so is the word of God to the spirit of man. The word of God is the food of the spirit. When you eat it, you know. It goes deep inside you and produces supernatural energy. The word of God must be eaten in order for it to produce the supernatural. How does one eat the word of God? You don't eat the word by quoting one hundred scriptures per second. You don't eat the word by praying and fasting. You eat the word by studying and meditating on it. You get at the letter of the word through studying but you get the spirit, the substance behind the word through meditation. This is the uncovering of the word to get the substance inside. When you get the substance, it goes into your heart as a seed. When the word gets into your heart, you will know. It brings light and the supernatural manifests.

When confronted with a difficult situation, go for the word that is related to it. That should be the first thing to do. Many out of anxiety for their situation

rush into prayers. It is wrong. Effective prayer is only possible after you have located the right word for your situation. God is not moved by your anxieties or your tears. Most of the afflicted who came to Jesus in tears were first asked to weep no more, before he could minister to them. God is not moved by your tears, He is moved by your faith, which is a product of revelation that comes from the word.

So the first thing to do in dealing with anything that challenges your redemption right is to locate the appropriate word and then use it against the situation in prayers, in confessions and making prophetic declarations. We cannot over-emphasize the place of knowledge from God's word in the operations of the supernatural. Knowledge is the key to freedom. Knowledge is what secures God's approval for the release of the miraculous. Apostle Paul was a strong advocate of divine knowledge. He told his ministry son Timothy:

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Lack of diligent studies is the reason many believers are suffering shame and defeat in life. Until your knowledge of the issue confronting you receives divine approval, don't expect to be free. When God approves your knowledge, you will begin to walk in the realm of miracles, signs and wonders after the order of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:22).

The easiest way to secure the approval you need for your triumph is to engage yourself in subject or issue oriented studies. Haphazard study of God's word is unhelpful. Target your studies at issues or problems that confront you per time. A student sitting for a mathematics examination would be a fool to be studying literature on the eve of the examination. The candidate that wants to pass his examinations should busy himself with subjects that are relevant to his timetable for his examination.

If your most urgent need is financial miracle, locate the scriptures, books, tapes and other materials that would boost your knowledge of God' ways for a financial breakthrough. If you need physical healing, get busy with scriptures, books and other materials that deal with the subject.

The Bible is a solution book. It has answers to any situation that would ever confront you in life. However, only those who will settle down to delight studies will benefit from the treasures in the book. You will also find books and tapes of anointed servants of God of immense help in your search for answers to your challenges. In most cases, they provide you easy access to revelation, which your level of understanding, may not have grasped. The great statesman Daniel

came to great visions and revelations by books. “I Daniel understood by books…” (Daniel 9:2)

Paul, the great apostle was noted for his studious lifestyle. He never traveled without his books. Many great men of God are still drawing inspirations from books for enhanced understanding and fruitfulness. Invest your money on books that will enhance your understanding of the ways of God.

As you study or listen to the word, pray for the eyes of your understanding to be opened. There are two important prayers I like in the Bible. I believe that if every believer will pray these prayers everyday, the supernatural will be manifested more in their lives. Life is in the word of God, but until your eyes are opened to it, you cannot receive it. If you want to receive life then always pray like the Psalmist prayed:

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Psalm 119:18

All he is asking for is the opening of the eyes of his spirit. Paul, in praying for the Ephesians, had only one prayer:

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened.

Ephesians 1:17-18

Men of old were aware of the wonders imbedded in the word. They knew how to get at them. “Open thou mine eyes, O Lord.” *“That the eyes of your understanding may be elightened.”*

THE LIGHT OF THE WORD

An insight into the wondrous things in the word of God is what brings results to supernatural living. When your eyes get opened and you see the wondrous seed in the word, you must proceed to sow it in your heart. This is because your heart is the good ground. That is where you receive the word. You don’t receive it in your head, but in your heart, it brings light. And what does light do? it dispels darkness.

The entrance of thy words giveth light.

Psalm 119:130

Any problem confronting you is a form of darkness. When the word enters your heart, it brings along with it light which dispels the darkness. The Bible says in 1 John 1:5;

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

Two things are obvious from these scriptures;

i) Light comes by entrance of the word

ii) God is light

Now if God is light, and the entrance of His word releases light, it follows that the entrance of His word releases or sets God into action. And when God gets into action on your behalf your triumph is established. This is truth.

On a certain day, some years back, I came in contact with a woman who had been childless (barren) for eighteen years. That same day, before she came, I was getting set to travel, but she insisted that I listen to her and just pray with her. When she was through with talking, I showed her the scripture (Deuteronomy 7:14). The light of that word shone bring in my heart that morning before that woman came. She read it. And I asked: "Do you believe what you have just read?" She answered in affirmative. Then I said; God said that you and even your cattle, are covered by the covenant of fruitfulness. I spoke from a heart lightened by the truth of God's word. As I spoke, her face lightened up and her eyes sparkled with the light of this word. Faith arose in her heart; you could perceive it. I prayed a simple prayer of faith for her. To the glory of God she became pregnant.

The entrance of His word releases God. If you allow the word of God that you hear to enter into you and ignite a fire, you will have no darkness lurking around you in all areas of your life. For instance, the testimony I just shared is capable of shattering the darkness of barrenness from the life of anyone called barren. Darkness does not struggle with light. In fact darkness is the absence of light! Thus when light comes darkness flees and your way becomes clear before you. When light comes, the weakness of darkness is revealed, for the word of God is the light that shines in darkness and darkness cannot comprehend it (John 1:5).

Every mountain, every problem and issue of concern in life is a form of darkness and all you need to deal with it is the entrance of God's light through His word. The divine nature is provoked into action through the entrance of the word of God. The supernatural is compelled to manifest through the entrance of the word of God. The seed of God's word must however enter into your heart before it can grow to produce the fruit of the supernatural.

THE ACTION OF LIGHT

The word is the seed while the supernatural is the fruit. For the fruit to come forth, you have to act on the word sown in your heart and speak it forth with your mouth. It is the proclamations you make coupled with the bold steps you take, in accordance with the word in your heart, that sparks off the manifestation of the supernatural. Your saying it will not produce if the word is not in your heart. You cannot manipulate it to produce. Why? It is because God is the one who brings about increase. He brings about the manifestation of the supernatural and you know, God does not see as man sees. Men see and hear you confessing your healing and say, "Oh, that sister is a mighty woman of God. She has been confessing her healing for years, but why doesn't God do something about it?" They see only what you portray. They are ignorant of the fact that the word, the basis for a supernatural manifestation, is not in your heart. But God knows. Before Him all things lay bare. He deals primarily with the heart. He *only releases the supernatural to you when your heart agrees with your mouth.* God is watching. He sees to the innermost chambers of man. It is the seed in the good ground that the soul will act upon, not the one in your bedroom. No amount of watering can make the one in your bedroom grow. Only the word in your heart can produce the supernatural when spoken.

A man came to me and said he had been without a job for years. He had been attending interviews but failed to scale through any. I had just discovered a fresh seed from the word then, in Isaiah 3:10, I gave it to him and told him: "This is the word of the Lord for you; receive it into your heart, go out in search of a job with it in your heart and make bold proclamations based on it with your mouth and a job will fall into your hands."

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

Isaiah 3:10

I told him to receive it and he shall eat the fruit of his labour, not the fruit of his cousin, uncle or parents as he had been doing in times past. As we prayed, I saw faith showing in him. That week, he got a job by the mighty miracle working power of God's word. Planting always precedes harvest. The planting of word-seeds in your heart must precede your harvest of the supernatural. This is the key to supernatural living. God's word is the seed planted in your heart. It is indestructible. It is the seed that enters your heart and effects the new birth:

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 1:23

"Incorruptible" implies indestructibility. The word of God is not liable to corruption or decay. It lives forever.

Let us now locate some seeds in the word of God and examine how they work.

THE SEED FOR PROSPERITY IN MINISTRY

Before entering into kingdom business, I sat down to locate the seed I needed to make it. God called me. Yes! But I needed to locate the terms of the contract. Every appointment has its terms of reference. God never appoints without specifying the terms of the commission. Unfortunately, many ministers called of God are too much in a hurry to bother to find out the terms of their appointment from God. Beloved, if you have not done so, go back to God and do it. This is the only thing that will instill peace and stability in your life and ministry.

I embarked on the mission of finding out the seed for my prosperity in ministry. I went to God to find out from Him, what seed I needed to make a success out of what He had placed in my hands. The first thing He told me was,

…the labourer is worthy of his hire.

Luke 10:7

I got this word from Him. I knew it was authentic because God is not a man that He should lie, neither is He the son of man that He should repent. I knew He is the best employer and pays according to the worth of the labourer. I knew then that I had to labour. I set myself to drawing up a labour-charge programme. I labour, I play my part, and God's wages keep on pouring in. God also told me,

Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth…

1 Timothy 5:18

So, I tread the corn. I preach the gospel and as long as I continue declaring the truth, I am sure to reap the harvest. Again, the Lord told me,

if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.

Romans 15:27

He told me, "minister spiritual things to people, and they will minister back to you in carnal things." So, what do I do? I set myself as a spiritual tank so that anywhere I go, I am ready to minister from the depth of spiritual substance in me.

