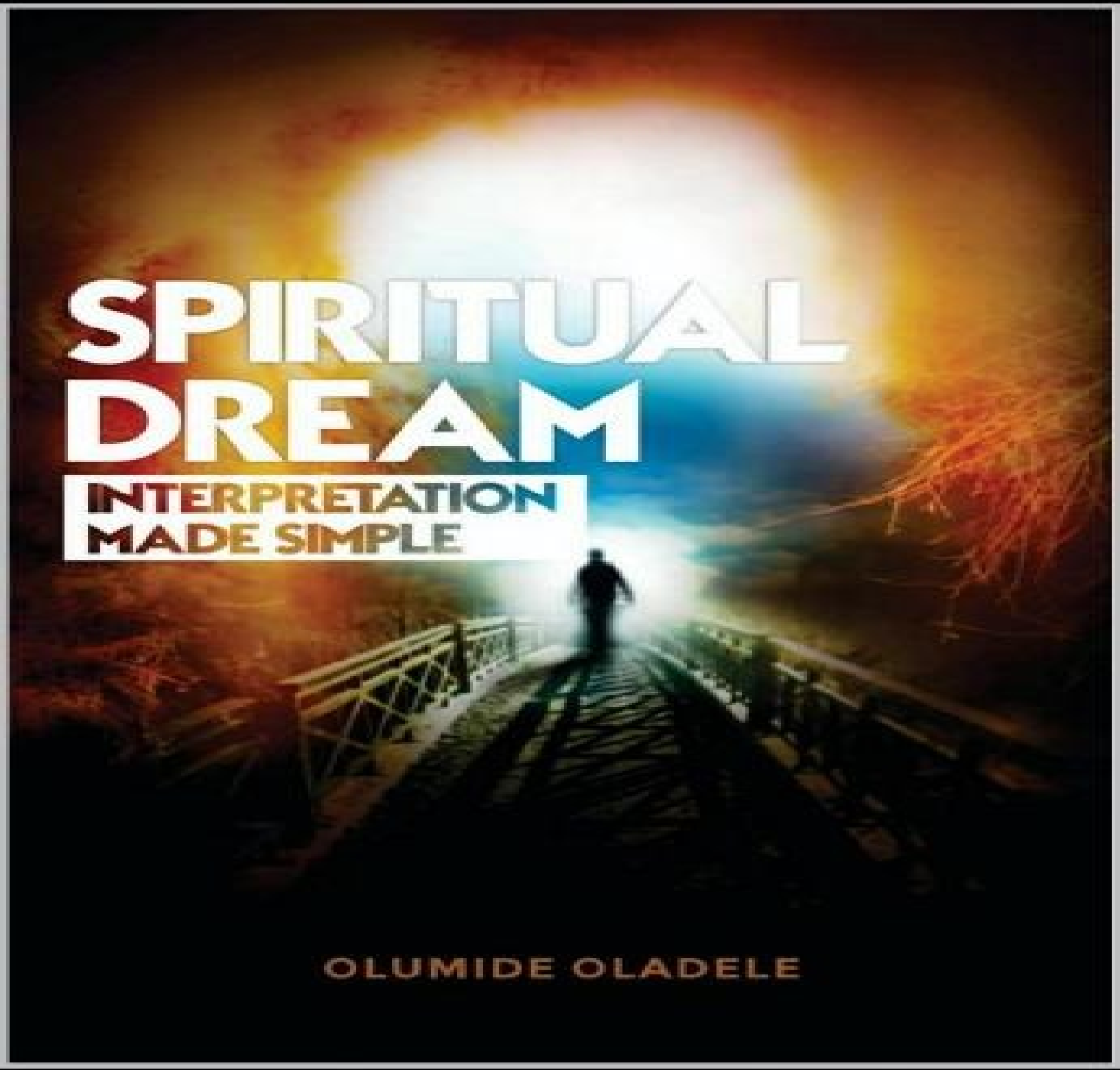
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