



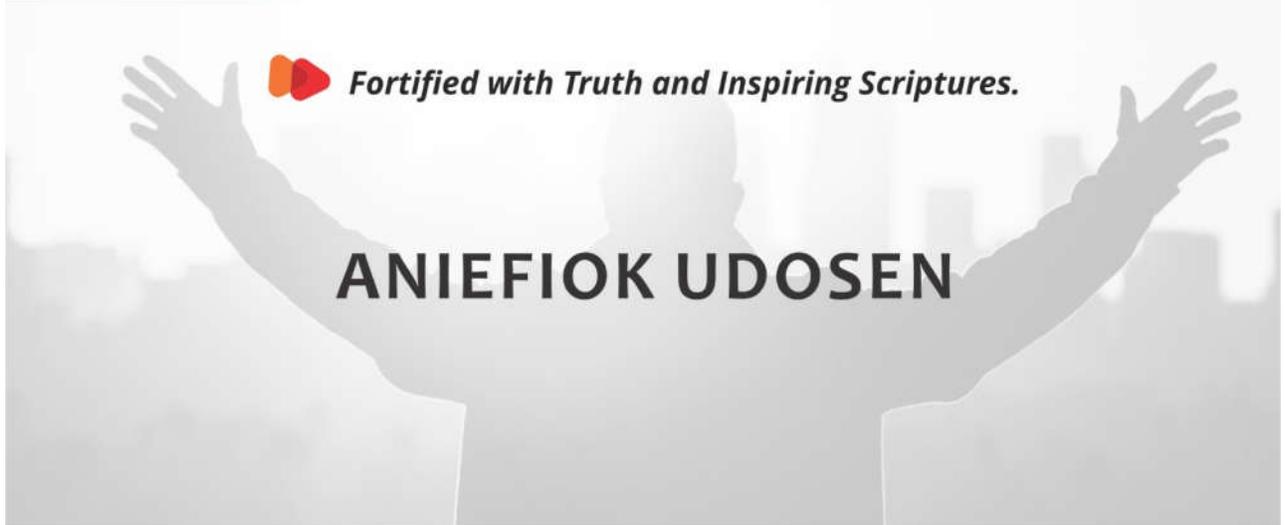
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THE TREASURE (1)**Matthew 13:44; Matthew 12:34-35**

The word treasure refers to something valuable, worth working, keeping and fighting for. It means a place of safekeeping or store house. It also means a deposit. It is an amount you pay to seal your agreement for buying a particular good or service.

Good treasures are the deposits of the kingdom that you must have in your heart that will ensure that good things are drawn to your life. God has given you willingly of all good and perfect things that pertain to life and godliness. [2 Peter 1:3] It is your own responsibility to ensure you have good treasure in your heart.

PRAYER: Lord, give me wisdom on how to apply the truth of your word in storing the right things in my heart

Study and Meditate On: Revelation 1:1-10

THE TREASURE (2)**Matthew 13:44; Matthew 12:34-35**

It is not automatic that the good man will bring forth good things. Rather, he has to bring them forth from the treasures of his heart. It is the treasure he has stored in his heart that will determine the things that will be found in his life. The good man does not bring forth good things from being good but from the goodness of the treasure of his heart.

The second important and inevitable key to good things is good treasures in your heart. It is possible to be a good man - child of God - and lack the acquisition of good things. What you have in your life is an expression of what you have in your heart. You must have good things in your heart that are not subject to your environment or a personality.

**PRAYER: Lord, help me to store up the things that my destiny needs
in my heart**

Study and Meditate On: Revelation 1:11-20

THE TREASURE (3)**Matthew 13:44; Matthew 12:34-35**

Some people have found a way of managing their Christian faith and the world system together. The two will never work together; it will only lead you as a captive to the devil under the world system. The challenge is how to find out God's provision for you. This puts a responsibility on you, which is to store up your heart with the good treasures which will eventually produce the good things.

God will work with the good treasures in your heart as you operate His principles to produce all the good things you need in life. Be conscious of the things you store in your heart. Are they good enough treasures? Let your focus be on God's word, His prophecies and promises about your life. It is the good treasure that will produce the good things in your life.

PRAYER: Pray for all-round blessing this month

Study and Meditate On: Amos 1:1-15

THE TREASURE (4)**Matthew 13:44; Matthew 12:34-35**

“Good things” from the Greek word **“Agathos”** refers to benefits. The goods are the things that are touchable, tangible, visible, beneficial and necessary for earthly existence. For example, as a student, books and school fees will be good things while as a father, money to take care of your rent, car, house to mention but three are the good things.

Treasure is the deposit of the Kingdom that is placed in your heart which will produce tangible, visible, touchable good things in your life. You can bring forth all the good things from the good treasure. Note that you will be the one to bring forth. God has done His part, you will take responsibility to load the treasure in your life and ensure good things are produced and delivered in your life.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to deposit the treasure that will bring everything that pertains to life and godliness into my life

Study and Meditate On: Amos 2:1-16

POSITION YOURSELF CORRECTLY**Deuteronomy 30:19**

It is very crucial to ask God for the power to make right choices. Choices make or mar us. Right choices will improve or simplify your life and reduce errors in your life. To make right choices, you need to have the Holy Spirit and right mentors.

Procrastination, which means postponing what you can do today till another time, is an enemy you must fight every day. Making choices involves risk taking. Your choices can either lead to upliftment or regression. There are many activities calling for your attention, which do not contribute to your destiny fulfilment. Engage more in activities that will make you become more sensitive to God and more powerful with God. Get involved in activities that will earn you eternal relevance and remembrance.

PRAYER: I align my steps and decisions with the pace of the Holy Spirit

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 6:1-28

GET RID OF TIME WASTERS (1)**Joshua 13:1**

For Joshua, there was a regret for aging and yet he had a lot of grounds to cover. You are not getting younger either, no matter the beauty/youthful enhancement strategies, you are getting older! If you have not accomplished what you should have within a stipulated period, then you've wasted time. Some things can't just be done at old age.

You need to eliminate time wasters from your daily schedule so you can focus on pursuing God's course for your life and not get distracted.

TIME WASTERS YOU NEED TO GET RID OF

1. **Wrong People:** These are people God didn't plant in your life. Some of them came into your life through the devil, some came through other people and some became part of your life because you added them. You need to get rid of them because they'll waste the substance of your destiny.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, open my eyes to see and eliminate time wasters
in my life

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 7:1-14

GET RID OF TIME WASTERS (2)

Joshua 13:1

TIME WASTERS YOU NEED TO GET RID OF

2. **Offences and Unforgiveness:** If you hold people down, you're also held down.
3. **Sins:** Using your time to commit evil acts ruins.
4. **Rebellion**
5. **Wrong relationships**
6. **Unnecessary pleasure**
7. **Unnecessary compromise**
8. **Regret:** Don't mourn over the past - it is gone. Reach out for the future and use it to correct flaws of the past.
9. **Fear**
10. **Unbelief**
11. **Incomplete or lack of training that produces avoidable mistakes.**

PRAYER: Lord, I reject all time wasters in my life

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 7:15-28

GET GOD INVOLVED (1)**2 Kings 6:1-3**

Whatever you do, be sure the anointing is involved. Felling of trees for expansion may look trivial, but the sons of the prophets didn't take that for granted; they still asked the anointed to get involved.

Get God involved - get His word involved; get His Spirit involved in everything – natural and spiritual – that you do. This is the key to perpetual victory.

It is those that God goes with that will not be stranded. Get Him involved in all that you engage in - relationships, career, business, investments, planning, etc.

PRAYER: Lord open my eyes to see my kingdom connection to your anointing

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 4:1-18

GET GOD INVOLVED (2)**Proverbs 16:3**

Before you put your neck into anything at all, always ask, how does the anointing feel about it? Once the anointing in you reacts against what you want to do, hold it! If the anointed reacts against it also, hold it!

It is your responsibility to know who carries the anointing around you and for you and respond to their feelings about the steps you take. Before engaging in any affair of life, consult:

1. The Word of God. [John 1:1]
2. The Spirit in You. [1 John 2:21]
3. The Anointed around You. [1 Samuel 15:1-35]

PRAYER: Pray for sensitivity in the spirit

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 4:19-37

THE GOOD TREASURES OF THE LORD (1)**Deuteronomy 28:12**

When the Lord opens His good treasures to a man, the man enjoys incredible favour and various manifestations of God's goodness and power. This is not limited to money or finances alone; every aspect of his life comes under divine attention and peculiar provision.

There is also divine connection to provisions to meet up with seasonal changes and demand. You have what it takes to be a husband or wife; when children come, you have what it takes to be a father or mother; when you come out of school, a good job rolls to your path; when you're matured for marriage, a good husband or wife is joined to you by the Lord.

PRAYER: I receive the good treasures of the Lord into my life today

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 2:1-15

THE GOOD TREASURES OF THE LORD (2)**Deuteronomy 28:12**

Your tithe is a major tool to connect to the open treasures of the Lord. Tithers are covenant-carriers. God must open the floodgate of heaven and bless them such that their barns will not be able to contain it.

When you're due for another level in the Spirit, God's grace moves you on. You are strong to do difficult tasks. You have wisdom to solve problems as they arise. Everyone you meet takes it upon himself or herself to bless you and help you accomplish your purpose.

All the works of your hands get blessed - nothing fails in your hand. You become a great achiever in God and He sustains you in good health to function excellently. The Lord has opened to you His good treasures, so, begin to enjoy it.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, open unto me and my family your good treasure

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 2:16-30

OBEY DIVINE INSTRUCTIONS (1)**Genesis 3:1-19**

Delayed obedience usually becomes disobedience. Once you receive an instruction from God, the best thing to do is obey Him immediately, or take steps that commit you to obey. The root of problems between God and His people is disobedience to His instructions.

Disobeyed instruction was what caused Adam and Eve to lose their place in the Garden of Eden. Every tragedy in your life and every problem that mankind has today is not just the devil; it came as a result of one instruction or the other that you disobeyed, ignored or misunderstood.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to obey you at all times

Study and Meditate On: James 4:1-17

OBEY DIVINE INSTRUCTIONS (2)**Genesis 3:1-19**

Instructions keep you within divine structure where your protection and prosperity are insured. The Bible says, *if you are willing and obedient you shall eat the good of the land.* [Isaiah 1:19] The greatest blessings from God comes when you obey Him. Your provisions for life and destiny are in the place of your obedience.

God always rewards obedience to instructions. God's instructions come to you through personal study of His word, special services or meetings and through your pastor. Take heed to God's instructions for you. Great things happen when instructions are obeyed properly and judgment comes when there is disobedience. Always write down, go over and obey divine instructions.

PRAYER: Pray for the spirit of obedience and submission

Study and Meditate On: Proverbs 12:1-28

**LINKING UP WITH KEY PERSONALITIES
OF YOUR DESTINY (1)
Genesis 40:1-8**

When you meet the key personalities of your destiny, it is the gift of God in your life and the freshness of your relationship with Him that will play the most important role in your teaming up. In the fulfillment of God's vision for Joseph, He brought him in contact with the baker and the butler. It was the Lord that arranged them to meet in the prison.