I must war you here that it doesn't augur well for those who criticize the servants of God on this issue. God's word is settled forever and not one iota of it shall pass away until it is fulfilled. There is no amount of fasting and praying against the servant of God that will make God rescind His stand. The only

preacher that shouldn't and, cannot, prosper is he that is not labouring and treading corn.

Beloved co-labourer, get the seed for your prosperity in ministry from the Lord and pursue it. Labour, tread the corn, minister spiritual things. Whatever you are doing in God's vineyard, make it a source of spiritual ministration to people and you will continue to reap.

THE SEED FOR PROSPERITY IN BUSINESS

Somebody going into business only has to locate the seed for prosperity in business from the word of God. Here is a seed worth noting:

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:1-3

Everyone of those words has some responsibility attached to it. Apply the responsibility and reap your harvest. The responsibility attached are:

1. Don't stand in the counsel of the ungodly.
2. Don't walk with those who scorn the works of God.
3. Don't take part with sinners.
4. Delight in God's Word (not in newspapers!)
5. Meditate upon it.
6. Observe and do the Word.

When you carry out these responsibilities, the following will be your portion:

1. You will be like a tree planted by the waters that can never wither.
2. You will bring forth fruit all year round.
3. Whatever you lay your hands upon shall prosper.

The responsibilities are clear and the rewards are also clear. Do the responsibilities and reap the rewards.

Some businessmen are so busy that they neither read nor meditate on the word except on Sundays. If you are too busy for the word, then you are too busy for the supernatural to manifest in your business. When you carry out the requirements, the supernatural will pursue you and overtake you in your

business. There are some businessmen today whose businesses are run purely by the supernatural.

A certain man of God, a businessman like any other, was arriving for a meeting on a certain day when the Lord spoke to him and asked him to go ahead and purchase a large parcel of land he had come across. In obedience to God, he went ahead and purchased it. Years later, oil was discovered on that land! Now he has a never ending well of wealth proceeding from that parcel of land. This is the supernatural. He was eaten up by God's kingdom and the word of God and the supernatural had no choice than to manifest in his life.

There was also this businessman in one of our August Special Bible School course who was invited for a project costing well over a hundred million naira. This came about because, somehow, they had heard that he was an expert in his field and was assuredly the best person to handle the job. The state government concerned told him that he was the only person who could undertake work on such a project as the government had in mind. Why so? Is it that there were no other contractors who could do the job, and perhaps, do it even better? No. It is just the manifestation of the supernatural, where Christ's ambassadors reign in the midst of their enemies!

What do you think happened? The businessman busied himself with the word of God and God busied Himself with his business. The result – the supernatural!

The word of God is the working tool of the believer in every sphere of life. The supernatural is a direct result of God's word. What God cannot do for you through His word, no one else can. What God does endures forever.

Whatever is not working well in your life, is only so because you have not located the seed for it in God's word. If you don't have the seed, you will not reap the fruit. If you have the devil's seed, you will reap the devil's reward of losses and destructions. If losses and destructions have been your harvest, change your seed. Locate the word-seed and begin to proclaim it.

A businessman who has located the seed for prosperity will wake up and proclaim, "In the name of Jesus, I receive a flourishing business today. I receive favour. I receive blessings upon my business." He will go forth and blessings will pursue him and overtake him because he is making proclamations based on the word of God. This is the key to the supernatural in life.

HOW TO CONDITION YOUR SPIRIT TO RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

Spiritual Quietness

Spiritual quietness is a prerequisite to receiving from the Lord. When we talk about spiritual quietness, we mean quietness on both the inside and outside. For you to receive God's word into your spirit, you first have to decongest it of all other matters competing for your attention. The affairs of life; what to drink, what to eat, and what to wear are always clamoring for attention. They want to be meditated upon. Do you know that many Christians, even when they are praying, their minds keep racing about from one issue to the other? What with the school fees for the children who must resume in a weeks' time and there is no sign of what to eat for the rest of the week; the wife who must be dealt with for the rude manner in which she responded to enquiries about certain household issues. The list is endless. In the long run, he has not prayed intelligently for even one item, thus rendering the whole process completely useless and ineffective. A good Christian will keep all these from his heart. This is what makes it possible to plug into God's frequency. Paul the Apostle said,

…study to be quiet…

1 Thessalonians 4:11

And "Night unto night sheweth knowledge" (Psalm 19:2).

The night is a most valuable time for spiritual exercises because it is the most quiet part of the day. God's voice is still and small, you need quietness to hear it. Because it is still, you have to be still to hear it. Take advantage of quietness and meet with God. You need it. It is the quietness you take advantage of that determines how well you can receive.

Study to be quiet. It takes some degree of quietness to receive from the Lord. Thus, when a man of God says he can't see you at a particular time, it is not pride, it only means that he must see God first before he sees you.

Meekness

Another thing that determines how well you receive from God is meekness. Nothing is more destructive than pride – pretending to know what you do not know. God will only teach you what you do not know. He will only teach the meek His ways.

The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

Psalm 25:9

Everything God has promised has a way to it. God's word is the way. You find out from Him and He will show it to you. All you do is to recognize that

you don’t know. Recognize that you are learning and that God could use any instrument to teach you.

When you see higher men than you in ministry, sit down at their feet and learn. But first, you have to agree that they know more than you do. This is meekness. This is the way to learn.

Getting hooked to the supernatural is a personal spiritual encounter which you have to position yourself to receive. The word of God is the spiritual fuel you need. It is the carrier of supernatural forces from heaven. Cultivate the spirit of meekness, free yourself from activity, practice quietness, and take a good adventure into the word of life. When the word of God gains entrance into you, you will radiate the glory of God. You are meant to walk in the realm of the supernatural.

YOUR MIND AND THE SUPERNATURAL

You are what you think! Thoughts have a great deal to do with the destiny of any man and thinking is one of the mind based activities. What you think of yourself or your circumstances will ultimately become manifest. Destructive, negative thoughts are as inhibitive as creative positive thoughts are lifting.

Chapter Nine

YOUR MIND AND THE SUPERNATURAL

Man is a three dimensional being. He is a spirit, who has a soul and lives in a body. The body provides a covering for both the spirit and the soul. The book of 1 Thessalonians 5:23 establishes the spirit, soul and body as distinct, entities of the human personality.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Distinct as they are, in functions they are very much interrelated. With the spirit man relates with the supernatural, with his mind he reasons and feels and makes decisions; and with his body he caries out the dictates of the mind and relates with the physical world. These three distinct parts, however, cannot act independently. Everything received from the spirit must first pass through the mind for analysis and when accepted, it is passed on to the body for action.

THE MIND AS BATTLE GROUND

The mind occupies a very pivotal place in supernatural living. It is God's gift to man.

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

2 Timothy 1:7

God's access to man is through the mind. That is where God works at to reach man. Nothing becomes reality in the life of any man until his mind is able to accommodate it. The mind is also the devil's access to man. It is the battle ground. In the mind all of life's battles are fought and won. That is why the Bible in 1 Peter 1:13 enjoins us to *"gird up the loins of your mind."* Any battle you

win at the level of the mind would be won in reality. Similarly any battle you lose in your mind would soon become obvious in reality. Adam lost his throne through the mind. Eve saw that the fruit was good to look upon and to be **desired**. When the desire got grip of her mind she fell an easy prey to the devil. Adam, consequently, became a victim of the deception. The destiny of man was fractured. When the Lord Jesus came on the scene, His mind was the object of the devil's attack. His encounters with the devil at the wilderness of temptation were all directed at His mind. Thank God He overcame by an appropriate application of the word of God. The devil is still at the business of destroying destinies through a ceaseless attack on the mind. Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian Christians to be careful that the devil doesn't corrupt their faith through the agency of the mind.

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3

Your mind determines how well you flow in the supernatural. If your mind is established on the truth, the supernatural will be at your command. That is where the issues are sorted out. Your mind can either make you or break you. You must watch out for what you allow to stay on it.

THOUGHTS AND THE MAN

You are what you think! Thoughts have a great deal to do with the destiny of any man and thinking is one of the activities of the mind. What you think of yourself or your circumstances will ultimately become manifest.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he…

Proverbs 23:7

Destructive negative thoughts are as inhibitive as creative positive thoughts are lifting. If you don't think success, you will never have it, failure will dog you all the way. If you don't think health you will never be healthy; you will perpetually be a victim of sickness and disease. If you don't think strength, you will die of weakness. Every negative thought you allow to have a grip on you, blocks you from your inheritance. You will discover from scriptures that God responds to your thoughts just the same way He responds to your prayers. In other words, God answers thoughts.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

Ephesians 3:20

Before God your thoughts and words weigh equally. The woman with the issue of blood didn't need to speak with her mouth. She said in her heart, if I may but touch the hem of His garment. She first thought and then touched. Thinking always precedes action. Everything you do, originates from thought. In the realm of the spirit any thought that has a grip on your mind is regarded as accomplished. It only requires time for it to manifest in the physical. Indeed before your mouth can speak forth, the issue must have been well settled in the mind. That is an elementary principle of faith.

One of the reasons why many believers are not experiencing the miraculous in their lives is because they speak positively about their situations on the outside, but are very negative on the inside. By their external positive confessions, they think they can deceive God. But that is foolishness: God knows the depth of your heart.