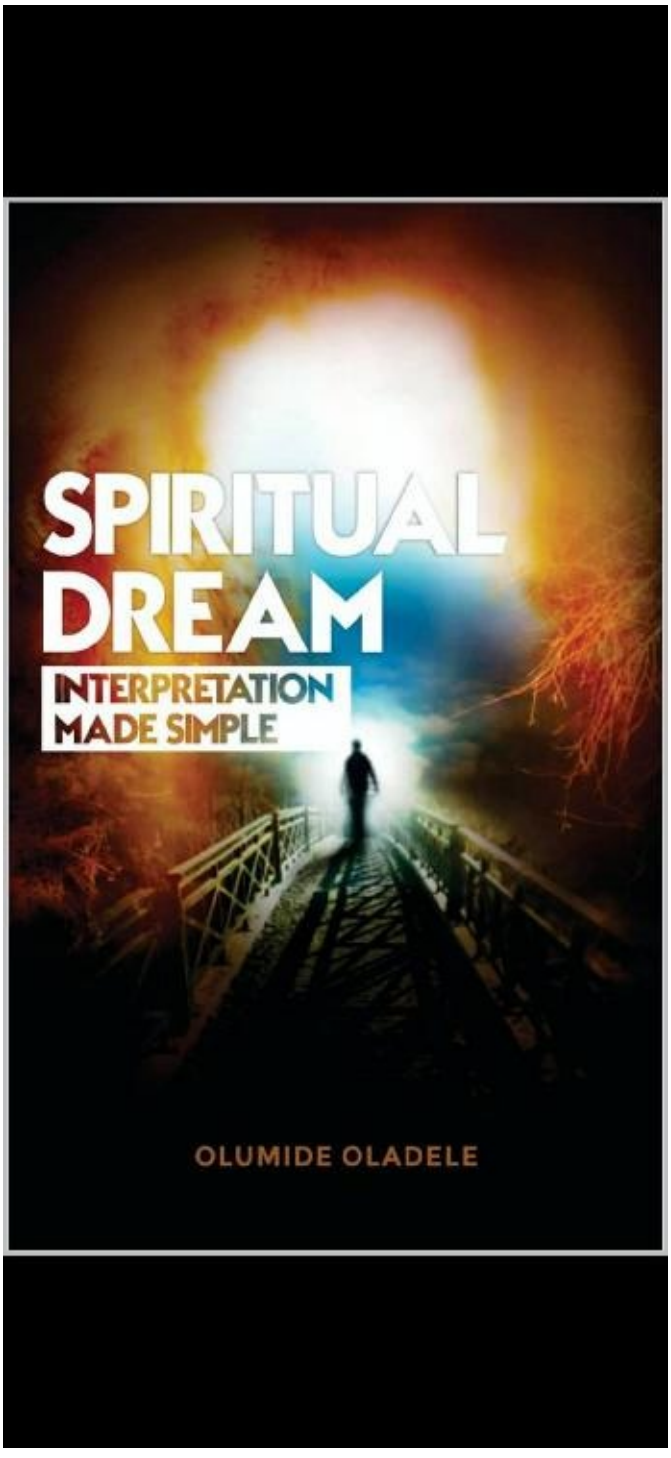
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CHAPTER 1
DREAMS

