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INTRODUCTION

At the root of every notable breakthrough testimony is the power of God and behind every notable breakthrough story in the Bible is a demonstration of God's power. For instance, the rise of Joseph from the prison to the palace was by empowerment. In the case of Daniel, the Spirit of God was at work in him with strange dimensions of exploits, as proofs. No doubt, we have a destiny of unending progress in life but it is our level of anointing that determines our depth of insight. It is important to note that operating in the realm of unlimited breakthroughs is a function of the Spirit of God. Our breakthroughs, as seeds of Abraham, are as far as our eyes can see and we cannot see farther than our anointing (Genesis 41:38-39; Daniel 5:11-12; Proverbs 4:18; 1 Corinthians 2:10; Ephesians 1:17-18; Revelation 3:18).

Life is a risk without empowerment! We must understand that empowerment is not a religious emblem but the security of our destinies. According to Scriptures, we are redeemed as priests and kings to reign on the earth (Revelation 5:10), but we cannot reign until we are empowered. This is because oppositions resist with power

and we cannot subdue them without power. Moreover, it takes empowerment to experience enthronement. The truth is that, all children of God are potential stars because we have been redeemed for the topmost top! A star connotes the best among equals in career, business and ministry. However, to realise this, we need to be empowered. Empowerment is, therefore, the key to everything that God has in store for us.

Furthermore, the empowerment of the Spirit is key to our supernatural advancement, enthronement and accomplishment. That makes us unstoppable in our endeavours. It means, without empowerment, we are grounded. For instance, Jesus had no identity until He was empowered. After His empowerment, He took over the region and the country. Also, the Apostles were in hiding until they were empowered. Thereafter, they took over Jerusalem. This means that fulfilment of destiny is impossible without the empowerment of the Spirit. Why? It is because there are too many adversaries and they only understand and respect the language of power. The Kingdom of God is not in words but in power (1 Corinthians 4:20). Therefore, we are not in a battle of words.

We must understand that our portion in destiny can never be delivered without empowerment. Just as man had no value until the breath of God came into him, destiny has no real value without the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Our real value is determined by the power of God at work in our lives.

It is also important to recognise that we are in the golden age of the church and the golden season of our lives, which is neither accessible nor deliverable by power or might but by the Spirit of the Lord. The vision of Zechariah in chapter 4:1-6 can be likened to the picture of the golden age of the end-time Church, ordained to operate in a world of no limits. Every child of God is ordained to live in a world of no limits (Mark 9:23; John 14:12), which is made possible by the empowerment of the Spirit of God. It is, therefore, the empowerment of the Spirit that defines the limits of our accomplishments and exploits in life. Empowerment has no substitute in our adventure on earth. Therefore, empowerment is a principal requirement to fulfil our destiny in grand style.

We are redeemed into a world of no limits; but why are we still limited in many things? It is because we have not realised God's great plan of a world of no limits for us. By redemption, we are ordained for the topmost top; but why are we still in the lowest part of the valley? It is because we have not been empowered to operate at the top (Matthew 5:13-14).

However, nothing makes room for a believer on earth like the spiritual gifts at work in him. It is the gift of God at work in us that determines our placement on earth, because we can't be anything more than what the gift of the Lord makes us. This validates the

Scripture that says: A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men (Proverbs 18:16).

Spirituals gifts constitute the divine treasures in our earthen vessels, that define our placement in destiny (2 Corinthians 4:7). That simply means we are positioned in destiny by the gifts of the Spirit; and God's core gift for the believer is the Holy Ghost. This validates the Holy Ghost as our principal source of empowerment.

Spiritual gifts are real life assets. They are spiritual forces ordained to effect spiritual turnarounds in the lives of believers. We don't get grounded with the gifts of the Spirit at work in us. How much of the gift of God at work in us determines our profitability and it is what differentiates one believer from the other (1 Corinthians 4:7).

What, then, are spiritual gifts? How do they operate and how can we plug into their operation? That is what this book is all about. It will open us permanently to the forces that will launch us into a world of no limits.

It is important to understand that without a thirst, we cannot encounter the power of God that will give us access to the gifts of the Spirit. Therefore, as we genuinely open our hearts for an impartation with the spiritual gifts discussed in this book, we will have unforgettable encounters that will empower us to dominate life's situations and circumstances, in Jesus' name!

CHAPTER 1

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

1 Corinthians 12:7

The Holy Spirit is the power base of the Kingdom, and He manifests Himself through spiritual gifts that empower us to operate in the realm of unlimited breakthroughs in life. Moreover, the gifts of the Spirit are facilitators of grace (that is, divine gifting), which is the mystery behind the making of every believer.

It is these unspeakable gifts, as we have it in the Scripture, that unleash God's exceeding grace upon us. That means all the gifts of the Spirit are to launch us into the realm of exceeding grace.

> ***And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.***
>
> *2 Corinthians 9:14-15*

Also, the Holy Ghost is multi-dimensional, multi-operational and multi-gifted. The empowerment of the Holy Spirit, in its various ramifications, is for profitable living (1 Corinthians 12:7). It is not just for spiritual profitability but for all-round profiting. This means that it quickens destinies into profitability.

We also discover that every great story in Scriptures is a function of the operations of spiritual gifts. All giants of Scriptures were spiritually gifted people. Certain definite spiritual gifts in their lives gave expression to the kind of triumphs, victories and exploits they commanded.

However, there are gifts of the Spirit and there are also other dimensions of gifts known as spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts are like the advanced level of the gifts of the Spirit. However, whether they are spiritual gifts or manifestations of the Holy Ghost, they are packaged primarily to empower us for profitable living.

WHAT ARE SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

Spiritual gifts are spiritual treasures in the Holy Ghost for our profiting. They are real life and lifelong assets.

They are not religious emblems, myths or theories; neither can they be compared with natural things. That simply means, it is spiritual gifts that make the difference between one believer and another, because the gift of a man makes room for him and brings him before great men (Proverbs 18:16). Therefore, our place in destiny is determined by spiritual gifts.

Moreover, spiritual gifts trigger supernatural blessings. Thus, everywhere spiritual gifts manifest, supernatural blessings flow. These spiritual gifts include:

- **The Nine Gifts of the Spirit** as listed in 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 and they are classified into three groups:

Power Gifts: They include the **Gift of Faith**, which boosts our capacity to believe God and His Word; the **Gift of Healing**, which empowers our dominion over sicknesses and diseases; and the **Working of Miracles**, which gives us the capacity to live above impossibilities.

Revelational Gifts: These include the **Word of Wisdom**, which makes kings in the Kingdom of God and imparts us with the capacity to walk in the wisdom of the Word of God; the **Word of Knowledge**, which empowers for exploits (Daniel 11:32); and **Discerning of spirits**, which helps us to overcome the traps of the wicked.

Inspirational or Vocal Gifts: They include **Prophecies**, through which we access things to come, **Diversities**

of Tongues and **Interpretation of Tongues** for our spiritual refreshing.

- Spiritual gifts also include the **Seven Spirits of God** as listed in Isaiah 11:2.

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

Jesus possessed these seven Spirits. He is the One with the seven horns and the seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth to the earth (Revelation 3:1, 5:6). Therefore, these Spirits are available on the earth and will make a star of any believer. Since Jesus said that the work He did we will do and greater works than that we shall do, then we must possess what He possessed. If He had the seven Spirits and we must do His work, then we must have the seven Spirits of God in our lives. God has ordained our access to them and every child of God is redeemed to benefit from the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are ours for the taking if we are interested. But, note that God is very interested in seeing us benefit from them.

The end-time church is ordained to reign because we shall be ruling effectively in the midst of our enemies before the coming of Christ. This qualifies every believer

to receive all the seven Spirits of God. Therefore, by your encounter with the impartation of spiritual gifts in this book, your star must shine!

Spiritual gifts also include other **tangible gifts** such as the Spirit of Love, the Spirit of Visions and Guidance, the Spirit of Faith, etc. These are the ones I believe are called 'the spirits of just men made perfect' (Hebrews 12:23). They are packaged in the spirits of some anointed vessels. When we crave them, they are released into our lives (Philippians 1:7).

In Jude 1:3, we are urged to contend earnestly for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Hence, we can connect with the same Spirit of faith that operated in the lives of the men in Hebrews 11, to duplicate and multiply their kind of effect.

It is important to note that the Holy Spirit is the carrier and source of spiritual gifts. Since the Holy Spirit, the "mother" of all spiritual gifts, materialised from the Word of God, it means God's Word is the custodian of all spiritual gifts.

The good news is that, all these gifts are available and anybody can partake of them. For it is written: ***He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*** (Romans 8:32).

WHY DO WE NEED SPIRITUAL GIFTS?

- **To Walk in Power:** We need the empowerment of the Spirit, so we can dominate all the powers of the wicked. Walking in power enables us to live the 'more-than-a-conqueror' life (Luke 10:19).
- **To Access the Deep Things of God:** The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation empowers our access to the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:10).
- **To Gain Insight into Things to Come through Visions and Revelations:** We walk in vision by the gift of the Spirit. It is called the Spirit of Wisdom (profitable to direct) and the Spirit of counsel (profitable to guide) (Romans 8:14). This Spirit brings us into the visions of God for our lives (Joel 2:28; Ecclesiastes 10:10).

It helps us not to guess but to walk with the understanding of where we are going.

- **For Profitable Living** (1 Corinthians 12:7).
- **For Fulfilment of Destiny** (Psalm 63:5-7).
- **For Supernatural Breakthroughs** (Isaiah 41:17-18).
- **For Supernatural Blessings** (Isaiah 44:3-5): The gifts of the Spirit are facilitators of the blessings of God. When they are present in our lives, we experience the outpouring of blessings, which make us attractions to the world.

However, we must understand that the love of God is the gateway to all spiritual gifts that make living profitable, because God is committed to empowering only His lovers (1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 14:1). When we become anointed lovers of Christ, we gain access to any treasure of the Kingdom. It is perfect love that endears a man to God for lifting, promotion, decoration and beautification.

It is important to note that being in love is not a substitute for coveting earnestly, but being in love guarantees our receiving as we covet. Therefore, it is our job to covet earnestly through hearty prayers, any of the spiritual gifts that we desire (Luke 11:13).

However, all spiritual gifts answer to a genuine thirst.

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

If we must partake of any spiritual gift, there must be genuine desperation for it (1 Corinthians 12:31). That

is, getting ourselves on the line, losing our minds in the pursuit of it and reaching out for it by all means. That means the gift we do not covet, we cannot collect. In the school of impartation, it is not proximity that matters, but connectivity. As it is written:

> ***For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.***
>
> *Isaiah 44:3-4*

It is our thirst that qualifies us for His release. If we must partake of spiritual gifts from the school of empowerment, then we must have genuine thirst.

Some years ago, fascinated by the account of the valley of dry bones in Ezekiel 37, I had a deep passion to see God's Word produce results after the order of Ezekiel in my life. Then, I went on a three-day journey to the mountain asking the Lord to let me experience the grace that was upon Ezekiel.

On my way back from that trip on the third day, the Lord said to me clearly, "Behold, I have touched your tongue with the coal of fire. Henceforth, as you say it, you see it." There was a desperation that led to that dimension of manifestation.

Spiritual gifts answer to spiritual desperation, not

our presence. It is not a thing that jumps on us unconsciously; it is something we encounter deliberately and boldly.

There is no level of revelation that is a substitute for impartation because revelation shows us what to do but impartation enables us to do it. Thus, impartation enables us to operate at the frequency of its source.

For instance, it was not the revelation of Deuteronomy 8:18 and Jeremiah 33:20-25 that gave me my place in the school of prosperity, it was the impartation. They are two different things.

We must understand that we don't get imparted unconsciously and it is not as distributed by God, but as coveted by us. Don't be deceived, these gifts cannot be assumed or faked. They can only be accessed by people who desperately covet them. Therefore, our desperation is vital to their manifestations.

I will implore you to earnestly, heartily, desperately and prayerfully crave an impartation as you read this book and your manifestation will be evident to all. Now, the question is, are you truly interested? If you are, covet them and you won't lack the flow of blessings in your life!

CHAPTER 2

SPIRIT OF FAITH

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

2 Corinthians 4:13

The Spirit of faith is one of the vital forces of the Spirit that empower us for unlimited breakthroughs. It is one of the most powerful virtues required for commanding supernatural breakthroughs because it sees the invisible God as visible. Therefore, it thinks the unthinkable. That is, it thinks what ordinary men would not think. It speaks the unspeakable because it sees the invisible. It dares the impossible and empowers us to believe at a supernatural frequency.

By the Spirit of faith, we are anointed to see the

'unseeable'. As it is written:

> ***But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)***
>
> ***Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)***
>
> ***But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.***
>
> ***Romans 10:6-8***

The force of faith provokes Heaven on our behalf. When we operate by the Spirit of faith, we live as if the devil no longer exists.

For instance, no sane man would go towards the Red Sea with three million people; but in the case of Moses and the Israelites, "the sea saw them and fled!" The Egyptians saw this and thought, "Oh there is good weather today and it has cleared the sea." They went after them and they all drowned. It was not by chance. It was the Spirit of faith at work that parted the Red Sea.

The Spirit of faith was also at work in Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego.

> ***Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not***

careful to answer thee in this matter.

If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Daniel 3:16-18

These men saw the invisible God, so they could not imagine fire consuming them because it must first consume God. They were thrown into the fiery furnace and to show that it was real fire, the ones who took them there died. Meanwhile, the three Hebrew men thrown into the fire were walking and praising God. Then the wicked king said: ***…Lo, I see four loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God*** (Daniel 3:25).

The three men saw the invisible God in His visible realm. They dared the fiery furnace and emerged with an incredible testimony! The Spirit of faith makes us approach the fiery furnace, restful; the lions' den smiling and sleeping, and refreshed in the midst of the storm!

It is important to note that the Spirit of faith is a trans-generational virtue. It transits from one generation to another (2 Corinthians 4:13).

Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

John 6:28-29

The work of God from generation to generation is operated by the Spirit of faith. It means that the Spirit moves from one generation to another. It is a transferable virtue. When you locate a carrier, you can connect with it.

On July 26, 1986, I was imparted with the Spirit of faith from Kenneth E. Hagin in an eruptive manner. It was like an explosive planted into a man and I sobbed uncontrollably. Then, the Spirit of God said to me in the midst of the sobbing, “My son David, the baton has been passed over to you.” Thus, it goes from generation to generation, and I can tell you this, we can tap into it!

Someone once asked Kenneth E. Hagin (of blessed memory): “Upon whom fell the mantle of Smith Wigglesworth?” He said, “I cannot tell; but, one thing I know is that I read all I could lay my hands on concerning him until something from him rubbed in on me.” This validates the Scripture in Psalm 145:4 that, ***one generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts***.

There is a great man of God, a mighty evangelist by name Benny Hinn. The tangibility of the transference of unction from Kathryn Kuhlman into him is visible. The Spirit of faith cannot be re-invented; it can only be encountered from those who carry it.

The heroes of faith listed in Hebrews chapter 11 commanded generational breakthroughs and had their names engraved on the hall of fame by the instrumentality of the Spirit of faith. Let us look at it from the man called Abraham, the father of faith. In Hebrews 11:8-10, we have the following interesting statements made by the Holy Ghost:

> ***By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.***
>
> ***By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:***
>
> ***For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.***
>
> *Hebrews 11:8-10*

This is not regular faith; it is the Spirit of faith in a figure. It was at work long before Jesus came down to earth. The Spirit of faith drives us in the direction of

everything shown to us. Whatever He shows to us, He drives us to accomplish. Therefore, we automatically lose our minds to Him.

Abraham left his home and when he was asked where he was going, he said, “God will show me as I go.”

> ***By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,***
>
> ***Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:***
>
> ***Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.***
>
> *Hebrews 11:17-19*

In listing the heroes of the Scriptures, God began with Abraham who got it by the operation of the Spirit of faith. God wants to bless us after the order of Abraham. The Bible calls it the faith of Abraham, which is the Spirit of faith in action. The Spirit of faith given to Abraham is placed in destinies and to realise such level of blessings, we must possess whatever Abraham possessed.

> ***Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.***

For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Isaiah 51:2-3

They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham' s children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

John 8:39

The above scriptures imply that we should connect with the Spirit at work in Abraham and we will be empowered to operate in his realm. Therefore, I decree a fresh impartation of the Spirit of faith on your life!

WHAT, THEN, ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SPIRIT OF FAITH?

It is a Speaking Spirit

The Spirit of faith is a speaking Spirit, which makes it different from the Word of faith. While the Word of faith has to be spoken by us, the Spirit of faith speaks through us. We do not need to cram or practice it (Matthew 10:20). The Bible says:

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it

is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.

2 Corinthians 4:13

In 1987, my wife and I were in the United States for a meeting. After that meeting, a white American friend approached us to know if we had needs in the ministry but I said, “Our ministry has no needs.” I didn’t have to make enquiries; I was too sure that the ministry was not in need.

The Spirit of faith is not a principle but a spiritual dynamic force. It speaks the unspeakable and we don’t have control over it. Therefore, when we speak, God has no choice, but to confirm it.

It is a Driving Force

When the Spirit of faith is at work, we cannot be stagnated. Talking about Jesus, the Bible says:

And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.

Mark 1:12

It is also written:

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness

which is by faith.

Hebrews 11:7

That means by the Spirit of faith, we are supernaturally on the move; not just making proclamations but advancing dynamically.

It is a Restful Force

When the Spirit of faith is at work, we are supernaturally at rest when others are apprehensive and anxious. It does not mount pressure on anyone, but brings about noiseless triumph. Let's understand that we do not have to make noise to make news.

It is a Daring Force

There are giants in every man's Promised Land. If we are not daring, we will never ascend the throne. It is the Spirit of faith that imparts us with that daring nature.

It is an Ever-Winning Force

When God said we will build a first-of-its- kind fifty thousand seat church auditorium in one year, and we dared it, it came to pass. The Spirit of faith is a facilitator of the fulfilment of God's glorious agenda for our lives.

We had a situation in a country, where some top mafia took our property. When I was informed, I said, “God is big enough to defend Himself!” At the end, the judgment of the Supreme Court was reverted without contacting anybody for help.

We have not said the things God told us; that is why we have not seen them. We have set goals which we have not pursued. That is why we have not seen them actualised.

The lack of this daring force has made it impossible to pursue our set goals and this has hindered our delivery. This is why we need the Spirit of faith to fully possess our possession. Thus, the Spirit of faith is the facilitator of the fulfilment of God’s glorious agenda for our lives.

What is Unique about the Spirit of Faith?

The Spirit of faith has the supernatural ability to believe all things, including the unbelievable, which makes us look heretic, erratic and irrational.

> ***But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.***
>
> *Acts 24:14*

No premeditation; it is a spiritual explosive. Every

time it is triggered, it comes alive. You are not quoting scriptures, you are just exercising authority.

Sometimes ago, I went for a routine medical check-up and the doctor said, “You have high blood pressure.” I said, “No, not me!” He told me to look at it but I told him it was not necessary. Then I said, “I am not saying I don’t have. I say I cannot have!” It would be improper for a man to be tested positive for pregnancy and be worried. That is why the Bible says:

> ***Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.***
>
> *Hebrews 11:3*

It is a speaking Spirit and it creates whatever it declares.

When my wife told me she had a miscarriage, I said, “It cannot happen. Can I have my food please?” The issue ended there. The Spirit of faith launches us into a realm of unthinkable rest and peace that passes all understanding. We say it, settle it and leave it there. However, we cannot be trained into that realm; we can only be imparted into it.

It empowers us to believe all things that God speaks to us, either through the Scriptures or by Rhema. We do not need to practice it, we just possess it. People of faith will choose what God says no matter the cost. If

I perish, I perish! They are not bothered about the reproach; it is their approach to the throne that matters to them. As it is written:

> ***Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;***
>
> ***Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.***
>
> ***By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.***
>
> ***Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.***
>
> ***By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.***
>
> *Hebrews 11:25-29*

God is changing the level of Zion and 'Zion' is a people, not a building. Understand that empowerment is in degrees, so we must crave access to another level. We have been stagnant at a particular level for too long. So, we must crave access into higher levels. No mad man ever walks into fire. That tells us how much the devil respects fire. When our bonfire increases, the

things tormenting us presently would clear off.

On a certain day in 1999, at 1:30 a.m., I was going from Canaanland to town, when a group of armed robbers saw my car and said, “Eh! Take cover, he is coming!” There was neither a policeman nor a soldier around. When oppositions see that we are empowered, they clear off!

> ***Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.***
>
> *Ephesians 6:16*

The shield of faith is the Spirit of faith; it is the ultimate of faith. ***...he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live*** (John 11:25).

When Paul was stoned to death and dragged out of the city, the brethren gathered around him to plan his burial but he jerked back to life. He was too anointed for death to make a mince meat of. He was absolutely in command of death (John 11:40).

I do not care where effort takes you, but it does not guarantee posterity. Note that when your greatness comes by the Spirit, it stays forever. The Bible says:

> ***I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.***
>
> *Ecclesiastes 3:14*

Abraham's work is still speaking, thousands of years after he walked the earth.

MANIFESTATIONS OF THE SPIRIT OF FAITH

The Spirit of faith is the Spirit of dominion.

> ***Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.***
>
> *Hebrews 11:33*

We cannot have the Spirit of faith without being noticed by the devil. Also, we cannot possess the Spirit of faith and not be noticed by men because we will be breaking forth supernaturally.

It Empowers Us to Believe All Things

It infuses us with spiritual capacity to believe all things.

> ***…believing all things which a***
> ***law and in the prophets.***
>
> *Acts 24:14*

It takes the Spirit of faith to believe all things. There are many things God has said to us that we did not believe, that is why we cannot see them.

God spoke to me about Mission to Africa on May 4,

1994 and by May 8, we dedicated it. On June 14, we set up the office and by January “the arrows” were shot.

It Speaks Supernaturally Through Us

The Spirit of faith rules the tongue. When you do not have the Spirit of faith, your tongue is unguarded. The Spirit of faith is the bridle of the tongue because it speaks supernaturally. ***For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist*** (Luke 21:15).

It empowers us to say what God says, unashamedly. We are not speaking to impress anybody, but speaking what is in us by the Spirit of faith.

Our authority in Christ lies in our tongue. Faith bridles our tongue and delivers to us our destinies.

The Spirit of Faith Supernaturally Propels the Carrier

Any vision we don’t pursue can never be fulfilled. Everyone listed in the book of Hebrews chapter 11, moved by the propelling force of the Spirit of faith.

It is the Spirit of faith that empowers us to believe the impossible, think the incredible, speak the unthinkable and empowers us for triumph. Whatever the Spirit of faith sees, it believes, speaks, does, and

won't stop doing until the desired results manifest. It is an enduring Spirit; it is a never giving up Spirit and a forcefully advancing Spirit. It has no downtime. When nothing seems to be working, the man with the Spirit of faith sees it working.

In 1984, I was teaching in church and was sweating. I was ministering with the same energy I would expend if the auditorium were to be full. Then I said to the people, "Don't think I'm off my mind. I see a crowd outside there." Meanwhile, the church facility had a capacity of about three hundred people, but it was not full.

The Spirit of faith sees the end from the beginning and when we see the end, it is impossible to be discouraged. As it is written:

> ***Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.***
>
> *Hebrews 12:2*

This is why men who possess the Spirit of faith have no downtime. People don't know what they need, that is why they are in need. We need the Spirit of faith to keep soaring in life. Somebody asked me, "Do you ever have problems, brother David?" I said, "Maybe it came,

and I didn't know!"

The Spirit of faith does not see challenges; it sees victory because challenges are the pathway to championship. When you have a situation to overcome, it is an opportunity for promotion.

It takes downtime to murmur and complain. We need the Spirit of faith to secure our glorious future.

HOW DO WE ACCESS THE SPIRIT OF FAITH?

Identify a Carrier of that Spirit

As it is written: ***...but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves*** (Matthew 25:9).

Only a fool goes to a vegetable market looking for building materials. We must identify a carrier of the Spirit of faith to connect with it and be beneficiaries.

Receive the Person of the Carrier

We cannot be blessed by a prophet whose person we have not received. As it is written: ***He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward*** (Matthew 10:41).

We must acknowledge what that prophet carries; celebrate the worth of the grace of God on him and then become candidates for accessing his worth.

Believe in the Ministry of that Prophet

The Bible says: ***...Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper*** (2 Chronicles 20:20).

We must believe in the hand of God upon that prophet and in the integrity of what he does. According to the Scriptures, Jesus could not impart on the people, and He marvelled at their unbelief (Mark 6:5-6).

Engage in a Soul-Tie with that Prophet

A pipe that is not connected cannot draw from its source. Therefore, for a pipe to draw from its source, it must be connected. As it is written: ***As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man*** (Proverbs 27:19).

Also, in Numbers chapter 11, the seventy elders were imparted with the Spirit and then two of them prophesied outside the camp. Then, Joshua said, ³« 0 \ **lord Moses, forbid them.** ´ And Moses said, ³(Q Y L H V W W K R I R U P \ V D N H (Number 11:28-29). There was an emotional attachment between Joshua and Moses and he (Joshua) became a carrier of his spirit. ***And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him*** (Numbers 27:18).