This generation still needs the kind of divine linkages that happened in the Bible. Elijah dropped his mantle on Elisha and he understood that it was the Lord that was calling him to a destiny training process. Apostle Paul came to the local assembly where Timothy was a brother who had a good report among the brethren and Paul invited him into an apostolic destiny.

**PRAYER: Lord, help me to recognize the linkages you have created
for me**

Study and Meditate On: Psalms 118:1-18

**LINKING UP WITH KEY PERSONALITIES
OF YOUR DESTINY (2)
Genesis 40:1-8**

There are some people today who prefer someone that God has not joined them to. The joining that God orchestrates will always have all that you need; the relationship that God joins you to will always have all that you need. Paul and Timothy formed an unbeatable team; Elijah and Elisha formed an unshakable team. The relationships that God joins you to supplies something spectacular to your life or journey that makes your destiny possible.

You need to discover the people that God is linking you with. Most Christians don't spend enough time praying so they depend more on their brain than on the Holy Spirit; this has nudged this generation of Christians down the path where the devil can exploit them.

PRAYER: Pray that nothing will hinder the blessings of God due you

Study and Meditate On: Psalms 119:1-20

**LINKING UP WITH KEY PERSONALITIES
OF YOUR DESTINY (3)
Genesis 40:1-8**

As a child of God, you must develop your walk with God and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit for your personal advantage. There are remarkable answers waiting for you in the presence of God but you won't be able to access them if you are not growing as a Christian.

An office cleaner can become the spiritual counsellor of his chief executive officer because God has planned that the chief executive officer will have a role in his future but it will be the job that connects them.

Take your spiritual development serious. Don't join the multitude of Christians that assume only pastors ought to develop themselves spiritually. You will need it if you will fulfil God's purpose for your life.
Is your spiritual life at the level that your destiny needs it to be?

PRAYER: Lord, help me to develop my spiritual life to the level that my destiny needs it to be

Study and Meditate On: Psalms 119:21-40

EVERYTHING STARTS FROM A SEED (1)**Genesis 1:1-12; 24-31**

In creation, God showed us the strength, power, efficacy, significance and continuity of life in the **SEED**. Anybody who does not respect his seed simply has no respect for his future.

In creation, God started the whole human race with two people! God will not just do a gigantic thing at once on the earth. He works with the seed. Everything you'll see starts its manifestation with seed. Once the seed is planted, multiples of it will come out as the harvest after it's gone through the normal germination process.

Do you know that when God spoke to the earth, herbs and trees, God specifically mentioned that they should be plants carrying their seed in them?

PRAYER: Lord, I receive grace to identify my seed, ground and time

Study and Meditate On: Jeremiah 48:1-20

EVERYTHING STARTS FROM A SEED (2)**Mark 4:26-29; Genesis 8:22**

The manifestations you'll have will only be the multiples of the seeds you sowed. Blessings do not start by mere praying, knowing people or cutting corners; it simply starts with sowing seeds for those miracles. Once you can get the seed and you put it in the ground then your harvest (multiples of the seed sown) is inevitable.

The kind of harvest you are seeking determines what seed you need to sow. You don't have to worry whether your seed will grow or not, once it is planted in the ground you can be sure that your harvest is coming.

You want healing? Sow the word of healing. God's word is a seed, money is a seed, actions are seeds, and attitudes are seeds. **SOW TO SEE YOUR HARVEST!**

PRAYER: Declare the things you desire before the month ends

Study and Meditate On: Jeremiah 48:21-47

BECOME AWARE OF YOUR FUTURE BEFORE THE ENEMY (1)**1 Corinthians 2:7-12**

Awareness and knowledge are very powerful tools in the hand of a man and everyone must seek to be aware of things that matter in life and destiny. You must seek to be aware of timings and seasons in your life, things in your present and future and things concerning your destiny.

The Bible explains that God's people are destroyed not because of the devil's strength or their own weakness but because of ignorance. [Hosea 4:6] This means ignorance, lack of awareness and lack of knowledge is more destructive than the devil!

Awareness is knowledge of things around and about you. Awareness inspires action where every other person is careless. It brings discretion and comportsment when and where other people want to cast off restraint.

PRAYER: Pray for divine awareness in the spirit

Study and Meditate On: Jeremiah 49:1-16

BECOME AWARE OF YOUR FUTURE BEFORE THE ENEMY (2)**1 Corinthians 2:7-12**

Lack of awareness reveals stupidity and can lead to untimely death. The awareness that healthcare workers and medical personnel have about the hospital environment helps them to relate carefully with the environment by not touching the railings, walls, etc. unlike others who are ignorant of the dangerous germs in the area.

The awareness that you have a glorious future ahead of you must dawn on you and bear upon everything you do. It must help you take decisions that will guarantee that future. This awareness must help you come to a place of saying no to the temptations of the devil planned to rob you of your future.

PRAYER: Lord, show me where I fit into your plan and enable me by grace to take decisions that will guarantee my glorious future

Study and Meditate On: Jeremiah 49:17-39

BECOME AWARE OF THE FUTURE BEFORE YOUR ENEMY (3)**1 Corinthians 2:7-12**

Let it be known to you that if there is nothing precious in your future, the devil will not tempt you so much. Why does he try to rope you into things that can affect your future negatively?

If you were ordinary, don't you think the devil should just leave you alone? Be aware and let your awareness of your destiny and future help you make plans and decisions that will guarantee your tomorrow.

The danger of allowing the enemy to become aware of your destiny before you is that the enemy will prepare ahead of you and then work on your life and leave you in a condition that when your destiny appears, you are no longer fit for it.

PRAYER: Pray against the influence of the enemy in your life

Study and Meditate On: Jeremiah 50:1-25

WHAT CAN YOU SEE? (1)**Numbers 13:1-33**

The ability to see is one of the greatest assets a man can carry in life. What you see will determine how far you can go with God and how far you will go in life. It is therefore important that as a child of God you ensure that you are standing in a position where you can see well in life.

Taking a careful look at Habakkuk 2:1-3, we see that the prophet took a position where he could hear God well. There is a position you will take in life that the counsel of the Lord will never open to you and there is a position you will take that will make God disposed to talking to you.

PRAYER: Lord I receive the grace to see the things that you want me to see

Study and Meditate On: Jeremiah 51:1-20

WHAT CAN YOU SEE? (2)**Numbers 14:1-45**

God called Abraham and told him, *look up toward heaven and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them....* Abraham saw beyond ordinary stars on that day. What are you seeing? We will only see things better when we go to the place of prayer in fellowship with God and the Holy Spirit. When your fellowship with God is low, it will affect what you see. In Jeremiah 1: 11, God asked His prophet, *“what do you see?”*

It's when you see what God wants you to see that you will enter into your inheritance not when you are seeing what men and circumstances are showing you. There are people today that when they are in a situation or circumstance, they don't see God any longer but the circumstances, forgetting that the only thing that can solve the problem is what they see through God.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, open my eyes to your will for my life

Study and Meditate On: Jeremiah 51:21-40

WHAT CAN YOU SEE? (3)
Jeremiah 1:11; Genesis 13:5

Like Jeremiah the prophet, you must see well in life and to see well is to see what God is showing you through the eyes of the Spirit. When David was in battle with Goliath, he did not allow the circumstance of the battle to affect what he saw. While all the soldiers of Saul saw Goliath as a giant that could not be defeated, David saw him as an uncircumcised Philistine that is already condemned to die.

The soldiers that followed Saul to battle accepted the words of Goliath that they were armies of Saul but David saw them as the armies of the living God. Always see beyond the natural or physical. Begin to see things and men the way God sees them. What you see will affect what you get.

PRAYER: I refuse to accept the verdict of the enemy against me

Study and Meditate On: Jeremiah 51:41-64

THINGS THAT AFFECT WHAT YOU SEE (1)**Joshua 14:7-8**

1. **The condition of your heart:** You see things the way they are in your heart. If your heart is far away from God, you will see things completely different from the way God sees them. Always position your heart well because it will always affect what you see. Joshua 14:8 says, *"Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God."* We see that this man brought the word as it was in his heart.

2. **Environment:** This is one of the major factors that will affect what you see. When you are in a negative environment, it will not allow you to see what is right because you will always see things in the wrong perspective. When you are in a positive environment, you will see what God wants you to see. This is one of the things that helped David to see right. He was always in a right position with God.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, give me a heart after your heart

Study and Meditate On: Jeremiah 52:1-17

THINGS THAT AFFECT WHAT YOU SEE (2)**Genesis 13:14-15; Judges 16:1-31**

3. Relationships in the physical side: The people you relate with will also determine how you see. When you walk with people that can challenge your faith, you see well. There are people that for as long as you are still with them you will not see well.

Until Lot separated from Abraham, God could not communicate the next level to Abraham. Your relationship and association will affect what you see and how you see. Samson lost his vision ultimately in life because of the wrong relationship he kept. [Judges 16:1-31]

PRAYER: Oh Lord, separate me from relationships that will make me not to see things of life from your perspective

Study and Meditate On: Jeremiah 52:18-34

THINGS THAT AFFECT WHAT YOU SEE (3)**Genesis 13:14-15**

4. **Compromise or disobedience in your life:** God told Abraham to go out of his father's house but he took Lot along. This was one of the little pieces of disobedience that affected his sight. Disobedience to divine instructions will always affect what you see.

5. **Not recognizing where you are:** God said to Abraham in Genesis 13:14, "*Look from the place where thou art.*" Knowing where you are affects what you see. Look at Adam and Eve, immediately they recognized where they were after eating the fruit, it affected what they saw. That was when they saw that they were naked. Always recognize and stay in the right place so that you can see well.

PRAYER: Dedicate yourself afresh to God

Study and Meditate On: Judges 17:1-13

THINGS THAT AFFECT WHAT YOU SEE (4)**Psalms 73:1-28**

6. **The Word of God:** When you spend enough time meditating on the word of God, it will surely affect what you see because you get deeper insights into the word and see better because your faith will increase and when your faith increases, it will affect what you see.

7. **Prayer:** This is one of the major things that will affect what you see. In Psalms 73, David said that when he was considering the prosperity of the wicked, he got discouraged and believed that serving God is in vain but when he went into the sanctuary of the Lord to pray, he saw their end. He did not know their end until he began to pray. Take time to pray and you will experience God and see better.

**PRAYER: I receive the power and grace to take my fellowship with
God seriously**

Study and Meditate On: Psalms 74:1-23

WHEN NO IS NOT REJECTION BUT PRECISION (1)**Romans 8:28**

There are times that God does not allow things to go our way so that we can be in the right way. Left to Joseph, he would have wished to continue in his father's house till he was old but that would merely mean good life but no destiny. He was hated, sold out, imprisoned, humiliated, only to get to the throne.