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

Hebrews 4:13

You cannot outsmart God by positive confessions that are not in agreement with positive thoughts. Your thoughts and your confessions must be in agreement before you can have a manifestation of your desires. Do you now see how powerful thoughts can be? Those believers who see Christianity as a passive religion are under a strong delusion. God has programmed you to make active use of the mind through positive thoughts. God Himself thinks and if you are His child you must think because like begets like. In Jeremiah 29:11 God your Father says:

I know the thoughts that I think toward you…

Also in Isaiah 14:24 we are told

The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass…

God surely thinks. But He thinks positive thoughts. If you must operate on the wavelength of God, you must reprogram your thought pattern. This is not psychology. It is drawing life from the fountain of revealed truth – the word of God. Your thoughts are formed by reason of the revelations you have from the word of God.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever

things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

The positive must be the basis of your thoughts if the supernatural must be at your command.

THE POWER OF IMAGINATION

Thinking usually precedes seeing. When your thought dwells on a thing very soon you begin to see that thing in your mind's eye. What you see are mental pictures of the reality. This activity of creating images in the mind is what is called imagination. Because of ignorance or the corruption of psychology, mysticism and the occult, many believers have neglected this highly potent force in manifesting their sonship. The difference between what I am saying and psychology is that psychology draws from comparative natural knowledge, while this draws from scriptural revelations. For anyone to reap the full blessings of the covenant, an active imaginative life is required. This is because in God's order of things, seeing must precede possession. When God was establishing the covenant of greatness with Abraham, He said to him:

… all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

Genesis 13:15

God certainly was not expecting Abraham to see all that was to be his seeds with his physical eyes. Comparing this scripture with other scriptures God must be talking about another kind of seeing. The mind is the covenant eye through which you can enter into your inheritance. If you can't see it don't expect to have it.

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The *eyes* ***of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints***

Ephesians 1:17-18

"The eyes of your understanding" refers to the mind. Knowledge, wisdom and understanding are all mind based activities: when you reason in the word of God, the spirit of wisdom and revelation comes upon you and it is only then that "the eyes of your understanding" will be opened to see what is yours by right of covenant. Any treasure you have discovered in the word of God, can become

yours in reality only to the extent that you can create the reality in your mind. No matter how impossible it seems, if your imagination can grasp it, then you can have it. Consider those fellows in Genesis chapter eleven. They set their minds to build a tower "whose top may reach heaven." Ambition was the motive force, to this super human project. God, however, knew that they were capable of doing it because they had imagined it in their minds and were pursuing its execution with determination, unity of purpose and language.

And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have *imagined* ***to do.***

Genesis 11:6

If God did not intervene they would not have surrendered. Humanly impossible projects such as the hanging city of Babylon, the great pyramids of Egypt etc. were made possible through the instrumentality of the imagination. That mission you think is impossible can become a possibility if only you realize how powerful your imaginative faculty is. It is your asset to a life of the miraculous. It is one of the greatest attractions that gets God to work in your favour. This is because imagination coupled with expectations are vital elements of faith and God is a rewarder of faith. God is committed to your expectation projected through the power of imagine. It is your expectation that determines your future. There are many problems that some people have today in their lives that should not be strange to them. They expected them, ever before they started happening. Take bad marriages for instance. Some saw couples who live like cat and rat and began to picture marriage that way, ever before they met their spouses. They let what they saw stick to their imaginations and soon after they got married, they began to manifest what had been stimulated by their imaginations. Some look at the economic situation and see themselves as unemployed, even whilst in college. Well because that was the way they saw themselves, they end up joining the unemployment queue on graduation. Get this straight: If you see a dead tomorrow, you can't wake up to see a day full of life and prosperity. If you see a crawling tomorrow, you can't wake up to number among the world's high flyers. If you see a hungry tomorrow you can't get into the realm of abundance. This is divine arrangement; each one gets what he sees. God can't break this principle because of you.

Ever before I got married I knew I was going to have a blissful married life. God's word showed me that marriage is honourable. It showed me that two are better than one. It showed me that it is not good for a man to be alone. I reasoned it out (in my mind) that if I wasn't a fighter as a bachelor, marriage should take me further away from it. Besides, I saw in the character of Jesus something that

made me optimistic. He was literally married to the 12 apostles; (we are his bride) but in spite of their divergent characters, he was able to put up with each of them and accomplished his mission. I reasoned that if Jesus was able to cope with such characters, it was not an impossible to have a blissful marriage. To the glory of God, for over a decade now since I got married, I have enjoyed a hitch-free, tension-free marriage. It didn't happen by chance, I saw it in the scriptures and I programmed my mind towards its manifestation.

When I say that I can't have an accident, it is no empty boast. It is a boast well anchored on divine provision for my protection. Jesus was wounded, bruised for my sake so that I won't suffer wounds and bruises. Besides, He has put his angels in charge over my protection. If you can't imagine Jesus in an accident wreck, why should I be found in one? These truths have become ingrained into my spirit man that nothing moves me in all my travels. Before I get out on a journey, I already see myself as arriving. It's so wonderful.

Before our ministry began in 1983, all the administrative set ups had been designed by me who had the vision. I saw them in my mind's eye before they became a reality. A sophisticated printing press for the Ministry was priced as far back as 1983. We had no money at all for it then. However, in1993, we saw the establishment of a giant press where all our books and other evangelistic materials are produced. That is the power of imagination. The signs and wonders you are expecting in your life are possible if only you can open up your mind to picture their arrival. When they will arrive in your hands, they will come so effortlessly. Your imagination is your asset to living supernaturally. Stimulate it by the word of God.

RENEWING THE MIND

If you are to enjoy the utilization of the mind for the operations of the supernatural, it would be necessary to deprogram your mind from all negative orientations and perspectives. They are by products of fallen man, which are highly inhibitive even to believers.

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every** imagination **of the** thoughts **of his heart was only evil continually.

Genesis 6:5

Since the fall, the thoughts and imaginations of man have been heavily tilted towards the negative. The unregenerate mind works completely at cross purposes with the mind of God. For your thoughts and imaginations to be in line

with the divine will, there must first be a "casting down" of all mind debris; cultural orientations, traditions, idiosyncrasies, etc. that hamper your perception of God's plans and purposes for your life. It is a cardinal part of spiritual warfare. Take a look at this admonition to the Corinthian church.

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 10:5-6

What that means is that your mind must be in line with God's before you can revenge all disobedience. All happenings that are contrary to God's plan for your life are in the list of the disobedient. God's will is that you be in charge of all life's situations and circumstances. Your thoughts and imaginations must be in tune with the divine for you to do this. The authentic instrument for retuning the mind to that of Christ is the word of God. Will power, psychology, strength of character etc. will not do it. Only God's word is capable of renewing the mind of anybody from the negative patterns of this world. Apostle Paul reaffirms it in these words:

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2

God's word is your only guarantee for freedom from every form of mental imprisonment. When it permeates your mind, it brings about a transformation which leads to a translation in every realm of life. God's word is the builder and lifter of men. It can lift you to a height that would turn you into a miracle among your contemporaries. When you talk after its prescriptions you will set your life on automatic for supernatural living.

Bear in mind that your warfare with the devil is basically mental. If you lose the battle there, you lose it in reality. If you win it there, you win it in reality. God gave you the mind of Christ, so you can walk like Him. He enjoyed regular triumphs, over the battles of life, so you too have the capacity for triumphing always. He lived in the realm of abundance and physical health, you too can live in a lack-free, disease-free zone. He had favour with God and with man; so no force in hell or earth can be a hindrance to your progress. You are completely programmed by the word of God to operate in exactly the same realm of dominions as Christ. Don't allow the devil to keep you down through negative thoughts and imaginations. The choice obviously is yours. God will not think for you, you have to think for yourself. God will not do the imagining, you have to

do it. God will not speak for you, you have to do it. The aces are in your hands, the way you play them will determine what happens to you. When you embrace the wisdom of these truths, you will become an amazement to yourself and your generation because of your easy access to the supernatural.

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THE SECRET OF REST

Rest implies that you have ceased from doing it yourself, you have ceased from your own efforts. You must cease from fruitless labour and rest in the word for He only fights for those who hold their peace and wait upon Him in confidence. God's saving hand can only be stretched in the direction of those who stand still.

Chapter Ten

THE SECRET OF REST

Rest is the evidence of faith and nothing happens without faith. Anxiety is an expression of doubt and unbelief and the Bible says of the doubtful:

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

James 1:7

The supernatural cannot manifest for the doubtful. Until you can truly enter into a rest spiritual, mental and psychological on any issue of life, God cannot step in. We are living in a restless world. It is the jet set age where there is a lot of jostling and bustling about and; consciously or unconsciously you find even believers, caught up in this web. But what saith the scriptures?

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it

Psalm 127:1

The battle is not to the strong, nor is the race to the swift; everything depends on the Lord's mercy which is only enjoyed by them who are at rest in the Lord their God.

Rest is a sign of belief and this is what attracts and compels the attention of the supernatural for intervention in any situation:

For we which have believed do enter into rest

Hebrews 4:3

There is a rest that every believer must enter into if he wants God to manifest in his situation. Until you enter into that rest, don't deceive yourself by claiming that you believe. Your entering into rest is the only biblical evidence that you have believed.