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Deuteronomy 34:9

It is so important to know that a soul-tie with that prophet is not human worship but biblical wisdom.

For instance, I have a soul-tie with Kenneth E. Hagin and Pastor Enoch Adeboye. It is not human worship. It is a biblical strategy for drawing maximally from the treasures in those giants. I am so tied to Hagin that when he was about to sleep in the Lord, God said to me in Nigeria, “Someone as close to you as your cloth is about to go up.” I asked, “Who is that, my father?” He said, “No, Hagin.”

He was not sick because he had no disease. There was no form of communication with him, but I knew in Nigeria. Prior to that time, his tapes were played during our staff meetings. Also, we watched the video of all his prophetic words concerning 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007 and then, the Lord spoke.

There must be a contact before a flow. That is why everything working in Hagin works in me today in full force and without reservation.

Engage in a Fatherhood-Tie

This is having a father-son tie with the carrier. It is the ultimate of our access because the father's DNA is naturally shared with his son. There is no prayer about it. It flows into him and flows through him. It is just there!

In 1979, while reading a book authored by Smith Wigglesworth, a strange faith, which I have not recovered from, was fired into me.

We naturally share the DNA of our spiritual father; there is no contention about that. Every bonafide son of a prophet shares his spiritual DNA.

No doubt, the Spirit of faith is a real force that is available to everyone who can identify with its source. We must understand that only those who have it can give it! Therefore, identify and connect with those who possess it and you will begin to manifest its virtues. You will no longer be stranded!

CHAPTER 3

SPIRIT OF PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26

One of the operations of the Spirit is prayer and supplication. When Christ ascended to heaven, according to the Scriptures, He gave gifts to men. Among the treasures that accompanied the Holy Spirit, after Christ went to heaven, was the Spirit of prayer and supplication. In Zechariah 12:10, He said:

> ***And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.***

From the scripture above, there will be a release of the Spirit of prayer and supplication after Christ has paid the price; so, that Spirit is here.

The Bible says, ***Jesus also being baptized and praying, the heaven was opened*** (Luke 3:21). It is the praying engine in us that empowers us to pray delightsomely. We become so refreshed when praying that it makes prayer as natural as breathing and talking. Thus, when we pray with delight, strange prayer utterances come from within because of the praying engine in us.

Just like the body without the spirit is dead, without the operation of the Spirit of prayer and supplication, our prayer lives will be of no effect (James 2:26). No car can move without an engine; likewise, without the Spirit of prayer and supplication, our prayer life will lack motion like a vehicle without an engine. Therefore, an effectual prayer life cannot be sustained without the Spirit of prayer and supplication.

As it is written: ***It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life*** (John 6:63).

Everybody needs the Spirit of prayer and supplication because Jesus commanded through a parable that ***men ought always to pray and not to faint*** (Luke 18:1). Therefore, it is impossible to engage in continuous prayers without the help of the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Many truly want to pray, but their bodies will not just cooperate. Even when they stand, they still doze. When they kneel, they snore. Why? The devil knows the prayer altar is the altar of empowerment, so he wants to short-circuit our access to power in order to dominate us continually.

The Spirit of prayer and supplication destroys those prayer infirmities that make us pray only when we are in church or fellowship but not when we are at home or in private. Prayer sickness implies that our body cannot drive prayer because it lacks the capacity. Prayer infirmities can only be healed by the Spirit of prayer and supplication. Just as car can only ignite motion by the engine, our prayer life cannot have real motion without the prayer engine inside us (Romans 8:26).

The praying Spirit helps us to enjoy a fervent prayer life by constantly meeting with God smiling, having no evidence of stress. For many people, one hour of

prayer is an uphill task and that is Jesus' measure of prayer (Matthew 26:40). To drive one hour prayer, particularly saying the same thing without disconnecting, requires the prayer engine. The Bible says ***...the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak*** (Matthew 26:41); that is why we need the Spirit of prayer and supplication.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PRAYER ALTAR?

Spiritual Empowerment

This is the main objective of the prayer altar. That is why in Luke 11, when Jesus taught on prayer, the first illustration He gave had to do with empowerment. We go to the prayer altar to build our power rating so we can deal with issues as they arise.

> ***Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.***
>
> *Hebrews 4:16*

It is also written: ***If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small*** (Proverbs 24:10).

Therefore, the prayer altar is our power station where we refuel against the day of trouble. Taking a look at Jesus, the Bible says:

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Luke 3:21-22

Jesus was driven to the wilderness to pray and in Luke 4:14, He returned in the power of the Spirit. In Luke 9:28-31, Jesus took Peter, James and John to the mountain to pray ***and they were all amazed at the mighty power of God...*** (Luke 9:43).

The result of that prayer was the mighty power of God. Therefore, the prayer altar is the platform for empowerment that results in our enthronement, so we can dominate our circumstances.

In other words, the prayer altar empowers us for dominion. On the prayer altar, we get charged to take charge because it is our charging power source. For instance, when there is no power in the house, the phone runs down. Although the battery is still inside, it has lost power because there is no electricity to charge it. As such, there is no communication, no network and no contact.

There are many cases of “no communication, no network, no contact” Christians, because they are not charged. When you meet a charged man and anything rises against him, he charges like a lion. Thus, he is not looking for the charge, the charge is already inside.

During a seminar in 1985, the Director of the centre we were to use, sent a note that permission to use the centre had been withdrawn and we should vacate the premises by 7:20 p.m. prompt. As my partner held the note and was praying, I asked, “What is the matter?” When he told me, I said “relax, I am going to speak to that fox now.” I didn’t know him by name but I entered the room like a railroad man, flung his door open, held his hand and charged in tongues for two minutes. I said to him, “The ten Northern Governors that put you on this seat cannot check us out.”

There was no premeditation, as I was already overcharged. The man shivered and drove out quietly. We stayed there five long days.

While we were on a crusade, some armed robbers came into the motel where we lodged and five of them surrounded me. I put my hands on my waist because they were like rats. I was in pyjamas, not military uniform; but I roared, “In the name of Jesus.” Before I finished “roaring”, they took to their heels. It is one thing to look like a lion and another to be a lion.

Therefore, do not wait for trouble before you get charged!

Empowerment for Effective Witnessing

Prayer is a spiritual catalyst for soul-winning. Through the instrumentality of prayer, we are empowered to draw men to God. That is why God said:

> ***Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.***
>
> *Psalm 2:8 (See also Acts 1:8)*

Many unsaved souls are held captive by the devil but when we pray, we are empowered to rescue them because, a strong man that is fully armed cannot be defeated except by a stronger man. So, God empowers us as agents of rescue to disarm the “strong man“ holding men captive (Luke 11:21-22).

> ***Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.***
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> *John 15:16*

The word “ordained” means anointed. This shows that God empowers us to be effective witnesses by the Holy Spirit.

Empowerment for Supernatural Breakthroughs

The prayer altar is a platform for supernatural breakthroughs. For instance, Jacob commanded supernatural breakthrough on the altar of prayer. As it is written:

> ***And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.***
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> ***And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob' s t h i g h w a s o u t o f j wrestled with him.***
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> ***And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.***
>
> ***And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.***
>
> ***And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.***
>
> *Genesis 32:24-28*

Also, Peter gave his boat to Jesus to reach out to souls and at the end of His sermon, Jesus said:

> ***...Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.***
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> ***And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.***

> ***And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.***
>
> ***And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them...***
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> *Luke 5:4-7*

This engendered supernatural business breakthrough for Peter. Empowerment to dominate our circumstances, empowerment to be effective witnesses and empowerment for supernatural breakthroughs are all tied together. It is this spiritual empowerment that results in supernatural breakthroughs.

WHY DO WE NEED THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION?

To Overcome Our Prayer Weaknesses

Prayer is a spiritual adventure and it can only be driven spiritually. It cannot be effectively driven in the energy of the flesh. The Bible says, ***And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness*** (Mark 1:12). Jesus' adventure in the forty-day fast was as driven by the Spirit. The Spirit of prayer and supplication drives men into prayers. Effectual prayer can only be driven by the Spirit of prayer and supplication or it will be mere religious punishment. This Spirit overcomes our weaknesses and infirmities in prayers. ***For if ye live***

after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live (Romans 8:13).

From this scripture, we engage the Spirit to mortify the weaknesses in the body. Our spirit wants to pray but our flesh is weak; so, the Spirit of God quickens us to get our body in order (Romans 8:11).

It Empowers Us to Know What to Pray

The Bible says in Romans 8:26, “For we know not what we should pray.” That is, we have an idea but don’t have the details. We do not know the source of our challenges, but the Spirit helps our weaknesses to access the details by showing us what to pray about.

> ***But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.***
>
> ***For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.***
>
> *1 Corinthians 2:10-11*

The Holy Spirit reveals what we should pray about and how we ought to pray (Romans 8:26). He is the intelligence that we require in spiritual warfare. He shows us where the arrow of the wicked is coming from, so we can attack it intelligently.

In the military, intelligence is key to triumph. Likewise, the Spirit of prayer and supplication reveals the forces behind our battles. The Holy Spirit is our access to the spirit world; so, He unveils where the issues are. We are not operating on trial and error. Paul said: ***I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air*** (1 Corinthians 9:26).

He knew what he was fighting. The Spirit of prayer and supplication unveils the issues to attack and where the battle is raging from, so we can attack from the source.

Empowerment for Effectual and Fervent Prayers

We cannot be fervent without the Spirit. ***Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord*** (Romans 12:11).

...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (James 5:16).

Behind spiritual fervency is the Spirit. Effectual fervent prayer that avails much is only engendered by the Holy Spirit. He is our defence against the spirit of slumber. Many people read the Bible and feel sleepy. The word “read” does not mean do it silently; we can read loudly. It chases the spirit of slumber away from us. Therefore, prayer fervency is by the “enfirement” of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus prayed at Gethsemane and His sweat was like

droplets of blood falling to the ground. The Holy Spirit empowers us to pray after the order of Elijah. The Bible says:

> ***Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.***
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> ***And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.***
>
> *James 5:17-18*

Without the Spirit of prayer and supplication, we will be utterly limited in our prayer life. Therefore, we must embrace the Spirit of prayer and supplication in order to enjoy unlimited breakthroughs. Receive afresh the Spirit of prayer and supplication in Jesus' name! No more setbacks for you!

CHAPTER 4

SPIRIT OF LOVE

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

2 Timothy 1:7

It is evident from the Scriptures that there is a gift of the Spirit called the Spirit of love. It is an “impartable” Spirit and I consider it the repositioning trade secret for the highest order of profitability.

We also understand from the Scriptures that love is the greatest spiritual treasure in the Kingdom. As it is written:

Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:36-40

From the above scripture, the Spirit of love is the baseline for the functionality of every other spiritual force. No wonder Jesus said that love is the fulfilment of the law (Romans 13:10).

The Spirit of love infuses the love of God into our spirit so we become unreservedly, emotionally, inseparably and unconditionally tied to God. It makes us go all out for Jesus and that “madness” is what engenders enviable greatness.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

From the above scripture, God’s lovers are ordained for supernatural breakthroughs. What eyes have not seen, what ears have not heard, what has not been conceived by the imagination of any man, are the things God makes happen in the lives of His lovers. The unimaginable, unbeatable and impossible things are very cheap possibilities with God’s lovers. Thus, every

empowered lover is a pacesetter, trailblazer and a pathfinder.

That is why we need to open our hearts for this empowerment that changed the course of my destiny supernaturally. I have never needed encouragement in my life to deliver my task. In fact, the more I'm insulted, the more excited I am. I have never sat down to say, "Jesus, what am I doing here?" I have never had an alternative and never imagined an option. The truth is that, if God stops answering prayers, I will not be any less committed.

We need this same anointing of love in our lives to make the most of our journeys on earth. I, therefore, want to believe that God will give you an encounter with this Spirit, which will become your launching pad into a world of unlimited breakthroughs.

According to the Scriptures, we are permitted to covet earnestly the best gifts (1 Corinthians 12:31) and after Paul, by the Spirit, said that, he spoke instantly about love. The Scripture says in 1 Corinthians 13:1:

> ***Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.***

From the above scripture, "charity" means love, which implies that love is one thing to covet. The Holy Ghost is saying that love is the best gift in the Kingdom because

it launches us to the best of life and if grammar permits, to the “bestest” in life. Since the gift of a man makes room for him, that means love creates the best place for us in destiny (Proverbs 18:16).

LOVE-MADE HIGH FLYERS IN SCRIPTURES

JOB: He was a man that feared God and eschewed evil; a perfect man (Job 1:1). The fear of God in the Old Testament simply means – love for God, a heart for God or a craving after God; it does not mean phobia. Job was a man who operated in perfect love. When he was in trouble, his wife said, “Curse God and die”, but Job said, “Why are you speaking like one of those foolish women?” He further said:

> ***Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.***
>
> ***Job 13:15***

It is evident that Job was an empowered, diehard lover of God and as a result, he became the greatest of all men in the East. Though he lost everything, he never lost God. Until we lose God, we are not losers. Love may be challenged, but it never fails (Job 1:3; 1 Corinthians 13:8).

After Job’s challenges, he was restored twice as much as he had before because love never fails. He still emerged the greatest because the best gift was at work

in him, which generated the best position for him in life. Love may be challenged but it is never defeated (Job 42:10-12, 15).

JOSEPH: He was also a man that feared God. In Genesis 42:18, he said: "…for I fear God." Pharaoh said to him:

> ***Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art.***
>
> *Genesis 41:39*

The cheapest way to make the greatest mark in life is to possess a genuine heart for God. It is important to note that the Spirit of love will elevate us to the best realm of life.

SOLOMON: The Bible says, ***And Solomon loved the Lord*** (1 Kings 3:3). That was his only credential and he became the greatest king in his days. We must understand that the Spirit of love is a life-changing virtue.

DAVID: He was a lover of God and the Bible calls him a man after God's own heart. In the present-day Israel, people still pray on the tomb of David. Till now, he has a name in heaven with Jesus holding the key of David in His hands. That is the unlimited breakthrough dimension of an empowered lover. This lover called David risked his life and headed for Goliath because he insulted the armies of the Lord. "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that is harassing God's people

and blaspheming the name of our God? I will rather die than watch it continue because love is strong as death" (1 Samuel 17:26; Song of Solomon 8:6, paraphrased).

The world has never seen or imagined what God has loaded into the destinies of His empowered lovers. It is impossible to operate in the realm of perfect love without the Spirit of love. Perfect love means love without dissimulation. As it is written: ***Let love be without dissimulation...*** (Romans 12:9).

It also means love unfeigned, love that is not cunning or ill-motivated. That is God-motivated love; love without pretence. Love that is not looking for any returns and is absolutely God-centred. It is this kind of love that makes us dead to self and alive only to God. It is impossible to walk in that realm of love without the empowerment of the Spirit.

We must note that those who love God for things may soon lose their love for Him. When any of what they cherish is affected, their love for Him will be paralysed! But when we love Him for who He is— the same yesterday, today and forever— our love for Him is sustained forever. If it is Him we love, the love is sustained forever because He never changes! Therefore, until we eliminate the conditions for serving God, our condition will never change!

We need to also understand that only the Spirit can mortify the flesh because the flesh tries to prove that it

needs attention. No flesh (human being) can surrender the first place for another except by the Spirit of God. Every flesh wants to be first in its considerations. It takes the Spirit of love to position God first in our lives.

After the fall, man became absolutely self-centred. Everybody entered into the realm of self-defence, which is the nature of the fallen man. It, therefore, takes the Spirit of love to dethrone self and enthrone God in its place. We cannot experience perfect love in the energy of the flesh. It will require the empowerment of the relevant Spirit for us to love God unconditionally.

Since 1976, God has never offended me and neither have I asked, “Why Lord?” once; not even when death “visited” my family. It first accosted our daughter in 1997, and then dug the grave for my wife in 2004/ 2005. I never asked God, “why!” Rather, I told Him, “That You heal my wife is not what makes You God. Whether You heal her or not, You are still God forever. You kill me, You are God; when I am breathing my last breath, Jesus You will be my Lord.”

Love is the greatest treasure of destiny; it is my only trade secret that I have engaged most profitably. Since September 12, 1976, I have been swimming in the ocean of irrecoverable love. When our love for God is in place, our struggles end permanently.

According to the Scriptures:

> ***And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.***
>
> *Romans 5:5*

Love is the cure for shame and it is fired into us by the Holy Ghost. That Spirit fires into us a special zeal for God. David said:

> ***For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.***
>
> *Psalm 69:9*

Zeal is an emotional propeller; a force that drives us in the direction for which we are zealous. Note that the greater our zeal for God, the greater our accomplishments on earth. Nothing moves the hand of God upon a man like the zeal of God burning within him. For instance, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego said, “King, we are not careful to answer you. We will rather die than bow to your image” (Daniel 3:16 & 18 Paraphrased). That’s zeal! They were driven by an inner force into the fiery furnace and God showed up. Therefore, I decree the release of that Spirit of love on your life!

But, What is the Worth of Love?

We cannot love God and not know. The Bible says: ***I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the***

forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love (2 Corinthians 8:8).

What are the attributes of His love? When the Spirit of love comes alive in us, the following are the proofs:

If We Love God, We Will Obey Him

The love of God empowers us for delightsome and stress-free obedience. As it is written: ***For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous*** (1 John 5:3).

The love of God removes the grief, strain and stress in obeying God. Therefore, obeying God becomes a delight. God said: ***And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them*** (Ezekiel 36:27).

That means, there is a Spirit that empowers us to obey; it is the Spirit of love. It is that Spirit that empowers us to walk in God's statutes and keep His judgments.

Abraham was an addicted lover of God and at every instance, he obeyed God "sweatlessly" and with utmost delight. The Bible says:

> ***Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I***
>
> *Genesis 12:1*

This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Genesis 17:10

And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham' s h o u s e, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

Genesis 17:23

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Genesis 22:2-3

If Abraham had groaned, his servants wouldn't have allowed him to go with the child. However, he wanted to kill his son smiling. It is written:

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall

be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:21

The love of God empowers us to delightsomely and excitedly celebrate His commandments without any rethink. Mary, speaking to the servants at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, said: ***Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it*** (John 2:5). We are ever smiling at what appears to be a "killer" commandment. Therefore, when we walk in obedience, we walk into realms of unlimited breakthroughs as our heritage (Deuteronomy 28:1-2). Delightsome obedience as a lifestyle makes us walking miracles. Every step of our lives become simply supernatural as we become signs and wonders to our world.

If We Love God, We Will Love His House and His Kingdom

As it is written: ***I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem*** (Psalm 122:1-2; see also Psalm 84:1).

The above scripture means that the love of God empowers us to celebrate His Kingdom. David was a celebrated lover of the house of God. He said:

LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions: How

he sware unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob; Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed; I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids. Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

Psalm 132:1-5

God's love makes us Kingdom-driven and sold-out. Everything about the Kingdom turns us on naturally and "madly".

As a student many years ago, one of my teachers was very upset with me. He said, "David, if you want to be a student, be a student. If you want to be a Christian, be a Christian." I said, "Relax! I am a full-time Christian and a part-time student." We cannot love God at such frequency except by the impartation of the Spirit of love, which makes us Kingdom-propelled, Kingdom-driven and Kingdom-centred.

If we love God, we will love His house. If we do not love His house, then our love for Him is fake. God told me, "Seek ye first My Kingdom and all these things that others are dying to get will be added to you."

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.

Psalm 84:10

If you are being reminded or coaxed to go to church, then your journey is still very far. It is important to know that the hotter our love for God, the higher we fly. Instead of struggling with everything, this is one key that puts us in charge of everything.

If We Love Him, We Will Love His Word

The psalmist said: ***O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day*** (Psalm 119:97).

We cannot love God and not love His Word. When we love God, His Word will be pleasant in our ears.

When you see my Bible, you will know that it has been read; and I do not merely read it, I “eat” it! When I was a student, I kept my Bible on my right, while other books were on the left. Whenever I read my book and it seemed not to be “opening” up, I would take my Bible that was sure to “open” up to me. My spirit man would come alive and I would be empowered to cast out any devil.

Opening our Bibles only on Sundays is a proof that our hearts are disconnected from God. Job said: ***Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food*** (Job 23:12).

Thy words were found, and I did eat them...

Jeremiah 15:16

We must understand that the love of God is not theoretical, but practical. Every lover of God is a lover of the Word and he proves it by consuming the Word just like men consume food.

For instance, most people eat thrice daily. Imagine if we consume the Word three times a day. I mean real consumption, not just taking the snack of the Word because there is eating and there is snacking. Many people just take the snack of the Word, they are not really eating it but when it is time to take their meal, they spread different delicacies on their table and then consume to the flesh. When it is the Word, they read just a verse.

The Word of God should be worth much more than food to us. When we become consumers of the Word, we imbibe divine nature, which delivers us from the corruption of the world (2 Peter 1:4). The more we consume the Word, the more of divine nature we imbibe and the more incorruptible our bodies become.

The Bible also says:

> ***My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.***
>
> ***Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.***
>
> ***For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.***
>
> *Proverbs 4:20-22*

The Word is the balm in Gilead. When we become addicted Word consumers, we are free from the harassment of sicknesses and diseases (Psalm 107:20).

If We Love God, We Will Serve Him

> ***So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.***
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> ***He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.***
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> *John 21:15-16*

If we love God, we will prove it by serving Him! If we are not serving Him, there is no proof that we love Him. Paul said, ***For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*** (Philippians 1:21). He further said:

> ***For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!***
>
> *1 Corinthians 9:16*

Many in the church are busy using God for miracles; very few are truly serving Him. When they get what they want, they disappear. If we love God, we will serve Him. Therefore, wherever you are today, continue to seek opportunity to serve!

If We Love God, We Will Love His People

As it is written:

> ***If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.***
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> *1 John 4:20-21 (see also 1 John 3:17-18)*

The love of the brethren is one of the proofs of our love for God. However, it is important not to misinterpret that as love for everyone! This is where we must draw the line. David the great lover said in Psalm 139:21-22:

> ***Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.***

The love of God promotes hatred for the enemies of God. God speaking to Abraham said, "…I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee!" Therefore, the will of God is to curse those who curse us (Genesis 12:3).

If We Love God, We Will Give Excitedly

Giving is a proof of the sincerity of our love (2 Corinthians 8:8). God so loved the world, He gave. He

did not sing or dance; rather, He gave. If you are a lover, you will be a giver; if you are not a giver, you are not a lover. We must understand that the love of God is a giving love. The Bible says:

> ***But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?***
>
> ***My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.***
>
> *1 John 3:17-18*

We are not just called to give to God, but also to the cause of the Kingdom and to service the needs of humanity around us. God's love is a seeing and giving love. When we see a need, we must take advantage of it as "'engraced" by God. This is a demonstration of the love of God. If everyone who has extra food gives it to the hungry, no one will be hungry in the church (1 Chronicles 29:3).

We must understand that when we give to the needy, we are removing our names and that of our generation from being enlisted amongst the needy. Any good thing we do is a seed awaiting harvest "tomorrow" and the harvest does not stop with us; it affects generations (Ephesians 6:8).

For instance, in my family, we have paid so much of

medical bills for others that God cannot but look after us. I have rushed to see that legs were not amputated; so, God will not watch my legs amputated. When we stop people from being homeless, God preserves our generation from homelessness.

> ***And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.***
>
> *1 John 4:16*

When the Spirit of love is at work, we enjoy divine companionship because we are working with God as a team. This makes us unbeatable and our breakthroughs unstoppable (Psalm 24:7-10).

> ***Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.***
>
> *1 John 4:17*

This means that the Spirit of love inoculates us with the virtues of divinity. We become gods in the likeness of men, which makes us more than conquerors (Acts 14:11). Whatever divine nature does not accommodate is not permitted in our bodies because it is spiritually illegal in our system. When the sea ‘sees’ us, it flees; at our appearance, the mountains clear the way like rams. When we advance, all the little hills give way to us. The

Bible says, ***Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the L o r d*** (Psalm 114:7). Therefore, whatever trembles at God's presence, trembles at our presence.

We can carry divine nature bodily. This means to carry the nature of God, which is love and it is the Spirit of God that imparts us with that dimension of love.

The Spirit of love also empowers us to live in the fear-free zone of life, which is the triumphant realm of life (Philippians 1:28).

> ***There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.***
>
> *1 John 4:18*

Somebody once asked me, "When your wife was attacked, did you ever imagine her dead?" I said, "No, not once." There is no room for such imagination in my system. The spirit of fear cannot survive where the Spirit of love is because the Spirit of love makes us divine status conscious.

Can you imagine God being afraid? There is a realm where a believer is married to Jesus and the two become one flesh (Ephesians 5:31-32). That means whatever is not obtainable in Christ's body becomes illegal in our bodies. However, perfect love is what culminates in marriage. Paul said, "…for I have espoused you to one

husband…" (2 Corinthians 11:2). Jesus is the Bridegroom and we are His bride. When the love of God is perfected in us, a holy matrimony is consummated between us and Christ. This marriage makes us spiritual first ladies in the Kingdom. Thus, whatever immunity pertains to His majesty becomes our portion.