> *Job 33:15-16 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction.*

Dreams are moving pictures or images that we see in our subconscious while asleep. We receive instructions from God through dreams. Dreams have meanings even if it seems muddled. It will have at least a message to convey to the dreamer and these messages are about one's spiritual life and inner man.

There are people that do not dream as often as others and this isn't a problem. Scriptures says the youth sees vision and old men have dreams so to say it is evil not to dream at night is not scriptural.

> *Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

The Spirit of God leads us through diverse ways and dream is one of the ways God communicates and since it is not the only way then it is not compulsory though it's a good way. Since dreams are not the only way God speaks, it has to be interpreted through other ways. As good as it is, it is one of the major ways Satan influences people's lives.

Unbelievers too can have a dream so the source of dreams can be sensual, demonic or Godly.

Sensual dream is a result of the day's activities or our predominant thoughts.

> *Eccl 5:3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.*

Certain dreams come to us that are not from a divine source but from ourselves. These self-produced dreams are often from our own fears, negative and positive emotions, and desires. When you focus your thoughts long enough on a particular person, thing or a place; you will soon realized that these object of focus is finding their way into your dreams when you sleep. There are sexual dreams that are triggered by lustful focused gaze on an opposite sex.

DEMONIC DREAM is an inspiration from Satan and his agents.

> *Zech 10:2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams.*

Its focus is to put the dreamer in bondage. Demonic dreams include:

Cunning dreams: this is when the enemy keeps bringing certain people into your dreams to give you a wrong impression about their personality. The enemy does this whenever our heart is wrongly fixed on a person as evil. He uses this to deceive and manipulate many into seeing people around them as the

source of their troubles. This is why dreams must be interpreted by the Spirit and the word of God.

Nightmares: they are troubling dreams that brings bad emotions of fear, panic, trauma and even illness. This type of dream immediately has negative impact on the body of the dreamer. I know of a lady that wakes up every time with a terrible headache after having bad dreams.

Activator dreams: These dreams always precede an evil happening in the life of the dreamer. An example of this is someone falls sick every time he dreamt of a tortoise in the dream. This dream will always be repeated.

Dirty dreams: Sex, and other kinds of sexual perversion in the dream. Lust is the cause of this and it will be evident in the dreamers daily your thoughts, words and actions. Films, songs, and associations that suggest sexual desires and appetites can stir up dirty dreams.

Witchcraft dreams: these are dreams that symbolize demonic initiation. People with such dreams have affiliation with demonic agents. They see themselves in the midst of strange people as they do evil.

GODLY DREAMS are supernatural information from God and we have numerous examples from the scriptures.

> *Matt 1:20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream,*

saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

A dream is not an end but a means to an end. You still need to inquire from God what he is passing across. No gift of interpretation of dreams in the New Testament because we all have the Spirit of God in us now. As you pray about the dream, you will know if it is sensual, demonic or godly. You have the power to reject any dream not of God. A dream is just passing across a message so if it is not in line with the word of God, you wake up, reject it and sleep back.

Job 33:15-16 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction.

Godly dreams come with a given message from God. It won't be blurred, confusing or unintelligent. The believer who has mastered hearing God through the inner witness or voice of the Holy Spirit won't need to trouble himself over a blurred or forgotten dream. By the Holy Ghost, you pray in the morning and get the message clearly.

God given dreams will also be strongly impressed on your minds causing you to ponder on it.

Prophetic dreams: this is a dream God gives you that has to do with a future happening.

What you see in the dream will come to pass just as it was seen.

Revealing dreams: this dream uncovers the happenings in the dreamer's life. It explains the past occurrences that seemed confusing.

Purpose dreams: this dream is a revelation of God's plans and purpose for a life. It comes with the direction on what God will have the dreamer do or become in life.

CHAPTER 2
DREAM SYMBOLS

The first thing to understand when you have a dream or most especially a God given dream is to know if it is symbolic, literal or with a message.

Symbolic dreams come with symbols or parables. For example, you see an eagle in your dream. An eagle in the scriptures depicts:

Strength: *Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagle; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

Pride: *Jeremiah 49:16 Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart,... though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the Lord*

God's care: *Exodus 19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wing, and brought you unto myself*

With all these meanings in the bible, there is a need for interpretation in this type of dream or vision. Two people with the same symbols in their dreams will likely have different interpretations. I've once had a dream of a lady and God said she is the church. Books written on the interpretation

of dreams are not always accurate so there is a great need to follow the Holy Spirit in you and the scriptures.

Dreams with a message are the ones you have where you see either God or someone telling you things. Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia calling him (Acts 16:9-10). This type of dream can come to you for long minutes and yet it carries just a message. It can be likened to when you watch a home video of two hours that has just a message to pass across.

Literal dreams will always come to pass as seen. Just like Paul while blind saw Ananias coming to lay hands on him to be filled with the Spirit and it happened the same way (Acts 9:11-12, 17-18). I've had dreams of events that came to pass same way years later. This is the purpose of keeping a record of your God given dreams.

CHAPTER 3
FACTORS THAT INFLUENCES DREAMS

Dreams do not just come to us, they are influenced and many factors are responsible for this. These factors are like gates that when opened ushers in negative or positive dreams. This gives the dreamer an edge because the moment the gate is closed, the dreams will stop coming.