There is a time you must be rejected, sent away, sent packing so that you can depart from a land or a people where destiny will never be a reality. The wrong people must say no to you so that the right people can say yes to you.

Rejection is not always negative; it is never meant to mar your self-esteem or self-image. It is a tool used by God to separate men from the land of 'no-destiny' to the land flowing with milk and honey.

PRAYER: I declare that all things will work together for my good

Study and Meditate On: Ezekiel 47:1-23

WHEN NO IS NOT REJECTION BUT PRECISION (2)**Romans 8:28**

You must always learn to place people's actions and attitudes towards you in the light of divine programme. See issues in the light of what God is working out. Romans 8:28 tells us, *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."*

When God lay hold of men's mistakes plus Satan's wickedness against you and mixes it with His mercy, the result is always solutions, answers, wisdom steps, grace multiplied, promotions, divine lifting and lots more.

Always see **NO** as a precision and not a rejection and you will enjoy all the amazing packages that God has in store for you in life.

PRAYER: Lord, I decrease that you may increase in my life

Study and Meditate On: Ezekiel 48:1-35

RESPONSIBILITY IN THE PLACE OF PRAYER (1)**Matthew 26:36-38**

There are many prayer warriors but a few prayer champions. From our anchor scripture today, you will notice two instructions Jesus passed to two sets of His disciples:

Set 1: "Sit here while I go and pray."

Set 2: "Stay here and watch with Me."

In our relationships with God, there are levels of responsibilities and revelations. The dealings of God with and in our lives will be determined by the responsibilities that He commits into our care.

PRAYER: Pray for Nigeria

Study and Meditate On: Exodus 35:1-16

RESPONSIBILITY IN THE PLACE OF PRAYER (2)**Matthew 26:36-38**

The Bible says, *"To whom much is given, much is required."* [Luke. 12:48]
It is not every believer or person that the Lord can say to, *"Watch with Me."* There are some people that He will say to, *"tarry here while I go and pray yonder."*

For those Jesus wanted to play a crucial role in the drama that was about to unfold - the greatest battle that heaven and hell had ever fought over the human race was about being fought at that time - He required the three of His disciples to tarry and watch with Him.

Understand that you can build up your life and walk with God to the point that God can make you a deciding factor in your city, nation, country, generation, church and family. You can be the deciding factor by a well-developed, sound and solid spiritual walk with God.

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, bring me into a closer level of relationship and responsibility with the Father as I walk with Him

Study and Meditate On: Exodus 35:17-35

PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE AND EFFECTUAL PRAYER (1)**Matthew 6:9-13**

Today, we will begin a dissection of the Lord's Prayer. The first lesson you need to learn from the Lord's Prayer is that it is a pattern to guide you in prayer, not a format to repeat. When you turn it into prayer itself, you will be involved in vain repetition.

Principle 1 - True prayer is based on relationship: The first thing that Jesus said is, *"When you pray say, Our Father which art in heaven."* True prayer is based on a relationship. He is our Father and we are His children. One of the clearest ways to prove that someone is a child of God is that he or she has answers to prayers. Receiving definite and direct answers to the prayers you pray to the Father distinguishes you from every other person on earth.

PRAYER: Ask for grace to know God more

Study and Meditate On: Leviticus 25:1-25

PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE AND EFFECTUAL PRAYER (2)**Matthew 6:9-13**

Principle 2 – Worship: The second principle of effective prayer as laid down by Christ in Matthew 6:9 is worship. When Jesus said, “*Hallowed be Your name,*” He was teaching us the pattern for honouring, worshipping and adoring our God.

Worshipping God is not primarily about singing but about how you esteem Him with your life—in and out of church. Many people pray just to soothe their conscience, but prayer is more than soothing your conscience. Effective prayer is a two-way communication with the living God, by a human being living in a covenant relationship with God. Don't form the habit of praying to soothe your conscience or just praying as a religious duty. Let your heart permanently express true worship in and out of prayer with a life that eschews evil, lavishes on the Lord and esteems God above all.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to always worship you in spirit and in truth

Study and Meditate On: Leviticus 25:26-55

PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE AND EFFECTUAL PRAYER (3)**Matthew 6:9-13; 1 John 2:17**

Principle 3 - The will of God: We pray to enforce the will of God on the earth as it is in heaven. The will of God in heaven is clear. There is no challenge or contrary opinion to the will of God in heaven. However, on the earth, you have to know how to pray in order to have the will of God done in your life. If you don't know how to pray effectively, the will of the devil will be done in your life and affairs.

Prayer can be used to deal with any subject of life. What's the will of God for your children and your family? Well-being: peace, orderliness, comfort, good health, love and joy. Take time to search the scriptures to find the will of God in every situation you are passing through and take your stand in the place of prayer until your life on earth becomes a reflection of God's will.

PRAYER: Lord, I reverse every experience in my life that is not your will for my life

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 4:1-25

PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE AND EFFECTUAL PRAYER (4)**Matthew 6:12-15; Luke 11:4**

Principle 4 – Forgiveness: Unforgiveness hinders prayers. If God does not forgive your trespasses, certainly your prayers cannot be answered. Many people today are prayer failures because they walk in unforgiveness. This is also the reason a lot of families are weak in prayer. When you are weak in prayer, you are weak in the power of God. When you are weak in the power of God, the devil is strong in your life and strong against you because there are so many offences in your life.

You need to get rid of the unforgiving spirit. It's a great hindrance to the fulfilment of destiny for any man on the surface of the earth. If you want to have an effective prayer life, forgive. You can practise forgiving people before they offend you. When you wake up in the morning, just say something like, *“Father, I forgive anybody that will offend me today.”*

PRAYER: Lord, I forgive everyone that has offended me in the past
and I receive the grace to react in love towards everyone
today

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 4:26-49

ALWAYS PRAY THE MIND OF GOD (1)**Mark 11:20-25**

Prayer is not a question of **“if you pray”** but **“when you pray”**. Every believer that will be successful needs to pray. You must believe in the efficacy of prayers. Many people pray with the mind that, *“If I pray hard enough, I will change the mind of God. If I pester God enough, I will change the mind of God.”* No, you can't change the mind of God!
[Numbers 23:19]

Many believers pray with that wrong mentality because they don't know the mind of God before they start praying. One of the keys to effective and successful prayer is to first of all find out what is the mind of God on an issue before you start praying.

PRAYER: Lord, I thank you for your word that reveals your mind to
me

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 14:1-20

ALWAYS PRAY THE MIND OF GOD (2)**Mark 11:20-25**

Praying against the will of God is a fruitless exercise; This is because God's will is perfect. He doesn't need improvement and does not need to change His mind on any matter whatsoever.

Jesus said, "*And when you pray...*" You need to know when you should pray and how to pray. That's important! Most people pray, but their prayers are not answered.

You need to get to a place of prayer power that not only will you become a prayer warrior, but you can do your own praying and get answers for yourself and be a blessing to other people. Remember, if you will get answers from God, then you need to always pray the mind of God.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, from today, I co-operate with your mind and counsel in all that concerns me

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 14:21-45

DON'T PRAY AS HYPOCRITES DO (1)**Matthew 6:5**

Jesus said, “...*you shall not be like the hypocrites.*” In this context of prayer, a hypocrite is a person who does not believe in prayer itself but does it to please people so that people can think that he/she is close to God. It is a form of religious deception.

Jesus gave the example of the Pharisees and the Sadducees of His day as a prototype of the hypocrites. It was not the posture or place of their prayer that was wrong but their motive. They wanted to be seen by men and to be hailed and praised as people who could pray. Jesus made it very clear that praise and human applause was their reward.

PRAYER: Lord, purify my heart and let it be as gold in your presence

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 15:1-20

DON'T PRAY AS HYPOCRITES DO (2)**Matthew 6:5**

Prayer is a two-way communication between a person and God for fellowship and for changing situations and circumstances that require divine intervention and divine involvement. You can't afford to pray simply to show off. Some people do so and that is all the reward they will get.

Another problem many believers have is that in a bid to avoid the rebuke of others, they say, *"Well, my prayer is just between me and my God. I'm praying silently in my heart."* That is not what Jesus was saying here. He was neither teaching silent prayer nor praying in your bedroom alone. Rather, he was dealing with the motives of the hearts of the people.

PRAYER: Lord, deliver me from wrong motives in the place of prayer

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 15:21-41

PRAYING IN YOUR CLOSET (1)

Matthew 6:6

Matthew 6 covers the extensive teachings of Jesus on the subject of prayers. In this chapter, Jesus clearly teaches the principles that should govern your prayer time so that you can get answers to your prayers and not waste your energy and time.

While Jesus described hypocrites in Matthew 6:5, He described a child of God coming to the Father in verse 6. When Jesus said, "*Enter into thy closet,*" he was referring to a chamber on the ground floor in some houses used for privacy or for storing things. That is, it is a place where you can be alone and you can pour out your heart without fear of somebody eavesdropping or disturbing and distracting you.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to always maximize my prayer time

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 16:1-25

PRAYING IN YOUR CLOSET (2)**Matthew 6:6**

Your closet will be a place or time that you are free from distractions of life, that you can have privacy with your God - interact, discuss and share your heart with Him as well as hear what He has to say to you without anything restraining you.

Have you been in a church service before where the man of God says God is telling him that everybody should make three requests and whatever they ask God will answer? People will usually turn away from every other person and say things they don't want any other person to hear. That is, many times when we are praying and people are there, we may be saying things that we don't really mean – things that we want to say to impress people – and prayer is never for the sake of another person or for impressing another person. Prayer is communicating with God.

**PRAYER: Lord, deliver me from wandering thoughts and distractions
in the place of prayer**

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 16:26-50

PRAYING IN YOUR CLOSET (3)**Mark 1:35; Matthew 26:41**

Jesus always rose up very early in the morning and prayed in a solitary place. He went to a place where He could have a closet-kind of environment, where He could have privacy and even there, they sought Him. And when they found Him they said to Him, *“All men are looking for you.”*

One important principle for a successful prayer hour is this: when you wake up in the morning, get up from the bed and change location. Many people don't pray successfully because they wake up from their sleep and stay on the bed to pray. The truth is more often than not, you will end up sleeping rather than praying.

PRAYER: Lord, deliver me from the weakness of my flesh

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 17:1-13

PRAYING IN YOUR CLOSET (4)**Matthew 26:41; Mark 14:38**

The devil and your body don't want you to pray and they will cancel your desire to pray and you will find out that you regularly oversleep and are now only ready for work. Jesus summarized this experience by saying, *"The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."* This means it takes more than a willing spirit to pray - it takes a conquered flesh to pray.

If your home does not provide the atmosphere for you to pray in the morning, there could be another time. It could be in the evening or an all-night.

In the life of Jesus, you will find out that many times He prayed in the middle of the night, all night long.