The First Lady of any nation enjoys the same order of security apparatus as the President. A traffic warden cannot stop her, ritual killers will not attack her because she is too surrounded to be molested. When our love for God culminates in marriage by the Spirit of love, we become spiritual first ladies. Since His domain is where our immunity covers and He is the King of kings, the Lord of lords and the King of all the earth, whatever cannot harass Him cannot harass us. This is the ultimate of that love, which is to culminate in marriage between us and the bridegroom. When we are married to Christ, we become one flesh with Him, which is the security of our destiny, the immunity over our lives and the honour and glory that continually attend to us (Ephesians 5:31).

Christ is available for this marriage but only perfect, unreserved and unfeigned love qualifies us for it.

For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they

two shall be one flesh.

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:31-32

For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church.

Ephesians 5:29

Jesus becomes the nourisher and cherisher of our bodies; He becomes our personal physician. He does not refer any case to anyone, and ours will not be the first to be referred. Who will He refer it to? He is the Resurrection and the Life. He has the power to bring to life whatever is dead or dying in our bodies. He has the power to recover it. That is why we need this perfect love, which the Spirit of love engenders.

WHAT, THEN, ARE THE BLESSINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF LOVE?

The following are the treasures that the Spirit of love empowers us to enjoy:

Access to Unlimited Revelation

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10:

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,

neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

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

Every man that is a lover of God is empowered to access the revelation of the deep things of God; and the deeper our access to revelation, the higher we fly. As it is written:

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Isaiah 60:1-3

It is also written: ***The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel*** (Isaiah 9:8).

One revelation can spur a revolution in our lives. That is the power of revelation, which is enhanced by our love for God (John 15:15).

For instance, Paul was a man with an unusual heart and love for God, and he flowed in abundance of revelation.

Paul was so dearly in love with God that he had access to unusual revelations. He explored unusual depth because of his unusual heart for God. No matter how much you hang around my house, if you do not have a relationship with me, you cannot have access to my confidentialities. It takes love to have access to the confidentialities of others.

In Romans 8:35-39, Paul had an uncheckered love for God. In 2 Corinthians 12:7, he had access to unusual revelations. He wrote two-thirds of the New Testament; he was a man of unusual depth because of His love for God (Philippians 1:21; Galatians 2:20).

Faith Works by Love

As it is written:

> ***And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.***
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> *1 Corinthians 13:2*

This means that it is love that empowers faith to deliver and that is why faith works by love (Galatians 5:6). You cannot tell how much faith is worth without an empowered heart for God. Daniel's faith was empowered by love to deliver.

We believe God for too many things that are not happening because our faith has lost its charge. Love is what charges our faith for connectivity. When our telephones are not charged, even when there is network, we cannot gain access. Likewise, when our faith loses the love charge, we cannot gain access because it is love that empowers our faith to deliver. This is why many people's faith is still barren because they are only tempting God when they claim to be trusting Him. ***Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God...*** (Deuteronomy 6:16).

Those who tempt God are always victims of life. That you get a job does not make Him God; He said "I AM that I AM." With your joblessness, I AM; with your "jobfulness", I AM. God's weight and height are the same; it is only your status that changes. God is "permanently permanent". There is nothing you are that affects God's status. Every demon knows the meaning of "I AM". "I AM" means I am in charge forever.

The Spirit of Love Engenders Supernatural Victory

Perfect love casts out fear and when fear is gone, victory is established.

> ***There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.***
>
> *1 John 4:18*

For us to give someone else a first place, it must be by a unique empowerment and that is what the Holy Ghost does. He empowers us with the Spirit of love, so He can dethrone the self in us and enthrone God. When we operate in this empowered love, we live a fear-free life which guarantees supernatural victory any day, anytime and anywhere. The spirit of fear is what brings man into a snare and bondage.

It is written:

> ***And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.***
>
> *Philippians 1:28*

A fear-free life guarantees an ever victorious life. Fear is a spirit but it cannot dwell in the same place with the Spirit of love because he that is made perfect in love is free from fear (1 John 4:18).

In 1984, while driving at about 1.20 a.m. with three young men, we were faced with a narrow bridge. Normally, new drivers measure the bridge to check whether it would take their tyres or not. We got on the bridge and suddenly, another vehicle was also on it.

Naturally, the only option I had was to swerve into the river and be turned into a boat or go ahead for a head-on collision and I was riding a “fantastic” car

(Volkswagen Beetle). Immediately, I said from my inside: ***He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone*** (Psalm 91:11-12). That means, your toes are very important to God.

Meanwhile, the other fellows in the car were 'dead'. They had prayed their last prayer. After we crossed to the other side, they were overwhelmed with fear and they asked, "Did you see the bridge?" I said, "I did not."

When the Spirit of love is at work in us, the spirit of fear cannot be there; and if the spirit of fear is not there, our victory is guaranteed. Job said, ***For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me*** (Job 3:25). Fear is the bait of the devil in hunting for his prey. When we give in to fear, we become mincemeat to the devil.

The Spirit of love is the best gift that creates the best room for us in life.

Access to Supernatural Prosperity

In 1 Kings 3:3, the Bible says, "And Solomon loved the Lord" and that empowered him into realms of supernatural wealth. God said to Solomon:

> ***And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall***

not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

1 Kings 3:13

We do not prosper just by giving; our prosperity is powered by our love for God.

> ***And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.***
>
> *1 Corinthians 13:3*

The returns on our giving are a function of the quality of our heart for God. The return is not just in the giving because our giving can be wasted without a heart for God. A heart for God is what empowers our prosperity. We can give without loving but we cannot love without giving. The love of God is a giving love.

God so loved and God so gave. If you are a lover, then you should be a giver; if you are not a giver, you are not a lover. That means you are faking it (John 3:16; 1 John 3:17-18).

In this world, people believe that all things cannot really work for anybody. But it is written:

> ***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.***
>
> *Romans 8:28*

The force of love is so powerful that it empowers every area of our lives to deliver unmistakable breakthroughs.

The Love of God Makes us Signs and Wonders

Every empowered lover operates as a sign and a wonder in his world.

> ***He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.***
>
> *John 14:21*

God works in the empowered lover both to will and to do of His good pleasure. When God does things through us, people mistake it as being our works. Every lover provokes the natural manifestation of God in his life. God moves into his affairs, he/she does not have to invite Him. He wades in there (Philippians 2:13).

> ***And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.***
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> ***Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.***
>
> *1 John 4:16-17*

What love does is to infuse divine nature into our human vessels, thereby making us gods in the likeness of men. Paul was called a god in the likeness of men because he was a man with undying love for God (Acts 14:11).

Furthermore, the Spirit of love emboldens us to command the supernatural. Thus, when we carry divine nature, we live “supernaturally naturally”. That is, the supernatural becomes our natural realm because we dwell in God and He in us and as He is in heaven, so are we in this world.

In 1976, I was privileged by divine orchestration to receive the impartation of the Spirit of love. I did not know that is what it was called then, but that force was fired into me so much that I “lost my mind”. I lost any feeling for myself which I have not regained since that time. It was so strong that I made a covenant to make it my lifestyle on September 12, 1976 with a vow I captioned, *Sailing under Sealed Orders*.

I read it to my wife while we were in courtship. I said, “Would you still want to marry a ‘mad’ person like this?” She said, “Yes.” I told her to sign on a document I prepared for that purpose, and she appended her signature on it. The Spirit of love was fired into me that day. I have not recovered and I do not wish to recover forever because it has been the lifeline of my destiny. I am not pushing anything; God is making

everything happen by Himself.

In 1984, I was dying; the whole house was in uproar and everybody was running helter-skelter. I had just finished my series of teachings captioned, *Power over Death*, and death said, “I will test you now; you think we are playing here.” The spirit of death invaded the house. Suddenly, a force surged within me and I heard, “What are you doing here?” I was already going to the grave and then a response from my spirit answered, “I don’t know too!” Immediately, that force jerked me from the death bed and I said, “I’m supposed to be on my way to Jos today and I am going now.” Then, I went straight to the bathroom, had my bath, got into the car and drove myself. When nothing else worked, love came on the scene. The Spirit of love is a quickening force!

Therefore, no lover of Jesus ends up a loser! Every anointed lover is a potential star and to retain that love is to retain our stardom. God made a star out of Solomon and that stardom crashed when he followed strange women. That is why we need the Spirit of love. Every true lover of God enjoys the natural manifestation of God in his life. Therefore, I decree a new order of the manifestation of the Spirit of love in your life!

CHAPTER 5

SPIRIT OF BOLDNESS

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Romans 8:15

It is also written:

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

2 Timothy 1:7

One of the effective tools in the hand of the devil is the spirit of fear, which is the spirit of bondage. As it is written: ***The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe*** (Proverbs 29:25).

Satan cannot gain access into any man's life until he has held him bound with the spirit of fear; but God also gave us an antidote against the spirit of fear, and it is called the **Spirit of Boldness**.

Understand that the atrocities in Job's life, caused by the enemy, were by the bait of fear. Job said:

> ***For my sighing cometh before I eat, and my roarings are poured out like the waters. For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.***
>
> *Job 3:24-25*

We cannot practice boldness. We have to be empowered with boldness; otherwise, when the jungle matures, we will shiver.

We can only be anointed for boldness and that is what gives us command of signs and wonders. Talking about the Apostles, the Bible says:

> ***Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.***
>
> *Acts 14:3*

We cannot possess our possessions without the Spirit of boldness, because in everyman's Promised Land, there are giants. Therefore, it takes the Spirit of boldness to

despise their size and take what belongs to us.

Moreover, boldness is required to subdue, overcome and conquer the spirit of fear. Most of our challenges in life are traceable to the affliction of the spirit of fear. We cannot cast out a wrong spirit without an infilling of the right one.

Nature abhors vacuum; so, if we cast out the spirit of fear, we have to call forth the Spirit of boldness. We cannot be free from the spirit of fear and not have the Spirit of boldness; otherwise, fear will return. As it is written:

> ***When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.***
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> *Matthew 12:43-45*

An old proverb says, “An army of sheep led by a lion will defeat an army of lions led by a sheep any day.” This implies that our conquest is a function of our boldness. Even though we belong to the tribe of the Lion of Judah, we need to be empowered for the lion in

us to come alive.

For instance, I had a life changing encounter years ago when I listened to a message titled, *the Lord killeth and He maketh alive* by A.A. Allen. I was changed from within, as the "chicken" heart in me was replaced with a lion's heart. I saw the other side of God and that imparted me with a heart that cannot give up.

Understand that there are vessels that carry the Spirit or grace of boldness "provenly". They cannot be stopped (Acts 4:20-21, 30-33). As it written: ***And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me*** (Ezekiel 2:2).

During one of our meetings in Liberia, it began to rain heavily. So, I got up and said, "If it rains tomorrow, then it will never rain here again!" I further said, "I charge you devils wherever you are, come together." The following day, the cloud was thick but it did not rain.

We cannot practice boldness; we have to be anointed for it. There are things that belong to us, but because we don't say them, we cannot have them. Though they are our inheritances in Christ, we need boldness to declare and have them. We cannot be healed except we are bold. There are many things we believe but have not been able to declare. Until faith is declared, it is not faith. It is impossible to possess our inheritances

in Christ without the Spirit of boldness. In the Kingdom of God, only the violent can take their possession in full. As it is written:

> ***And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.***
>
> *Matthew 11:12*

Spiritual violence is another word for boldness. The Bible says we shall have whatever we say; particularly when we say it with boldness. What we don't declare, God is not permitted to deliver. The fear of the unknown has made many destinies stranded. It takes the Spirit of boldness to declare publicly, things that are technically impossible.

In 1996, while going for a seminar on a Saturday morning, the Lord said to me "It is time to get the aircraft." By my training, I should keep that to myself and discuss it after the seminar. But, I told the people present at that seminar that God just spoke to me that it was time to purchase an aircraft. We didn't know the name of any aircraft, but we took an offering for it and bought it at once. It is important to understand that we cannot possess our possession without the Spirit of boldness!

Understand that there is a Goliath between us and our throne and until we conquer him, we cannot get

there. It takes the Spirit of boldness to conquer that Goliath. The Bible says:

> ***And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God.***
>
> *Philippians 1:28*

Everything that the Spirit of God offers requires desperation to access (Psalm 81:10-14). It is not just opening our mouth, but opening it wide. It is saying it loudly and violently. Our triumph demands the operation of the Spirit of boldness, or we will remain trapped. However, we cannot say it loudly except we are endued with the Spirit of boldness (Mark 8:38).

When the construction of the Faith Tabernacle was in progress, we continuously declared violently and convincingly that September 18 was a reality. Through that, we committed God to perform it. It is not everything we say that comes to pass, but what we say without doubt in our hearts. The Psalmist says:

> ***My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.***
>
> *Psalm 34:2*

Our boasting has to be in the Lord and it should be done boldly. This is why not everything we say comes to pass, because God confirms what we boldly declare

from what we believe. It is the Spirit of boldness that makes us dare the "undareable", speak the unspeakable and expect the incredible. The three Hebrew men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego said:

> ***If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.***
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> *Daniel 3:17-18*

Many years ago in Kaduna, some angry persons in the Ministry of Environment wanted the church out of the place. So, they went through the various authorities in charge of the estate and we were given a 10-day ultimatum.

When I saw the person sent, I shouted, "Tell them that in ten days, you are all dead men." There was no discussion with him. The man went for a while and came back to say that he was only sent. We stayed there forever! I didn't have to think of it; that Spirit manifested. Any man who possesses the Spirit of boldness cannot be dispossessed of his goods.

Years ago, where we were holding a meeting, the devil entered the authority in charge of that facility and he gave us an ultimatum to leave that place at 7:20 p.m.

prompt. My friend, who was a co-speaker with me at the seminar got the note and was praying about it. Then, I asked him what the challenge was. When he told me, I said, “Relax, let me go and speak to that fox.”

Then, I opened the door to the man’s office, held his hand and sparked on him in tongues. I took his hand, threw it on his chest and said, “All the forces that kept you here cannot put us out.” He fled and we were there for four days. There was no prayer point; the Spirit of boldness was just in charge.

There is nothing we need that is not available; it is knowing where to get it that matters. God places His gifts in men, and He takes it from them and gives to other men as they desire it. When the Spirit comes upon us, it takes effect immediately.

The Holy Spirit empowers us for boldness not “bold face”. Anywhere bold face is confronted, you just discover that it is superficial. What you don’t confront, you cannot conquer.

God said to Joshua:

> ***Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.***
>
> ***Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever***

thou goest.

Joshua 1:6 & 9

From the above scripture, God was saying that even though our inheritances are real, it takes our bold disposition to truly possess them. We have to be strong because there are forces whose mission is to scare us. This is why we must be bold-hearted or we will never gain access to those inheritances.

The Dramatic Place of the Holy Spirit

Remember the Apostles were in the upper room in fear and hiding from possible assaults from the Jews. Then suddenly, the Holy Ghost broke loose on them and they were transformed into other men. The same people who were once in hiding began addressing a crowd of people without fear in their hearts. The Spirit of boldness entered them, destroyed every form of timidity and released them to fulfil their mission.

The dramatic place of the Holy Spirit was also evident in Acts chapter 4.

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

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

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:29-31, 33

Based on the above scripture, when boldness is in place, power flows freely. Boldness is the main channel through which the power of the Holy Spirit flows. The Apostles were filled with the Holy Ghost and they spoke the Word of God with boldness and great power. Thus, as boldness was rising, power was flowing. Therefore, it takes boldness to fulfil our mission.

Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Acts 14:3

As the Apostles spoke boldly, signs and wonders flowed freely. Boldness is a channel through which signs and wonders flow in our direction. The Spirit of boldness is what puts us in command of signs and wonders, not the loudness of our voices. It is the Holy Spirit that empowers us for boldness. When He came

on the Apostles in the upper room, they were let loose.

Understand that fear is a spirit.

> ***For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.***
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> *2 Timothy 1:7 (See also Romans 8:15)*

Since fear is a spirit, it takes a superior Spirit to subdue it. The Holy Spirit is that superior Spirit. Therefore, we must engage the Holy Spirit to subdue the spirit of fear.

For some people, the step to take to access the next plan of God for their lives seems to elude them. They only keep talking about it, they won't take the step.

With the Spirit of boldness, we dared Covenant University project and said that in seven months, we would raise all the facilities needed for 1,500 students and we would not borrow from anywhere or beg anybody. When the Spirit of boldness is at work, it becomes a main channel through which signs and wonders flow.

In 1997, while in America, I encountered one of the founding philosophies of the American nation. It says: *America, land of the brave, home of the free!* It takes being brave to walk into the greatness of God's plan for our lives. When that boldness is of the Holy Spirit, it is not subject to circumstances.

Many have crashed under the dominion of the spirit

of fear. Every time the Holy Spirit empowers us for boldness, signs and wonders flow freely. Note that I am not referring to bold face but bold heart.

We must desperately crave the Spirit of boldness because we need it to fulfil our mission on earth. We must realise that God has a plan of unending progress for us and it takes boldness to break through from one level to another.

It is one thing for God to tell us something, it is another to have the heart (boldness) to do it. It took boldness for me to break off from Kaduna and come to Lagos. In terms of comfort, we were very okay, by the help of God, in Kaduna.

We announced in church on September 17, 1998 that we would dedicate the Faith Tabernacle on September 18, 1999. The drawings were not ready at that time; we were still looking at what it would look like and what we would approve eventually.

The following day, we started drawing the rope of where the building would actually be. On September 18, as declared, it was dedicated because signs and wonders flow freely through the channel of spiritual boldness.

When you check the history of our ministry, you will find the display of divine boldness launching it from one phase to another. For instance, how do you relocate

a church from town, bring it to the “forest” and expect people to come? They will only come because God said so, and the One who said it will fulfil it when you also obey immovably.

Only the immovable among men move mountains. We cannot be moving and at the same time try to move the mountain. Therefore, if we must be mountain movers, we must receive the anointing for immovability. It is our immovability that establishes our destiny. We become immovable because we are standing on the Word and nothing seems to bother us about what anybody else is doing.

When we don’t doubt in our hearts, we become mountain movers. As Jesus said:

> ***…for verily I say unto you, If y***
> ***of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain,***
> ***Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove;***
> ***and nothing shall be impossible unto you.***
>
> *Matthew 17:20*

I went to pray in the forest at night many years ago and then some animals were jumping and disturbing. So I said, “Quiet in the name of Jesus!” Although my eyes were closed, they kept quiet.

By the time I returned from the prayer mountain and laid on my bed, I suddenly saw that my spirit was leaving my body. I was looking at the light and could

not move any part of my body. Inside of me, (because my mouth at that time had clicked and could not open), I was saying, “Just let this my mouth open.”

In the region of death, my heart was speaking because something had been fired into it; and as soon as my head was released, I said “In Jesus’ name!” Immediately, the spirit of death vanished into thin air. I jumped on my feet and said, “satan, you are a dummy.” I was not asleep.

We need the anointing for boldness. Only the brave ever become great! We are too gentle for the destiny God has in store for us.

In that programme where I asked, “Are there witches here?” and they stood up, I said to one of them, “Come out here and tell me what you do.” The Spirit of boldness was at work on the inside and after she said what she said, I asked, “What of when people like us are coming?” We must be very confident of the power we carry.

The Spirit of boldness empowers our prayer life and also gives us stability in the midst of conflict.

> ***There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going: A lion which is strongest among beasts, and turneth not away for any.***
>
> *Proverbs 30:29-30*

To fulfil our glorious destinies on earth, we must

possess the heart of a lion. We need the lion's heart to have an enviable adventure on the earth. When we are always on the run, we don't make a mark. Look at the devil in the face and say, "Shut up!"

Remember that it is the Holy Spirit Who empowers us for boldness and that is what we need to fulfil our mission on the earth.

A man came to me in 1993 and said he was hearing voices around his house. I told him that he was too quiet. I further told him that since nature abhors vacuum and he was not talking, somebody else must talk. I instructed him to return home and begin to say, "Praise the Lord, hallelujah." He should let it become his language and mean it from the depth of his heart and the voice of the stranger will disappear. He didn't need more than that to encounter a turnaround. The voice of boldness is indeed the voice of triumph!

You have been too gentle to fulfil God's great plan for your life, but by the empowerment of the Spirit of boldness, nothing is permitted to be stagnant in your life any longer!

CHAPTER 6

SPIRIT OF JOY

Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

Psalm 45:6-8

After the fall, man was sent out of the Garden of Eden into the wilderness, which is a place of wandering, frustration and depression. As a result, man lost his joy. At Christ's arrival, He quickened that part of man that was dead, by His Spirit, and one of the fruits of that Spirit is joy.

Joy is one of the great assets of life because it carries a lot of fringe benefits and interestingly, it is one of the vital ministries of the Holy Ghost. In the opening scripture, the Holy Spirit is defined as the oil of gladness. Thus, the Holy Spirit is our dependable source of joy, Who generates joy unspeakable that is full of glory. We cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit and not be filled with joy. Moreover, if we are truly filled with the Holy Spirit, we will be free from depression.

There are different sources of joy, which include:

The Joy of Salvation

This is the gateway to a joyful life. Until our souls become regenerated, we will remain wanderers, frustrated, disillusioned, confused, confounded and wondering what life is all about. But salvation is our escape from a world of sorrow, depression and joylessness.

From the miracle of salvation, we gain access to the realm of joy that comes from the Lord. David said, ***Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation*** (Psalm 51:12). Salvation qualifies us to possess the virtue of joy, which was lost during the fall. Thus, when we are truly filled with the Holy Spirit, the joy of salvation becomes evident in our lives; it is the anti-depressant we need, which keeps us flying above all circumstances.

Happiness is circumstantial, but joy is a virtue that manifests itself no matter the prevailing circumstances.

The Joy of the Holy Ghost

It is the Holy Ghost, Who enhances the joy of the Lord in our lives.

> ***For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.***
>
> *Romans 14:17*

We cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit and be filled with sorrow or depression.

Remember, at the arrival of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, there was so much joy in the upper room that passers-by thought the disciples had taken strong drink (Acts 2:13-17).

The Holy Ghost is a stimulator of joy and the joy of the Lord is enhanced as we get filled with the Holy Spirit.

> ***And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;***
>
> ***Speaking to yourselves in Psalm and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.***
>
> *Ephesians 5:18-19*

Recognise that the more we are filled with the Spirit of God, the more joy manifests in our lives.

In Psalm 46:4, it is written: ***There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the***

holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. And we are that temple of the Lord (2 Corinthians 6:16).

Also, in John 7:37-39, talking about the Holy Spirit, ***out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*** That means, when this river comes alive in us, it makes us glad because gladness accompanies it. Thus, we qualify for that divine gladness by reason of the flow of that river of life in us. Therefore, be free from every sorrow of heart and depression hanging around your life in the name of Jesus!

The Joy in the Word of God

The Bible says in Psalm 119:162, ***I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil***. Every discovery in the Word enhances the manifestation of the joy of the Lord in our lives.

> ***Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.***
>
> *Jeremiah 15:16*

For instance, when Philip went to Samaria, he preached Christ to the people and the Bible records that the city was filled with joy. Every time God's Word comes alive, joy is one of the vital expressions that people find (Acts 8:5, 8).

Also, understand that every man that flows in revelation is naturally free from depression because every discovery in the Word stimulates the joy of the Lord in our hearts. May you walk in revelation the remaining days of your life!

Hope

When hope is lost, we naturally become downcast.

> ***Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.***
>
> *Psalm 42:11*

That's why when someone is depressed, he is told that as long as there is life, there is still hope. But I'm glad to let you know that you don't only have hope as a believer, you have a living hope.

> ***For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.***
>
> *Ecclesiastes 9:4 (See also Job 14:7)*

As long as we are joined to the living God, our situations can never be hopeless. Jesus was smiling on the cross because He saw the joy that was set before Him (Hebrews 12:1-2).

It is important to note that the Holy Spirit is our

source of joy. Therefore, it is not enough to speak in tongues, it is important to speak in joy. If our lives are not radiating joy, then, we do not have the Holy Spirit.

Benefits of Joy

Joy is a Covenant Source of Strength

This is one of the ways the Holy Spirit helps to keep us fit physically, by transfusing the joy of heaven into our mortal bodies. The more joyful we are, the stronger we are physically. ***...Neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength*** (Nehemiah 8:10).

Joy is our source of physical strength. The more joyful we are, the healthier we live. Therefore, if we want to experience the strength of the Lord as a way of life, then we must give place to the joy of the Lord in our lives.

Joy Empowers us to Enjoy Divine Health

Joy is a kind of covenant medication for our health. As it is written: ***A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones*** (Proverbs 17:22).

It is also written: ***The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?*** (Proverbs 18:14).

A broken heart is what results in a broken body. When

there is joy in our hearts, we will be healthy because the joy of the Lord empowers us to enjoy divine health. As such, we become stronger everyday because of the flow of the joy of the Lord in our lives.

It Enhances Revelation and Intellectual Soundness

Revelation answers to the joy of the Lord at work in our lives. It is written: ***Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation*** (Isaiah 12:3).

Revelation does not only answer to how hard we study, it also answers to our covenant positioning. Understand that joy is a fundamental requirement for access to revelation. The Bible says:

> ***O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out.***
>
> *Romans 11:33*

The deep insights of God are loaded in the wells of salvation and it takes joy to access them. For instance, having a bucket does not qualify us to access the water in a well; we also need a rope.