Positive factors

1. Meditation

This is the art of thinking, pondering and muttering the word of God. It affects your consciousness and makes the word of God your reality. It is the act that renews the mind and conditions your life in the direction of God's word. As you meditate on your victory over the enemy, you are strengthened and the reality of your victory over him is activated. This is one intentional practice that closes the door to every negative dream and opens door to Godly dreams.

2. Purity.

When your thoughts and actions are set on the word of God, it influences your dreams and makes them pure. It is not common for people who are not given to films and songs full of lust and social depravities to have dreams along that line. Scriptures says evil communication corrupts good manners.

3. Prayer.

A life of prayer creates a God filled atmosphere around your life. It makes it difficult for demons to oppress you through dreams. It shapes your dreams in a positive ways.

Negative factors

1. Prayerlessness

Prayer is a major part of the life of a believer and it is one way you set yourself apart for a life of victory. Prayer enforces the will of God in your life. When you are lazy in the place of prayers, it gives the enemy a place to oppress from. Prayerlessness is a ground where negative and demonic dreams breed from.

2. Demonic oppression

Demons initiate bad dreams and a life under their oppressions will always have negative dreams. It will continue until the dreamer is set free. A life in captivity will always have demonic dreams since it is a picture of the spiritual state of a person.

3. Evil communications: Evil and lustful movies, songs and associations initiate negative dreams. There are times that people see the evils they watch during the day in their dreams at night.

CHAPTER FOUR

INTERPRETATION

Understand that Interpretation is given by God. There is no dream that cannot be interpreted by the wisdom of God.

> *Gen 40:8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.*

At the point of interpretation, don't always think everything must be evil. Let the word and Spirit of God be your guide. Then, believe it, apply it and act accordingly. There are dreams where you just pick the good parts and reject the bad parts. People in demonic dreams are demons, either living or dead.

Banish the fear! You should be in charge of your life not negative dreams!

DREAM INTERPRETATION

In the interpretation of dreams, the dreamer has a major part because his life is linked with the dream.

Two persons can dream of fishing and the message for one is to start a fishing business and the other, to be a fisher of men- a minister of the gospel. This makes the books of interpretation of dreams not accurate. Do these in interpreting your dreams:

1. Write down the dream with all the details. Check for numbers, animals, and people in it. Then note your initial impression when you woke up. You must pay attention to this. Were you afraid or peaceful? This will help you in ascertaining the source.

2. Read what you have written down prayerfully over and over again. If you can pray in the Spirit, do as you go over the dream. Even at this point, the interpretation can flash your mind.

3. Check if it consists of current life events which may include the people and places you know; past events like when you were younger or a place you have been before and lastly, a future event probably in it, you have advanced in age.

4. Check if the dream is solely about you or somebody else.

5. Check if it makes meaning when broken in into bits. There are times when the dream is just muddled up and it looks so confusing. It may probably have different meanings so break it down into parts. Strongly affirm the ones that look like God's goodness and reject other parts that are not of God's goodness. What I mean is that there are dreams that you simply take parts of it and reject the other parts that are not Godly or a blessing to your life.

6. Ask the Lord. You have to look at the scriptures and also in prayers ask the Lord the interpretation. You can do this by spending

time in praying in the Spirit and check your heart for the interpretations.

7. Know the type. This is crucial. Check or ask the Lord if it is literally, symbolic or with a message.

8. Note the outcome. What was the end of the dream? Were you victorious? Does it have a negative ending or positive?

9. Check if it is repeated. Dreams that are repeated should be taken more serious. It shows that there is something that is needed to be done that hasn't been done.

Above all, you need to know that a dream is still a suggestion, what you do afterwards will determine if it will be permitted in your life or not.

As a child of God, there are two safer ways through which God speaks to you and they are the INNER WITNESS and INNER VOICE OF THE SPIRIT. Your dream can safely be interpreted with the aid of the inner witness and voice of the Spirit.

The Inner Witness

> *Romans 8:16 "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God"*

This is the Spirit witnessing to our spirit about a thing. It is not a voice or vision but an inner signal of peace and strong conviction within the believer. You just know but can't really explain how you know.