THE PRACTICE OF REST

Rest implies that you have ceased from doing it yourself, you have ceased from your own efforts. This is a divine principle in fighting battles. You must cease from fruitless labour and rest in the Lord for He only fights for those who hold their peace and wait upon Him in confidence. God's saving hand can only be stretched in the direction of those who stand still.

The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Exodus 14:14

Also, in Psalm 46:10, the word of God says:

Be still, and know that I am God

God never fights until you are in a position of complete rest in Him.

Hannah wanted a child. She had been barren for years and the taunting provocations of her mate almost drove her out of her mind. She fretted, worried and complained. She blamed God; she blamed her husband; she blamed her rival; she blamed everybody. Was God blind to her pathetic situation? Did He not love her? Could He not help her? These were the questions which kept on coming up from the depth of her being. But the mighty hand of God could not move on her behalf as long as she was restless.

Some people think that their much worrying and crying will move God. This is another lie from the pit of hell. God is not moved by tears of anxiety which are always accusative in nature. He is moved only by His word. Hannah was ignorant of this. She fretted, wept and could not eat. Then God's mercy prevailed. Instead of complaining she was impressed upon to table the matter before God. She was still weeping but, this time with a difference. She poured out her soul to God as she prayed and made a vow to put a stamp to her seriousness. By so doing, she handed her situation over to God and left it with Him. And the Bible says:

So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

1 Samuel 1:18

She stepped out of the situation and she found rest. It took her stepping out for God to step in. She handed over the battle to God and He took over. Result? The supernatural manifested, she had a baby boy.

In the wrestling doubles matches, your partner can only step in after you have tapped his hand and stepped out of the ring. Stepping into the ring while your partner is still inside is regarded as foul play. When confronted with any situation, touch God's hand in prayer and step out for Him to step in. The act of stepping out is the act of rest. A problem that drives sleep from your eyes is not one for which God's mighty hand will move. The mouth of the Lord has spoken:

For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength…

Isaiah 30:15

Your salvation lies in your resting in the Lord. Salvation implies deliverance, healing, prosperity, etc.

God has not called you to meditate on your problems. He has called you to meditate on His word; this is what brings rest. If you claim to trust God then you must have rest, in your spirit, soul and body. Maintain quietness. Sit or stand still.

There was never a strain in Jesus during His earthly ministry; He was always composed. He was in the same boat with His disciples but while the disciples were running here and there, trying desperately to save themselves, He was at peace. I don't believe Jesus was actually sleeping. He saw His disciples struggling. He saw them fretting and worrying; He saw the wind and the storm; He saw the boat getting full to overflowing with water, but He was not moved. He was at rest. When they remembered Him and called Him into the situation, He spoke and the supernatural manifested. The wind obeyed, the storm ceased. I have come to discover that my greatest crusades and meetings are those held when I have been able to get one hour sleep just before the programme. Rest is an absolute necessity. Do you not know that the time God speaks best to His servants and seekers is in the cool of the day? Why so? The hours that make the cool of the day are those hours when there is absolute quiet and rest everywhere, then He is able to speak; for He always speaks in a still small voice. A "still small voice" can't be heard in the midst of turmoil. Practice resting in Him and watch what happens to those seemingly great and impossible situations confronting you.

If only you will rest in the Lord after making your requests known to Him, the storms of life will bow down to you. Let God take over the situation for you and stand still and see the salvation of the Lord manifested through the release of the supernatural in you. What makes for **rest**?

RIGHTEOUSNESS

For a believer to be at rest in the Lord, however, he must be a doer of the works of righteousness. The supernatural hand of God can only manifest on your behalf if you have been obeying Him.

The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Proverbs 28:1

Sin brings fear. Adam sinned and the first statement he made was, "I was afraid." Sin brought fear and God could not reach him. Righteousness, on the other hand, instills boldness – boldness to stand while others are running helter-skelter. Boldness to sleep while others are struggling. Why? You are confident in Him as a very present help in time of trouble.

In order to eradicate anxiety, you must maintain joy in every situation. If you are not joyful, you will be fretful. Maintain your joy in the Lord. This signifies trust and draws the supernatural in your particular direction.

The saint who will be at rest must also practice and master seeing into the spirit realm. There was a time the Syrians were warring against Israel. The Syrians were always battle ready, but something strange always happened: each time they made war plans, the information got leaked to the King of Israel. The prophet Elisha always knew about their plans through supernatural intervention and he fed the king of Israel with the information. The king of Syria, out of frustration decided to get rid of Elisha. He sent his army after the man of God. It was Elisha's servant, Gehazi who first saw them, and was almost paralysed with fear. He came and told Elisha, but the man of God was at peace. He could see into the supernatural, and knew that the host of heaven encamped round him. He prayed for Gehazi's eyes to be opened and what Gehazi saw, made him to also be at peace. Seeing into the supernatural, then seeing into the word of God brings rest. How does one see the word of God? You see the word by picturing in. Have a mental picture of what it says and constantly see it in action around you.

The believer who will be at rest in every adverse situation is the one who is obedient to the word. He is always maintaining his joy and always seeing the supernatural in action around him all the time, through the word of God.

KINGDOM MINDNESS

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

Matthew 6:33

The word, "added" here signifies a supernatural intervention. God is the one who does the adding. If God's priorities are first in your life; His own priority

will also be to see to your additions. These additions are from the hand of God therefore they are supernatural. They are extraordinary additions, they are things you cannot explain how they came about. Talk about effortlessness! They come your way not as a result of your efforts but as a result of God's faithfulness in your life.

Because God's kingdom occupies the centre of your heart, your earthly well-being will occupy the centre of His heart. The supernatural will manifest in your life.

This is not meant for preachers alone, it is for everyone that believes. You don't have to be a full-time preacher to enjoy these supernatural additions. After all, not all preachers are kingdom addicts; some are self-centered and fame-seekers. They are not seeking the well-being of the kingdom, indeed, to them, preaching is a vocation, not a calling. A believer who is working towards the welfare of God's people and God's kingdom is sure to reap the supernatural in his life. The man Solomon, who witnessed the greatest explosion in the realm of wealth, was a man with a heart for God and His people.

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

1 Kings 3:3-4

Solomon loved the Lord and showed it by sacrificing the largest burnt offering in history. No wonder he is still the wealthiest man the world has ever known. Apart from sacrificing unto God, he had a heart for the people of God.

His offering stirred God up from His throne. He could not stay. He came down. His heartbeat was: "I must bless this man, I must multiply him." He asked Solomon a question that a lot of us will be thrilled to hear: *"…Ask what I shall give thee."* (2 Chronicles 1:7).

Solomon could have asked for the heads of his enemies. He could have asked for wealth. He could have asked for anything and God would have given it to him. What did Solomon ask for? He asked for something that will benefit the people of God. God must have been deeply moved by this because, He not only gave him what he asked for, in addition, He gave him wealth beyond measure. Beloved, supernatural additions don't just happen, they take place through kingdom mindedness. The place of God's kingdom in your heart determines the rate of additions you enjoy.

If the kingdom of God holds no attraction to you, don't expect the supernatural in your life. If the kingdom does not bother you, you will not get anything out of God. What do you think was responsible for the supernatural

deliverance of the three Hebrew boys from Nebuchadnezzar's furnace? Their kingdom mindedness and addiction. They were so addicted that they could not see themselves bowing to another god beside the one they knew. The kingdom and their God were worth dying for and God saw this dogged determination of their hearts and saw to it that they were delivered. This is the great platform upon which supernatural grace flows. It works like fire.

For the kingdom of God to be in your heart, you must first of all appreciate its commandments and also have a view of its benefits. That knowledge will give you the necessary motivation to go ahead. The joy of Archbishop Idahosa today is when he sees many people saved and reflecting God's glory in their lives. He has started a project titled *"The House of Refuge"* for the unemployed. There, they are expected to be provided with good to eat after services. Another man of God is now involved in the kingdom project of taking food to needy nations by ship.

Let everyone suffering in God's vineyard count on you, then you will be storing up glorious treasures for yourself. Let the kingdom of God be at the centre of your heart then the supernatural will manifest in your life unceasingly.

Learn to obey God in all circumstances, whether convenient or not. Always put God first, not your wife, not your friends, not even yourself. Yes, learn to put even sleep under so as to be able to pray to do the will of God. He has said, if you seek the kingdom first, you will enjoy supernatural additions of all kinds. All manner of blessings will flow unto you. Make the kingdom your goal, and see God bless you by His word. Put the expansion and progress of God's kingdom first in your life's affairs. This is the gateway to flowing and getting established in the supernatural.

THE NAME OF JESUS

Whatever has a name is compelled to bow at the name of Jesus. What that means is that at the invocation of the name, all heavenly forces are set in motion to ensure that whatever objective for which the name was invoked in accomplished. At the name every force of opposition in all the realms of existence surrenders.

Chapter Eleven

THE NAME OF JESUS

To the rest of the world there may not be anything in a name. But not to Biblical Christianity. Right from the old testament we find that there is everything in a name. For instance it was said of Nabal, the husband of Abigail reputed for foolish behaviour:

"...For as his name is so is he; Nabal is his name and folly is with him..."