Thus, reading, studying, meditation, searching and researching can be likened to a bucket, while the joy of the Lord is the rope that lets down the bucket into the wells of the Word. There are many studious people who

are revelation-dry because it takes joy tied to the buckets of study, to draw water out of the wells of salvation (Isaiah 12:3; 1 Corinthians 2:10). Therefore, it takes the joy of the Lord to tap into supernatural understanding.

Furthermore, Paul the Apostle was a man of strange insights and he said, ***Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice*** (Philippians 4:4). He further said: ***Rejoice evermore*** (1 Thessalonians 5:16).

Men who flow in revelation naturally flow in the joy of the Lord, which is a stimulant and provoker of revelation.

Also, think of Joseph! As a slave, he was a happy man as well as the happiest prisoner in his days. Pharaoh said to him: ***...Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art*** (Genesis 41:39).

The joy of the Lord qualified him for supernatural insight and launched him into realms of deep revelations. Thus, we don't know what we are losing when we give in or give room to depression in our lives. Therefore, receive a fresh baptism of the oil of joy on your life now in the name of Jesus!

It Enhances Fruitful Giving

God loves cheerful givers and a merry heart is a cheerful heart. Your giving life enjoys supernatural

returns because of the joy of the Lord.

Also, note that lack of joy destroys our harvest.

> ***Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.***
>
> ***The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.***
>
> *Joel 1:11-12*

It takes joy to engage in fruitful and productive giving.

Joy Qualifies us to Enjoy Divine Presence

> ***Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.***
>
> *Psalm 16:11*

Joy stimulates praise, which in turn provokes divine presence and nothing makes a difference like divine presence.

We cannot be truly joyful in the Lord and not be praiseful unto God. The Bible says: ***Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing Psalm*** (James 5:13).

The Holy Ghost is the spiritual wine that makes a

merry heart. Without joy, there cannot be acceptable praise and without acceptable praise, we are not guaranteed divine presence. Thus, we become divine-presence-dry, which makes us victims of negative situations.

Based on the outlined fringe benefits of joy, it is evident that we really need the Holy Spirit as our dependable and reliable source of joy, so that our Christian life can be truly fruitful. The joy of the Lord is a great asset to every believer. It deflates problems and brings solutions at crossroads. At the instance of joy, we encounter revelation which provides solutions to every problem.

Understand that nothing works without God! Remember, Jesus said: ***For without me ye can do nothing*** (John 15:5). Moreover, nothing puts God off like depression. So, if things must work, then we must lay depression aside.

> ***Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.***
>
> *Hebrews 12:1 (Emphasis Mine)*

Depression is a spiritual weight and its mission is to disconnect us from God, so we can remain victims

forever; but, it is over now!

For instance, at the beginning of our ministry, the mockery was so much. In fact, we were the laughing stock of virtually every civilised Christian. We were the topic of discussion in every place. We were talked about with disdain, but I kept seeing the end. I said, “A vision doesn’t speak at the beginning or middle; it speaks at the end” (Habakkuk 2:3).

Also, when I started teaching prosperity in the early days of our church, we were under a batcher and we had insufficient funds to cement the floor. I remember a team of people came from Frederick K.C. Price to our church in Kaduna. Unfortunately, it rained that day; so, water was flowing from the altar of the Lord. The mockers had their facts that we could not be preaching prosperity and be living under a “grass cathedral”; it is not proper! But, I kept laughing because I could see the end. Presently, if you ask me where the mockers are, I cannot tell.

Therefore, I’ll like you to be excited because there is nothing God has spoken into your life that will not be fulfilled at the end. Every Word of God you receive in your heart is an incorruptible seed that cannot be destroyed and at the end, it shall speak. It may look like it is not there, but keep holding on because it will surely speak at the end. All you need is to entrench

yourself in the joy of the Lord the remaining days of your life.

Right now, look at that situation around your life and declare: Peace, be still! The joy of the Lord is my heritage in Christ; I refuse to sell off. I retain the joy of the Lord in my heart.

Therefore, every trace of depression around your life is destroyed this hour in the name of Jesus! Enter now into the joy of the Lord in Jesus' name!

CHAPTER 7

SPIRIT OF GUIDANCE

Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Isaiah 48:17

One of the vital ministries of the Holy Spirit is to provide the most needed guidance in the journey of life. It is one thing to have a vision, and another to have direction. Vision tells us what to do, and direction shows us how to accomplish it.

Many years ago, I heard a most pathetic story. A great man of God said to me, “I took a wrong step in 1981, and since then my life and ministry went down.” This man’s ministry was so awesome that he used

helicopter to distribute fliers. In his ministry, cripples got off the ground in great numbers during his outreaches but I met him in his downtrodden state.

I also met a pastor sometimes ago while on board a flight. He said, “I took a wrong step and the ministry just went in disarray. I am back now rebuilding from the scratch.” What happened was that an opportunity came and he left the country. By the time he returned, he knew he was wrong.

That was why I came up with the statement that, “One wrong step can wreck a whole destiny.” Nobody can outgrow the need for divine direction in life. Most frustrations today are traceable to misdirection. Know that not all open doors are God’s doors; many are traps in disguise. You should not just carry your baggage and jump into any kind of business.

But, when God becomes our Shepherd, everything begins to work in our favour because His presence, which leads the way, supernaturally makes the difference in our lives (John 16:13).

Thus, the leading of the Lord is the cure for man’s frustrations because the journey of life is so long that without a guide, we will be lost. Every time we ignore His leadings, we become victims of crises. God has given the Holy Spirit the job of providing us with the needed guidance on this “long road”. This is why the

grace to adhere to His leadings is of utmost importance for us to make the most of our journeys on earth.

It is very important to recognize that God is committed to leading us. It is not a special favour; it is a responsibility that He has put upon Himself.

Why do we need His Direction?

Many have lost their places in destiny by leading themselves on what they considered to be right.

> ***There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.***
>
> *Proverbs 14:12*

Many great destinies have been buried abroad because they went after what was in vogue and ignored the vision.

We can only use the past and employ the present to determine what we think the future can be. But God does not make projections, He is definite about the end. He is the only One, Who knows the end from the beginning, so we need to submit to His leadings.

> ***Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.***
>
> *Isaiah 46:10*

Also, we have no access to the future, so it is wisdom to entrust our destinies into the hands of the One Who holds the future. Know that when we entrust our lives into God's hands, He instructs us with the future in view. We may have an idea of the future, but only God has the precisions about the future.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye (Psalm 32:8).

That means God is committed to providing us with the needed guide in the journey of life.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:14).

From this scripture, it is our understanding of the leading of the Spirit that guarantees the manifestations of our sonship. That is what empowers us for dominion and entrusts us with authority.

> ***Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;***
>
> ***But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.***
>
> *Galatians 4:1-2*

Therefore, as long as we remain just children of God, we are not different from struggling sinners. This is

because what differentiates a child from the son is the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Understand that the leading of the Holy Spirit is the seal of our sonship. Until we are being led by the Spirit, we will remain children and as long as we remain children, we are not different from servants because we are still vulnerable to all kinds of satanic manoeuvres.

The Spirit of God is all over the earth today looking for who is interested in His guidance ministry; that is, those who are ready to be led by Him. When we subscribe to that, life answers to us most favourably.

When the Israelites departed from Egypt, God led them by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night and they lacked nothing all through their 40 years journey. That means the fire of the Holy Spirit does not only consume the chaff in our lives, it also provides the required guidance to walk the right way to our destinations (Exodus 13:21-22).

Also, on the day of Pentecost, there was a sudden sound of a mighty rushing wind and the cloud filled the house. Furthermore, cloven tongues of fire sat upon each of them; that's the fire (Acts 2:1-4).

This signifies the fact that the Holy Spirit that guided the Israelites through the wilderness journey has come to revisit the earth.

Therefore, following the pillar of cloud by day and

the pillar of fire by night guarantees our security and dignity in the journey of life. No matter how anointed a man is, when divine guidance is ignored, he is prone to errors.

In 1987, we went on a mission to a city in Ghana and we laboured greatly. I went there for about three or four major outreaches, then I asked God, “What is happening?”, because I did not see the progress I had hoped for. Then, He spoke to me and said that He was not in that place.

Immediately, I instructed that the place be shut down because I could not afford the risk of being where God was not. Understand that anointing is not a substitute for divine guidance. The Bible says:

> ***For the Lord’ s p o r t i o n i s h i s p e o p l e lot of his inheritance.***
>
> ***He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.***
>
> *Deuteronomy 32:9-10*

We will always be kept where we are led. Ota (where the Faith Tabernacle is located in Nigeria) used to be a citadel of witchcraft; yet, we invaded the forest unscratched because you will always be defended where you are led.

In Deuteronomy chapter 32, we have a powerful

description of the dignity of divine guidance.

> ***As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:***
>
> ***So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.***
>
> *Deuteronomy 32:11-12*

When we are led by God, He gives us the opportunity to ride on His back as He flies us to the sky. So, the leading of the Spirit is what makes leaders out of men.

> ***He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock;***
>
> ***Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.***
>
> *Deuteronomy 32:13-14*

In the above scripture, because the Lord alone did lead him, there were no strange gods with him. Thus, God was in charge, wrought strange works through him and led him to increases. When we are led by God, we take the lead in the race of life.

Realise that divine guidance is not an option, it is

compulsory for every destiny that must be fully fulfilled. The Word says:

> ***Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.***
>
> ***O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:***
>
> ***Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.***
>
> *Isaiah 48:17-19*

While in a private time of worship with God on October 1, 1983, God said to me, “I am committed to leading you if you are committed to following Me. If you let Me lead you, your peace will be like the river and your righteousness will be like the waves of the sea.”

God instructed Abraham to go to the land that He would show him. When he got there, he experienced famine, so he left and went down to Egypt. As soon as he got to Egypt, he started lying. As a result, he lost his righteousness and peace. Immediately, he was overtaken by fear because he left where God showed him. Thank God he recovered himself on time (Genesis 12:1).

Every time we wander from our God-ordained places, we suffer setbacks.

In the case of Isaac, the Bible records:

> ***And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.***
>
> ***And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:***
>
> *Genesis 26:1-2*

Isaac stayed in his God-ordained place and became the envy of the land.

There are many people who were ordained to be the envy of their generations but became the pity of their communities because they wandered from where they belonged.

If we look at every great story in the Scriptures, we find God speaking directly to individuals. There is no substitute to the leading of the Spirit in our quest to fulfil destiny to the fullest.

God has set us as the light of the world and the salt of the earth, but He will guide us by His Spirit to maximise His calling on our lives. It is important to understand that running another man’s race will lead to frustration.

How does God lead us?

God leads us in three main ways:

By His Spirit

God guides and speaks to us through His Spirit. If we cannot hear the voice of the Spirit and we conjure scriptures for guidance, we will be misguided with time.

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

The Spirit of God has a principal function to lead us in the way that we should go. Every believer is limited and vulnerable without the help of the Holy Spirit. He teaches us things we do not know and also guides us to what God has prepared for us (Romans 8:14).

For instance, there is no Lagos in the Bible, but God said to me, “Arise get down to Lagos and raise Me a people.” That is not in Genesis or Malachi. He had to speak to me, through His Spirit taking it from God, as per His next agenda for the assignment.

You don’t need to destroy your destiny by walking with your eyes closed; until you can hear the voice of the Spirit, you cannot be thoroughly guided.

While the Scripture is a lamp to our feet to know when we are walking off the principles of life, the Holy Spirit is a light to our path. He tells us where we are going and the steps to take.

Divine backing is only guaranteed by divine guidance. God will only back you in what He has led you into. He said to Gideon,

> ***...Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?***
>
> *Judges 6:14*

Realise that God is more than enough! It is impossible to arrive where He has prepared for us in the energy of the flesh.

Presently, God has handed the speaking ministry to the Holy Spirit. That is why He said in Revelation 2:7 that “He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit is saying unto the churches…” So, the Spirit of God has taken over the instructions to God’s people in the end-time church. Therefore, if we cannot hear what the Spirit is saying, we can never claim to be led by Him.

By His Word

God’s Word guides our steps into what He has prepared for us. Know that God is committed to leading us by His Word.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

Through Word study, we encounter revelation and receive specific instructions on certain issues. When those instructions are adhered to, we become free from all entanglements of frustration.

It is the faithful practice of Scriptures that creates our desired future. For instance, we don't need any prophecy to prosper; we just need to be scripturally guided to create a buoyant financial future.

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

If we diligently practise all that is written in the Bible, our irresistible prosperity is guaranteed. Therefore, scriptural instructions are not only meant to be documented, quoted, preached or taught, they are designed to be applied. Thus, stop waiting for things

to happen; start taking steps according to the Word of God.

Also, understand that it is the practice of the Word that determines our placement wherever God leads us. We do not prosper because God is leading us; we only prosper because we are following His teachings as He leads.

The guidance of Scriptures helps us to maximise the leadings of the Spirit of God. It is the greatest avenue to make the most of our destinies on earth (Mark 4:11).

Through Prayers of Enquiry

It is our duty to enquire from God on every step of our journey on earth. Only those who ask questions are entitled to answers. As it is written:

> ***Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.***
>
> *Jeremiah 33:3*

The reason God will not answer many people is that they have decided on what to do and there is no need pouring water into a basket. For instance, David was a man who enjoyed divine guidance through sincere enquiries. At a point, he was faced with a challenge when he returned from war; everything he had was taken away by the Philistines.

> ***And DAVID ENQUIRED OF THE LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.***
>
> *2 Samuel 5:19*

> ***And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.***
>
> ***And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; [but] fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.***
>
> *2 Samuel 5:22-23* (Emphasis Mine)

David was a renowned man of war, yet he still needed to be guided to command victory. Most of the regrets in our business pursuits are traceable to doing it on our own. But the more committed we are to God's guidance, the greater our journey.

At the early stage of our ministry, I began to sense that something was unique about Kaduna. So, I told my wife early one morning that we should ask the Lord for direction. In less than 10 minutes after the prayer commenced, the Lord said to me, "Stand up and pick your Bible." Then He opened a scripture that I had never seen. It says, ***Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are***

appointed for thee to do (Acts 22:10).

When we don't ask sincere questions, we may never get through to God. It takes sincere questions to access the leadings of the Holy Spirit. When we are sincere, God answers speedily. We must never interpret silence as a "go ahead"; it is dangerous. A silence might mean God is waiting for us to be sincere about the question.

Years ago, somebody asked me, "How do you get things done so cheaply in your Commission?" I replied that we do nothing except it is commanded by God. When we become committed to what is commanded, we emerge commanders and results just tumble in with ease. We must understand that our obedience is the only way to move God in our favour.

When we don't walk in the Spirit, we cannot be led by the Spirit; we cannot know His voice or the Scriptures. That means we don't really have a future because we are only playing games and playing with chance. And the Bible says: ***For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace*** (Romans 8:6).

Through His Voice

The voice of the Lord is the gateway to our high places. It is a voice of command, not advice. Deuteronomy 28:1 says that if we connect with His voice and we are

committed to obeying that voice of command, God will be committed to setting us up on high.

However, it takes diligence to access that voice and a commitment to what that voice says. Therefore, the voice of His Majesty is our guaranteed access to our high throne. That means being able to hear from heaven is our guaranteed access to our high places in life.

Most times, deafness to the voice of His Majesty is the reason man is stagnated and stranded. Therefore, no price should be too high to pay as far as connecting with His voice is concerned. Access to the voice of the Spirit is the greatest asset in the life of any believer.

For instance, Abraham heard from God and he departed to his high places (Genesis 12:1-4). God said to Moses: ***Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt*** (Exodus 3:10). Moses' flight to his high places began with the voice of His Majesty. Also, when the Angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said:

> ***…The LORD is with thee, thou valour.***
>
> ***…Go in this thy might, and th from the hands of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?***
>
> *Judges 6:12, 14*

And from that voice his flight took off. No wonder the Bible says:

> ***And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.***
>
> *Isaiah 48:21*

Therefore, where others are stranded, things happen in succession for those who are led by the voice of God.

God Leads us through Divine Encounters

A divine encounter is popularly referred to as “heavenly vision”. It is the right of all young men.

> ***And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.***
>
> *Joel 2:28*

“Young” in biblical terms is not as we have it today, because according to God’s agenda a child shall die at 100 years old. Thus, Abraham was a young man at 75 when God appeared to him.

Divine encounters and access to heavenly visions are the heritage of every child of God. But heavenly visions come from a number of platforms:

God Showing up in His Raw Form

This is God "appearing" to His people and manifesting Himself as He desires. For instance, He appeared to Paul on his way to Damascus and also to Moses through a burning bush (Acts 9:1-7; Exodus 3:1-4).

Through the Prayer Platform

> ***Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.***
>
> *Jeremiah 33:3*

Jesus was praying and the Bible says He was transfigured, and He heard a voice from heaven saying: ***…T h i s i s my b e l o v e d S o n , i n w pleased; hear ye Him*** (Matthew 17:5).

The prayer altar is a watchful altar. This is where we should watch for response from the Lord. If all we are doing is just talking, we won't get any response.

> ***I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.***
>
> ***And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.***
>
> *Habakkuk 2:1-2*

While in Kaduna in March 1984, the staff and I were on a three-day fast because the church was not growing. While we gathered to pray on the third day, I asked the Lord, “Why is this church not growing?” He said, “Stand up and follow Me!” So, I did. When I got towards the end of the close, He opened my eyes and I saw a layer of thick darkness spread over the roof of the church. When I asked what it was, He said it was the blindfolding instrument the devil used to misinterpret what He was doing in the church.

Then I said, “Light shines in darkness and darkness cannot comprehend it. So, get off now in the name of Jesus.” Lo and behold, I saw that thick darkness fold up like a carpet. I then asked, “Lord what next?” He replied, “When I came to the world, someone had to tell others to come and see. So, go to town and tell them about the church.”

Thereafter, we printed the “Come and See” fliers. I asked again, “What next?” He said, “Keep sowing the seed and as the grass grows, the sheep will come for it. Keep the grass green and the sheep will lie down because He maketh the sheep to lie down in green pastures.” He said, “The seed is My Word.” That is, life applicable Word that makes people to salivate; words that they are eager to eat and apply to their lives. All that happened in less than 15 minutes.

We are entitled to divine encounters on the prayer platform. Anytime you seem not to know what next, stand on the prayer altar and watch to see what God will say to you.

The Word

God dwells in His Word and He appears anytime He chooses to and when we are ready for Him.

> ***And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD.***
>
> *1 Samuel 3:21*

For instance, on March 22, 1982, God spoke to me from Deuteronomy 8:18. He said, “My prosperity plan is not a promise, so it does not answer to prayers, neither does it have respect for fasting. It is a covenant and until your part is played, I am not committed.”

Understand that when God appears, it sticks. It is not revelation, but encounter and that is why it sticks to you.

Furthermore, on October 1, 1983, I went to a camp to fellowship with Jesus. As I sat there singing and worshipping, I took my Bible and read Isaiah 48:17. Then, God said, “I am committed to leading you, if you are committed to following Me.” It appeared from that scripture and that got me addicted to divine

guidance. Whatever God says is what holds the future.

Anytime you take your Bible, don't just seek for light; seek for an encounter because one genuine encounter is worth more than a lifetime of efforts.

On September 4, 1987, I discovered the mystery of corporate tithing from Hebrews chapter 7. The Lord said to me, "The same way I open the heavens over individuals, I open heavens over organisations, institutions, companies and churches." It was time to start paying corporate tithe and this rhema gave us supernatural command of fortune as a church.

Prophetic Platform

Through the prophetic platform, we enjoy divine encounter with God.

> ***I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.***
>
> *Hosea 12:10*

On July 17, 1976, while reading a book titled *The Purpose of Pentecost*, authored by a world renowned Evangelist, T. L. Osborn, I had an encounter with the person of the Holy Spirit. I discovered from that book, by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, that the Holy Spirit is neither a thing nor feeling. He is not in falling nor tongues, but a person who speaks, guides and shows

us things to come (John 16:12-14). The Holy Spirit said to me, “I am not tongues, I am not a thing, I am a person and my mission is to guide, direct and show the way.” That same day, I heard His voice in a most dramatic fashion.

I went on a trip to a nearby town to share this great experience with some Christian friends. On getting to where they lived, I discovered that they had relocated. Then I said, “Holy Spirit, I don’t want to ask anyone, if truly You are a person, lead me to where they moved to by Yourself.” For the first time in my life, I heard the audible voice of the Holy Spirit say, “Go forward.” When I got to the main road, He said, “Son, make a left.” I went on and when I got to a T-junction, I asked the Holy Spirit for the next turn. He said audibly to me again, “Make a left!” It was a most soothing walk with the Holy Spirit.

Then, I came to another T-junction and asked the Holy Spirit again and He said, “Make a left.” I said, “Wait a minute Holy Ghost, do you know the Geography of this place? This Estate you are asking me to turn into is the Federal Works Department’s Staff Housing Estate for workers in highway construction!” Suddenly, He withdrew and I felt His absence. So, I went ahead as directed and His presence came back. While I walked to the end of the road, I said, “Holy Ghost, I am getting close to the end of the

road." He responded, "So, what!"

When I got to a building but one at the end of the road, I turned to my right and behold, I saw some clothes on the line that I could recognise as belonging to one of my friends. Then, one of the brethren came out, saw me and screamed, "Brother David, how did you know we have moved here?"

The power of God fell on me as I ministered to them in a most unusual dimension. That was how the Holy Ghost led me to locate a place in a town, without the aid of any man.

In September 1976, there was another prophetic encounter through the ministry of Oswald J. Smith. It was so powerful that I had to enter into a covenant with God.

I was at Kenneth E. Hagin's meeting and as he began to minister, the heavens opened and I saw his face transformed; it was like that of a baby and oil dripped from his head to his cheeks and suit. Then, something broke loose in my life and I started sobbing uncontrollably. In the midst of it, the Lord appeared to me and I got the Word of Faith movement for this generation. This was through the ministry of the prophet.

Our future is not in our plans, it is in God's plan and the Holy Ghost is the custodian of that plan. When

we are men and women of the Spirit and we know how to engage the aforementioned platforms, then we can make the most of our lives.

Only men that are truly watchful in the Spirit can have divine encounters. Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight” (Exodus 3:3). His attention was caught by the great sight and that is spiritual sensitivity. God then spoke out of the burning bush.

Most of the visionary encounters demand that we are spiritually alert. God does not speak by our timetable but by His. That means, He can speak at anytime and anywhere.

Therefore, watching is a vital key to accessing divine encounters. Spiritual sensitivity is the major access in our journey in life. You will not miss it in Jesus’ name!

WHAT IS IN DIVINE GUIDANCE FOR US?

When God Leads, He Goes Before the Led

> ***And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them…***
>
> *John 10:4*

When the Lord goes before us, barriers are broken down.

> ***Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.***
>
> *Psalm 24:7*

When the Lord is leading the way, no barrier can stop us. That is what makes the leading of the Holy Spirit a great asset to us. People who are led don't struggle. They just triumph without sweat and see every barrier broken down because God goes before them (Psalm 24:8; Isaiah 45:2).

When God Leads, He Goes With the Led

Jesus said:

> ***He that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please Him.***
>
> *John 8:29*

The Bible also says: ***...If God be for us, be against us?*** (Romans 8:31).

When we walk in God's leadings, we enjoy His companionship and when He goes with us, nothing can stop or stand in our way.

When God Leads, He Empowers the Led to Accomplish His Mission

Remember God said to Gideon:

> ***Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?***
>
> *Judges 6:14*

When God Leads, He Works Through the Led

> ***For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.***
>
> *Philippians 2:13*

> ***For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.***
>
> *Matthew 10:20*

When we are led, God works through us to deliver His mission.

When God Leads, He Works With the Led

> ***And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word w i t h s i g n s f o l l o w i n g …***
>
> *Mark 16:20*

He works through the led and He walks with the led, so we are not left alone at any point.

When God Leads, He Protects the Led

> ***Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.***
>
> *Exodus 23:20*

When we are led, the One who leads us protects us to deliver His purpose.

> ***They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:***
>
> ***Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.***
>
> *Joel 2:7-8*

Therefore, we cannot be injured when we are led.

When God Leads, He Works For the Led

> ***Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.***
>
> *1 Thessalonians 5:24*

When we see marvellous things happening anywhere, it is because God is at work (Matthew 21:42).

These are amazing blessings that accompany the leading of the Spirit of God. Thus, when we encounter the Spirit of guidance, we have encountered the Spirit of glory. That will be your experience from now!

For instance, the day the Holy Ghost delivered the Liberation Mandate, He said to me, “Seek a quiet place, I want to talk to you.” From that quiet place came this “loud” mandate, “The hour has come to liberate the

world from all oppressions of the devil." By hearing from God, I could tune to His frequency to know what He had in store. Up till now, every major step has been by clear and very clean directives from the Lord.

When God leads, the difference is clear. I decree an end to your frustrations today! No more guess work in your life!

There was no plan for the ministry to move to Lagos; it was not an adventure or opportunity for me. We were having a really good time in Kaduna; I was enjoying my time with God. Suddenly, that morning, while I was worshipping Jesus in the bathroom, I heard the voice of His Majesty again and it was the same old voice, "Arise, get down to Lagos and raise Me a people." I was surprised, I thought, "That's not my plan" and I continued to worship. I heard the voice two more times, and I moved to Lagos.