As you pray about dream, it gives you an assurance of peace that keeps coming. God

speaks to us this way. It's an impression, a perception; a conviction and an inner knowing that can't be explained.

God speaks always through this way and even on serious issues.

It is established that the scriptures was written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. *2 Timothy 3:1 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."*

Yet, the way Luke got his leading was by a witness,

> *Luke 1:3 "It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus."*

Imagine, Luke wrote a book of the bible without a voice or vision but by a witness within Him. It seemed good to him!

God communicated to Luke through the inner witness...you don't have to see a vision or hear a voice to make decisions in your life, even serious decisions.

As a believer, you are a spirit, so check if there is a witness within you about the dream? Is there an agreement within you or confusion?

Years ago, I had a dream and in it, a sister that I know was disobedient to her husband to be, and she did something he warned her not to do. When I woke up, my first thought was that this sister needs to work on her attitude. I thought it was about the sister but as I prayed in tongues, I had an unrest within

me that showed me the interpretation was wrong. It is the inner witness of the Spirit. I prayed further about it and I had the voice of the Spirit like my thoughts that said 'that sister represents you and the church'.

Inner Voice of the Spirit

> *Acts 10:19 "While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee."*

This is a voice within us which can be strong like someone is talking to us from inside or faintly like our thoughts. Many will most times take this for their thought. The believer is the house of God and the Spirit can always superimpose God's word on our thoughts.

So, as you pray about the dream, expect the witness and the voice of the Spirit to guide your interpretation.

CHAPTER 4
DEALING WITH NEGATIVE DREAMS

Let's assume the dream is a negative one, what you do next is to rise in your position of victory over the enemy and cancel the dream from coming into existence. This you must do in faith!

> *Matthew 18:18 Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

You are a child of God and He is concerned about your life. He had made a provision for your safety and well-being here on earth. Your life is only under God and yourself not anybody or a demon. Spirits do not just jump on people. They must be permitted and there are occasions that the permission the enemy is looking for is your fearful words and actions after the dream.

The dream was sent to you from the spiritual realm but the above scriptures shows us that anything you bind on earth is bound in heaven and anything you lose here is lose there. This means that what the enemy has done in the spirit is never the final. You either permit it here or cancel it.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Satan will run away from you if you will rise up in boldness and command him to leave you with his dream. Reject the evil dream and it won't come to pass in your life. You must know that you are the first Prophet of your own life. You resist him in the name of Jesus. *John 14:14 If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.* Declare that the dream is nullified in the name of Jesus and it shall be so. Jesus will see to it! Don't be afraid again but rise up and command the recurring evil dream to stop coming.

You have been raised high above Satan and his agents not to talk of ordinary dreams! *Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.* You are above Satan! To be afraid over dreams is to lack the knowledge of your position in God. The whole forces of heaven are backing you up.

For example, years ago I had so many issues with eating in dreams but it stopped when I got a hold of God's word. Many are still bound with this kind of dream but the way out is the scriptures.

A) In the scriptures, only God gave people food to eat. Check through the bible, Satan didn't give people food to eat.

B) Jesus said what defiles a man comes only from his heart not what comes into him through the mouth.

> *Mark 7:15-16 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.*

What so ever will happen to you depend on what is in your heart and mouth not what you eat.

C) Even if you believe it's a poison, Satan gave you.

Believe the words of Jesus.

> *Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;*

Eat or drink, no harm! This is the gospel!

Right now, in the name of Jesus Christ, I declare according to the word of God, you are above satanic dreams in Jesus name. Your life henceforth is opened to dreams from God! I pray that His plans and purpose be revealed to you through your dreams in the name of Jesus. Amen!

CHAPTER 5
ENFORCING YOUR GODLY DREAMS

You don't just say because you have a dream from God that it will just happen without you doing anything. You have to write it down, believe it, pray over it and keep declaring it to pass.

> *1Tim 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightiest war a good warfare.*

The meaning of this is that the future you have seen in your dream was given to you by the Lord to guide how you live your life and also to pray. You must stand in the word of God and call it to pass just as God called the earth to manifestation out of nothing. That good dream is the seed of your future and when God gave you, it got planted so your duty is to water it to fruition through prayers and the word of God.

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