PRAYER: Lord, I receive your strong hand of deliverance upon my life

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 18:1-16

PRAYING IN YOUR CLOSET (5)**Luke 5:15-16**

Entering into your closet is withdrawing from distractions, withdrawing from relationships, withdrawing from interactions with people, situations and circumstances; and going to pray.

You have to withdraw from the problem you want to pray about so that it doesn't destabilize you. You need to go to God, unburden your heart, pray to Him and He will hear in the secret.

It does not necessarily mean that you have to go into a closet like a toilet, though you could do that. However, you must learn the principle that sometimes, 'the closet' is a time when you are alone.

PRAYER: Dear Holy Spirit, I permit You to call me apart in the midst of the hustle and bustle of life to a place of prayer

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 18:17-32

PRAYING IN YOUR CLOSET (6)**Luke 5:15-16**

The devil will always attack your closet time. He will focus on the time that you need privacy with God, but at other times when people are with you, he leaves you alone. There are times the Holy Spirit comes to you to stir you up to pray. You need to withdraw from people at such times.

Many times, to get a closet-kind of environment, you have to excuse yourself from human presence. Just say, *“Please excuse me, I just want to spend the next ten minutes with God,”* then go somewhere. When you begin to practise that courageously, people will respect you for it and then you'll discover that you will begin to be more powerful in the place of prayer.

PRAYER: Lord, I receive the sensitivity to know when You are drawing me and when the devil is attacking me

Study and Meditate On: Numbers 19:1-22

TEST TIME, PROMOTION TIME (1)**Genesis 22:1; Proverbs 4:18**

God has marked out a plan of persistent promotion for you. He has a package of increasing glory for His children. Proverbs 4:18 (KJV) tells us, *“But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”* Job 8:7 also tells us, *“Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.”*

God has a principle - the principle of promotion. **No one gets lifted or promoted without passing a test.** It is a law of the justice of God. When it is time for you to go to another level in God, you will be tested by God Himself. God allows tests to come our way because it is promotion time!

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, help me to be sensitive to the times of tests meant for my promotion

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 1:1-23

TEST TIME, PROMOTION TIME (2)**Genesis 22:1; Proverbs 4:18**

When trials come your way, when you are tempted as it were or when tests come, it is not because God hates you. In fact, it is not so that you can stumble but it is so that you can rise and change to a higher dimension of glory.

Tests are our time signal that promotion is around the corner! All you need to do is prepare to pass the test. Students don't conclude that the school is an oppressor because of exams. No; they read, pass and move on to the next level.

When tests, trials, temptations come, let the stuff of faith come out of your spirit; face it, go through and emerge a winner!

PRAYER: Pray for the stamina to take and pass your test and trial time

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 2:1-15

THE MANIFESTATION OF YOUR GOD-GIVEN DREAM (1)**Luke 13:10-16**

Most Christians are not willing to pay the price for the fulfilment of their God-given dream. The danger of miracle services is that it may not make you develop the sense of responsibility needed for the fulfilment of your destiny.

Miracle services are not designed for those that know where they are headed in life but for people in problems in the race of life. Some people are running from their problems while others are running to their purpose. Which one are you? Most Church goers are around the things of God because they want solution by all means. They are not bothered about salvation. The worst part is that there are many pastors offering them solution without salvation.

PRAYER: I receive the full experience of the package of salvation

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 2:16-30

THE MANIFESTATION OF YOUR GOD-GIVEN DREAM (2)**Luke 13:10-16**

The salvation that Jesus Christ purchased for us by His blood includes the solution to all our problems plus our divine destiny. Don't look for solutions to your problems and end your pursuit there because you have received your healing, got a husband or wife and your blessing has started. Find out what else God has in mind for you?

The fulfilment of this second phase of your need is what differentiates a New Testament ministry from look-alikes. You must understand the power of God and the wisdom of God. It is important to know that a minister of the gospel may carry the anointing to solve your problem and lack the wisdom to pastor you and lead you to your destiny.

PRAYER: I receive deliverance from every yoke of the devil

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 2:31-49

THE MANIFESTATION OF YOUR GOD-GIVEN DREAM (3)**Luke 13:10-16**

A complete, sufficient and necessary condition for the New Testament ministry is to lose the children of God from their bondage and lead them to their destiny. That is when you manifest your God-given dream.

Your race should not only be from your problems but daily into your purpose. This race must be purposeful and similar to that of athletes who have their sight set on the finish line; focusing all their energies and concentration on breasting the tape.

Bring all your energies to bear as you intelligently run towards the mark of your destiny.

PRAYER: I receive grace to pay the price required for the fulfilment of the God-given dream for my life

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 3:1-30

LET GOD DETERMINE YOUR FOCUS (1)**Matthew 14:28**

Problems are sent by the enemy to engage your attention so much that you think that problem is the only thing in your life. God will never cease to place your purpose in front of you as a permanent way to end the problems in your life.

Many young men and women marry wrongly because they have let their problems blind them from their divine purpose. God is always setting something of greater importance before you so that you won't be blinded by the devil's activity alone.

The Bible says, *"...the hope that is set before you," "behold I set before you..." "He prepares a table before you..."* If you allow God determine your focus, you will reach the heights He has ordained for you.

PRAYER: I receive deliverance from everything the devil is using to engage my attention

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 9:1-15

LET GOD DETERMINE YOUR FOCUS (2)**Matthew 14:28**

In our anchor scripture today, Peter said to Jesus, *“Lord if it be thou, bid me come to thee on the water”* and Jesus said, *“come.”* In reality, Jesus set Himself before Peter as he began to walk on water to get to Jesus. As long as he kept on looking at Jesus, he was experiencing the miracle of walking on water. As soon as Peter saw the boisterous wind, he was distracted and started sinking.

The devil will do everything to break your focus from what God has set before you – never allow him succeed. God is always setting a vision of your destiny before you. Keep looking at what God has set before you and stop comparing yourself with other people. Don’t let the devil cause you to lose sight of the fact that you are in God’s hands.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, I receive grace to focus on you no matter the distraction

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 9:16-27

GOD IS STILL COMMITTED (1)**1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

There is never any time that you get out of God's hands. You may be struggling through life but you are always in His Hands. He is holding you, shaping you and getting you fit for where He is taking you. God is irrevocably committed to the vision He has shown you.

That genuine God-given vision is God's way of saying, "*this is what I am committed to doing with your life*" and this vision is different from what you want to make of yourself out of ego or ambition. As long as you are co-operating with God's vision for your life, He will remain involved because He will always want to ensure His words come to pass as He will never say what He does not mean. God will tell you what He will contribute into your life. He will not let the enemy prevail over you.

PRAYER: Father, thank you for being irrevocably committed to the vision you have shown me

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 10:1-10

GOD IS STILL COMMITTED (2)**Isaiah 54:15**

That the devil gathers and musters some strength should not scare you. Once the devil sees you smiling, celebrating, having a good time or enjoying the blessings that God has bestowed on you, he will not be at ease.

The truth remains that God will set a table before you in the presence of your enemies. Therefore, the presence of the enemy should not scare or intimidate you. Your business is with the Father that sets the table before you. Just follow the schedule and plans of God and be rest assured that He will take care of the enemy.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, thank you for the understanding that the manifestation of my destiny is my responsibility

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 10:11-21

GOD IS STILL COMMITTED (3)**Isaiah 54:15**

The vision of God for your life is greater than the life you are presently living. When God called Abraham, He said, *"I have made you the father of many nations"* even though physically they were only two in the house. But from that time onwards, Abraham had to believe that word and start working out the divine process that would lead to the manifestation of that word and till today, whenever anyone becomes born again, the vision of Abraham is still coming to pass.

In the business of your destiny, you are in the manifestation department while God is in the revelation department. The revelation is what God gives you; the manifestation is what you do. How much you manifest of what God planned for you is your responsibility.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, I receive the grace not to limit the manifestation of the vision you showed me

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 11:1-10

BE AWARE OF DIVINE TIMING (1)**Psalms 110:3**

The manifestation of the success that God has purposed for you requires a healthy respect for time. Any moment of time that you don't attach a definite purpose to will be lost. Time is so mysterious that it slips out of the fingers of a lot of people. Attach an assignment to every moment of your life.

In the book of Joshua 13:1 (KJV) the Bible says, "*Now Joshua was old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.*" This was a failure report sheet literally meaning your time is up and you have not done your work. To avoid this kind of report at the end of your earthly sojourn, you must attach importance to every moment you spend on earth.

PRAYER: I receive the grace to be sensitive to the divine timing for the manifestation of my God-given dream

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 11:11-20

BE AWARE OF DIVINE TIMING (2)**Psalms 110:3**

There are some things that God has assigned for you to accomplish in the days of your youth. If you don't accomplish them in your youth, you may have the mental information but you will not have the physical strength anymore.

The womb of the morning is the earlier part of your life when there is energy, creativity and vision because the Bible says, "*old men shall dream dreams; young men shall see visions.*" There is a time in your life that God expects you to train, prepare, be a disciple and be equipped for the highest places in life.

PRAYER: Lord, teach me how to number my days and apply my heart to wisdom

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 11:21-30

BE AWARE OF DIVINE TIMING (3)**Psalms 110:3**

Once you move from youth to early adulthood with a carry-over of indiscipline and negative habits, and you refuse to change, your adult years will be full of sorrow and regrets but you can still change for good.

If your timing will ever be in tandem with that of heaven, you need a good coach. The job of a coach is to give you an awareness of time. The work of a pastor is to bring his members up to speed as touching the timing of God for their lives. You need a prophetic pastor that can look at you impartially and without fear. The children of Israel under Moses' leadership were in motion but had no progress. The simplest way to know that you are not making any progress is when you are still grappling with the same problems as before.

**PRAYER: I receive the personality sent by God to sensitize me to
divine timing**

Study and Meditate On: Daniel 11:31-45

SOWING THE WORD INTO YOUR LIFE AND EXPERIENCE (1)**Psalms 103:20**

God's word carries the substance of God to everywhere you send it. That is why it is called the Word of His Grace, the Word of His Power and the Word of Faith. God's word carries the ability of God and delivers God's outcome anywhere it is sown or sent.

The Holy Spirit ministers to us but angels minister for us. They act to execute the word of God for us. Angels are set to action for you every time you speak the word of God on a situation in your life. God says yes to His promise when declared by us or the anointed in Church. When you keep quiet and silent, it is the devil that mobilizes his demons.

PRAYER: Lord, I ask for grace to live a deliberate faith life and live by your words

Study and Meditate On: Psalms 136:1-26

SOWING THE WORD INTO YOUR LIFE AND EXPERIENCE (2)**Psalms 103:20**

You practically sow the word of God by speaking it. You plant the word of God in your heart by speaking it to yourself or hear it spoken by another person. When you want to sow the word of God to a situation, you speak the word of God relevant to that situation over the situation.

You can declare God's word over your family, household, projects and everything that concerns you. The devil's attack is to make you ashamed of speaking the word of God thereby making it impossible for you to sow seeds of the Kingdom of God into the situation.