The voice of the Lord is mightier than the voice of many waters. His voice is not oppressive, it is ever firm; it is unbending and unyielding. I had no choice but to dispatch someone that same day to Lagos and in less than two weeks, the accommodation and facilities required, which were all within a walking distance, were obtained.

The Spirit of guidance is one of the great assets of this Commission and my own spiritual life. The good news is this: every child of God has access to the voice

of the Lord. For instance, your children don't have to go to school to learn your language. The DNA of your language is inside them and they pick it, no matter where you take them to.

No doubt, the voice of the Lord is the answer to man's crisis (Deuteronomy 28:1).

HOW, THEN, DO WE ACCESS GOD ¶ 6 9 2 , &B(e" Spiritual

To be divinely guided, we must be spiritually minded.

> ***For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.***
>
> *Romans 8:6*

Spirituality is a core requirement in the school of divine guidance.

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

From the above scripture, the Holy Spirit speaks and He shows. He has a mandate to guide us aright into all things as ordained by God for us and He speaks and shows us through divine signals. Though the Holy Spirit sends visionary signals, it takes being spiritual

to pick what He is saying and sense what signal He is showing. He will guide us into all truth by speaking to us and showing us the way to go.

Many people are in crisis today because they can neither hear what God is saying nor pick the signal He is showing. Understand that God is Spirit and only men of the spirit can hear him.

> ***I was in the Spirit on the Lord' s d a y , a n d h e a r behind me a great v o i c e …***
>
> *Revelation 1:10*

It takes a man of the spirit to hear the voice of the Spirit. As long as we are in the flesh, we will hear the voice of the flesh and mistake it for the voice of God.

> ***But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.***
>
> *1 Corinthians 2:14*

It takes spirituality to comprehend spiritual things and be thoroughly guided by God.

But, it is one thing to live in the Spirit and another thing to walk in the Spirit. The Bible says: ***If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit*** (Galatians 5:25).

It is also written:

> ***There is therefore now no condemnation to them***

which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:1

It is not enough to be born again, we must learn how to walk in the Spirit. It is important to note that most of the things God will say to us won't be when we are praying, but while we are on our daily activities. Therefore, if we are not spiritual, we cannot pick them. Moreover, we don't hear His voice because we are praying or fasting, we hear because we are in the Spirit.

For instance, I was quiet in my study room when He said to me, "My son, the Words that I speak to you, the same commit into writing and I will cause the same unction on the spoken Word to rest on the written Word, bringing about the same effect."

Also, while in the bathroom on an ordinary day, God said to me, "Arise, get down to Lagos and raise me a people." I was not in prayers.

Furthermore, I was in the car travelling from Zaria to Kaduna (the Northern part of Nigeria), when the mandate of the vision for Africa was delivered to me. God said, "The harvest of Africa is now over ripe, rush in and preserve it from decadence." I was in the spirit and I heard it; I was not praying or singing.

Thus, we must know how to walk in the Spirit. If we are not men of the Spirit, we are not candidates for

divine guidance.

Know that every man that lives in the Spirit has the capacity to walk in the Spirit, but it takes a lot of discipline to walk in the Spirit. Every junk thought must be deleted from our minds before divine thoughts can dwell there because darkness and light cannot co-exist in a place; you cannot be filled with carnality and spirituality at the same time.

Be a man of the Spirit who believes in the demands and dignity of redemption and is packaging himself appropriately to maximise the benefits thereof. Don't just be a Christian or a modern day charismatic rascal. You must walk in the Spirit as a way of life because if you cannot hear from God, you will be limited in the journey of life.

Walking in the Spirit and living in the Spirit are the gateways to picking directions from God.

Be Filled and Baptized in the Holy Ghost

The Holy Spirit must be resident in us so as to pick His instructions. The Bible says: ***My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me*** (John 10:27).

It takes light to know the way to go and that light demands that we remain filled with the Holy Spirit, so our light can be bright enough not to take the wrong step.

In Acts chapter two, Jesus' disciples were baptised in the Holy Ghost and in chapter four, they prayed and the place where they gathered shook and they were filled with the Holy Ghost.

It is a known fact that it is dangerous to watch your amber light show that your fuel tank is on reserve and still embark on a long journey. Wisdom demands that you call at a filling station to refuel, if you don't want to be stranded.

As such, we need to be constantly filled with the Holy Spirit to qualify for His guidance.

I first heard the voice of the Spirit in 1976 and till date, it is real. Everything that has happened in our ministry was by the thorough guidance of the Holy Spirit via audible instructions.

The voice of the Spirit is our natural heritage as people who are born of the Spirit. All we need to do is to pray the Spirit to tell us the right steps to take at all times.

Be Meek

It takes a meek attitude to be continually led by the Spirit of God, because His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts than our thoughts (Isaiah 55:9). The Bible also says that ***the meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way*** (Psalm 25:9).

Suddenly, years after, God said “Arise get down to Lagos and raise me a people.” That was far from my idea of life; because that was the last place I would ever think of doing anything in my life. But as soon as the Lord said that, my position and view gave way.

Furthermore, when we were to inspect the site where Canaanland is presently located, three times on the way, I shouted at the team leader because we had been on the journey for too long. When we finally arrived there, we decided to thank God for the efforts made and before I could speak, God said, “This is the place!” Immediately, my grievances ended.

The problem is that many people feel they are too smart for God and that is why they become fools for life. However, the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men (1 Corinthians 1:25).

> ***For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.***
>
> *Isaiah 55:8-9*

It takes meekness to be continually guided and God’s guidance makes the journey of life great. We must understand that God’s ways are the highways of life and it takes meekness to come on those ways. Moses

fled from the affluence of Pharaoh's palace and a celebrity became a fugitive in the bush. Yet, God could still reach him with the message of His plans for the deliverance of His people. No doubt, it takes meekness to hear from God.

Years ago, in Kaduna, we were told to leave the property we occupied then because the owner refused to sell it and the lease had expired. Meanwhile, we had a property we were constructing and the decking was about to be completed, so the basement could occupy 8,000 people.

We had laboured there for months, and then the Lord said to me, "My son, should this church move to that place, that will be the end of this ministry." Immediately, I instructed that the wire fence be removed and used to fence our church in Minna.

Also, on March 5, 1989, the Lord said to me, "No matter how much you have invested doing what is wrong, do what I say." I have never gotten to a point where God cannot correct me in my life.

My wife and I were ready to travel out of the country in preparation for ministry, because I knew I was not capable of confronting a lifetime ministry without adequate training. Everything was set; so, one night, I went alone to the mountaintop just to thank God. Then He said, "My son David, the thing you seek comes

not from abroad but from above. You are not going to America."

This ministry would have been buried today in an unknown land, on a wrong trip. Bless God, He was able to correct us at that eleventh hour.

Our ministry was formally commissioned and hand was laid on me and we were on our way to Jos by what I thought was God's leading. In the night of that same day, I went to thank God for how powerful the service was and for the impartations I received. Then, the Lord said, "My son, it was not Me you heard about going to Jos, you heard yourself." He said, "Remember when you were playing table tennis in Jenta area of Jos in 1974, you desired in your heart that if you had a choice as to where to live in future, Jos will be that choice. That was what you heard, not Me." Then I said, "What Lord?" He replied, "Stay here, don't go anywhere until a word is brought to you from Me." I was to stay in the midst of the same people that prayed for me to be on my way.

Until we pass the meekness test, our greatness is not in view. If we cannot be corrected, we cannot be directed.

God is no respecter of persons; there is an agenda for our lives and His guidance helps us to keep pace with His plan and purpose as it regards our destinies. You will not miss it!

CHAPTER 8

SPIRIT OF POWER

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

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

2 Timothy 1:6-7

Without the Spirit of power, we cannot perform exploits on the earth. In fact, without power, we will be defeated in the affairs of life. We must also understand that we cannot fulfil our purpose in life without power. Jesus knew this too well, that was why when He sent out “the seventy”, He gave them this much needed tool for accomplishment.

As it is written:

> ***And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.***
>
> ***And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.***
>
> ***Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.***
>
> *Luke 10:17-19*

The devils were subject to “the seventy” when they saw them manifest power. Therefore, we need power in order to always be in control of the affairs of life. What were Jesus’ last instructions to His disciples when He was returning to heaven?

> ***And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.***
>
> *Luke 24:49*

> ***But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.***
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> *Acts 1:8*

Before the disciples encountered power on the day of

Pentecost, they were in hiding. But after they were empowered, nothing could stop them (Acts 17:6).

Why, Then, do we Need Power?

Power is essentially to subdue, dominate, silence and put the enemy under our feet. As it is written:

> ***The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the***
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> *Psalm 110:1-3 (See also Psalm 8:2)*

It is also written:

> ***Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.***
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> *Psalm 66:3*

The enemy will not submit to us, until he sees our display of power. This is because the only language the enemy, whether physical or spiritual, understands and respects is that of power. It is the only thing that puts the enemy in check.

For instance, when Jesus calmed the storm, it was said concerning Him: ***What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?*** (Mark 4:41).

The devil was the perpetrator of that storm, but he had to bow when a greater power came on the scene. Power is essentially used or displayed against oppositions.

The Bible further records:

> ***Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.***
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> *(Luke 9:1; See also Matthew 10:1)*

The disciples were empowered and given authority over all devils, as well as to heal all manner of diseases. Power is not about grammar; it is essentially designed to put us in command of life's situations and circumstances, the enemy notwithstanding (2 Chronicles 22:7).

The Spirit of power is also for silencing the enemy, so we can possess our possessions held bound by the enemy. Deuteronomy 2:24 says:

> ***Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.***

The Bible also says:

> ***For a great door and effectual is opened unto me,***

and there are many adversaries.

1 Corinthians 16:9

It takes the Spirit of power to subdue the enemy and without that, our inheritances will not be delivered.

Encounter with the Spirit of Power

The mighty works of God, which are the results of His mighty power, moves from generation to generation. He equipped the church with this much needed virtue, so we can always be in control. The good news is that every gift of God “travels” from one generation to another. That’s why the Bible says:

One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

Psalm 145:4

The great power displayed by Joshua, Elijah, Elisha and all our covenant fathers in the Bible did not end with them. That power was handed to our generation as well and it is available today to whosoever cares for it.

For instance, I had an unforgettable encounter in 1979, reading the book, *The Apostle of Faith*, written about Smith Wigglesworth. I saw a demonstration of power in one of the testimonies recorded there. I saw

Smith Wigglesworth disdain the devil, and that opened me up for an encounter with the Spirit of power.

Smith was woken up from sleep one night by a noise in his sitting room, so he got up to see what it was. He saw a creature with a horn on its head sitting in his rocking chair. All Smith said was, “I didn’t know it was you the devil”, and simply turned around and went back to sleep! What’s more, he woke up the following morning hale and hearty, and went about his normal business.

From that testimony, I saw the greatness of God and the littleness of the devil. I saw the superiority of God over the enemy and something penetrated my being irrecoverably that day. I knew something definite happened to me. That was the day I took the reins of authority back from the devil.

My encounter with the Spirit of power was so real that day that I was looking for an avenue to display it and I had an opportunity to do so immediately. I was sent to represent a brother in the faith at a meeting he could not attend. At the end of my ministration that day, I said to the audience, “How many of you are witches here? Stand up!”

To my amazement, many people stood up. A higher authority had taken over the reins of power, so they had no choice. When I saw the number of those who

stood up, I said to them again, “Sit down. Do you understand what I am saying? I am not calling for those who somebody perhaps had called a witch; I am talking about those who know they are practicing witches to stand up.” Still, many of them stood up, including little girls and boys. I was excited!

I then called one of them and asked her what they did with the devil. She said that whenever they wanted to suck blood, they went on the highway and caused accidents, so they could suck the blood of the victims. Without any hesitation, I asked her, “What happens when people like us are coming?” She replied, “When we sense a higher power, we clear off the highway!”

I wasn’t just practising power; I was being driven by what entered into me (Mark 1:12). The Spirit of power that had entered me was driving me, as that was not a regular altar call. In regular altar calls, you say to the people, “Come and be saved or come and rededicate your life to Christ now.” But here was I asking them, “How many of you are witches here?”

The devil helped me to understand what I carry. It was not higher insight, but higher power. That we quote the same scriptures does not confer the same authority on us. There are things I would say today and go to sleep; whereas, someone else would say the same and will be awake all night praying. Why? I have the authority to say so!

By the Spirit of power, I possess a higher power and authority that the enemy sees and clears off. When we possess the Spirit of power, it says to witches and wizards “Keep off!” There are forces that must be destroyed for our destinies to be realised, and it takes power to cut them down. Until Elisha got it, he could not cross over Jordan. There is what we must connect with in order to perform exploits.

We went for an outreach where an 80-year old man got saved and a young man, Samuel, spoke for the first time. The Lord said to me, “Go down and give him a kiss.” I obeyed; Jesus loosed his tongue, and he spoke for the first time in 23 years.

As we entered our room after the crusade, a dark faceless structure rolled out of the door and a huge vulture-like bird, leapt out of the window. And I said, “Shame on you satan!” I then turned to others and said, “Folks, nobody is going to pray tonight. The devil should not be the one to determine when we should pray. Go to bed, and if you wake up in the morning and anyone next to you looks still, just tap him and he will get up.” We all woke up and are still alive today!

Moreover, if the Spirit of power was not at work in me, we would not have invaded and subdued the Ota witches. In fact, we clipped their wings! We arrived Canaanland, molested them and are still molesting

them. On Canaanland ground, birds drop dead without anyone shooting a catapult, because it is a no-fly zone.

The Spirit of power intoxicates its carrier. That is why we do not practice power; we display it. In every man's Promised Land, there are giants, and we need another Spirit to subdue them. Joshua and Caleb had another Spirit – they possessed the Spirit of power (Numbers 14:24). As a result, they said to the whole congregation of Israel, ***Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it*** (Numbers 13:20). While the Spirit of power was driving them, the spirit of fear was limiting others. The Spirit of power empowers us to possess our possession.

I had another experience in 1982. A young lady was a problem to her family. She was a notorious witch and had confessed to be the perpetrator of many evils that had occurred in the family. She had wreaked havoc in the family and boasted about it openly. I got so enraged that one night, I asked one of the young men I usually went on ministrations with to accompany me.

When I got to where the lady was, I told her to enter my car. She did, and I drove off to an unknown place, a no-man's land as it were; this was about 12 midnight. I drove until I saw a path where I turned into and parked. None of us had ever been there before.

Then I said to the lady, “Get out of the car, and anything I tell you to do, begin to do it. Now, lie down flat, with your face to the sky.” She obeyed! “Stand up. Now lie down flat, with your face to the ground…stand up…walk into the river.” She was doing all I commanded her until then. When she said, “If I walk in there I will die”, I quickly replied, “You must die now!”

Then I asked her, “Why can’t the devil come here to help you? Is he not called the prince of the power of darkness?” She replied, “As long as you are here, he cannot come.” This came from the mouth of the devil’s agent in the dead of the night. It was a “show of power” night. I didn’t program or plan it; I was just driven to do it. When the Spirit enters us, it drives us.

There are places the enemy cannot go to when he sees power on display. You don’t stop a mad man from entering into fire; even in his mad state, he recognises fire. When he comes near fire he says to himself, “No way, I’m not so mad not to know fire.”

However, power is in degrees and anointing is in levels. The higher our level of anointing, the greater our dominion on the earth. Dominion is a function of power and it increases as our level of power increases. Therefore, pressing for more of God’s power is a life-long task; and the higher we rise in the school of power, the greater our command on the earth.

It is important to know that it is not just more of His power we need; we also need the freshness of His power. The Bible says:

> ***But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.***
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> *Psalm 92:10*

We need fresh oil for fresh impact, relevance and free flow of greatness. We also need new wine, because nothing intoxicates like new wine. As it is written:

> ***And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, the old is better.***
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> *Luke 5:37-39*

Therefore, apart from seeking a refilling, we need continuous renewal. The Bible records that God has in store for us exceeding great power towards us who believe. That means, God has a reserve of exceeding great power for every believer. The Apostles prayed and they were filled with the Holy Ghost and power from on high. When they prayed again, greater power came upon them for ministry. Thus, they moved from power to great power. This implies that we can also grow in power (Ephesians 1:19; Acts 4:33).

But, How Do We Grow in Power?

- **Through Fasting:** This is a kind of spiritual power station. The Psalmist said:

> ***O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.***
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> *Psalm 63:1-3*

It is not enough for our soul to be thirsty, our flesh is also required to be longing. It means that our flesh must pay the price for empowerment. Fasting will remain a lifelong requirement for anyone to keep growing in power. As it is written:

> ***Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?***
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> *Isaiah 58:6*

Fasting is prescribed for empowerment, re-empowerment and continuous empowerment of the saints. It is for breaking of every yoke and the yoke is broken because of the anointing. Therefore, fasting is one of the channels to the anointing that breaks yokes.

Fasting is not for bribing God to answer our prayers; it is prescribed for the empowerment of the saints. We are not just asking for things, but gaining command over them.

After Jesus Christ ended His 40-day fast, the Bible records that He returned in the power of the Spirit (Luke 4:14). That points to the very objective of fasting, which is empowerment.

In sports, we are taught how to develop muscles. However, there is no amount of training anyone can give that will develop our muscles for us; we must engage practically to develop them.

Likewise, to develop our spiritual muscles, we must engage practically in fasting as a lifestyle. It is not an emergency weapon; it is supposed to be a life programme. Therefore, it is not what we engage in occasionally, it is a programme designed for our continuous and sustainable relevance.

To know that power is in degrees, the disciples asked Jesus in Matthew 17:19, “Why could not we cast him out?” Jesus replied that it was due to their unbelief; but “Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting” (Matthew 17:21). That means we must always advance our rating in the school of power; because there are too many situations in our lives that will not surrender except we attain some level in the

school of power and come under the required fresh oil. Many years ago, I attended a meeting in a church in Lagos. In attendance was a young boy, who was tormented by the spirit of insanity and spoke continuously from morning till night for days. After the service, they said to me, “Brother David, we have a problem.” I asked what the matter was, and they narrated his ordeal. Then, I asked them to tell him to stop. They replied that they had told him to stop, but he persisted. When he was brought to me, I put my finger on his forehead and said, “Silence!” Immediately, he fell and slept.

We need to understand that speaking in tongues is only an initiation into the school of power, not our rating. Rather, there is a price to pay to get there, which includes fasting. There can never be a flow in power without engaging in fasting as a lifestyle.

- **Obedience:** Growing in power demands obedience, because God will only anoint the obedient. Jesus discovered what was written concerning Him in Luke 4:18-19, which says:

  The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight

to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,
To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

After Jesus read what was written concerning Him, He closed the 'Book' and went about doing what He read. As it is written:

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

Acts 10:38

We must understand that obedience entitles us to continuous empowerment and re-empowerment.

What, then, are the Channels of Transference of Power?

‡ **Through the Spoken Word:** This is the key channel of transference. As it is written:

And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me.

Ezekiel 2:2

One Saturday night in May 1987, I watched the video recording of Archbishop Benson Idahosa's 1985 crusade at the Liberty Stadium in Ibadan. I saw how people began streaming into the stadium in the morning,

including adults who were being carried on people's backs, for a crusade scheduled to start in the evening. I also saw people with all sorts of disabilities and deformities and some groaning with pains. When Archbishop Idahosa began to preach in the evening, I saw the people receive their healings and many were delivered.

While watching that video, I said to Jesus, "The needs of humanity are so many, who will help out? If You grant me the grace, I want to play my part in meeting their needs." I was so enthralled watching that video that at a point, I just turned off the system, switched off the light, and sat right there in the sitting room, looking up to God in the dark. Then, I heard the footsteps of an invisible guest on the carpet but instead of being afraid, I was filled with awe. So, I knew it couldn't be the devil but God's presence. This invisible guest came into the room and placed His hands on my back, and I felt something like hot water run down my spine.

I got to church the following day, which was a Sunday, and there was an eruption. I just opened the Scriptures to read the welcome Psalm when the eruption occurred. There was a commotion of testimonies, including the filling up of a hole in the skull! New cartilage grew in the place the hole used to be. All manner of testimonies and deliverances took place in church that day, which

led us to start a programme tagged, *The Pentecost Flames*. This came through an encounter with the Spirit of power.

I had another encounter in 1993 that led to an explosion in our church in 1994. We invited Archbishop Benson Idahosa and Chuck Flynn to our Victory Celebration in November, and amazing things happened in the course of the event. At the end of that Sunday service, some balloons were released into the air and three of them suddenly disappeared into the clouds. We all watched and wondered what happened to the three that disappeared.

Afterwards, while in my office, someone mistakenly knocked down a nearby stool and a glass filled with water fell but amazingly, the glass neither broke nor the water spilled. I got home later that day, and at three separate times, I felt a cap on my head. It was so real that I tried removing it only to discover that there was nothing there. At the third time, I simply concluded that it must be the power of God. Then in 1994, just two months after, there was an eruption in our Lagos church, and a new wave of signs and wonders began!

God spoke to me in June 1992, saying, “I am bringing you into the apostolic phase of your ministry; usher in this new phase of signs and wonders with Me.” God called, but He had to first organise transference of what would be needed to launch me into that realm. We

entered into 1994, and an unstoppable eruption began: our church grew from 3,000 worshippers to 10,000. It again grew from 10,000 to 19,000 the following year; and from there to 36,000 the year after. It was an eruption! The enemy was dislodged and the gate was flung wide open.

The Spirit of power is packaged for our “sweatless” triumph over the works of the wicked one (Luke 10:19).

• **Through a Genuine Thirst**: Nobody can receive God’s power without a thirst and a longing for it (Psalm 63:1-3). When I desired an experience with the power at work in Ezekiel as recorded in Ezekiel 37:1-10, I went to a mountain for three days, with my Bible and torchlight.

On arrival at the mountain, I was welcomed by a serpent that fell off a tree right in front of me. I rejoiced and told myself that this must be the mountain of God, because a serpent was in the Garden of Eden. There was no shelter on that mountain, only trees. When the snake did not succeed in scaring me away, the sky suddenly became thick with cloud. Then the rain came down in torrents and I was drenched. However, I still didn’t leave because I went in search of something and I would not leave without it.

I used my torch light to read, while I prayed and shivered with cold. The sun came up the following day and dried the clothes on my body. As I rounded off my prayers on the third day, though I didn't feel anything, I heard the voice of His Majesty. He said, "My son, behold I have touched your tongue with the coal of fire; henceforth, as you say it, you will see it." We must understand that whenever we go in search of power, oppositions will try to distract us; but we must not give up.

When my wife was to deliver our second son, the child was in a breech position. When I was told, I simply spoke to the child in the womb. I said, "Child, turn", and I also turned and went home. The child heard what I said, so there was no point hanging around the hospital. I was told labour ceased immediately and the child turned. It takes power to possess our possessions.

I read the book of the Acts of the Apostles in 1979, while waiting on the Lord for seven days. All I was asking for as I read was, "Lord, show me the secret behind the Acts of the Apostles." On one of those days, I was told to bless the meal at a little gathering, and there was an eruption. I don't know what I said in prayers, but no one ate that day, as we were all caught up in a revival kind of prayer, which lasted late into the night.

We must understand that we are not entitled to what we don't crave for. As far as the Spirit of God is concerned, only cravers are entitled to whatever the Spirit carries. God is the giver of anything good and precious. As it is written:

> ***Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.***
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> *James 1:17 (See also John 3:27)*

God speaking to Moses said:

> ***…Gather unto me seventy men o***
> ***Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.***
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> ***And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.***
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> *Numbers 11:16-17*

It is evident that God is the giver of the Spirit of power. He takes from one and gives to or duplicates in others. But, there is what to do to be entitled to it.

Requirement for Transference of the Spirit of Power

Followership

Followership is a fundamental requirement for the transference of spirit. Jesus said:

> ***Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.***
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> ***And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me.***
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> *Luke 22:28-29*

Followership is what makes us eligible for the transference of spirit and will always culminate in us sharing the same grace with the one we are following. We might even receive twice the grace he carries, if we so desire, as in the case of Elisha (2 Kings 2:9-15).

I was privileged to have followed the man of God, Prophet Kenneth Copeland for thirty years without being known to him. Then came this day in May 2007, when he stood up and prophetically said to me, “My sword is your sword and my breastplate is your breastplate.” I followed him for many years without seeking to be known; I simply craved whatever I needed to collect from him. Something was finally released on that fateful day.

We do not just follow them for the sake of it; but because of the virtues they carry, so as to tap into them. As it is written:

> ***Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: <u>whose faith follow</u>, considering the end of their conversation***.
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> *Hebrews 13:7* (Emphasis Mine)

After thirty-one years of following Kenneth Copeland, one day, we sat together and he said to me, “Stand up!” and I stood up. He then removed his jacket and placed it on me. He looked at me and said, “It fits.” I replied, “Sir, it does. This must be a mantle,” and he said, “You got it!” This was after thirty-one years of following him! I did not care to be recognised; I simply followed because I knew he carried something that I needed, which I received at last.

One thing about God is that the moment our hearts are set to follow, we are entitled to everything others have. As it is written:

But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will (1 Corinthians 12:11).

Some have been following for ten years, others for fifteen, some others for twenty. Some just started following and yet He pays them equally, because He

sees the sincerity of their hearts in following. Therefore, receive grace to be a tireless follower in the name of Jesus!