1 Samuel 25:25

He lived up to his name and died a foolish man. In Bible history, names often symbolized the commission of its bearer. Everyone manifested his name. Thus many Bible characters had their names changed to suit their commission or covenant with God. God changed to Sarah, which meant Princess, to match her new status. Jacob, the trickster, was changed to Israel, which means Prince. When Jesus was here, He changed the name of His disciples to suit their assignments. James and John the sons of Zebedee were surnamed Boarnerges, which is the sons of thunder. Simon (Peter) was renamed Cephas, the stone.

And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

John 1:42

Until then Peter was identified as an unstable character. However, because of the commission given to him he needed the toughness or ruggedness of a stone to stand in his office. Before apostle Paul popularly know as Saul of Tarsus. Nevertheless at his conversion, everything became new, including his name. He needed a new identity to carry out his assignment. It is however, in the life of Jesus Himself that we are to see in clear relief, the use of names as significant indicators of a commission. Take a look at this prophecy heralding His birth:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called **Wonderful,**

Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ***(emphasis mine)***

Isaiah 9:6

Many think that the name of Jesus is a mere pause in prayer or just a symbol of identification. Much as the name performs these functions, most importantly, the name provides a trigger for the manifestation of all that characterize that name. Isaiah's prophecy delineates certain qualities which the name should manifest at invocation. First, the name is full of wonders. This means that at its invocation, in faith, wonderful things are bound to happen. During His earthly ministry evil men and demons were threatened by His name. At His presence demons cried out His name and left their victims. Before His ascension, He gave the authority to use the name to command the supernatural to his disciples;

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:17-18

All the signs mentioned above are supernatural in nature. Jesus means to say that at the invocation of His name you will do things beyond that natural realm. His name will cause any sign to become manifest. The same meaning is portrayed in John 14:13 *"whatsoever ye ask in my name, that will I do…*

Just like He said whatever thing you desire, no matter how impossible it seems, will surely come to pass, when the name of Jesus is used in faith. This is a call to give up the "impossibility syndrome." Nothing is impossible to those who know the power in that name, whatever anybody has said about your situation will become irrelevant, and you won't need to cry the way you do because of your situation. Consider this example from Acts chapter three. Peter and John were faced with a humanly impossible situation; a lame man needed their help. Evidently cash strapped, they realized they had in their possession something more than cash – the name of Jesus.

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Acts 3:6

Peter simply pressed the trigger. The supernatural was released and the man walked. Halleluyah! You don't beg with the name, you reign with the name. You can destroy every disease, sickness or anything that detracts from the redemptive package with that name, when applied in faith. Faith in the name is what propels its efficacy. When the seven sons of Sceva, exorcists, tried to toy with the name, (Acts 19:14-16) they were attempted to cast out. Faith in the name is what

guarantees its efficacy. If you want to become a commander of wonders, learn to use the name in faith. Still on the Isaiah prophecy; at the name of Jesus, counsel is released, showing you the right path to follow. Counsel is an integral element of wisdom, and you need wisdom to manifest as a son of God. Every enterprise is established by counsel. The name equally releases might – He is the mighty God. The might of God is manifested when the name is invoked. Strength comes in the place of weakness, excitement, confidence come in the place of frustration and despondency. Similarly, the name of Jesus manifests the eternal nature of God. It is the release of the life force of God that makes living n the supernatural possible for the believer. God's nature is in the supernatural. At the invocation of the name, there is a manifestation that makes the supernatural a cheap possibility. Invocation of the name of Jesus also compels peace, which is a requirement for flowing in the realm of the supernatural. He is the Prince of Peace and He has a commitment to fight only for those who know how to hold their peace. The invocation of His name in faith will establish peace in your heart for the manifestation of the supernatural.

GENESIS OF THE NAME

From our discussion so far the name of Jesus is an all-purpose name. It provides a covering for all things in the life of a believer. Not a few must be intrigued at the potency of the name and would perhaps wonder how this came to be. In this section we will examine how Jesus came about the greatness or almightiness attached to His name.

By Prophecy:

Before Jesus was born, several prophecies went forth concerning the birth of the messiah. When angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph to intimate him about the conception of Jesus by his wife Mary, he declared:

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

The cardinal mission of Jesus is to save all men from sin. As we have established in earlier discussions, it was sin that ruptured the link between man and God. Sin is at the root of man's problems. Until the sin problem is dealt with, solution to any human problem is not in view.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

The name of Jesus is the only authentic solution to the problem of sin. You can't handle that habit that you so much want to give up in your power. New year resolutions, will-power, are unhelpful. Until you use the name, your deliverance is not guaranteed. Apart from the angel's announcement of the mission of Jesus other prophets of God had also foretold it in diverse prophecies. Isaiah was the foremost of them. In Isaiah 11:1-2, we have this very profound prophecy about the Messiah.

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… (emphasis mine)

The object of this prophecy cannot be mistaken. It shows us the picture of Jesus. The rod is a direct reference to Him. Now cast your mind back to Moses in the book of Exodus. He was the man with the rod. God told him:

And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

Exodus 4:17

The rod of Moses was the rod of authority. Without the rod, Moses was incapacitated. He was as powerless as every other man in Egypt. He couldn't move an ant. However, with the rod he was a terror to Pharaoh and the whole land of Egypt. The rod of Moses was a multi-purpose rod. It swallowed the magicians rods, turned serpents. When he stretched it towards the rivers of Egypt, the waters turned to blood. When he pointed it to the sky thunder, hail and fire was the result. It was with the rod that he parted the Red Sea for the children of Israel to cross over. Everything Moses wanted came to be with the rod. The rod distinguished Moses; conferred on him honour and awe in all Egypt. Comparing spiritual things with spiritual, just like Moses used a physical rod to establish his dominion in Egypt believers have a spiritual rod – the name of Jesus to establish their dominion on earth. As Moses was commanded to do signs with his rod, signs are to follow the believers at the name of Jesus. If the rod distinguished Moses, the name of Jesus will distinguish you. The name is the greatest asset in the life of any believer. You have license to use it to dislodge any evil that hangs around your life, family or business.

By Conquest

Jesus also got His Omnipotent name by conquest. Through His death and resurrection, He completely triumphed over the devil and his host of demons. He made a mess of them and disposed them of their power.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Hebrews 2:14-15

His conquest established our redemption from the oppressive dominion of the devil. Through His name, believers have been given the authority to deal with any intimidation and harassment of the devil. Whatever threatens the enjoyment of your redemption privileges can be overcome through the name. It is the master key to all of life's circumstances. Don't just call the name, use it!

By Inheritance

Jesus was the first begotten of the Father. He got His omnipotent name by inheritance. Not even the angels in all their splendor could inherit that name. God gave it to Him as a mark of honour, for His distinguished position in the Godhead as the Redeemer of mankind.

Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by *inheritance* ***obtained a more excellent*** *name* ***than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?***

Hebrews 1:4-5

By His redemptive grace, every believer is made a "joint-heir" with Christ. He gave us the name of Jesus as a staff of office. If you are a believer what He has you have. He has given you His name for your possession. It is a name to possess, not just to know. Whatever you demand from God by covenant with Jesus, He has no choice than to grant it. His name gives you access to a mysterious lifestyle that should reflect His glory and majesty here on earth.

By Obedience

Obedience was the key element that earned Jesus, His omnipotent name. He was obedient to the will of the Father, even unto death. He suffered shame and humiliation in the hands of sinners, but nothing could distract Him from the goal of redemption. With unparalleled obedience He accomplished His assignment.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

Obedience earned for Jesus, the most exalted name in heaven, on earth or under the earth. Everything and every name answers to it. Think of this: Death is a name. Barrenness is a name. Failure is a name. Unemployment, poverty are all names. Whatever has a name is compelled to bow at the name of Jesus. What that means is that at the invocation of the name, all heavenly forces are set which the name was invoked is accomplished. At the name every force of opposition in all the realms of existence surrenders. You can use the name to level all your mountains (oppositions). You can use the name to establish your health or turn around your financial destiny. You can use the name to restore peace, love, joy to your marriage. You can use the name to manifest the very nature of God. It is a multi-purpose solution to any problem. Because it is a gift its potency can never depreciate for “the gifts and callings of God are without repentance.” It remains steadfast as the authority to which every other thing bows. You can put a divine seal on all affairs of your life by doing all things in the name of the Lord.

THE PLACE OF DIVINE SIGNALS

The timeliness of your steps and actions are very important. When what you are embarking upon has God's approval, He crows everyone of your steps with the miraculous. For any step you are taking in life, make sure you get the divine signal to go ahead before stepping out.

Chapter Twelve

THE PLACE OF DIVINE SIGNALS

It is true that following the steps in this book will bring about the manifestation of the supernatural in your life. It is also true that if you follow these steps and don't operate according to divine signals, the supernatural will not manifest.

After doing all you have to do, go back to God and ask for His timing. Let Him give you the signals to start off your operation.