No Seed, no Harvest! The devil prefers evil sowing which comes through the word of men so as to make you have a negative outcome.

PRAYER: Pray for the harvest of pleasant things for our church

Study and Meditate On: Psalms 137:1-9

SOWING THE WORD INTO YOUR LIFE AND EXPERIENCE (3)**Psalms 103:20**

When you declare and speak the word of God, angels hear it, demons hear it, your situation hears it and you also hear it. That word will move angels and also find men to do the word for you. The word can move and influence men, situation and things for you.

God has created a voice-activated world and kingdom. Divine provision does not come from heaven; it comes as you trigger the supernatural through the word of God. God will do so when you say so. Angels and forces of the kingdom are waiting for you to declare the word of faith. That word must be heard and spoken. You release your faith and change your situation as you speak the word of faith. Get started today and you will see the supernatural working for you.

PRAYER: **Speak God's word into any rough situation in your life**

Study and Meditate On: Psalms 138:1-8

THE FUNCTION OF WISDOM (1)**Matthew 7:24**

It is possible to obtain the result of a wise man without being one yet. One of the ways to become wise is to identify a wise man and follow his footsteps and actions. It takes wisdom to recognize wisdom. One of the marks of a fool is inability to recognize wisdom. You must strive that the word *fool* is never used to describe you in life by man or God.

Ensure that you are classed among the wise. The foolish man may get things done faster and cheaper by cutting corners but it is not a mark of wisdom as the future does not belong to the man doing it quick, but the man doing it right. Doing it right sometimes will take you more time and cost you more money but the future will be secured.

PRAYER: Lord, I pray for a fresh baptism of the Spirit of wisdom

Study and Meditate On: Psalms 140:1-13

THE FUNCTION OF WISDOM (2)

Matthew 7:24

Quality is cheaper in the long run as it is a mark of foolishness to do something cheap instead of doing it well. Wisdom thinks of how well a thing can be done and not how cheap.

Wisdom is an active force and virtue that affects the way one operates and determines an outstanding outcome. It is key to recognize that wisdom comes from God as He is the source of wisdom. A person may be intelligent and smart but this is not the same as wisdom. For instance, a crook may be intelligent but not wise. The factor of the fear of God in wisdom makes it complete and differentiates it from smartness. Wisdom is a Spirit that can be contacted through association and relation.

PRAYER: Lord, help me not to fight the fight of faith in foolishness

Study and Meditate On: Psalms 141:1-10

THE FUNCTION OF WISDOM (3)**Matthew 7:24**

There is a place of wisdom in the fight of faith that determines our outcome as believers. The God of faith is also the God of wisdom that makes our faith stable and complete. Sometimes, the devil will be waiting for you not to act in wisdom in addition to your faith like a man that had an accident and was bleeding but insisted that he will not treat the wound and will not go to the hospital as his Church does not believe in medicine.

This is an incomplete faith as it lacks practical wisdom. It is the failure of that man's faith that brought him into crisis and some people like this make unbelievers think that Christians are fools. Medicine is God's provision of divine wisdom to help our faith. Even though medicine may not help you solve the problem permanently, it helps you remain alive while your faith is sorting out the remaining details.

PRAYER: Pray for all those facing challenges of any kind that God will see them through

Study and Meditate On: Psalms 142:1-7

THE FUNCTION OF WISDOM (4)

James 1:1-5

The book of James says, "*if anyone lacks wisdom let him ask God who gives to all men liberally.*" Wisdom is that supernatural force that God gives a man that causes a man to see life the way God sees it. God sees the past, present and future as linked together.

Wisdom is not learnt in the four walls of school. Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge aright. It is possible to read fifty books on wealth and not be able to create wealth out of it. It takes more than information gathering to handle life.

Wisdom gathers information and has the ability to use it rightly and determine a better outcome. It takes wisdom to handle the crisis and the challenges of life.

PRAYER: Father, I ask that you will guide me in the path of wisdom

Study and Meditate On: Psalms 145:1-21

QUALITIES OF THE WISE (1)

Proverbs 4:1-10

Today, we shall consider three important qualities of a wise person.

1. A wise man is very observant. [Psalms 107:43]
2. The wise hear what is spoken as well as what is not spoken. They hear what is said but not spoken; they understand what is inferred from a discussion. [Proverbs 1:7] Develop the hearing nature; don't just listen but listen to hear.
3. The wise man learns from unlikely sources. Learning is a skill that wisdom brings to you. There is no faculty of wisdom and understanding in the university as it takes wisdom to learn from unlikely sources. Expect to find wisdom from unlikely places.

PRAYER: Pray for the impartation of divine wisdom

Study and Meditate On: Proverbs 1:1-16

QUALITIES OF THE WISE (2)**Proverbs 4:11-27**

4. The wise man gathers experts to work for him. The expert most times is not as wise as the wise man. He is the man with an idea and practical steps to execute it. He doesn't only have wisdom to get the job done but thinks ahead of others. It is the man spending his time to be wise now that will employ the experts later in life.

5. The wise man hears and respects instructions. [Proverbs 8:33; 9:9] The word of God is filled with instructions on how to do many things: instruction on marriage, holy living and on life generally. Disrespect for instruction is a mark for destruction in life. It is a mark of wisdom to find instructions, directions, guidelines and follow it.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to become all that you want me to become

Study and Meditate On: Proverbs 1:17-33

EMBRACING YOUR DESTINY WILL PRESERVE YOUR LIFE (1)**Joshua 14:8-12**

Caleb was forty years old when he said, *"we are well able to take the land..."* At eighty-five, he was unchanged; all his colleagues at that time had died. In fact, all his colleagues actually died on the very night they made that negative confession. All that remained for execution of that sentence was time. It was a done deal.

Unbelief kills men. When you refuse to embrace your destiny, the devil will wipe you out. When you embrace your destiny, God will help you to accomplish it and preserve you for your destiny. Faith in God will keep you alive and preserve your strength. [Joshua 14:11]

PRAYER: Father, I choose today to embrace my destiny and all the challenges it brings

Study and Meditate On: Proverbs 2:1-11

EMBRACING YOUR DESTINY WILL PRESERVE YOUR LIFE (2)**Joshua 14:8-12**

When you embrace your destiny, you will accomplish things as the Lord said not as the enemy says. The word of the enemy is not important in our lives; it's the word of the Lord our God that is important. It doesn't matter where you find yourself, if the Lord put you there, you will accomplish what the Lord wants you to do there as the Lord has said.

You must step up to the field of destiny and play. The credit does not belong to somebody criticizing. Anybody can criticize but it's the man that steps into the field of his destiny and embraces the challenges that his destiny brings his way that the credit belongs to.

PRAYER: Pray for all those yet to be born again, that the power of God's word will penetrate their hearts

Study and Meditate On: Ezra 1:1-11

DON'T BE AVERAGE (1)**Philippians 3:13**

In life, you must learn to always play for the highest stakes and never for medium stakes. Don't have the mentality of just half or a half-hearted attempt at life. People that have that kind of approach to life don't end up being all that God wants them to be.

You will never see a person that fulfilled his purpose that was not an extremely passionate person. Such persons gave their all for the best that God offered them. They didn't play for just any kind of stakes; they played for the highest stakes. God offers you His best and you must give your all to it. Always work with this policy: **only the best is good enough.**

PRAYER: Father deliver me from every trace of half-and-half spirit

Study and Meditate On: Ezra 3:1-13

DON'T BE AVERAGE (2)**Philippians 3:13**

Paul, after he got converted, gave his destiny his best push. Caleb said, *"Give me this mountain!"* He didn't say, *"Give me this valley."* Not only did Caleb enter the promise land, he also got the best portion of the promised land. You must not play on the field of life and destiny; you must go for the highest stakes in your destiny. Consider other people like David and Ruth who when opportunity showed up, gave their best push.

Paul said, *"This one thing I do: forgetting what is behind, and pressing on for the very reason for which Christ has saved me."* Paul was not going to settle for anything less than God had for him. Go for the best in your field of divine purpose; God called you to give your best for His best. He offers you His best and you must give your best for it.

PRAYER: I receive a fresh baptism of the spirit of excellence

Study and Meditate On: Ezra 4:1-24

PROBLEMS AND PURPOSE (1)**Numbers 13:17-20; 30-33**

Problems exist in our lives to show us **what we can't do** while purpose exists in our lives to tell us **what we can do**. Which one are you seeing? Looking at the life of Caleb in the book of Numbers 13, it's amazing that the spies went through the same land, saw the same sight, saw the same people, and yet came back with different reports.

Caleb was different. He had a spirit that refused to accept the status quo or what is contrary to the will of God for his life. To develop the spirit of excellence, you must be a fighter or else you will become a victim. In life, there are oppositions, forces, enemies (not necessarily human beings), and situations in life that are inimical to your progress and because excellence is not perfection but improvement and development, you need to keep making effort to grow.

PRAYER: I receive deliverance from every way that I have focused on what I cannot do

Study and Meditate On: Ezra 5:1-17

PROBLEMS AND PURPOSE (2)**Numbers 13:17-20; 30-33**

If you are going to develop the spirit of excellence, you must be willing to stretch against the opposing forces in life - situations and circumstances that do not look favourable. When you focus on your problems, you will see more of what you cannot do than what you can do.

When you focus on your purpose, your purpose will show you clearly what you can accomplish, what you can do with God and what God actually designed you to do. Caleb and Joshua exhibited a willingness to fight for what they wanted in life. People that are not willing to fight for what they want in their lives end up becoming victims and develop a victimized mentality in life.

PRAYER: Lord, open the eyes of my understanding so that I can see the divine possibilities that has been prepared for me

Study and Meditate On: Ezra 6:1-22

PARTICIPATE IN THE AFFAIRS OF YOUR DESTINY (1)**Mark 10:46-52**

The aim of the devil is to make sure that there are issues, weaknesses, deficiencies or disabilities in your life that make it impossible for you to be in charge of the affairs of your destiny. God's focus is to remove all that hinders you from being in charge of your destiny.

Blind Bartimaeus sat by the roadside - the highway of life and destiny - begging because he was blind. He wanted to participate but something kept him away from it – physical blindness. The power of God healed him and he followed Jesus. Many people go their way after they receive a miracle or solution to their problem and the problem comes back. They think of God as just a solution. God did not call you to just a solution, He called you to salvation. Salvation includes solution to your problem and much more. It includes leading you to purpose. If you only think of God as a solution-provider, when you get the solution you will go away from God and the problem will return.

PRAYER: I receive the help of the Holy Ghost to be led to my purpose

Study and Meditate On: 2 Kings 6:26-33

PARTICIPATE IN THE AFFAIRS OF YOUR DESTINY (2)**Mark 10:46-52**

God is not willing that any should perish but that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Salvation comprises of two things: **being saved** and **coming to the knowledge of the truth**.