CHAPTER 9

SPIRIT OF WISDOM

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Proverbs 4:7

Possessing the Spirit of wisdom is the key to a glorious destiny because divine wisdom is a spiritual force that produces practical proofs. It is what makes the difference in a man's life, as it announces men to their world. It also generates supernatural proofs. Thus, the Spirit of wisdom is the gateway to a world of exploits.

Jesus possessed this Spirit and the people acknowledged it. They said of Him:

...Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

Matthew 13:54

> ***And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?***
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> *Mark 6:2*

Jesus did not possess wisdom for mighty words only, but also for mighty works.

God is the Only Wise God (Jude 1:25) and the world was created by wisdom. As it is written:

> ***O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.***
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> *Psalm 104:24*

We all need the Spirit of wisdom to fulfil our glorious destinies on earth. That is why the Bible identifies it as the principal thing to be received by all means (Proverbs 4:7). However, this spiritual virtue cannot be intellectually earned. It is also not available on the earth; it is from above. Job 28:7-25 describes this wisdom very clearly.

> ***There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:***
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> ***The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.***

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

Job 28:7-9

This Wisdom is a solution-provoking wisdom. It comes with attendant proofs that cannot be denied and makes us reason beyond the human realm. It also levels out challenges, as if they never existed.

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

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

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

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

Job 28:10-13

There is no school of knowledge under heaven that has the kind of wisdom I am talking about. God is its only source; it cannot be gained with an MBA from Harvard or PhD from Yale.

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

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

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

Job 28:14-16

This wisdom, though priceless, is freely available with God.

> ***The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.***
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> ***No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.***
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> ***The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.***
>
> ***Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding?***
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> ***Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.***
>
> *Job 28:17-21*

The wisdom we are talking about is off natural frequency. As it is written:

> ***Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.***
>
> *Job 28:22*

This wisdom, which the Lord has in store for us, has control over destruction and death and it is glaring that there is nothing to compare it with in all the earth. Even though it is priceless and cannot be acquired with money, it is available to us, if we desire it because it is a free gift from God.

Talking about Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, the Bible says:

> ***As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.***
>
> *Daniel 1:17*

Concerning Solomon, the Bible records:

> ***And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.***
>
> ***And Solomon' s wi s d o m e x c e l l e d t h e all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.***
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> *1 Kings 4:29-30*

God gave Daniel and his three Hebrew friends, as well as Solomon, wisdom. It was a gift; they did not pay for it. God said of Himself, "I am the Lord, I change not." If He gave them wisdom then, He is still giving wisdom today, because He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8).

By the wisdom God gave the four Hebrew men, they became outstanding in the land of captivity. The kings of the earth came to hear Solomon's wisdom. In fact, the Queen of Sheba was so amazed at his wisdom that she confessed that half of it was not told her. Apostle

Paul was also given this wisdom (1 Kings 10:7; 2 Peter 3:15).

All heavenly blessings, including wisdom, are free gifts from God (Ephesians 2:8). They cannot be acquired with money. Thank God for the chains of degrees people acquire, but there is no match for this dimension of wisdom anywhere. Joseph possessed this wisdom and Pharaoh acknowledged it when he said:

> ***...I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.***
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> ***And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.***
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> *Genesis 41:15-16*

God's wisdom in Joseph gave him the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream, not intellectual wisdom. All the wise men in Egypt could not interpret the dream, but this gift made room for Joseph in Egypt. That is why the Bible says: ***A man's gift maketh room for bringeth him before great men*** (Proverbs 18:16).

What is the Spirit of Wisdom?

The Spirit of wisdom is the raw manifestation of God's wisdom in mortal men. It is not theoretical but practical wisdom. It is the wisdom of mighty works, not mighty words. The Queen of Sheba said of

Solomon:

> ***And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.***
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> ***Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.***
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> ***Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.***
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> *1 Kings 10:6-8*

Whereas the wisdom of this world is full of mighty words, the Spirit of wisdom produces manifold works that cannot be denied (Psalm 104:24). These are the kinds of works this wisdom will work in your life!

Furthermore, the Spirit of wisdom is also our access to light and illumination from the Word of God. That Spirit also enables us to draw lessons from the ordinary things we see, hear and observe daily. As it is written:

> ***Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.***
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> *Proverbs 6:6*

It is also written:

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard

of the man void of understanding;

And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man.

Proverbs 24:30-34

Whereas every other person would pass by and draw nothing from them, the Spirit of wisdom in us will definitely draw something from it. It is said that eyes that look are many, but eyes that see are few. That Spirit is what inspires our insight in studies as well. That is why Daniel said, "...I Daniel understood by books..." (Daniel 9:2).

Endowment with the Spirit of Wisdom

God knew I would need wisdom to succeed in life and ministry, so He poured the Spirit upon me generously. It came in such a dramatic way and has been producing mighty works in my life ever since.

While getting ready to launch out into full-time ministry, I was walking around my dining room area

one day in 1983 when the Lord said to me, “My son David, I will not have you go like others have gone. I will have hands laid upon you, so you can receive the Spirit of wisdom after the order of Joshua in Deuteronomy 34:9.” I said to Him, “Who will lay hands on me because I don’t know who You have ordained to do it.” He replied, “Send for My servant, Adeboye, and I will have him lay hands on you, and you shall be filled with the Spirit of wisdom, so you won’t have to go like others have gone.”

I wrote to Pastor Enoch A. Adeboye, telling him what the Lord said. But Pastor Adeboye replied that he had another engagement in Port-Harcourt on that same day. However, I wrote back to him, telling him that my commissioning ceremony was God’s assignment for him.

On September 17, 1983, hands were laid on me as instructed by God. There was no jerking or falling, but there was transference; it was a very clean encounter. Pastor Adeboye and I met for the first time at the venue of the commissioning. Hands were laid on me for wisdom, and the difference was clear from the beginning. It is not about teaching or speaking; it is about showing the world how it works in heaven.

I had another encounter in 1990. We got to a place for a meeting, and we were ushered into a room where

Kenneth Copeland stayed when he visited in 1987. I told my wife this was an opportunity. When we were going to bed, I said, “Jesus, tonight as we lie on this bed, I open my heart to receive whatever is in Copeland that is not in me. He is not dead but if virtue from Elisha’s dry bones could raise a dead man, then I must receive what he carries.”

That night, the Lord showed me a vision and I saw an amputated arm with worms coming out of it. Compassion gripped me, and I said, “In the name of Jesus!” A brand new hand grew out immediately, and the Lord said to me, “I have brought you into the creative realm of your ministry today.”

The wisdom of God is primarily creative and it showed up as a creative force in Genesis chapter one.

I also encountered a transmission and transference of the Spirit of wisdom on another platform that day - a creative platform. It is that creative force that created the *Faith Tabernacle, Covenant University and Landmark University*. There is nothing we require from God that does not have a human carrier. Before my commissioning, I prayed to God for twenty-eight months, asking Him for wisdom. His answer to me was, “I will have hands laid upon you, so you can be filled with the Spirit of wisdom.”

However, the Holy Spirit is the custodian of wisdom. There is wisdom that man teaches and it is limited to the wisdom of man. But, there is wisdom that the Holy Ghost teaches, which enlarges our capacity to operate in the class of God. As it is written:

> ***Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.***
>
> *1 Corinthians 2:13-14*

Without the Holy Spirit, we will be operating at the level of common sense every day.

During the construction of the Faith Tabernacle, we tried to bring a crane into the building, but it was impossible except we removed the pew or destroy the floor. Then, we analysed the height of the crane and the tyres. The Holy Spirit gave us the idea to deflate the tyres, drag it in and then call a vulcanizer to fill the tyres.

We would have destroyed the building just to bring in the crane. But, He guides into all truth. The Holy Spirit is the custodian of divine wisdom and when

that ministry gets activated in our lives, we will never get stranded.

It is that Spirit that shows us which way to go and which turns or stops to make. It is also that Spirit that tells us what to say, when to say it and how to say it. It shows us the way to go and drives us in that direction. He drove us to build the Faith Tabernacle and showed me that the only way to build it was to gather all our missionaries in building-related disciplines, because no contractor would accept to build it in one year. We brought them together, and that was how work started. He directed it through His own strategy and built it by Himself.

Sustaining the Operation of the Spirit of Wisdom

The reason many precious things do not last with us is because we don't know how to maintain them. For instance, it is not enough to acquire a car but we must also understand the need to maintain it, if it must keep serving us.

Have you received the Spirit of wisdom? If the answer is yes, then you must ask, "How do I sustain its operation in my life?" This is very important, if you must enjoy the benefits that wisdom offers.

To sustain the operation of the Spirit of Wisdom, we must:

- **Maintain the Fear of the Lord:** We must always walk in the fear of the Lord as a lifestyle. The fear of the Lord is our access as well as the security of that Spirit in our lives.

All those who enjoyed an unusual dimension of this Spirit, like Joseph, walked in the fear of the Lord. Joseph said, “For I fear God” (Genesis 42:18). In Daniel’s case, when his jealous colleagues sought for what to accuse him of, they could not find anything against him, except against the law of his God (Daniel 6:1-5). He was a man who operated by the fear of the Lord as a lifestyle.

Therefore, it is not enough to have the Spirit of wisdom; we must learn how to maintain it. Solomon didn’t know how to maintain it, so it was turned to vanity in his life. When Solomon loved the Lord, he was the wisest. But when he loved many strange women, Solomon, who prayed down the glory of God in the temple, ended his journey in a shrine (1 Kings 11).

If we don’t live in the fear of the Lord, God’s wisdom in us will be turned to vanity and make a mess of our lives. We must note that divine wisdom is a spiritual treasure and can only be spiritually sustained.

- **Possess a meek spirit:** When we take God’s glory or want to share it with Him, He turns His back

on us. Joseph said, “It is not in me, the Lord will give Pharaoh an answer…” Daniel said, “It is a gift of God” (Genesis 41:16; Daniel 2:20-21).

To possess the Spirit of wisdom and enjoy it in growing dimensions, we must be meek. When things begin to happen by our hands, we must learn to constantly ascribe the glory to God, not to our PhD, Harvard degrees or our capacity as individuals. When Nebuchadnezzar said, “…This great kingdom which I’ve built by my might,” God turned him into an animal. Therefore, we must maintain meekness as a lifestyle in order to sustain this treasure called the Spirit of wisdom (Daniel 4:30-33).

Moses was the meekest man upon the face of the earth, and he was the wisest man that ever lived, because no one knew how God created the world except Moses. He had an unusual insight into the deep things of God. In fact, God had to literally translate him to heaven. He was a god on the earth by the empowerment of the Spirit of wisdom.

- **We must maintain an effective prayer altar:** The Bible says:

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 16:11

God's presence is the fountain of His wisdom. Therefore, we must maintain a sweet communion with Him on the prayer altar if we want to continue enjoying His wisdom (Jeremiah 33:3).

Daniel prayed three times daily; no wonder the Bible says the spirit of the holy gods was in him (Daniel 5:11); he was an oracle. How was this possible? He was constantly in God's presence through prayers. You cannot find a wise man that is not constantly in touch with God. The Spirit of wisdom demands that we walk with the Only Wise God. As it is written:

> ***He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.***
>
> *Proverbs 13:20*

We must fellowship with God in prayers and with those who fear and love Him, and have respect for His Word, and then we will continually grow in wisdom.

- **We must commit ourselves to healthy and focused meditation on the Word of God:** As it is written:

> ***Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.***
>
> *Proverbs 18:1*

We must constantly engage in purposeful and focused meditation. For instance, the master plan of the *Faith*

Tabernacle was divinely delivered to me when I was in God's presence; He is the Master Architect, Designer, Town and Regional Planning Expert. He knows it all and will show it to us when we are in His presence. Believe me, I had no idea of the survey plan when God said, "This shall be called Shiloh, that shall be called Moriah and that shall be called Hebron." The topographical survey matched His designs perfectly!

Therefore, a purposeful and focused meditation is one way of sustaining the Spirit of wisdom in our lives. As a result, God enhances our divine capacity to know, as we engage Him in our quest for knowledge. He empowers our insight; for ***the Spirit of God searches all things, ye the deep things of God*** (1 Corinthians 2:10). He empowers our search and helps to facilitate our findings. Although He does not find things for us, we must engage Him in our search so we can make discoveries.

Moreover, this wisdom is both a self and people-announcing virtue. It announces men (Daniel 5:11). It announced Joseph from the prison and Daniel in Babylon. It will announce you too!

CHAPTER 10

SPIRIT OF REVELATION

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 1:17-18

Revelation is the ability to see what God is saying in His Word. It is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation that empowers us to see. When we hear it, that's information; but it becomes revelation when we are

able to see it. What the Spirit of revelation does is to open our spiritual eyes to see what God is saying in His Word.

The devil wants us blind, so he can rob us of what God has in store for us. But, the Holy Ghost opens our eyes, so we can see them clearly. Therefore, receive the Spirit of revelation now!

Revelation simply means spiritual understanding of the truth of God's Word. A good example of this is the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch, who was reading Isaiah 53, but did not understand it. Then, Philip joined him beginning with the same scripture, preached the gospel to him, and suddenly his eyes of understanding were opened.

He understood so much what he was taught that when he saw a pool of water, he demanded to be baptised immediately. Philip told him he could be baptised if he believed, and he declared, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." His eyes were open to see the truth of the Scriptures through Philip, who ministered to him (Acts 8:26-38). Like the Ethiopian eunuch, I decree that you begin to experience a new dimension of the Spirit of revelation in Jesus' name!

We must understand that what we do may not always translate to the results we get. It is our understanding of the things we do that determines the dimension or

quality of returns or results we get from them.

> ***But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.***
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> *Matthew 13:23*

Our level of understanding of the Word we have received, determines the degree of our results, whether 30, 60 or 100 percent. In the above scripture, the grounds upon which the seeds were sown were the same – they were all good grounds. The only variable was their level of understanding. In like manner, our degree of spiritual understanding determines the returns we get from the things we do.

For instance, I grew up to see my grandmother giving her tithe; but there were no physical returns to match what she gave because she did it without full understanding of the benefits it carried. Rather, it was done as a religious obligation. But, our generation now has a better understanding of the benefits of tithing, through new revelations received on the subject. Now, we see people getting outstanding testimonies from tithing.

From the Scriptures, we are commanded to sing praises with understanding (Psalm 47:7). Unlike before, when the Church saw and used praises only as a

conjunction in services, people now experience unimaginable victories and breakthroughs from praising God, because it is now being done with understanding. We clap our hands knowing that God shall subdue the people under us as we do so. We now know that when we clap, we are “clapping in” our inheritances.

The Spirit of revelation makes us of quick understanding in the knowledge of God and also grants us access to the greatness of His power (Isaiah 11:3).

Why do we need the Spirit of Revelation?

- **God has new things in store for us every day:** Revelation is so deep that only shallow men claim to know enough. As it is written:

> ***O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!***
>
> *Romans 11:33*

It is also written:

> ***And if any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.***
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> *1 Corinthians 8:2*

We can never know enough of God and His Word.

God has news for us daily, that is why we need the Spirit of revelation to access them (Lamentations 3:22-23).

‡ **The Spirit of Revelation empowers our capacity to understand the Word of God as we read:** Without the Spirit of revelation, the Bible would be like a mere textbook or literature to us. Jesus said:

> ***I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.***
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> ***Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.***
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> *John 16:12-13*

However, when the Spirit of revelation comes upon us, the Holy Spirit becomes our Teacher; He teaches us all things. As it is written:

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

This means that the Spirit of revelation is also a

teacher. The Bible says:

> ***Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.***
>
> *1 Corinthians 2:13*

- **The Spirit of Revelation is the professor of the truth:** He is the voice behind the Scriptures. This Spirit interprets the truth to us by presenting the Word in its simplest form, so that we won't be confused about it; and of course, the correct interpretation of the truth is the only way to invoke divine intervention. As it is written:

  His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.

  Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

  If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

  Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.

  His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:

  He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable

unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.

Job 33:21-26

It takes the Holy Ghost-inspired interpretation of the Scriptures to provoke divine intervention, and that is the ministry of the Spirit of revelation. There was no restoration of health in the above scripture until a messenger, an interpreter of the truth, came on the scene and gave a correct interpretation.

‡ **It also empowers our access to the deep things of God.** As it is written:

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

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

God's Kingdom is loaded with hidden treasures, and there is no physical way of gaining access to them. As such, we need a spiritual rig to access where the treasures are. The Spirit of revelation is that spiritual rig with which we gain access to the deep things of God.

I had never attended a feet-washing service before. But one day, I heard the voice of His Majesty say to

me, “If I wash thee not, you have no part with Me.” He went on to say, “I have some blessings reserved for you that are transmitted only through the mystery of feet-washing.” I immediately organised one, and that was my first feet-washing service ever. To the glory of God, we have dominated territories through it!

It is not just washing our feet for the sake of it that brings the victory; it is our understanding of what it has to offer that delivers territories. Again, I never read where anyone took a shot of the anointing oil; but in January 2004, the Interpreter showed me Matthew 3:11-12. No doubt, this mystery has wrought innumerable deliverances in the world! Many would have been in their graves by now but they were delivered by that light.

This Spirit does this by empowering our insight into the things of God. It also gives us access to light, which illuminates us, no matter the circumstances around us. As it is written:

> ***Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.***
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> ***For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.***
>
> *Isaiah 60:1-2*

The world is going through an economic recession right now. There is a global economic pressure on many nations of the earth. What we have never heard before is happening all around Europe today. Even corporations are not spared, as some need to be bailed out; but not so in the Church. This is not luck, but light! Light from the Word has exempted the Church from the financial woes the world is suffering. In fact, by divine programme, I see the Church helping nations out of their financial woes. As it is written:

> ***And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.***
>
> ***And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.***
>
> *Isaiah 2:2-3*

The end-time Church is a church of explosive revelations, with tangible proofs to show. I believe God has visited the world by repositioning the Church and we are taking the lead in these last days.

- **It inoculates us with divine nature:** The Spirit of revelation also grants us access to divine nature. Not everybody on the street possesses a human nature; a number of us possess divine nature.

The great man of God, John G. Lake, was an embodiment of divine nature. Many died from an outbreak of the bubonic plague in South Africa where he lived. John G. Lake was there helping out with the victims, who were vomiting and foaming in the mouth, but declined using any precautions like gloves and face masks. When tested under the microscope, the same germs that were killing people in their hundreds were found dead in Lake's hands! The divine nature in him destroyed the germs.

Some people are immune to plagues because of the divine nature they carry. I pray you will be one of them! That's why the Bible says:

> ***Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.***
>
> *2 Peter 1:4*

The Spirit of revelation is what will take us to that height. When we know who we are and what we carry within us, by reason of our depth of knowledge and

understanding of the Word, we will walk tall over all life's situations and circumstances.

How to Access the Spirit of Revelation

- **Be born again:** Revelation is mystery while information is story. Anybody can access the stories but only the children of God can access the mysteries.

> ***And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables.***
>
> *Mark 4:11*

A woman in Holland read the book, *You Shall Not Be Barren*, authored by me. She read there that the dead sperm of Abraham fertilised the dead womb of Sarah and she gave birth to a living seed called Isaac. As soon as she encountered that revelation, she said, "Lord, my husband's sperm is not dead and my womb is not dead, so you have no real problem dealing with this. Therefore, I have children." Thereafter, she became pregnant!

Revelation is what terminates our frustrations. However, if we do not have a personal relationship with Christ (being born again), whatever we read, either in the Word or anointed books, will be mere stories.

That's why the Bible says, "...for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (2 Corinthians 3:6).

- **We must be spiritual:** As it is written: ***...Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter*** (Revelation 4:1).

We must be men and women that are high up in the Spirit, because God only reveals Himself to the spiritual. It is also written:

> ***But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.***
>
> *1 Corinthians 2:14*

It takes spiritual men to appreciate and access the things of the Spirit. We must understand that carnal men cannot access revelation. Paul speaking said:

> ***And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.***
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> ***I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.***
>
> ***For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?***
>
> *1 Corinthians 3:1-3*

Therefore, it is possible to be born again and still be carnal. To access revelation, we must lay aside carnality and embrace spirituality as a lifestyle.

- **We must engage our spirit-man in the quest to access revelation:** Revelation is revealed to our spirit, while information is released to our minds.

> ***With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early...***
>
> *Isaiah 26:9*

> ***God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.***
>
> *John 4:24*

God cannot reveal anything except through our spirit-man. The Bible says:

> ***Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?***
>
> *Luke 15:8*

The Scripture also records:

> ***The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.***
>
> *Proverbs 20:27*

We cannot find what is missing without lighting or engaging our spirit-man in a search. Therefore, we must engage the candle of our spirit-man in our quest for revelation.

For instance, I said on March 19, 1976, “Jesus, show me the secret of Kingdom prosperity.” Though, I’ve heard it and I’ve been preaching it, I was yet to see it. Then, I went out for three days with my son in the Lord, Bishop David Abioye. On the third day, light like lightning struck from heaven. It was so strong that I stood up and spun in my shorts saying, “I can never be poor!” I saw it!

We can hear anything, but the things we see become our possessions. As it is written:

> ***That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.***
>
> *1 John 1:1*

What we have heard does not release anything to us; it is what we have seen that does. Thus, we cannot get it, if we don’t see it. God said to Abraham, “…all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it…” (Genesis 13:14-15). Therefore, revelation is what empowers us to see. When we see it, God is committed to release it (Ephesians 1:18-19).

Whatever we see in the Abrahamic covenant is what we possess. What I saw a long time ago is still happening now. Thus, I'm a blessed man because I have never prayed for food, water, clothes, car or house.

We must understand that light empowers us to rule. It is the sceptre of the Kingdom that enthrones believers for dominion. Light is king over darkness any day, anytime, and anywhere, as it does not need any vote from darkness to reign. When light comes, darkness bows out.

- **Engage the ministry of the Holy Ghost, particularly because He ¶ V R X U-ordained µ U H Y H¶D W R U**

The Bible says:

> ***Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.***
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> ***Which things also we speak, not in the words which man' s w i s d o m t e a c h e t h , b u t w h i c h teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.***
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> *1 Corinthians 2:12-13*

As the 'Revelator', He networks diverse scriptures and delivers to us a complex product called revelation. Therefore, we must always engage Him in our search.

- **Engage in a diligent practical search:** In our desperation to access light for dominion in any area of our challenges, we must search the Bible, anointed books, CDs, DVDs etc. As it is written:

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Jeremiah 15:16 (see also Proverbs 4:20-22)

Paul, a man of great revelations, speaking to the Philippians church said: ***Ye are all partakers of my grace*** (Philippians 1:7). Therefore, we can partake of the light that God sends to His messengers (Isaiah 9:8).

These messengers include apostles, prophets, etc, who are both carriers and custodians of the 'now' revelations. There are things we may, on our own, encounter by the ministry of the Holy Spirit but for others, we will need to go through the ones to whom they have been given. If we are too proud to go through them, we will be too small to experience a change of story.

Engaging the Spirit of Revelation

How do we engage the Spirit of revelation, so that it can deliver for us?

‡ **We must attend to God** ¶ V : R The Bible commands:

> ***My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.***
>
> *Proverbs 4:20-22*

You cannot be taught by a teacher except you attend his class. In like manner, we need to be available to be taught. We must attend classes, and the Word is His class. The Psalmist said, “Until I went into the sanctuary of God, then understood I their end.” The sanctuary of the Lord is the centre of spiritual illumination (Psalm 73:17).

God has given us apostles, teachers, pastors, prophets and evangelists to perfect the understanding of the saints, till we all come to the same level of faith. This is because they are all God’s perfection agents (Ephesians 4:11-12).

Paul further admonishes us to give attendance to reading, exhortation and doctrine. Not only are we to attend lectures in the Word, we are also required to attend to reading, so the Holy Spirit can have more opportunities to interpret things to us. Also, we are to go beyond reading to studying, by engaging the

searching ministry of the Spirit of revelation (1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 2:15).

However, we must imbibe studying the Word as a lifestyle. For instance, Paul was a bookworm, and he possessed the Spirit of revelation. He encountered it by engaging the Spirit of revelation in his reading and studies. In fact, Peter acknowledged that Paul had an abundance of revelation (2 Peter 3:15).

We must, however, note that without diligence, the Spirit of revelation cannot have full expression in our lives. We cannot assume that we possess the Spirit of revelation and go to sleep; we will die in ignorance. The Spirit of revelation requires that we attend the lecture of the Holy Ghost through the ministry of apostles, prophets and teachers.

It also involves giving attention to reading, so as to master the things He teaches. It demands that we study and search the Word, so we can become research fellows and eventually emerge as authorities in the affairs of life. By your encounter with the Spirit of revelation, there shall be no more setbacks in your life!

CHAPTER 11

BREAKTHROUGH SPIRIT

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6- 8, 11

The Holy Ghost is the grand commander of breakthroughs. There is one God, one faith and one baptism. Even though they have diverse operations and manifold manifestations, it is one Spirit. If you check the ministry of the Holy Ghost in Isaiah 61, it enumerates the former rain, latter rain and its products, which are all clear descriptions of the breakthrough power that the Holy Ghost carries (See also Isaiah 45:1-3, 13).

There is a particular grace that empowers men to access the realm of supernatural breakthroughs. It is called the **giving grace/Spirit or the breakthrough Spirit**, which is the gateway to a world of supernatural breakthroughs.