A very pathetic thing happened not too long ago. A man was said to be dying and an urgent message was sent to me to go and pray for him. I got ready to go, but just as I was about to step into the car, the Spirit of God told me clearly and audibly not to go. I stepped out of the car and went back to my office, wondering and pondering about what the Spirit had said. I could not understanding it, but it was so sharp and clear. Those who were to go with me were still waiting outside but I had no choice than to obey the Spirit. It was difficult because the dying man was dear to my heart. Finally, I came out and told the others I wasn't going. Another man of God however, went ahead to the hospital and prayed for the dying man, who still gave up the ghost after the prayers. This man of God later went back to his house and an excruciating thirst got hold of him. He ran to the fridge, grabbed a bottle and drank the content. Lo and behold, it was acid inside the bottle, but it was too late; he had already taken it. Everything inside him got burnt and he died. When I heard the story I asked the Lord why. He told me that the man of God did not obey divine signals – he was warned not to go, but he went. His going now exposed him to an attack which he could not resist.

DIVINE SIGNAL IS DIVINE TIMING

God has a time for everything. Your success in the supernatural is dependent on how well you obey divine signals. The only way to attain to the realm of impossibility in the supernatural is by obeying divine signals.

During the wilderness experience of the Israelites, they lived by divine signals. This was the reason why they could encamp in the wilderness for forty years without being attacked by wild beasts, and the like. Their movement was a supernatural movement. They only moved as they were directed by God. The Lord was with them in the form of a pillar of cloud in the day and a pillar of fire at night.

When the pillar came to a stop, whether by day or by night, the people pitched their tents and stayed. When the pillar moved, they moved, where the pillar led they followed (Numbers 9:15-23). This was God's way of leading them. The pillars were their signals.

Your walk in the supernatural can only be complete when the Lord leads you, when you act as directed by Him.

Psalm 23:1 says:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

When the Lord leads you, you shall not lack the supernatural.

A miracle backed up every step Jesus took. He knew no impossibility during His earthly ministry because He always obeyed divine signals. When it was time for the feasts of the tabernacles a very important feasts in Jewry Jesus did not rush to get there. He did not tell Himself, "Oh, this will be a very wonderful opportunity to preach the gospel." Unfortunately, this is what a lot of Christians do. They hear about a gathering and they rush there to minister without first ascertaining the signal from God. Jesus was pressured upon to go but He didn't. He waited for some days before He finally went there (John 7:8-10). His obedience to divine signals was the secret behind the success of His ministry. He always knew when to move; when to walk openly and when to walk secretly; when to escape and when to remain. This was why He could escape being killed before His time. This was why He never failed in bringing down the supernatural in His ministry. He always walked by divine signals. He said:

…I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 8:28

When it was told Him that Lazarus was sick, He didn't rush down to heal him because that was not God's timing. So He stayed. Jesus love Lazarus. The message sent to Him stated, "*Lord, behold, he whom* thou love is sick" (John 11:3). It was obvious to all that He loved Lazarus, but this did not make Him to brush aside His Father's signals. He stayed two more days until the Father said

He could proceed. He went knowing full well that Lazarus was already dead, and the glory of God was manifested. The supernatural followed Him and that had been in the grave four days was brought back to life.

YOU SHALL NOT WANT AS HE LEADS

When the Lord leads you, you shall not lack anything. You shall flow in the realm of the miraculous. The timeliness of your steps and actions are very important. When what you are embarking upon has God's approval, He crows everyone of your steps with the miraculous.

I was to go to a city in the United States for a meeting following an invitation and I was asking for a go-ahead signal from God. Early in the morning He spoke and said, "Arise, go to Lagos and raise Me a people." This was very different from what I was asking about. It was not time for the United States. It was time for Lagos. That same day I set the machinery in motion and within two weeks, we had secured a property, done the necessary renovations and the Church was set to start. Those who understand Lagos will know that it is one of the most difficult places to secure a property but we had God's backing. We were working on divine order, so everything was acquired supernaturally. When the Lord speaks, He goes all out to perform His word. For any step you are taking in life, make sure you get the divine signal to go ahead before stepping out. This was the secret of the miraculous in the ministry of Jesus. This was the secret of the success of the apostles. Make it your secret too.

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THE POWER OF THANKSGIVING

A life that is always murmuring, grumbling or complaining will never flow in the miraculous. But a heart full of thanks and praise will. It is the cheapest way to invite heaven's attention. It is one of the vital buttons you need to press to flow in favour with God. Stop seeing what God has not done. Thank and appreciate Him for what He has done.

Chapter Thirteen

THE POWER OF THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is one of the vital keys for the release of the supernatural. An understanding of its place in supernatural living will always cause you to flow in the miraculous. The supernatural will become natural. But what really is thanksgiving? Quickly let me state that for our purposes, it is not an occasional and spontaneous acknowledgment of a good deed. It is not the singing of praises either. Neither is it the clapping of hands. Rather, it is a practical orientation of the acts of God in one's life.

THANKSGIVING IS THE WILL OF GOD

Apostle Paul leaves us with this injunction in 1 Thessalonians 5:18;

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Thanksgiving is the will of the father. He desires that we praise and worship Him. In addition, He desires that we thank Him for His doings in our lives. God is waiting for your thanksgiving to perfect His plan and purposes for your life. When Jesus healed the ten lepers in Luke 17:13-16 only one of them came back to show appreciation. Jesus' question in verse 17 *"were there not ten cleansed but where are the nine"* is indicative that the Master expected them to come and acknowledge the act of God in their lives. Anyhow, only the one that came back was made whole. The other nine were cleansed alright, but perhaps they would still need to live with the stumps and scars of the affliction. The first touch is certainly not enough, a heart of thanksgiving will provoke God into a second touch that would put a seal on your miracle. Malachi 2:1-2 very forcefully establishes an imperative for thanksgiving.

And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

This doesn't leave you with much choice. It is a commandment and if you really want to enjoy divine intervention in your affairs, obedience is required. This was the secret behind the easy flow of the Lord Jesus Christ in the supernatural. He was never afraid of any challenge. He was never left stranded. He had the key and each time he was face up with an embarrassing situation he utilized the key to bring about a solution. Consider the incident in John chapter 6. He had a crowd of 5,000 uninvited guests, who had followed him to a mountain side to feed. Ordinarily feeding such a large crowd could be quit expensive. Only a miracle would do it at a mountain side. And Jesus knew how to get it. When his disciples gave Him the five barley loaves and two small fishes, He took them up and gave thanks to the Father. That settled it. There was divine intervention. The crowd was not only satisfied, twelve baskets were filled with the fragments. Isn't that wonderful? At another occasion His integrity was at stake. His friend Lazarus had died. As a man who had established a reputation for the miraculous, nothing less than raising his friend was expected from Him. By the time they called Him Lazarus had been dead four days. But that did not move Him. He was quite relaxed. He knew what He would do.

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.
John 11:41

Jesus gave thanks in a seemingly hopeless situation! But with that He gained heaven's attention. Lazarus was called forth alive from the grave. Halleluyah!

Now consider king David. He had terrible opposition and challenges during his reign. But he never lost a battle. Reason? The supernatural was always at work in his favour. He was a man after God's heart and God must have shown him how to touch His heart. David was an acknowledged man of praise, thanksgiving and worship. Ten times a day he was out in the sanctuary but only three of those times were for prayers. The remaining seven times were for appreciating the faithfulness of God. The Psalms loudly reflect this aspect of David's character. Now consider the apostles. After Pentecost, they began to proclaim the gospel with unusual power. Signs and wonders followed them very cheaply in the name of Jesus. In Acts chapter three, a lame was healed at the gats of the temple in the name of Jesus. The Jews were enraged. They threatened the apostles and warned them not to preach anymore in that name. Rather than

complain, murmur and get frustrated, they went back to their own company for a prayer meeting. Here are the opening words.

And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is…

Acts 4:24

See? They acknowledged the greatness of God. They worshipped Him for who He is and for what He did for their forbears. They didn't start by accusing God or murmuring for what they had suffered. No. A life that is always murmuring, grumbling or complaining will never flow in the miraculous. Before they finished praying, God answered. A refreshing came from above.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31

That is the power of praise. It turns around your captivity. It turns your oppression into opportunity to glorify God. As apostle Paul and Silas were thrown into the dank and murky prisons of Macedonia their recourse to praise brought immediate deliverance.

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Acts 16:25-26

What a cheap way to invite heaven's attention! This is one of the vital buttons to keep you in the flow of God's favour. Stop seeing what God has not done. Thank and appreciate Him for what He has done. If you don't appreciate God you will depreciate with time. This is a divine principle. You must be mindful of it if you want to enjoy divine company that guarantees a flow in the miraculous. Most of my qualitative time before the Lord is spent worshipping and acknowledging Him. That is the secret underlying the tremendous growth and impact of our ministry. It's so beautiful. At a point I asked God: "Won't you even wait for me to ask before you answer?" And do you know what He said? "There is a company of people that won't need to ask for a thing before I answer, while they are yet speaking, I will perform." That company is the company of thanksgivers. When you thank and appreciate Him, He gets committed to meeting your needs, even those you haven't mentioned in prayers.

BENEFITS OF THANKSGIVING

When you make thanksgiving a lifestyle and engage in it in spite of negative circumstances around you, you will be courting God's company for positive effects. Let's examine in specific details some of the benefits of thanksgiving:

Thanksgiving brings down the presence of God.