God doesn't just want to deliver us from shame and darkness, He wants to bring us unto glory and He has reserved **wisdom** as the means to bring us into that glory. Wisdom comes as we study and meditate on God's word and allow the Holy Ghost to train and develop us into what we're supposed to become.

When you open yourself up to the dealings of God - not just focusing on your problem - and the word of God in its fullness, you will not only be blessed but will also become a blessing as well.

PRAYER: I receive deliverance from whatever is keeping me from being in charge of the affairs of my destiny

Study and Meditate On: Ezra 7:1-28

ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY (1)**Mark 10:46-52**

It is a paradox of destiny to see in the same person *a problem* and *a purpose* at the same time. The two can exist inside a human being simultaneously. This is the key issue we have to deal with in our lives. Your success in life will be determined by your willingness and ability to move from the problem you face to the purpose of God for your life.

Many people live and die moving from one problem to another. Life for them is just about seeking solutions to the next problem they face. Yet, there are some people who are able to move from their problems to their purpose in God. There is more to you than your problems. Do not allow problems define you or determine your focus. Ensure that it is only your purpose that determines your focus.

PRAYER: Father, I accept responsibility to move from problem to purpose in life

Study and Meditate On: Ezra 9:1-15

ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY (2)**Mark 10:46-52**

One of the reasons majority of people are not moving from their problem to their purpose is because of **wrong focus**. If you only focus on your problems or on solving your problems alone, you will never fulfil purpose. You must accept responsibility to move towards your God-ordained purpose in life.

Don't be a person who turns the man of God into a channel to receive help alone and not see yourself as a channel to give help to other people. God does not want you to be tied to the apron strings of ministers. As much as He wants you to be ministered to, He also wants you to move from problem to purpose. It's important that you know that and decide to meet this divine expectation.

PRAYER: I receive grace to co-operate with the move of the Holy Spirit as He moves me from problem to my purpose

Study and Meditate On: Ezra 10:1-17

UNDERSTANDING THE ANOINTING (1)

Exodus 33:12-17; Acts 10:38

To understand what the anointing is, you must first understand what the anointing is not.

WHAT THE ANOINTING IS NOT

1. It is not the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
2. It is not the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
3. It is not zeal.
4. It is not the calling of God on a man. The calling of God separates the man from the crowd while the anointing separates the man unto God.
5. It is not falling down when hands are laid upon you though you may fall down under the anointing.
6. It is not a good feeling you have after prayer.
7. It is not shouting and dancing.

PRAYER: Father, bestow on me the anointing I need to fulfil my destiny

Study and Meditate On: 2 Kings 8:21-29

UNDERSTANDING THE ANOINTING (2)

Exodus 33:12-17; Acts 10:38

The anointing of God is three things:

1. The anointing of God is first and foremost the miraculous presence of God with a man; the aroma of heaven's power flowing out of a man.

The anointing is the very presence and person of the Holy Spirit Himself.

[Exodus 33:12–17] He is the anointing that anoints. Acts 10:38 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.”*

2. Anointing is the divine enablement of God granted to a man to do a specific job, which he otherwise would have been unable to handle were it not for the anointing. [Exodus 31:1–5] That enablement gets the job done to God's standard. Samson had the anointing (enablement) to do the impossible feats of physical strength!

PRAYER: Pray for the anointing to accomplish task

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 1:1-11

UNDERSTANDING THE ANOINTING (3)

Exodus 33:12-17; Acts 10:38

Today, we shall consider the final point on what the anointing is.

3. **The anointing is a mantle.** It is like a special dress of the Holy Ghost given to a person to function in a specific office. Thus, the mantle of an apostle will manifest different from that of a prophet. That of an evangelist will be manifestly different from that of a teacher.

For an apostle to try to be a teacher will be equivalent to wearing non-fitted dress. It is easy to see why Elisha received the mantle of Elijah – they were both prophets! An evangelist would not need the mantle of a prophet - it would not suit him.

PRAYER: Pray for our senior pastor and all pastors in our church for more of God's anointing

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 2:1-20

UNDERSTANDING THE ANOINTING (4)**2 Kings 2:8-15**

The one so anointed comes into a special place of divine protection. Psalms 105:14-15 tells us, *“He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes; saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.”* 1 Samuel 26:9 says, *“And David said to Abishai, destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD’S anointed, and be guiltless?”*

The anointed man is sheltered from the strife of tongues. He is not permitted to defend or justify himself. He becomes God’s protégé and God is ever ready to justify His calling on that man. The anointing is the justification of the call of God. [Numbers 17:1–5, 8] God always justifies the anointed man.

PRAYER: I receive the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God to know how to apply the understanding of the anointing to every area of my life

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 3:1-16

UNDERSTANDING THE ANOINTING (5)**2 Kings 2:8-15**

The anointed man comes to a place where he is literally overshadowed by the Almighty Himself. The anointed man brings and carries the presence of God. His presence is the presence of God.

Psalms 84:10 says, *“For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.”* This means what you will achieve with the anointing in one day will be better than all your effort for a thousand days put together. Above all else, we need the anointing. This can never be over-emphasized.

Remember, it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit says the Lord. [Zechariah 4:6]

PRAYER: Pray for God’s continuous presence in our church

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 3:17-32

BEWARE OF SATANIC WRAP AROUND (1)**Proverbs 4:20-23**

It is important for you to know that there is a reality of being wrapped up by spirits in life. We live in the world of spirits. Spirits wrap themselves around four things in the lives of people:

- Life
- Words
- Thoughts
- Deeds

Henceforth, let your words give the spirit of life a thread to weave the garments of safety, protection and security around you. Allow the words of your mouth to give the spirit of life an unfettered operation in your life.

PRAYER: Pray for the grace to be a useful tool in God's hand

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 4:1-23

BEWARE OF SATANIC WRAP AROUND (2)**Genesis 37:1-4**

The power of life and death can be unlocked by the power of the tongue. The spirit of death is looking for loopholes through your words to carry out the agenda of the devil in your life. Don't let it! Instead, consciously use your words to allow the plan and purpose of God to enfold your life and affairs.

Train yourself to identify the move of God and adjust yourself not to rush out of His presence. Every divine move of the Holy Spirit is a move to avert the plan of the devil and hasten the intention of God to their fulfilment. It is one of the strategies of the devil to make you get hasty in Church and in the presence of the Holy Spirit so as not to partake of the blessings and encounters. Identify these gimmicks of the devil and handle them to your advantage.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to connect myself to your Spirit and disconnect from every contrary spirit

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 5:1-19

BEWARE OF SATANIC WRAP AROUND (3)**Proverbs 4:20-23; Genesis 37:1-4**

As a parent, your words become garments on your children; don't put tattered garments on your family by saying wrong things. You must learn how to maintain a positive confession because if you are not careful, that's when the devil enters the family.

Keep a close watch over your thoughts and actions as these are part of the gateway to your life. Understand that whatever the devil can get to your heart, he can get to your life.

When you meditate on God's word, spend time in the confession of the word and get engrossed in acting out the scriptures, then negative spirits will have no room to wrap themselves around you to execute satanic agenda.

PRAYER: Take authority over negative spirits and their operations

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 6:1-19

WHAT DETERMINES YOUR LIFE'S OUTCOME (1)**Genesis 37:1-4**

One of the major factors that determine your outcome in life and destiny is the spirit you carry. Do not rate a man until you are aware of the spirit operating in his life. A man cannot be accurately rated by his physical life alone. It is the spirit that is operating in a man's life that determines the outcome of that man's life.

It is the spirit that works with a man that determines what happens to him. Strange experiences happen in people's lives because they have strange spirits in their lives which they may not be aware of. We saw in the life of Joseph that what determined his manifestations throughout his journey to the top was more than a coat of many colours. [Genesis 39] The prosperity of Joseph in slavery was tied to God's presence with him.

**PRAYER: Lord, I receive grace to maintain a working relationship
with you**

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 8:1-18

WHAT DETERMINES YOUR LIFE'S OUTCOME (2)**Genesis 37:1-4**

Life is full of people who have put in good effort but their results are always less than expected because there is a negative spirit working against them. Many have changed jobs and even relocated abroad and have no change of results to show for it. It is the spirit that works in your life that determines your steps, speed, accuracy and outcomes in life.

You are either going to consciously permit the right spirit to operate in your life or by not doing so, an evil spirit will automatically function in your life. There is no vacuum in life. There is an ongoing interaction and eternal romance between man and spirits that we must understand. You must daily ensure that your interaction with the right spirit (The Holy Spirit) is intact. As you maintain your intimacy with God through quiet time, regular fellowship in Church, sound prayer and word life, you can be sure to keep the right spirit in your life.

PRAYER: Lord, teach and guide me to follow your genuine servants

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 9:1-17

MAINTAINING GODLY LINKAGES (1)**Genesis 13:1-13**

One of the things you must take seriously is the divine company God has given you. Divine companions are a great and important part of your wealth and divine strategy for protection and preservation.

The devil will always fight the godly circle God has given you. It is your responsibility to protect every godly relationship God has arranged for you. The devil works hard to keep some people away from their godly linkages so as to attack them in the future. If the devil succeeds in disconnecting you from your godly linkages, a lot of things will go wrong in your life and this will greatly affect you fulfilling God's ordained plan for your life.

PRAYER: Lord, anoint my eyes to see everyone you have ordained for me to link up with for life and destiny

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 10:1-18

MAINTAINING GODLY LINKAGES (2)**Genesis 13:1-13**

Genesis 13:8–9 (KJV) tells us *“And Abram said unto Lot, let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left”*.

God brought Lot into a covenant relationship with Abraham his uncle, but he (Lot) permitted people to cause a separation between them. You need to understand that God was blessing Lot for Abraham’s sake just as Laban confessed to Jacob that God had blessed him because of Jacob.

Don’t allow the devil separate you from your blesser and helper. Always ensure you embrace, nourish, preserve and pray for every linkage God has brought you into that can help you get the best of God at every time.

PRAYER: Lord, help me not to disconnect from divine linkages

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 10:19-39

MAINTAINING GODLY LINKAGES (3)**Genesis 13:1-13**

God has arranged His kingdom in circles of relationships and divine linkages. It is wisdom to embrace the divine donation of God through these men and women in our lives.

Godly linkages are meant to perform the role of strengthening, confirming God's instructions and steps, protecting each other from attacks, fighting together, encouraging each other and standing by each other.

The intention of God through these linkages cannot be over-emphasized. Do not allow the enemy to steal what God will bring to you through these relationships. Also know those God will allow you to link up with as these will form your fellowship of the anointing.

PRAYER: Pray that the enemy will not steal what God brings to you

Study and Meditate On: Nehemiah 11:1-34

WHAT THE PURSUIT OF DIVINE PURPOSE WILL DO FOR YOU (1)**Jeremiah 1:4**

Your purpose is the original intention of God for your life before you were formed in your mother's womb. This is the assignment God designed for you to fulfil and perform on earth. It is the reason for your existence.