It is important to recognise that God will never bless any man beyond his capacity to be a blessing. This is why we need the giving grace in order to give excitedly and tirelessly, even when it seems not to yield returns. That is why the giving grace is the breakthrough spirit.

It is the Spirit that terminates frustration in our lives and this covers all areas, as it guarantees healthy living, longevity and mental alertness. Abraham the giver was a creative farmer, and he founded the first cattle ranch. Isaac was also a creative farmer and he founded the first irrigation farming. Jacob was a veterinary doctor, and he could breed any animal according to the colour he desired. They were all men flooded with divine ideas

because they were covenant people.

One day in 1987, I went worshipping God and I had an encounter with Him as I studied Hebrews chapter 7. He said, “My son, the same way I open the heavens over the lives of individuals, I open heavens over organisations, corporations including churches.” He further unveiled to me the veracity of corporate tithing. Our church keyed in to it and we are inexplicably and eternally blessed.

We must understand that the giving grace is the gateway to that future God has prepared for us. Therefore, when God makes a demand on us, He wants to change our level because He does not punish people, He polishes them.

I encountered this grace in 1982 from Kenneth Copeland. As I studied him, heaven broke loose and I believe God took of the spirit in him and imparted it into me. I have never been stressed giving tithes or offering in my life. It comes naturally because I encountered the giving grace. As we are all aware, giving is the gateway to a world of breakthroughs.

> ***Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.***
>
> *Luke 6:38*

In response to our giving, the Bible says: ***And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work*** (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Moreover, God has created covenant platforms that empower us for breakthroughs via the giving grace.

WHAT ARE THESE PLATFORMS?

The Love Platform

Although giving is the biblical gateway to financial blessings, love is the greatest facilitator of giving. We discover from Scriptures that love empowers us to give continuously, tirelessly and sacrificially. For example, the Bible says:

> ***For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***
>
> *John 3:16*

Nothing empowers giving like the love of God burning in our hearts. However, giving is the proof of the sincerity of our love.

> ***I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.***
>
> *2 Corinthians 8:8*

Every true lover of God is a giver. Therefore, if we don't give, we are not in love with Him. Also, we need to understand that we cannot give beyond our love level. Therefore, we must cultivate genuine love for God, which will naturally overflow to people in our environment. We cannot claim to love God if we don't love others. Therefore, the proof of our love for God is in our disposition to the needs of humanity around us (1 Corinthians 2:9; 1 John 3:14-18).

But, how do we get on this platform?

First, we must recognise that love is by choice and not by force. People choose who and what to love. Remember, Jesus asked Peter thrice, ***...lovest thou me more than these?*** He responded: ***...Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee*** (John 21:15-17).

On the other hand, our love for God can be empowered by the Holy Ghost. As it is written:

> ***And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.***
>
> *Romans 5:5*

Again, we also observe that there is the Spirit of love. Paul the Apostle said:

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but

> ***(Spirit) of power, and (Spirit) of love, and of a sound mind.***
>
> *2 Timothy 1:7 (*Emphasis Mine)

From the above, we understand that it is the Spirit of love that empowers us to love God above all else, including ourselves. This revalidates the empowerment dimension of love (Mark 12:30-31).

Note that when you are imparted with the Spirit of love, giving becomes a delight. You are not in need because you have little; you are in need because you won't give and until you give, you cannot have enough. Until you give, you cannot be blessed.

Wisdom Platform

Wisdom is all about putting God's Word to work in our lives. Jesus said:

> ***…Whosoever heareth these sayi***
> ***doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.***
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> *Matthew 7:24-25*

This implies that wisdom is simply applied

knowledge. Therefore, to be knowledge-deficient is to be wisdom-deficient and the crave for knowledge is the highway to wisdom (Proverbs 4:7).

For instance, we understand from the Scriptures that giving is God's wisdom that launches us into realms of financial fortune.

> ***Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.***
>
> *Luke 6:38*

But, it is not enough to commit to giving, it must be done the Bible way. The labour of the foolish wearies every one of them, because he lacks the "KNOW-HOW". It is, therefore, not enough to give, we must know how to give acceptably so that our giving is not wasted (Ecclesiastes 10:15).

BIBLICAL WISDOM FOR ACCEPTABLE GIVING

We must understand that our giving is a sacrifice of "good smell, well pleasing and acceptable unto God"; and until it is acceptable, it is never profitable (Philippians 4:18-19).

Therefore:

We must give in FAITH

> ***By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain...But without faith it is impossible to please him…***
>
> *Hebrews 11:4,6*

It takes faith for our seeds to be acceptable.

We must give CHEERFULLY

> ***But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.***
>
> *2 Corinthians 9:6-7*

We must give WILLINGLY

> ***For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.***
>
> *2 Corinthians 8:12*

Our seeds are unacceptable when they are forced. Therefore, we must not give under pressure, or we will miss our rewards.

We must give in LOVE

Our giving to God and the poor must be love-motivated.

> ***And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.***
>
> *1 Corinthians 13:3*

It is giving in love that makes giving profitable. Giving becomes a punishment when it is not done in love because it will profit us nothing. We need the giving grace to keep giving in love.

We must give HONOURABLY

God does not receive every seed; He receives only honourable seeds. It is impossible to give trash and expect treasures in return. Also, we must understand that what is considered honourable for one is considered dishonourable for another. Therefore, we must give what is honourable at our level per time (Malachi 1:6-8; Proverbs 3:9-10; 1 Samuel 2:30).

Moreover, God knows the size of His blessings in our lives and when we give below our status, He knows. Thus, only precious seeds at our levels, per time, are acceptable to God.

We must give SACRIFICIALLY

Anytime we offer our seeds, we must let it bear a sacrificial cost. For instance, David purposed not to offer burnt offerings to God, which cost him nothing. After he offered his “costly” seed, the Lord was entreated for the land and the plague was stayed from Israel (2 Samuel 24:24-25).

We must give TIRELESSLY

This is because we can only reap our harvest in due season, if we faint not (Galatians 6:9).

Remember, giving is the supernatural gateway to a world of breakthroughs. This is exemplified by the following personalities in Scriptures:

Abraham, the Father of Faith

Abraham the blessed was a giver and he exhibited this through tithing, among others (Genesis 14:20-21). Also, he was said to be a friend of God and we all know that love is the cord of friendship (Isaiah 41:8).

He was also a hospitable and liberal soul. This was evident when he entertained angels unawares (Genesis 18:1-10). ***The liberal soul shall be made fat and he that watereth shall be watered also himself*** (Proverbs 11:25). Liberality is not being cheated, it is our launching pad to the realm of breakthroughs.

As a result of these factors, it was recorded that he was very rich. ***Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold*** (Genesis 13:2). The Bible further records:

> ***And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.***
>
> *Genesis 24:1*

We are enjoined in the Scriptures to look unto Abraham our father and if we are indeed his children, we will do his works. Therefore, we must embrace liberality as a lifestyle, among others, to enjoy the Abrahamic order of breakthroughs (Isaiah 51:1-3; John 8:39).

Job, the God-Addict

Job was so much in love with God that he once said: ***Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him*** (Job 13:15).

We saw how much Job walked in supernatural breakthroughs. The Bible records that he was the greatest of all men in the East and that his substance was greatly increased in the land (Job 1:1-3,10).

He showed us how that came to be:

> ***Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.***
>
> *Job 29:12*

Job discovered the secret of supernatural abundance

through giving and he explored it maximally (Job 29:4-6).

David, a Man After God's Own Heart

That is, a man with a heart for God (1 Samuel 13:14). David once testified:

> ***Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house.***
>
> *1 Chronicles 29:3*

True lovers of God enjoy proper good of gold and silver; David was one of such people. He was also said to be as wise as an angel and as a result, he commanded supernatural breakthroughs (2 Samuel 14:20; 1 Chronicles 29:3-6).

Solomon, the Celebrated Lover

The Bible records that Solomon loved the Lord and He proved this by offering to God a thousand burnt offerings, which brought him into the realms of financial breakthroughs. God in response to his sacrifice said:

> ***And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall***

not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

1 Kings 3:13

Furthermore, as a result of Solomon's liberality, God made him the wisest and wealthiest man of his days (1 Kings 4:22-34).

The Philippian Church

This was one of the super-prosperous churches in the Scriptures.

Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:15-19

The Philippians were tirelessly liberal people because they understood the giving covenant. Sacrificial giving was their lifestyle, which provoked God to meet all their needs.

The Macedonian Church

This is another example of a super-wealthy church that exemplified the breakthrough Spirit.

> ***Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.***
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> *2 Corinthians 8:1-4*

From the above scripture, the Macedonian congregation was very poor, but extremely liberal; it was a paradox! In spite of their deep poverty, they were addicted givers. But, there was an empowerment responsible for their addiction to giving, which resulted in the manifestation of strange financial fortune.

In verse 4 of the above scripture, we understand that the poor gave their way out of poverty by giving to the poor. No wonder that church was strangely wealthy.

When our church was growing (we are still growing by God’s grace), every time churches received guests from the West, they tabled their needs, took pictures

and pressurised the people to get commitments from them. But, when they came to us, we gave them seeds that covered their expenses.

Many believe that the poor have to receive, not give. It is important to understand that we can only give our way out of poverty; we cannot pray, fast, quote or preach our way out of it. There is nothing that is given to us that enriches us; it is what we give that does. Therefore, looking for what to get from someone makes us beggars and paupers.

Speaking about the Macedonian Church, the Bible further states:

> ***And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.***
>
> ***Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.***
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> ***Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.***
>
> *2 Corinthians 8:5-7*

> ***For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.***
>
> *2 Corinthians 8:9*

The Macedonian brethren first offered themselves to God and then, their substance to the church. Since they had consecrated their lives to God, giving of their substance was no big deal. No doubt, the Macedonian Church was a super-wealthy church and that is what God has ordained His church to be.

What was it that the Macedonian Church possessed? It was power! They were addicted givers by the empowerment of the Holy Ghost. In spite of their poverty, giving was their delight. They were poor people seeking the welfare of other poor individuals. Therefore, as we abound in all the anointing of faith and revelation, we must ensure that we also abound in the giving anointing.

Remember Jesus said:

> ***Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.***
>
> ***No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.***
>
> *John 10:17-18*

We need empowerment to lay down things that are of great value to us and we must be empowered over self to do it. Thus, we need empowerment to maintain a giving life.

The love anointing is the facilitator of the giving anointing and it intoxicates. In Ephesians 5:18, the Bible says: ***And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.***

I have come to conclude that the Macedonian Church was an intoxicated giving church because they were under the influence of the Holy Ghost in their giving. When we come under that influence, we are launched into realms of financial fortune like the Macedonian Church.

When we become intoxicated givers, giving becomes natural. Therefore, we need that intoxicating grace, because that is what makes all the difference. The Bible says in Ezekiel 36:27:

> ***And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.***

We need empowerment to continuously give our substance cheerfully, willingly, sacrificially and “alwaysly”. There is a limit on our giving life without this empowerment, which the Macedonian Church operated with as imparted by the Holy Ghost.

However, our giving must be with discretion. ***A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion*** (Psalm 112:5).

Don’t give anything under pressure, but as directed by the Holy Spirit. Always have your priorities properly well-defined. The Scripture records in 1 John 2:27:

> ***But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.***

The anointing does not only empower us to give; it also empowers us to give with discretion. The anointing does not get us intoxicated to waste resources; it guides us to distribute scripturally and judiciously, with discretion. Thus, we are not wasting resources, but simply investing where it matters most, per time. This is why we must understand the giving priorities in the covenant.

In 1995, I was at the airport with one of my mentors when someone greeted him. After he answered, he turned to me and said, “Give that man 500 Naira.” I asked, “For what? For greeting you? No!” He looked at me and we laughed over it. That means, if about 30 people greeted him, he would also give them money.

We must recognise that there are givers and there are wasters; all we need is to be careful and have our priorities well-defined.

Giving Priorities in the Covenant Tithing

This is the master key that unlocks the windows of supernatural blessings. It is also the first fruit that makes the balance meaningful. As it is written:

> ***Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.***
>
> *Malachi 3:10*

We must understand that sacrifice can take us to any level of blessing, but only tithing can preserve it. This is because when we don't tithe, the devourer is guaranteed access to our blessings. Tithing is not a church doctrine, but God's covenant.

All financial testimonies in the body of Christ are rooted in consistent tithing. For instance, Abraham was a tither and he became possessor of heaven and earth. For us to access the blessings of Abraham, we must do the works of Abraham. Remember, Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law to connect us to the blessings of Abraham. All we need is to walk in his steps to flow in the kind of blessings that he experienced (Genesis 14:19-20; John 8:39; Galatians 3:13-14, 29).

Thus, tithing remains a covenant obligation for financial fortune. We must understand that our tithe is not a donation; rather, it is part of our spiritual responsibility. The truth is, any believer who is not a tither remains a financial struggler. This is because it is impossible to be in command of financial fortune without being a tither (Genesis 14:19-20; Malachi 3:10-11).

Worship Offering

This involves honouring God with our substance and we are admonished not to go into God's presence empty-handed.

> ***Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty: Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.***
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> *Deuteronomy 16:16-17*

For instance, the wise men worshipped Jesus with their treasures. However, we must give according to the level of God's blessings on our lives. When we give God what is honourable, He honours us in return (Matthew 2:10-11; 1 Samuel 2:30; Proverbs 3:9-10; Malachi 1:6; Mark 12:41-44).

Kingdom Promotion Givings

Serving the interest of the Kingdom with our financial resources opens up our destinies and changes our levels.

> ***Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.***
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> *Matthew 6:33 (See also Haggai 1:3-14).*

When we disregard the interest of God's Kingdom, things starts closing up against us.

Giving to Biological Parents

We tap into the blessings in our parents' hearts when we give them "venison" such as they love. We provoke the release of blessings from their hearts, just like Isaac poured his heart out to bless Jacob. The Word of God instructs us to honour our parents, so that it will be well with us (Genesis 27:1-15, 25-29; Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:2-3).

Giving to Spiritual Parents

Our spiritual parents also constitute a platform for the release of covenant blessings. We tap into the patriarchal blessings through giving to our spiritual parents (Ephesians 6:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:15).

Giving to the Poor

Giving to the needy around us is a platform that empowers us for financial dominion. It is written:

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse (Proverbs 28:27; see also Proverbs 19:17).

When we give to the poor, we are not bailing out the poor, but indirectly bailing ourselves from poverty, lack and want. This was the secret that opened up Job's destiny into a new realm and made him the greatest businessman of his time; he was committed to the well-being of the poor and the needy. He said:

I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out. And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth (Job 29:15-17).

When we assist anyone to go forward, our progress is also guaranteed.

Giving for the Common Good

This involves blessing humanity at large, which is commonly referred to as Charity, today. We may not have anything now, but when God sees that it is in our hearts, He begins to open His treasures in our direction (Genesis 22:17-18; Luke 10:30-36).

Giving to the Ministers of the Word

There are blessings that accrue to us when we give to men and women of God, who minister to our spiritual needs.

> ***Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.***
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> *Galatians 6:6-8 (see also Luke 8:1-3; 1 Corinthians 9:11; Romans 15:27)*

In giving, we must note that it is a global view (that is, seeing beyond our present circumstances and ourselves) that makes us global personalities and launches us into realms of strange financial fortune. Moreover, it is a local view that makes a local champion and a self-centred view that makes a common man.

For instance, I saw myself lending to nations when I had no bank account. I saw from the Scriptures that in my seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed and if I belong to Christ, then I am Abraham's seed and heir according to the promise. Therefore, if the seed of Abraham is ordained to bless the world, God will not have me bless my immediate environment or bless my family only. We must see beyond now and let

it guide our giving life.

Therefore, we must begin to see ourselves in the light of the Macedonian Church and consequently, as Macedonian believers. That is, people who are addicted to giving, thus flowing in supernatural wealth and enjoying financial fortune. This is because we can never experience financial blessings without giving financially. Therefore, receive the giving grace in Jesus' name!

Many people experienced some level of financial returns at a point but they could not see them again. This is because giving is the only way to go up, stay up and continuously increase financially, if we are interested. In fact, when we stop giving, we begin to experience a downturn.

Importantly, we must understand that our giving abounds to our account, not to the account of the people who we give to. As it is written:

> ***He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.***
>
> *Proverbs 28:27*

Our giving is the gateway to having all our needs met because it is an investment that must yield dividends for us. We must not forget that we are blessed primarily to be a blessing. Thus, we cannot be blessed beyond the level to which we are committed to being a

blessing. Therefore, giving is not what we engage in once, but continuously.

We must understand that giving does not only guarantee access to financial or material returns, it is a covenant that qualifies to be defined as our “Kingdom life insurance policy” because it provides access to having all our needs met (Philippians 4:15-19; Proverbs 10:22).

> ***Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.***
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> *Psalm 41:1-3*

Therefore, we can give our way into lifting. A woman testified that she gave her way into the next rank of promotion at her place of work. This is her testimony:

Supernatural Promotion!

The last time I was promoted was in 2009 and I was due for another in 2012. I attended the interview, but was denied promotion. In 2013, the Bishop said that our Double Portion, Next Levels was tied to the prayer reach and soul-winning projects. I keyed in to it and determined not to miss it.

I spoke and evangelised to people in my neighbourhood. Also, I rented buses to convey people from Ajah to church. In a short while, some of those people I invited to church became Winners ¶ 6DWHOOLWH)HOORZVKLS :6)

I rejected every negative report about my promotion and also wore the uniform of the rank I believed God for and danced vigorously in my house every day.

By Shiloh 2013, I asked God what to give as my Shiloh sacrifice and the Holy Spirit said, µ:KDW LV WKH VDC that rank you are trusting God for, give it as a sacrifice. ¶ So, I sowed the salary of an Assistant Comptroller for a year, as my sacrifice and knew it was settled.

During the 21-day prayer and fasting in January, I said, µ7KLV LV QRW RQH RI thanksgiving PoinW.¶W V E Behold, before the end of the fast, the promotion list was released and I was promoted to the glory of God!

±**Edelduok Joy**

We can also give our way into fruitfulness. People have given seeds for unborn children and the children came forth. Here is another testimony:

Divine Turnaround!

I searched for a life partner for 15 years. On March 11, 2012, the Bishop called for a Miracle Marriage Service. That day, as I left the church after the service, I met my wife and we got married that same year.

In 2013, the Bishop declared that it was our year of Double Portion, Next-Levels. In the first Encounter Service for the fruit of the womb, the Bishop said we should list the names of our children. So, I listed names of four children ± two boys and two girls. Thereafter, we anointed the names daily and gave offerings on behalf of the children continuously.

In 2014, the God of this Commission blessed us with a set of twins! ±**Anyalewachi Charles**

WHAT, THEN, ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF GIVING?

According to Scriptures, the giving covenant is a mystery, which does not only guarantee financial returns, but addresses all the needs of our lives that money cannot buy. They include:

- **Aversion of Curses:** When Noah reared an altar of sacrifice, the curse of God on the earth was averted. Therefore, our sacrifice is a platform for aversion of curses (Genesis 8:20-22).
- **It Guarantees Divine Health:** It is important to note that when we give, we give our way out of sickness into health (Psalm 41:1-3).
- **It Ensures Divine Protection:** We enjoy divine protection through the channel of giving. The Bible

says: ***The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it*** (Proverbs 10:22; see also Psalm 20:1-3).

- **It Averts Plagues:** We subdue every plague through the giving covenant (2 Samuel 24:24-25).
- **It Guarantees Supernatural Fruitfulness:** Abraham entertained angels unawares and Isaac came through that platform (Genesis 18:1-10; 2 Kings 4:1-17).
- **It Guarantees a Debt-free Life:** This is the case of our Ministry. Our church commands financial fortune "sweatlessly". There is no amount of money we need today that requires any consultation with banks (Psalm 112:1-3).
- **It Guarantees Divine Ideas:** These include inspiration, innovation and invention (Genesis 7:11; 2 Chronicles 26:5, 14; Isaiah 11:1-3; Malachi 3:10).
- **It Guarantees Joy:** The benefit of giving is always accompanied with joy (Isaiah 9:3-4).
- **It Gives Peace:** It guarantees peace that passes human understanding (2 Chronicles 15:12, 19).
- **It Guarantees Favour:** For instance, God gave the Israelites favour and transferred the wealth of Egypt to them when they were going out of captivity (Exodus 12:36; Psalm 45:12).

‡ **It Guarantees Longevity:** Remember, all covenant fathers enjoyed long life. Abraham was 175 years old, Isaac, 180 and Jacob, 143 years. After the ordeals of Job- the giver, he lived 140 years more. These are benefits money cannot buy (Isaiah 65:20-24).

In addition, givers are supernaturally healthy. Jesus said, “He that brings forth fruits, I will make healthy so that he can bring more” (John 15:2 paraphrased). Abraham- the giver, was a super-healthy man and he lived to be 175 years old. That is why giving is the gateway to having all our needs met.

Lovers of God who were addicted givers in the Scriptures enjoyed health and vitality, protection, wisdom, longevity and many more. These are blessings money cannot buy. I consider these the fringe benefits of the covenant.

Nobody experiences breakthrough without giving. Until Jesus gave Himself, He had no breakthrough. There is no way to operate in the realm of supernatural breakthrough without being a delightsome giver.

Christ, our perfect example, was and is the Master Giver. He gave continuously until He gave His life! He was a living sacrifice indeed! This must be why He commanded such dimension of supernatural breakthroughs, in all ramifications of His life and ministry, while He physically walked on planet earth

(Matthew 17:26-27; Mark 4:39-41, 14:13-16; John 13:27-29).

I, therefore, pray for grace to be released upon you to walk in the steps of Jesus into realms of financial dominion and all other fringe benefits associated with the giving covenant! Amen!

CHAPTER 12

TRANSFERENCE OF SPIRIT

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels. To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect. And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Hebrews 12:22-24

Transference of spirit is the replication, duplication

and multiplication of the spiritual DNA, status and capacity of another person. This is the “spirit of just men made perfect”.

In the opening scripture, the word “spirit” is in small letters; so it is the spirit of man. It implies that whatever capacity is loaded into that spirit is available to empower another person to the same frequency.

The spirit of just men made perfect is a breakthrough spirit that links us to the breakthrough order of the carriers of such spirits. The church is full of the spirit of just men made perfect working actively in those living today; that is what makes the church a spiritual body. The spirit of just men made perfect is, in the present day, living in human bodies; so, most men we see today are riding on the wings of the spirits of men before them.

When John came, it was said of him:

> ***And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.***
>
> *Luke 1:17*

There was about 750 years difference between the time of Elijah and John the Baptist but God still said John would come in the spirit and the power of Elijah to generate the same operation. This means it is God’s programme to energise an individual with the spirit at

work in another.

This gives credence to the reality of this mystery. As it is written:

> ***And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.***
>
> *Numbers 11:25*

God is not only the Originator but He also perpetuates this mystery by replicating the spirit of one in another, so they can operate on the same frequency. The spirit of just men made perfect still pervades the body of Christ. There is nothing new under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1:9). There is nothing being done today that has not been done before. ***One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts*** (Psalm 145:4).

That means, what is at work in one generation will be available to another generation, declaring the same order of mighty works.

Interestingly, some of these endowments of the Spirit are packaged into apostles and prophets from generation to generation, for people who are interested to connect and tap into. Moreover, every special endowment in apostles and prophets are freely available, but only to

those whose hearts are open to receive them.

Spiritual gifts in anointed vessels can be released to multitudes of individuals at the same time. For instance, God took the spirit upon Moses and gave it to the 70 elders (Numbers 11:16-17). Also, Paul said, "…Ye are all partakers of my grace." "Grace" simply means divine gifting (Philippians 1:7). He also said: ***For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established*** (Romans 1:11).

Remember, all ministry gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists and teachers are for the perfecting of the saints.

> ***And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;***
>
> ***For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:***
>
> ***Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.***
>
> *Ephesians 4:11-13*

We can draw virtues from those channels as we locate and covet them.

I am a privileged beneficiary of the bodily transference of the spirit of just men made perfect. My father, Hagin,

is not here on earth but his spirit is replicated in me. The faith capacitor at work in Hagin is in me, transmitting the same effect of serenity with authority and noiseless triumph. It is impossible to do what he did without carrying what he carried. There is no way to pray that a car would fly, because the flying engine is not in it.

By what happened in Numbers chapter 11 and Luke chapter 1 verse 17, God was saying it is His own agenda to perpetuate His grace among men so that whatever He gives to one, He leaves it on the earth to begin to duplicate and replicate in every generation. The great prophet Hagin hooked-up to Wigglesworth and the grace in Wigglesworth fell on him; David hooked-up to Hagin and it fell on him. Therefore, anybody can hook-up and the grace at work in these prophets will fall on him.

I did not know what it was called but I had an unquenchable thirst for what was at work in Hagin. It engulfed my life so much that I said, “God, whatever makes Hagin, Hagin, I want it.” I took off from Nigeria to America just for that. I sat in that meeting hunting for only one thing. At the meeting, the Holy Ghost said, “My son David, the baton has been passed on to you.” That is, “What was in Hagin has been passed on to you; you will make as much meaning as he made because I am bringing you to Hagin’s frequency today.”