Psalm 22:3 tells us that God inhabits the praises of His people. A praise-full life will enjoy God's presence at all times. Learn to thank Him for what He has done and praise Him for what He will do and worship Him for who He is. This is a sure way to build a future for yourself. God hates grumblers and murmurers. They are programmed for destruction. Those who murmured in the wilderness were all destroyed.

Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

1 Corinthians 10:10

Anyone who enjoys God's presence at all times will be full of the joy and strength of the Lord. God's presence brings with it all the divine attributes; joy, pace, love, strength, etc. Not only these, God's presence also guarantees divine direction and comfort. When you enjoy God's presence favour will attend all your involvements because of God's aura around you. You want to win in life? Then turn your complaints, bitterness, grumblings to praise. Your captivity will be turned around so cheaply that your life will be like a dream world.

Thanksgiving brings about increases and multiplication.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

Psalm 67:5-6

Thanksgiving is like rain from heaven. It causes the earth to bud and bring forth fruit in multiple folds. When you give thanks you experience increases and blessings. Increases in your welfare and in the work of your hands. It's amazing how God brings about great results in the lives of some of His children. With effortless ease drawing from a praiseful life, they experience tremendous breakthroughs in life and business. Those that struggle more and get little result, are those that do not know this dimension of adding praise and thanksgiving to their efforts. Multiplication also results from thanksgiving. When Jesus gave thanks in John chapter 6, five barley loaves were multiplied such that twelve baskets of the fragments were collected. In the same way, when we praise God

and thank God He brings His blessings to us in multiplied dimensions in every realm of life. Only those whom the Lord has blessed are truly blessed.

Thanksgiving destroys the prayer request mentality.

While I am not against asking for prayers from fellow believers, it is certainly disgusting to see how many have turned themselves into prayer projects. They run from one church or fellowship group to another all in the name of seeking solution to their problem. It's all a matter of perspectives. Out of a negative, parasitic perspective of Christianity they see themselves as incapable of going over their problems without "Eternal aid." In the process they magnify their problems out of proportion and get bitter with God. With this kind of negative orientation they see only their needs and what He has not done. Jesus said, *"blessed is he who is not offended in me."* Jesus means to say that cursed is he who is offended in Him. If you won't cultivate an attitude of appreciating what God has done in your life you are courting a curse (reversal of His blessings). A positive attitude towards your situations will bail you out. It will make you perpetually grateful that your situation is not worse. If you don't have as many clothes as you want, thank Him that at least you are not naked. If you are unemployed, thank Him that you are even qualified to look for a job. What if you were a mental case? Would you have been able to go to school? That you are a potential candidate for employment is reason enough to appreciate Him. If you don't praise Him for that joy you have now, no one will remember to promote you. If you don't thank Him for your one room apartment, that's where you'll die. When you thank Him for what He has done, you provoke Him to do more.

Whatever you are passing through right now is immaterial. God is waiting for you to acknowledge Him genuinely for His previous acts. When you do this, He will then perfect His plans and purposes for your life. He is never moved by prayers that are unaccompanied with thanksgiving. As you share testimonies of His doings in your life, He makes sure that He organizes for another experience that will bring another testimony. Don't wait until He does what you want Him to do before you praise Him. Worship God in spirit and in truth; not on contract! If you keep waiting till He does something spectacular before you acknowledge Him, you'll wait till eternity. People who adore Him in spite of happenings, end up with explosive testimonies. It's time to enter into the realm of unconditional acknowledgement of God and His doings. The will of God is for you to give thanks in everything. In Hebrew 10:36 we read that it is only after we have done

His will that we obtain the promise. Until you do His will don’t expect to obtain the promise. But as you do it every obstacle will begin to give way. I have proved this for several years and friend, it works!

MAINTAINING THE FLOW

God’s presence is the magnetic force that causes an instantaneous release of the supernatural. You must learn to live in the reality of His presence everyday. God is with you all the time, wherever you might be. He does not lave you to fend for yourself once you are born again. When confronted with evil, therefore, don’t face it like an ordinary man.

Chapter Fourteen

MAINTAINING THE FLOW

The supernatural should be a daily occurrence in a believer's life. It is not subject to moods and the supernatural atmosphere. It is not something that is seasonal, the Spirit of God in you does not go on break, neither is He controlled by any of those things – moods, feelings and temperaments. The Spirit of God has a permanent dwelling place in you; you should therefore produce the supernatural all the time. Your life should be constantly manifesting the supernatural nature of God. How is this done? How does one maintain the flow?

CONSCIOUSNESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

God's presence is the magnetic force that causes an instantaneous release of the supernatural. The presence of God is the life line of the supernatural. Remove God's presence and there is no supernatural. Talking about Jesus, the Bible says:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

The miraculous was in the ministry of Jesus because God was with Him. He was anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power but the manifestations experienced were as a result of His consciousness of God's ever abiding presence.

God is with me. God is with you. God is with every believer, irrespective of where he might be. You are not alone. Any form of loneliness is spiritual ignorance. Jesus, parting words to us were,

… and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:20

There is one thing you must carry about with you everyday and that is the reality of this statement. God is with you all the time – in your home, at work, on the road – everywhere you go, He is there. God does not leave you to fend for yourself once you are born again, He remains with you. When confronted with evil, therefore, don't face it like an ordinary man. Attack it with the understanding of one who has God with him. You ought to carry this presence around with you all the time. If you will be conscious of God's presence in your life at all times, every confrontation with the enemy will become like a child's play.

CARRYING GOD'S PRESENCE ALONG

Jesus carried this presence around with Him. The apostles also did. This gave them an added impetus to issue decrees. The Bible says of the apostles:

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.

Mark 16:20

God's presence with them, was the backbone of the manifestation of the supernatural in their ministry.

The enemy can only prevail against you when you lose consciousness of God's presence. As long as you retain this consciousness, he cannot subdue you.

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

How possible is it for one to be conscious of God's presence? How can you be conscious of what you cannot see? This is where faith comes in. You have to learn to see the invisible. Faith is believing the existence of the invisible.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is…

Hebrews 11:6

He that comes to God, he that is born again, must believe that God is. But God is invisible. This means that anyone who comes to God must believe that the invisible exists. This is faith!

SEEING THE INVISIBLE

There was only one propelling force in the life of Moses. He believed that the invisible existed. He saw the invisible. This was what kept him going.

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Hebrews 11:27

Moses saw the invisible. He proposed in a task that would have caused ten of the wisest men to crumble. Faith sees the invisible and forms the basis of the supernatural. If you cannot "see" the invisible, you cannot believe that God is.

If you can believe that when Jesus said, *"Lo, I am with you always,"* He actually meant what He said, then it will not be any trouble seeing Him around you all the time.

The backbone of the miraculous ministry of Jesus was His belief that God was with Him all the time. He believed it. He saw it. He confessed it any time there was someone around to listen,

What you believe affects your actions, reactions and language. When you believe that you have God's backing in every situation, your confidence and your stance are enhanced. God is ever present. He is the very present help in time of need. On Mount Carmel, the devil had no choice but to go on compulsory leave. The devil cannot stand the presence of God. Any saint who always carries the consciousness of God's presence with him, constitutes a terror to the devil. He sends the devil on the run. Elijah was very conscious of God's presence around him, so the devil had no chance than to flee. The prophet commanded fire to come down from heaven and it did immediately. God was right on the spot.

AVOID FEAR

The Psalmist says:

... Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me…

Psalm 23:4

Do you know where "the valley of the shadow of death" is? That is the devil's own territory. There is no soldier who can walk into an enemy territory openly in war time without coming to see harm. It takes a supernatural covering or protection for one to walk through the devil's territory without being hurt.

The presence of God sends fear on its heels. A fearful believer is one who has lost consciousness of God's presence. The consciousness of God's presence

is the master key to living a fearless life. God's presence is the miracle you need in every situation of life; but it cannot be manifested unless you are conscious of it.

When praying for the sick, let the consciousness of God's presence permeate your being and that magnetic force will release the miracle you need. Don't give room to fear. Know that God is the one working the miraculous through you. He has got to be present for miracles to happen. It will take whosoever can overcome him to overcome you. Be bold, be courageous.

All the men of old who worked terrific miracles were men who knew no fear. They were men of extraordinary courage. They were men who looked at mountains in the face and told them to disappear. They were men before whom the sea fled.

Fear not. Fear gives no room for the operation of the supernatural. A fearful saint always ends up a failure. Get conscious of the Almighty's presence. Develop a sweet intimacy with Him and you are on your way up in the realm of the supernatural.

BOLD DECLARACTIONS OF THE TRUTH

Whatever you are ashamed to declare, you cannot possess. Whatever you have that you don't want anybody to know about, cannot be a good thing. If you know and you believe, then you must proclaim it. The truth is that the supernatural is meant to be released and the release channel is bold proclamations. A believer who is afraid to declare the supernatural cannot grow in it. This is because, the supernatural you declare, you see, and seeing it leads to growth and confidence.