God wants you to pursue divine purpose above every other thing. The discovery and pursuit of divine purpose will do the following for you:

1. It will transform you to what God wants you to be.
2. It will preserve you. The secret of divine preservation is being in the centre of God's purpose for your life.
3. It will affect your choices. It changes your priorities from immediate to eternal.

PRAYER: Lord, baptize me with the hunger and thirst to pursue my purpose for life and destiny

Study and Meditate On: Job 1:1-22

WHAT THE PURSUIT OF DIVINE PURPOSE WILL DO FOR YOU (2)**Jeremiah 1:4**

Today, we shall consider four more benefits of discovering and pursuing divine purpose:

4. It identifies you to your generation. Jesus, Paul and the Apostles were identified to their generation because they pursued their purposes and fulfilled them.

5. It attracts the help of God to you. Just as every vision has its provision, God locates help and helpers at every junction of your destiny and purpose in life.

6. It helps you to overcome frustration and discouragement.

7. It helps you to unleash your hidden grace.

PRAYER: Pray for more of God's power and presence in Pentecostal Deliverance Church

Study and Meditate On: Job 2:1-13

WHAT THE PURSUIT OF DIVINE PURPOSE WILL DO FOR YOU (3)**Jeremiah 1:4**

Today, we will conclude with three more benefits of discovering and pursuing divine purpose.

8. It makes you a model for others to follow. Your life will command people to follow you when you pursue your purpose to manifestation.

9. It helps you to build enthusiasm and energy into your life.

10. It helps you to evaluate your life effectively. This becomes easy as you can benchmark your achieved goals with God's target for your life.

A life not lived in purpose gets wasted and distracted from God's target. Discovery and pursuit of purpose will give you focus and redefine your scope of existence. Don't just stop at the point of discovery, press on with God to pursue your destiny and become all that you were created to be.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to pursue divine purpose always

Study and Meditate On: Job 3:1-26

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE RIGHT CHURCH (1)**Psalms 68:6**

The right kind of things are located around the right Church for God's people and for the saints. It is very important that you understand that the Church affects you in the following areas:

1. Church will affect the prosperity of your soul. The ministry of the word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit are supposed to directly affect the prosperity of your soul which in turn affects the prosperity of your life, physically and materially. [3 John 2]

2. The Church that you attend affects the sensitivity of your spirit man. The ministry of the word, the wisdom, the Holy Ghost that come your way will affect the sensitivity of your spirit man which affects every area of your life.

PRAYER: Lord, open my heart and my eyes to locate the right Church where my destiny will find expression

Study and Meditate On: Job 4:1-21

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING THE RIGHT CHURCH (2)**Psalms 92:12-15**

3. The Church that you attend affects the kind of values in your heart. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers and pastors are to put the right value systems in the hearts and spirits of God's people. If you go to wrong Church, you are likely to have wrong values in your heart and it can affect you.

Going to the right Church will affect the fulfilment of your own destiny. God sets the solitary in families because He knows what exactly He has for you to do and that your assignment in life will somehow be congruent with the assignment of the Church He plants you in. Iron sharpens iron. When you attend the right Church, you grow and blossom.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, I receive grace to 'church' right and become all you want me to be

Study and Meditate On: Job 5:1-27

NEGATIVE CONCEPTS OF PROMOTION (1)**Psalms 75:1-6**

1. **When you think that promotion comes because of what you do and not because of who you are.** Who you are is more important to God than what you do. In fact, you are more important to God than your work. For instance, some people are operating in the ministerial setting and their calling in life is in the spiritual realm. Some others may be assigned ministry in the medical field, social field or financial field. Ministry is anything that is meeting needs and is divinely assigned to you.

So, judging promotion by what you do and not who you are is the problem of many people. God is committed to who you are and He wants you to be the right person where you are going.

PRAYER: Lord, I connect myself to the promotion that comes from you alone

Study and Meditate On: Job 6:1-30

NEGATIVE CONCEPTS OF PROMOTION (2)**Psalms 75:1-6**

2. **When you think that promotion comes from the leadership and so you begin to please men and not God by playing politics.** Men can't lift you by themselves. If God has not said so and they do, they will do it at the cost of your soul. Only God lifts a man. The Bible says promotion cometh not from the east or west.

So, don't think that promotion comes from men. Promotion comes from God. A careful look at Psalms 75:6-7 (KJV) reveals so much:

Verse 6: "For promotion [cometh] neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south."

Verse 7: "But God [is] the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another".

If God sets you up, you can never be upset.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, I reject every offer of the devil built around deception for my life

Study and Meditate On: Job 7:1-21

NEGATIVE CONCEPTS OF PROMOTION (2)**2 Samuel 15:1-12**

3. Thinking that promotion comes through your taking up of responsibilities as a stepping stone to the top. You must get rid of this wrong concept of promotion and God will find you promotable. God will not promote you simply because you are taking up responsibilities - as important and noble as this is. Your heart may be wrong and you may be doing the right thing. God is primarily interested in the state of your heart.

4. When you think that promotion comes because of academic training or accomplishment. Most people promote academic accomplishments above the anointing and this is wrong. Academic training can make you smart but not sensitive. You need the authentic touch of heaven upon your spirit. Sadly, today, education is replacing the anointing and paper certificate is replacing intercession.

PRAYER: Lord, remove from my life every negative trait

Study and Meditate On: Job 8:1-22

CONFESS GOD'S WORD REGULARLY (1)**Genesis 1:1-3; Ezekiel 37:1-14**

God designed a word-based system for the universe. He is the Lord that operates by His word and His Spirit. It is not only *word-based* but also *word-activated*. So, any creature of God that has the ability to speak will always be above and ahead of the other creations of God. That is why after God, man comes next because man is the only other being that God allows to choose the word that they will speak. Angels don't choose their words; they are given words to speak. An angel can't decide to speak of his own volition but you and I like God can speak of our own volition.

Now, the fact that God made it a word-based or word-activated system places a responsibility on each person to determine whose word he/she will base his/her life on and whose word he/she will speak.

PRAYER: Lord, I choose to live by your word

Study and Meditate On: Job 9:1-16

CONFESS GOD'S WORD REGULARLY (2)**Jeremiah 1:12; Matthew 8:5-8**

It wasn't God that authorized the devil to function on the earth, it was man. Man used his own God-given authority activated by his word to authorize the devil to function on the earth. It is you that will bind the devil and stop him from operating in your own world.

You can't bind the devil from operating on the earth generally, but you can bind the devil from affecting your own operation on the earth by the exercise of your own God-given human authority through your words.

It is not for fun that we saw in the beginning that God spoke, and spoke and spoke. We must learn this principle and begin to build our lives on this truth.

PRAYER: Lord, I receive fresh baptism of your word into my heart with clarity

Study and Meditate On: Job 9:17-35

THE PURPOSE BEHIND DELAYED PROMOTION (1)

Genesis 41:1-14

1. God may allow for our promotion to be delayed like Joseph, because He wants to purify our motives. God wants you to have right motives for whatever He is offering you.

2. God may allow our promotion to be delayed in order to test our inner attitudes and values. There are some tests that God allows to come our way to see whether we are ready for promotion. There is a test of our inner attitudes and values.

3. God may allow our promotion to be delayed in order to allow for development and maturity of our character. A minister of the gospel's promotion into higher dimensions of the anointing, for example, can be delayed by God so that the message he will give can be fully born of the development of his character.

PRAYER: Lord, I receive divine awareness to your involvement in my life

Study and Meditate On: Job 10:1-22

THE PURPOSE BEHIND DELAYED PROMOTION (2)**Genesis 41:1-14**

4. God allows the delay of our promotion so that we can submit our own will to His will. How long it takes you to submit your will determines how long your promotion will take. When Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane, He prayed and the Father said no, this is my will and Jesus said, *'not as I will but as you will'*.

5. God delays promotion in order to kill wrong visions in our heart.

6. When we are going about our promotion in man's own way and not God's own way, God allows the delay. God knows exactly what success is going to do to you. If promotion is going to do something wrong to you, God will delay it.

7. For the development of true humility.

PRAYER: Oh Lord, take total charge of my life affairs

Study and Meditate On: Job 11:1-20

IN THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, IT SHALL BE SEEN (1)**Genesis 22:7-14**

As children of God, it is not what we can see that is our problem but what we cannot see. The dilemma of man is that we are creatures of two worlds because we are spirit beings that have been put in a house of flesh.

In this house of flesh, we have to deal with physical facts, circumstances and natural issues; these are things that people see and they are not the real problem. The real problems facing mankind are the things that God has made available that we fail to see. The failure to see what God has made available is the difference between reality and appearances. The devil always hides behind appearances to confuse and deceive believers. Believing appearances empowers the devil in one's life.

PRAYER: Lord, help my unbelief

Study and Meditate On: Job 12:1-25

IN THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, IT SHALL BE SEEN (2)**Genesis 22:7-14**

If you choose to press beyond how things appear in the natural and see what God has put there, you are sure to walk in victory. God's challenge to you is that you'll stop focusing on the natural.

Every time you focus on the natural and on your circumstances, it will always look as if God is not working. God doesn't start work from the natural realm but from the spiritual and unseen realm.

The next time you are tempted to think that God is not doing anything just because you don't see anything in the natural, remember this: **in the mountain of the Lord it shall be seen.**

PRAYER: Pray for the baptism of the spirit of wisdom

Study and Meditate On: Job 13:1-28

IN THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, IT SHALL BE SEEN (3)**Psalms 103:10-22**

God is a God of pattern and our success in God largely depends on whether we know His ways or not. God will always start His work in the unseen realm for His saints. However, because those who look in the natural never see what God is doing in the unseen realm, they begin to talk against the process that God has set in motion.

Negative confessions will **ALWAYS** truncate what God has started in the spirit because the law of faith says, "*You will have what you say.*" This law is so potent that even if the Almighty God is close to completing your miracle and you say something against it, the process ceases. This is the calamity that befalls those who look in the flesh.

**PRAYER: Lord, my circumstances will not lead me to halt your doings
in my life**

Study and Meditate On: Job 14:1-22

IN THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, IT SHALL BE SEEN (4)**Psalms 103:10-22**

You cannot look in your body to know that God has healed you. You cannot look in your bank account to know if God has provided because when the Bible says, *"In the mountain of the Lord it shall be seen the provision of God"*, the provision simply means what God had reserved for the vision before He gave the vision.

Before you were born, God had already provided all you will ever need from the womb to the tomb but the question is, how much of that provision will you see in your lifetime? Will you go with your circumstances or go with what God has started in the spirit for your victory and glory?

PRAYER: Pray for greater heights for all church leaders and workers

Study and Meditate On: Job 15:1-18

IN THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, IT SHALL BE SEEN (5)**1 Corinthians 2:9-12**

The word “**behold**” appears in the Bible over a thousand times because God always wants us to see what He has done for us. However, most Christians fail because their focus is more on what the devil is doing instead of what God has done.