A man of God once gave this testimony. Soon after being ordained a pastor, he had occasion to minister the baptism of the Holy Ghost to a group of young converts. He laid his hands on them and commanded them to be filled with the Holy Spirit, but from all he could see, none of them received. He went home that day disgruntled and dejected. He didn't understand why none of them received. He knew he had spoken what he was meant to speak so where was the problem? This brought doubt into his heart and he lost confidence in his ability to minister the baptism of the Holy Spirit. For over a year, he ran away from all such assignments. One day however, during a minister's meeting, he ran into somebody. This man came to him after the meting and told him, he just could not leave the meeting without appreciating the role he had played in his life. The man went ahead to explain that, he had always lived in doubt of the baptism of

the Holy Spirit. However, over a year ago, he went to receive it. This man of God ministered it to them in a group and that marked a turning point in his life. This testimony turned the life of the man of God around. He now began to go round, seeking for those who wanted to be baptized in the Holy Ghost!

In the manifestation of the supernatural, believing must be accompanied with bold declaration, and *bold declarations must precede* procession. Possession is the ultimate in the building up of the supernatural in man. When you believe, you speak out, when you speak out, you receive, when you receive, you believe more, and when you believe more, you speak out more and the more you speak, the more you possess. It is an unending cycle. You believe and you proclaim your belief.

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak

2 Corinthians 4:13

When you proclaim, Jesus said, "He shall have whatsoever he saith (Mark 11:23). Having what you declare builds up the consciousness of the supernatural in you.

MEDITATION

A believer who will manifest the supernatural must be one who moves on from studying the word to meditating on it. Meditation is allowing your mind hovered upon the deep at creation (Genesis 1:2). Meditation is pondering upon, thinking on the word of God. This is what gives an open channel to the Holy Ghost the supernatural to flow through you.

In Acts chapter 10, we are told of Peter receiving a vision from God. It was while he was thinking on the vision that the Holy Ghost spoke (Acts 10:19).

All you need for the supernatural is for the Holy Ghost to say something. There is no revelation without meditation and there is no revolution without a revelation. Revolution in this case stands for a breakthrough, a supernatural reversal of affairs. Take time to meditate on the word of God and allow the supernatural to flow through you. This is a very important building up channel of the supernatural in your life.

PRAYER

Prayer builds up your faith. It builds up the supernatural in you. Prayer is communicating with God. This involves talking to and receiving from Him.

Prayer can be in a known or an unknown tongue. Praying in an unknown tongue is the same thing as praying in the Spirit. This kind of prayer is very important to the believer. When praying in the Spirit, you are praying in a supernatural language. This is the shortest cut to the supernatural. Praying in the Spirit releases deep insights and revelation into the ways of God. These help in building up you faith.

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost

Jude 20

Link up with the spirit world by praying in the Spirit and you will receive an avalanche of revelations bringing down the supernatural in your life.

BEING SPIRITUALLY MINDED

Your mind is referred to as your soul. This was the part of you that took control over your spirit after the fall in the garden of Eden. The spirit died and the mind took charge. This is a reversal of the order of creation. Your spirit is ordained to be in charge and rule your mind.

The coming of Jesus brought back life to the spirit man. Any man who receives Him receives a life force that quickens (makes alive) his own spirit.

YOU NEED BRAIN-WASHING!

It now becomes the responsibility of the believer to subject his mind to the dictates of the Spirit. He has to spiritualize his mind in order for him to become spiritually minded. The ability to control both the mind and the spirit is called spiritual maturity.

The spirit is the source of your life and it is only through it that you can release the miraculous.

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:6

It is only by spiritualizing your mind that you release the life force of God to flow through you.

It takes the spiritualization of your mind to be able to make the right confessions. You spiritualize your mind by feeding on the word of God. Let only the word of God flow through your thoughts. Your spirit is in charge, use it to bring the mind into total subjection. When the mind tries to rear its ugly head, tell it to keep quiet.

Renew your mind with the word of God. Feed and print it with the word of God. Feed and print it with only what God says and you will see the fruit of it by the change in your language. When your mind is renewed by the word, negative confessions can no longer be a part of you. Positive confessions which bring about a release of the supernatural will flow through your mouth.

Thus, when people say you are brain washed because you have become a Christian, they are right. That is just what happens – the filthy things of the mind (as a result of the fall) are washed out by Jesus.

When your mind is renewed, people recognize it by the words that come out of your mouth. Compel your mind to obey y our spirit. Be spiritually minded and the miraculous will continually mind you.

PRAISE

You can enhance the manifestation of the supernatural in your life by living a praise life. The Bible says that God, the supernatural, inhabits the praises of His people (Psalms 22:3).

You can bring down the presence of God in your life all the time by maintaining a praise life. Show me a man who is always filled with the joy of the Lord, and you have seen one in whom the strength of God's miraculous power flows through.

The praises of God on a believer's lips is the gateway to the supernatural in every sphere of existence.

It brought deliverance to Paul and Silas in prison. They sang praises to God and the supernatural manifested. They were set free.

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Acts 16:25-26

Praise also brings about supernatural increases.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase.

Psalm 67:5-6

The high level praises of God make for strange happenings. Praise invokes the supernatural. If you want the supernatural to manifest in your daily life, then live a praise life. This is the rain that keeps your river of the supernatural full. This is what makes for a constant supernatural infilling.

If you have been wondering why the supernatural has not been manifesting in your life; if you have been wondering why the miraculous has eluded you; examine yourself. Find out what you have been leaving out. Reorder your life after the order of the points mentioned and you will begin to flow freely in the supernatural.

POSTSCRIPT

What has been amply demonstrated in this book is that authentic Christianity cannot be divorced from the supernatural. Just like a tree cannot survive without its roots, true Christianity cannot exist without the supernatural. Any attempt to live the Christian life without a proper understanding of the dynamics of the supernatural world, therefore, would end in frustration.

The supernatural is not reserved for us till we get to heaven. It is to be manifested here on earth. It is not for some special people either. Even if it is, you fall within this category. You are special. Everyone born again is called of God and everyone called of God is special. You have a glorious destiny in God. He knew you before you were born and has predestined you to walk in the supernatural.

Romans 8:29-30 says,

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

Every Christian is expected to conform to the image of Jesus. He is supposed to walk in the supernatural like Jesus did while He was on earth. The supernatural is for you. It is not for a privileged few. If you are born again you enter into the class of the "brethren" of Jesus. Your walk on earth is supposed to bring glory to God. Everywhere Jesus went, His supernatural acts revealed God's glory. He healed the sick, He raised the dead etc. Jesus Christ is our role model. From all scriptural and extra scriptural account, Jesus demonstrated that living in the realm of the supernatural is an easy possibility for mortal man who would follow His footsteps. Central to the success of His ministry was the fact that He operated on the wavelength of the word of God. He depended on God for what He heard and did.

For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

John 12:49

This was the secret of the happenings in His ministry. He heard from the Father and did only what He commanded. If Jesus who was not given the Holy Spirit by measure, couldn't do it on his own, it would be foolish for anyone to attempt to do it on his own. Jesus demonstrated that the word we hear, is what provides the force for things to get done. God has a commandment or word for every circumstance that confronts you in life. Any time you try to move a problem without the word, it is like trying to raise a lorry without a jack. God's word is the mover of the obstacles of life. Every problem, every affliction, has a word solution. Without the word nothing moves. Until you know the truth that makes for your freedom, don't expect to be free. Your first responsibility therefore is to locate the relevant word for your situation from the Bible.

When you contact the right word and you speak it out, heaven is contacted, and when heaven is contacted, solution is inevitable. The word does not only provide the answers it provides the insurance you need to enjoy the answers.

Continuous abiding in the word is the only way to ensure a ceaseless flow of the supernatural.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:7

This is the secret of the authority of the believer. Your authority is embedded in the word of God operated by you at your own will. You can have whatsoever you will as long as it is rooted in His word. The word should be the motivation for all your doings. It is your surest insurance against every harassment from the kingdom of darkness. Jesus said:

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

John 15:6

When you are word empty you cannot operate in the realm of the supernatural. Rather you will be highly vulnerable to mishandling by men and devils. The only way to stop yourself from being "gathered" for destruction by fellowmen is to be word-loaded. Eleven times Jesus escaped from men who wanted to mishandle Him. Satan himself was helpless about Him. You have the same access to supernatural escapes by the word.

Living in the supernatural demands exercise of faith all the way. Habakkuk 2:4 says:

…the just shall live by his faith.

The faith required to live is a product of revelation. It is not enough to hear the word, what is important is for it to be personally revealed to you. Without revelation what you have is mere information and this would at best give you

intellectual excitement. If you must manifest the supernatural, the life of God must first be imparted by the word through revelation.

Secondly, because His life is the light of men, the word that has entered you emits light which is able to handle any form of darkness in your life. At the presence of light, darkness has no choice than to bow out. The highest demonic installation cannot resist the light from God's word, when declared in faith.

Thirdly, the word provides the power backup you need to manifest the supernatural. God made all things by the word and upholds all things by the word of His power.

Lastly, the word is the seed that guarantees your fruitfulness. It simply means that where there is no word, there will be no fruit. Jesus said in John 15:5 that fruit bearing is predicated on two dimensional operations namely; abiding in Him and He abiding in you. When you are saved you abide in Him, however, when His word abides in you, He comes to dwell with you. It is His presence in your life that guarantees the ability to bear fruit.

The degree to which you bear fruit is dependent on the level of His word that is in you.

Don't simply get excited by the discoveries in this book. Let them lead you to a recovery of all that the enemy has stolen from your life through the diligent application of the truth in your day to day living. "if you know these things, happy are ye if you do them."