The devil will only show you what your physical senses can see and this will always negate what God has done for you because “*eye hath not seen, nor ear heard and neither has it entered the heart of men what God has prepared for them that love Him.*” [1 Corinthians 2:9]

PRAYER: Pray against the spirit of complexities and confusion in your life

Study and Meditate On: Job 15:19-35

IN THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, IT SHALL BE SEEN (6)**Isaiah 43:18-19**

The devil will always show the children of God what their physical senses see. The devil will always say things like: *“you’re not healed because if you are healed you won’t have that pain in your body.”* To see the provision and intervention of God in your life, never look at your circumstances but at the word of God. It is by looking at the word of God that you will defeat the devil. The devil will defeat you every time you look at your circumstances.

Christians experience defeat every time they look towards their circumstances and speak from that standpoint not because God is not working or because He hasn’t done what is being requested of Him but because walking by your senses truncates God’s work.

PRAYER: Lord, I receive the patience and sensitivity to see what You have provided for me

Study and Meditate On: Job 16:1-22

IN THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD, IT SHALL BE SEEN (7)**Isaiah 43:18-19; 1 Corinthians 2:9-12**

The devil cannot stop God's work; he cannot undo what God has done but you the believer can stop God's work in your life and situation by looking at the wrong things. You must discipline yourself not to.

Get on the channel of faith and stop looking at the physical circumstances and start looking at the reality that God has provided in the unseen. When you increase your study of the ways of God, you will see that God has always gone ahead of you to provide for you and ahead of the devil to preserve your lot but you must keep your mouth in agreement with what God has done.

PRAYER: Lord, I thank you for all your blessings in my life and I decide to always speak in the direction of your doings in my life

Study and Meditate On: Job 17:1-16

DEVELOP YOUR INTIMACY WITH GOD (1)**Daniel 11:32**

As a Christian, the greatest challenge that you will have is that of keeping your intimacy with God. The devil knows that the more intimate you are with God, the more accurate and powerful your life becomes. Our verse for today says, *"...they that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."* Knowing God deeply is a very important aspect of your destiny. It wakes up accuracy and strengthens you for your destiny.

The anointing upon you makes almost everything you lay your hand upon to prosper and flourish. You must therefore understand what you should do because the devil wants to keep you too busy to keep your intimacy with God. Many people have fallen into this trap. They have become illegitimately busy and are gradually losing the intimacy that they should have with God.

PRAYER: Lord, show me the things I should legitimately be busy with

Study and Meditate On: Job 18:1-21

DEVELOP YOUR INTIMACY WITH GOD (2)**Daniel 11:32**

Your intimacy with God is what powers other areas of your life and make your ministrations from God to men stronger and effective. Your intimacy with God includes your worship, prayer and fellowship with Him. These are your ministrations to God to assure you of a solid divine covering and strong effective ministrations from God.

One major temptation you will face will be that of trading away your high calling for other low callings. It is your high calling that powers other lower callings in your life to make you very effective. A neglect of your high calling will make you lose the power you need for other areas of your life and will lead to struggle and physical exertion that can't attain the effectiveness that embracing your high calling releases into your life.

PRAYER: I receive capacity and grace for intimacy with you Oh Lord

Study and Meditate On: Job 19:1-29

YOUR LIFE IS A DIVINE STRATEGY (1)**John 1:1-14**

Your life is a divine strategy and at every point in your life, you must pray that you understand what God is working in your life. There are people in your life that will be confused but you must not be confused. God gave us the Holy Ghost as our guide and assistance through the divine process of working out divine strategy.

You must be sensitive to this act of God so as not to abort divine strategy. You need to ask for the revelation of your season and moment. Certainly, your word will become flesh just as the word and prophecy of Isaiah went ahead of Jesus and in John 1:14, that word became flesh and He manifested. There is a word behind your life that is stronger than the devil and the situation you find yourself.

PRAYER: Lord, teach me what to do every time

Study and Meditate On: Job 20:1-29

YOUR LIFE IS A DIVINE STRATEGY (2)**John 1:1-14**

The angels that came to Jerusalem and the wise men that heard of the King of the Jews that was to be born were all mobilized by the word that was sent ahead of Jesus.

You cannot fail when you commit yourself to God and His word. This is because there are angels, divine attention and resources being deployed for you. Since the word of God and the blood of Jesus do not fail, then it becomes impossible for you to fail.

Helpless people are in the state of helplessness because they are blind to the solution. Anytime you meet people who are in a divinely orchestrated shame needing your help, you must not make jest of them but help them.

PRAYER: Lord, I ask for the revelation of your divine strategy and purpose for my life and situation

Study and Meditate On: Job 21:1-15

YOUR LIFE IS A DIVINE STRATEGY (3)**John 1:1-14**

Anyone you are divinely positioned to help, do it with joy as they may be going through a temporary process of shame that is a divine setup to the top. The brothers of Joseph didn't have to fight him but they were blind to the divine strategy of God.

Anytime you meet people with a divine vision, make sure you help them as this is another form of the divine strategy of God. God does not do big things through big men; He hides great things in small people. If you despise the small and young people around you, then you are set to miss divine strategies and provisions. As you meditate during this Christmas season, you should understand that your life and everything around you are products of divine strategies.

PRAYER: Pray for God's best in this season

Study and Meditate On: Job 21:16-34

THE BIRTH OF JESUS (1)**1 John 4:1-4; John 1:1-14**

Celebrating Christmas is the visible way of acknowledging that Jesus came in the flesh. To have come in the flesh means He had to be born. Celebrating and choosing a date for that is an affirmation that Jesus was born. It was God that allowed this universal time to be set. Irrespective of the date you set to do your Christmas and the controversy, it is acceptable.

We must all understand the significance and relevance of the birth of Jesus. Some of our parents may not remember their date of birth but that does not dispute the fact that they were born in the flesh by parents. In such cases, we have seen dates being set aside for the celebration of such person's birthday. Understand that everything that concerns the person of Jesus is very critical to your faith hence, it cannot be treated carelessly.

PRAYER: Thank God for giving us the priceless gift of His son

Study and Meditate On: Job 22:1-15

THE BIRTH OF JESUS (2)**1 John 4:1-4; John 1:1-14**

Don't let your faith be shifted from the substance of Jesus' birth to vain arguments of the date/time He was born. The devil prefers to argue about the season, date and time of the birth of Jesus aiming at defeating the faith of many; it is a satanic strategy that must never be given a thought in your life.

When Mary arrived at the inn for the delivery of the Saviour, she was told that there was not a room available in the inn. She was then taken to the manger. This happened because the people of His days had no revelation of their times and could not perceive the destiny of the child that was to be born. The secret of your strength as a believer will not be in the Church you attend but your revelation of Jesus - who you know Him to be and the perception you have of Him.

PRAYER: Lord, I ask that you will bring me into a fresh communion and intimacy with you

Study and Meditate On: Job 22:16-30

TAKE CARE OF THE SPIRITUAL SIDE OF YOUR LIFE (1)**Proverbs 18:14**

Your life has many parts but the spiritual side of it is the foundation upon which all other aspects of your life depend. Your spirit is the real you. Every human being has three parts: *spirit, soul and body* but the spirit is the real man in every Christian.

A Christian is a spirit that has a soul and lives in a body. Therefore, your spiritual stance and stamina are what determine how the other aspects of your life will stand – whether feeble or excellent. The stronger your spirit, the stronger and more impactful your life will be.

Spend quality time to develop your spirit because every other aspect of your life depends on the spiritual.

PRAYER: Lord, I open up to you for deep fellowship that will strengthen me for destiny and purpose

Study and Meditate On: Job 23:1-17

TAKE CARE OF THE SPIRITUAL SIDE OF YOUR LIFE (2)**Proverbs 18:14**

To take care of your spiritual life, you need to be constantly open to the Father of all spirits - God. You must take time to fellowship with God, through prayers, His word and other men with stronger spirits. The Bible talks of the spirits of just men made perfect. [Hebrews 12:23] These fellowshipping are ways to strengthen your spiritual life.

You can't afford to fellowship with stupid and foolish things as a believer. These will sap the strength of your spirit man and reduce your potency in life. Joseph went through a lot of difficult times but because he had a strong spirit he was able to go through all till he sat on his throne and the ring and crown were placed on his finger and head respectively. Only a well-nourished strong spirit can give you authority and dominion.

PRAYER: Lord, help me fellowship with what will strengthen me

Study and Meditate On: Job 24:1-25

DON'T BE MOVED BY THE NEGATIVE REACTION OF OTHERS (1)**Genesis 50:18-21**

As a Christian, there are certain things you must have in your life. Some of which include not being moved by the negative reactions of people against you. Keeping grudges against people in your heart for their negative reactions against you will lead to offences and therefore cause you to lose your anointing.

Joseph was a man who through all his journeys refused to be moved by the negative reactions of his brothers to his dream. He was not moved also by Potiphar and his wife's negative reaction towards him. This attitude made Joseph to keep progressing and rising higher even than those who were fighting and opposing him. This is the secret of having continuous progress in life.

PRAYER: Lord, I accept my destiny as a Joseph and I let go of all offences in my heart

Study and Meditate On: Job 25:1-6; 26:1-14

DON'T BE MOVED BY THE NEGATIVE REACTION OF OTHERS (2)**Genesis 50:18-21**

If you will keep rising in life till you enter your purpose and destiny, you must cultivate **“a let go attitude”**. Only then will you be able to have a heart like Joseph for others around you to come up. The truth is that once you keep offences, your journey will be prolonged. You can determine how long your journey will be by how long you want to keep offence. Why not let go of all that have offended you and move into your destiny.

The devil knows a “Joseph destiny” and he wants to keep you from it through offences. You must be very cautious. Maybe you are too quick to get angry and offended by people. Truly offences will come, men will never stop offending you but you must remember you have a destiny and future to preserve and let go of all offences. Deliberately cultivate that attitude. Don't let offences hold you back.

PRAYER: Declare that nothing will stop you from fulfilling your destiny

Study and Meditate On: Job 27:1-23

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**Psalms 23:1-6**

You are a sheep hence, you have a shepherd and your shepherd is the LORD. Shepherding is individualistic; the Bible did not say "*the LORD is our shepherd*", but "*the LORD is my shepherd.*" You need a personal revelation of this truth to enjoy it personally because personal revelation brings exaltation. As a sheep, follow the shepherd not a fellow sheep. A sheep that follows fellow sheep always goes astray. A sheep that follows the shepherd is led into safety, comfort and refreshment.

The sheep-shepherd relationship is an affair between you and the LORD; No third party should unduly influence or affect the obedience, fellowship and followership you have to your shepherd. Your mind, folks, friends, and things you have and/or don't have must not interfere.

PRAYER: Pray that the year will end for you on a good note and the new year will be full of favours

Study and Meditate On: Job 28:1-28

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