The man Elijah had his spirit energised by the Spirit of God. Therefore, he had a unique capacity loaded into his spirit. Thus, it can be called a divine capacitor. Elisha craved double of the spirit that Elijah carried and he duplicated everything that Elijah did. Immediately Elijah departed, Elisha stepped into his shoes as the national prophet and Jehoshaphat the king said:

> ***Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel' s s e r v a n t s a n s w e r e d Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.***
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> *2 Kings 3:11*

When that spirit comes on you, you operate on its frequency. I am glad to let you know that the spirit of just men made perfect is still in the body of Christ today. There are people who have connected their spirits to prophets in the Old Testament and are still operating in the body of Christ today, because it is impossible for God to lie.

CHANNELS OF TRANSFERENCE OF SPIRITS

God's Prerogative

God said to Moses in Numbers 11:16-17:

Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel,

> ***whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.***
>
> ***And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.***

Thus, God can choose to transfer the spirit of one individual into another.

For instance, as I prepared for full-time ministry, God said to me, *My son I will not have you go like others have gone. I will have hands laid on you and you will be filled with the Spirit of wisdom after the order of Deuteronomy 34:9.*

God wanted to give me, but He had imparted someone else, who I must connect with, to get it.

Through the Craving of Men

> ***And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.***
>
> *2 Kings 2:9*

When I met Kenneth E. Hagin, I was attracted to the serenity of impact, noiseless breakthrough and ease of his ministry. I said, “Jesus, I want this!” When I had the opportunity to meet him, I was at the gallery while he ministered. My eyes were fixed on him, because I was on a mission to collect something. In the heat of the afternoon session, I saw his face transfigured.

My eyes were open, and I saw his face changed to that of a baby with oil dripping down his cheeks to his shoulder. Instantly, something was fired into me and I broke down and started sobbing. In the midst of it, the voice of His Majesty spoke: *My son David, the baton has been passed on to you.*

That was where I got the baton of the Word of Faith.

Prophet’s Initiative or Promptings

A prophet can be stirred up by the Spirit of God, thereby releasing what he carries to whosoever he pleases (Matthew 10:8).

It is important to note that connectivity with a spirit is what enhances the transference of spirit. That is, our spirit must connect with the spirit of the carrier.

As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man (Proverbs 27:19).

For instance, when Elijah told Elisha to tarry where he was because the Lord sent him to Bethel, Elisha

said: ***...As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel*** (2 Kings 2:2).

We must understand that we cannot be connected without engaging our spirit (Romans 8:16).

Who, then, is Eligible for Transference of Spirit?

True Servants

They are unashamed servants. Jesus said:

> ***Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.***
>
> *Mark 8:38*

For instance, in spite of the mockery of the sons of the prophets, Elisha still pressed on (2 Kings 2:3-15).

True Followers

These are individuals who are not just following the results, but the steps. The Bible says:

> ***Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.***
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> *Hebrews 13:7*

It is important to follow their faith not their results and as we do, we are bound to produce results after their order. When we get only the principles, it will fail today and work tomorrow. We must note that we don't just follow during the lifetime of those sent to us, but even in their death. Jesus said:

> ***Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.***
>
> ***And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me.***
>
> *Luke 22:28-29*

True Sons and Daughters

This is a natural ingredient. Just like the DNA of a man is shared by his children, every true son naturally shares the spiritual DNA of his father (2 Kings 2:12).

It is important to know that it is not in the way we speak, but in the results we command because those who fake it won't see it.

How to Access the Spirit of Just Men Made Perfect

We Must Identify a Carrier of What we Desire

> ***…b u t g o y e r a t h e r t o t h e m t h a t yourselves.***
>
> *Matthew 25:9*

Nobody can give what he does not have. Therefore, we must go to those who possess what we desire and get it.

Receive the Carrier

> ***He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.***
>
> *Matthew 10:41*

The spirit of just men made perfect is the spirit of such individuals. When we receive the person who carries that spirit, the treasures loaded into him become naturally accessible to us. Just as we are not entitled to the gift of a guest until we open our doors to him, we cannot access the treasure of the person we do not receive.

I came across Hagin's materials in 1976, and I read everything I could find by him. His remembrance sensitised my spirit and his person gave me joy; even though I never saw him in person until 1986.

Believe in the Ministry of the Carrier

Faith is the only access to anything God has in store for us. We cannot access any treasure in the Kingdom

without faith. For instance, Jesus could not impart on them in Nazareth because of their unbelief (Mark 6:5). Through faith, the woman with the issue of blood tapped into the virtue Jesus carried. Jesus said to her, “Thy faith hath made thee whole” (Mark 5:34). We cannot access the treasure in any man or woman without believing in the validity of their ministry or what they represent.

Do not read negative meanings to their actions, use dangerous slangs, or malign their ministry.

Engage in a Soul-Tie

Be emotionally hooked and connected to the carrier of that spirit.

> ***And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.***
>
> *2 Kings 2:4*

> ***And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.***
>
> *2 Kings 2:6*

> ***And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee,***

before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

2 Kings 2:9-10

As soon as Elijah left, Elisha took his place. In chapter 3 of 2 Kings, when the king needed a word from the Lord, he sent for Elisha. He became a national hero just between chapters 2 and 3. In chapter 6, there was trouble in the town; two kings came to him and he became 'the prophet'. All Elijah's colleagues lost their positions while the servant of Elijah took the nation's prophetic stage. In chapter 7, they looked up to him for solution; he became the man in charge and took the place of Elijah bodily.

Moses said, "Enviest thou for my sake?" (Numbers 11:29). We must be envious for the carrier whose spirit we want to fully duplicate.

Joshua was the only one who carried the spirit of Moses; others only had some impartation from him.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him.

Numbers 27:18

Joshua was emotionally connected to Moses, so the flow was natural. The Bible says: ***As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man*** (Proverbs 27:19).

Therefore, there must be an emotional connection before a flow in unction.

I have never been able to survive where Kenneth Hagin is not celebrated. My relationship with you will end the day you utter a statement that disregards him and what he represented. Only a bastard smiles when his father is being insulted. Thus, we must understand that Christianity is not a game but a lifestyle. Those who fake it never make it.

There is an emotional connectivity that entitles us to the flow of the treasures in another person. I met “the Lion”, Archbishop Benson Idahosa of blessed memory, by divine design in 1986; although he departed years ago, everything in me honours him and what he represented.

These are unbreakable fundamental biblical rules. We cannot buy into transference of spirit with money; we can only connect with our hearts.

Honour the Carrier as a Father

We do not pray to access the DNA of our fathers; we are natural beneficiaries of it. Thus, friends or colleagues

cannot share our DNA, only our children are entitled to it. Likewise, we have the spiritual DNA, which only the bonafide spiritual sons, not friends, are entitled to. The DNA of our father is our natural heritage. Likewise, the spiritual DNA of our spiritual father is naturally our heritage. We don't struggle for it.

> ***A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you...***
>
> *Malachi 1:6*

The only biblical proof of sonship is honour. Anybody that does not qualify for our honour is not our father and it is the honour that comes from the heart, not just in words.

God knew that my life was too tiny to deliver His mandate, so he connected me to those who had what I needed. He did that because those I am privileged to minister to will never be able to realise their potentials without accessing what He has loaded in me. A true son of a giant cannot be a dwarf and there is no day a calf (baby elephant) will look like a dog. So, every true spiritual son supernaturally replicates the capacity of his fathers.

One of the ways you demonstrate honour is through seed sowing. We must sow our seeds as led by God,

not putting ourselves under pressure, because prophets do not need it. It has nothing to do with volume; it has to do with the heart. This is part of the covenant channels for maintaining the flow of grace.

For instance, I returned from a trip and the Holy Ghost said, “Arise, get down to Benin and see my servant there. Sow this seed into his life.” I went ahead and put the seed in his hand. Then, the prophet looked at me and said, “I put this back in your hand and from today, these hands will never know dryness.” God just wanted to connect me to something because he didn’t need the seed.

We also honour them by obeying their instructions. “The Lion”, Benson Idahosa, sent for me one day from Kaduna. He said, “My son, meet me tomorrow in Makurdi.” I said, “Yes sir.” It was not convenient because I had to drive between five and six hours. Moreover, it was not on my agenda but he carried something from heaven for me.

I drove there excitedly and he said, “So you came?” I said, “Yes, I had to come.” He said, “Enter into my bathroom and have your bath.” I said, “I have a bathroom in my hotel room,” but he insisted. I went into the bathroom and when I came out, he said, “Kneel down! From today, I impart you with the gift of on-time. Before the need arises, the supplies will be waiting.” He had no assignment for me there at all but

it was a test of obedience. I obeyed him into the pleasantness of financial fortune and “stresslessness”.

Crave What He Carries

But covet earnestly the best gifts... (1 Corinthians 12:31).

This means, earnestly covet everything that the spirit is worth.

In March 1990, my wife and I lodged in a hotel while on a trip. We were informed that Kenneth Copeland slept there when he came for a meeting some years back. So, I said, “Jesus, whatever is in Copeland that is still alive now, pass it on to me.” At night, the Lord opened my eyes and I saw in a vision an amputated hand that could not heal. It was rotten and worms were coming out. Compassion gripped me and I said, “In the name of Jesus!” Then, a brand new hand grew out and God said, “I have brought you to the creative realm of your ministry today.”

When we earnestly crave for the same grace at work in a prophet, God releases it to us freely.

Stay Connected to Maintain the Flow

This is the most difficult task. No matter the age of a water-borne tap, the flow ceases the day it is disconnected.

It is not enough to get the gift; we must stay connected to the source, to maintain the flow. For instance, I followed Copeland for thirty years, before the first one-on-one meeting. I was already basking in the Spirit of God in him before I met him. That is why I am not stressed in ministry; I am just supernaturally helped by the spirit of just men made perfect.

The present generation is arrogant; they don't want any connection and that is why they keep suffering frustration and humiliations.

Many believers are stranded today because they are yet to recognise the "engine" they need to fly. Elisha had a flight by the spirit of Elijah and he moved from the back to the forefront. There are prophets sent to us, who we didn't choose, and our breakthroughs are tied to connecting with what they carry.

The source will always define the size. Thus, giants do not birth dwarfs. We cannot be in a family of giants and be the only dwarfs there. We cannot belong to a breakthrough family and be victims of breakdowns. Therefore, we must stay connected to maintain the flow. That's what it takes!

CHAPTER 13

COMMANDING SUPERNATURAL BREAKTHROUGHS

But the path of the just is as the shining light,
that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Proverbs 4:18

Though God's part is to impart us with our desired gifts of the Spirit, we must still take personal responsibility, if we must attain great heights, command exploits and experience breakthroughs. For instance, if the population of a church increases to a

thousand, that is a breakthrough! If the church progresses to two thousand, then the pastor is going from one breakthrough to another. Then, if the church increases to five thousand, that's great; it is from breakthrough to super breakthrough.

We must understand that breakthrough is a lifelong demand and our heritage in Christ. By the grace of God, I have been in ministry for over thirty-five years. In 1984, our church grew to 154 worshippers. That was a breakthrough for us then. From there, we increased to 185 and then to 500. Thereafter, we broke through to one thousand six hundred worshippers and later to three thousand. We are still growing and going from one level of breakthrough to another.

We must understand that breakthroughs are not for failures. It is the heritage of all covenant people and it is lifelong. I pray you go for it!

The Breakthrough Word

The scripture below paints a picture of breakthrough:

> ***Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;***
>
> ***I will go before thee, and make the crooked places***

straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

Isaiah 45:1-3

The Bible reveals to us an amazing mystery in verse 11. It says:

Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

Isaiah 45:11

It says, “Command ye Me.” That means, we can gain command of what it takes to move from one level of breakthrough to another. However, the supernatural, which includes breakthrough, is triggered by the Word. God said to Moses:

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

Exodus 4:17

From the above scripture, the “rod” is the Word in our hands with which we command signs (or the supernatural) and it takes revelation to operate in that

realm. Applied revelation is what results in the supernatural. There is a Word for every breakthrough we desire and until that Word comes, we cannot experience it.

Remember Joseph? The Bible says:

> ***He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him. The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance: To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.***
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> *Psalm 105:17-22*

Supernatural breakthrough is a confirmation of the Word of God. Thus, any time we access the right Word, breakthrough is always the result. Therefore, it takes the Word in our hands to command breakthroughs in our lives.

> ***And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.***
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> *Mark 16:20*

It is important to note here that God's Word does not only apply to our spiritual lives, but to every facet

of our lives. Jesus said, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). The Word of God imparts our spirit, soul and body.

However, there are **three dimensions of the Word that engender breakthroughs**. They are:

- **THE SENT WORD:** As it is written, ***He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions*** (Psalm 107:20).

For instance, Jesus sent forth the Word and it healed the centurion’s servant that same hour (Matthew 8:13).

- **THE WORD IN SEASON:** It is written, ***The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary*** (Isaiah 50:4).

The Word in season is the Word for the hour sent to those who are weary. That Word gives taste to our lives and changes unwanted situations.

- **THE RIGHT WORD:** The Bible says, ***How forcible are right words...*** (Job 6:25). The right Word comes just in time to make things right and enforce a turnaround.

For instance, when I was getting ready for full-time ministry, some of our workers and I embarked on three days of prayer and fasting. During the prayers, the Lord

said to me, “You have two eyes; can you make one look up and the other look down?” I tried it and discovered it was impossible. He then said to me, “Any time you are looking up to man, never claim to be looking up to Me; for they looked unto Me and they were lightened, and they were no longer ashamed. Look nowhere else; I am sufficient for the journey” (Psalm 34:5).

That was a Word in season sent at the nick of time. God will always direct our Word to us to open up our destinies.

I now operate by that Word that I call, “the law of absolute dependence on God”. Thus, my guiding principle is, “If God cannot do it, let it remain undone.”

Today, there is nothing we have done in the Ministry that has taken food off my table or sleep from my eyes. God has done all things! This is because from inception He said to me, “Focus on Me, don’t look unto anyone else, not even yourself; I am responsible.”

I would probably have joined the company of those who go about seeking help from others; but, this law of absolute dependence on God delivered me. I have never asked any man under heaven, living or dead, for assistance. The Word in season sent to me has made life and ministry very dignifying, because God’s Word dignifies destinies.

However, it is our depth of revelation that determines our colour and victory in life. As it is written:

> ***Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.***
>
> ***And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.***
>
> *Psalm 45:3-4*

We ride majestically and prosperously with deep insight. This means that we can have a greater command of breakthroughs in life by our depth in the Word, because it applies to every area of our lives.

In 2 Chronicles 26, we are told of king Uzziah who walked in the revelations of Zechariah the prophet, who had an understanding of the vision of the Lord. As long as Uzziah sought the Lord, God made him to prosper. That is, a king was walking in the revelation of a prophet, and God made him to prosper. Verse 15 says this about king Uzziah:

> ***And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.***
>
> *2 Chronicles 26:15*

King Uzziah invented engines from the revelations he received. That means creativity can surge through revelation. In Deuteronomy 28:1, God says if we hearken diligently unto His voice and do all His commandments, He would set us on high above all nations of the earth.

By that, He means, we will be blessed in the city and outside the city; we will be the head in our careers, businesses, professions and ministries. We shall be the head only and not the tail; we shall be above only, not beneath. We shall also lend always and not borrow. The Word of the Lord does not only impart us spiritually, but also imparts us intellectually, socially and in all aspects of life.

Therefore, our depth in the Word is what puts us in command of breakthroughs. Every man needs the Word to gain command, because until our word comes, our struggles will continue. This is where we must play our part; it is our responsibility to go in search of the Word that will result in breakthroughs in our lives.

When you desire a change of level, cry to the Lord, “Spirit of the Lord, what are You saying now? What am I to do to experience a change of level? There must be a way forward, what is the way forward?” If you don’t ask sincere questions, you will never be entitled to answers.

It is not who we know that moves us forward, but what we know. Therefore, the Word is the trigger for the supernatural. Until we access the right Word, the Word in season and the sent Word, we cannot be in command of the supernatural.

For instance, when our church was not growing as I expected, especially in spite of all the work being done to grow it, I jokingly said, “If this church continues to grow at this pace, we would scarcely be one thousand worshippers when I am one hundred years old.” I have zero tolerance for failure, so I knew something needed to be done. I decided we would wait on the Lord for three days, because there must be a way out of that stagnation.

We prayed for three days, and while we were praying on the third day, God said to me, “Stand up and follow Me.” I obeyed. He led me down a path, going towards the river. After walking for a while, He said, “Turn around” and I did. He then asked, “What do you see?” Behold, I saw a layer of thick darkness on the roof of our church. The Lord said to me, “This is the blindfolding weapon the enemy is using to misinterpret what I am doing in this church.”

Immediately, I attacked it using John 1:1-5. I said, “The light shines in darkness and the darkness comprehends it not. I command you force of darkness

to get out." As I prayed, I saw the darkness fold up like a carpet, and disappeared.

God then said, "This is what you should do: tell them to come and see. Keep sowing the seed; don't mind the number of people that are there now, for as the grass grows, the sheep will come for it. Keep the grass green and the sheep will lie down on green pasture." The seed is still being sown today, and the sheep keep gathering and are lying down comfortably. It was a surprise! If a church could have enemies, what about businesses? If the enemy does not fear the Church, how will he fear any business?

Many are too patient with failure; that is why they remain at the same spot for too long. Some people are stagnant and they keep saying, "God knows." Knows what? You should have been out of that place by now! One of my daughters in the Lord was tired of being sick; so, she changed her name from Patience, and she was made whole. You must wake up to the realities of life. Whatever you can stay with will stay with you. You need zero tolerance for failure; you must be an eternal enemy of stagnation.

Our breakthrough word came when we sought it and the Bible says that *he that seeketh findeth* (Matthew 7:8). What we don't seek, we are not qualified to find. In fact, you need to change from the level you are now;

you have stayed there too long. The Bible says:

> ***Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward.***
>
> *Deuteronomy 2:3*

We must not wait for the Word of breakthrough; rather, we need to go in search of it.

Search for the Word

We are not only to pray to overcome the devil; we must also pray to locate the Word that will put us in command and enable us do exploits. We must say to the Lord, “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law” (Psalm 119:18).

Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life” (John 14:6). We must, therefore, pray to get the Word, so we can find the way out of our challenges. We also need to discover the way to our high places, and press through in prayers to get there. Moreover, commanding supernatural breakthroughs requires that we wait on the Lord for the Word of breakthroughs.

> ***Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?***
>
> *Isaiah 58:6*

As we fast and pray, we experience a breaking forth of revelation and gain access to light, which puts us in command of situations.

> ***Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward.***
>
> *Isaiah 58:8*

Every man is “lightable”, and when we are lighted, the supernatural becomes the order of the day for us; barriers would give way of their own accord (John 1:1-9).

We must understand that our breakthroughs are being resisted by the enemy; but when we are lighted, our breakthroughs becomes automatic. When we encounter God’s Word, particularly the right Word, the Word in season and the sent Word, we are supernaturally in command; but, we must first seek for it.

One of the greatest challenges in ministry when we were growing up was the issue of supplies. Every minister then was religiously termed a beggar and branded a failure. They were seen as non-entities who had lost their minds and every hope in life.

When I was called into ministry, it was seen as a curse to be in full-time ministry. In fact, people gathered to sympathise with my parents, that they learnt their son was lost. You heard them say things like, “God

will preserve the remaining." They saw the one in ministry as dead already. That is a far cry from what obtains today, where some now see ministry as an opportunity for enrichment.

With this gloomy background, we can then understand why I had to ask questions when I was called to full-time ministry. I went in search of my breakthrough Word, asking, "Jesus who pays me?" I couldn't afford to go from house to house begging. I wasn't brought up that way, and it is not found in the Bible. In fact, the Psalmist said:

> ***I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.***
>
> *Psalm 37:25*

Heaven was unveiled, as I received the Word that guaranteed my continuous pay in the ministry. It was so real and I was so sure that I was on God's appointment. As it is written:

> ***After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.***
>
> *Luke 10:1*

Just like Jesus sent out His disciples and He was

responsible for their provisions, I believe that I have no part in providing my wages other than to do my job.

Jesus told His disciples:

> ***Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way…***
>
> ***And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.***
>
> *Luke 10:4, 7*

Since I am on His appointment and have a spiritual letter to attest to this, I am entitled to wages at the end of the month. Just like the status of the company you work for determines the kind of wages you earn, likewise, I am employed in the highest office in the universe, so my pay must be an enviable one. It must be so enviable that those working in other places would desire to work there.

God further said to me, “Lobby around no man’s resources, because I’m responsible for your wages.” As far back as 1982, I knew that I was on His appointment, so I was entitled to a bountiful pay package from Him. That is why I have never said to anyone, “Please can you help?” That would be an insult on the One, Who sent me. Besides, He had commanded me by His Word not to do so.

It is, therefore, important for us to understand that we cannot command breakthroughs without revelation. We must also understand that it is not only pastors who need to pray and fast for the Word, but everyone who needs a change or desires to move forward. However, we don't wait to experience a change; we must go in search of it in prayers and fasting.

I saw poverty ravaging the body of Christ. To further worsen it, there was this popular adage then: "As poor as a church rat." I hated it. More so, I discovered that prosperity is part of God's plan for His Church, and I had seen a man (Kenneth Copeland) who had command of it, so I desired a change. Then I said, "Jesus, show me the secret of Kingdom prosperity."

Thereafter, I engaged in three days of prayer and fasting, separating myself in a search for the secret of Kingdom prosperity. Bishop David Abioye and I went together on that journey but we were in separate rooms. We didn't see or speak to each other for those three days, until the last day when I came out after having discovered the secret of Kingdom prosperity.

I went with my Bible alongside Kenneth and Gloria Copeland's books, *The Laws of Prosperity* and *God* ¶ V *Will is Prosperity* respectively. I searched for the secret from the two books and my Bible. Then the Lord spoke to me on the third day (March 22, 1982) in that now familiar ancient voice. He said to me, "My son, David,

My prosperity plan is not a promise; it has no respect for prayers or fasting. It is a covenant, and until your part is played, I am not committed." I then asked, "Lord, what is my part?" He replied, "And while the earth remaineth seedtime and harvest shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22). Again I asked, "How reliable is this covenant?" He replied from Jeremiah 33:20-21, 25-26:

> ***Thus saith the LORD, If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;***
>
> ***Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.***
>
> ***Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;***
>
> ***Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.***

I had neither seen nor read that Scripture before, but God delivered it to me that day. He said to me, "Every time you wake up in the morning and see the sun, then know that My covenant is in force. When you

wake up at night and see the moon, know also that My covenant is in force." It was at this point that I ran out of the room and screamed, "Yeah, I can never be poor!" God was saying to me, "My covenant is eternally reliable, dependable and failure-proof, you can count on it."

I don't know what condition you are in right now, but you can change things by accepting the responsibility of searching for your breakthrough Word. There are too many strugglers in the body of Christ today, simply because the Word of command is not in their hands. Whenever you go in search of light, I guarantee that you don't require more than three days to be lighted.

All my encounters from the Word did not take more than three days to be delivered to me. One key identity of our ministry today is prosperity. It took only three days to be delivered. Furthermore, I went in quest of His power, and in three days I returned with it. He said to me, "Behold, I have touched your tongue with the coal of fire. Henceforth, as you say it, you see it!" The supernatural that flows in our ministry came after only three days of searching. What's more, even Kenneth E. Hagin always had three-day Word encounters. Therefore, I decree that the Lord will initiate you into the world of revelations, which will launch you into the realm of supernatural breakthroughs in Jesus' name!

We can only command the supernatural by the Word; the Word revealed to us and applied. For instance, Ezekiel had results while in the valley of very dry bones simply by application of the Word, as commanded. The Lord said to him, “Son of man, can these bones live?” He replied, “O Lord God, thou knowest.” God said, “Prophesy to these bones”, and he prophesied as he was commanded, and there was a noise and shaking, and the bones came together (Ezekiel 37:1-10).

By applying the revealed Word, Ezekiel commanded the supernatural. I don’t care what valley you may be in today; just like Ezekiel, if only you will apply the revealed Word, the supernatural will answer to you cheaply. As you lay hold of the revealed Word and apply it to yourself, no devil in hell can stop your breakthroughs!

Don’t sit down watching; whatever you don’t want, you don’t watch. This is because whatever you don’t resist has a right to remain and whatever you don’t confront, you can’t conquer. How can you watch yourself remain at the same level for three years running and do nothing about it? I said to one of our missionaries, “Do not call me until you have five hundred people in the church. I do not want you wasting my time on the phone. What are you calling for? The time you spend in calling should be used to pray.” If nothing positive happens to you after reading this book, it is your fault.

There must be a dramatic turnaround in your life after reading it.

Standing before the Red Sea and with Pharaoh's army behind them, the Lord said to Moses, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward" (Exodus 14:15). No matter the challenges confronting you right now, say to yourself in faith, believing, "I'm going forward!" I see you going forward henceforth in your career, business and ministry. You will become the talk of your nation by the breakthrough anointing that is coming upon you now!

See what the Lord has in store for you:

> ***Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.***
>
> ***For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.***
>
> *Isaiah 60:1-2*

From the Scriptures, we understand that the entrance of God's Word gives light (Psalm 119:130). Therefore, when our Word comes, our shining cannot be stopped. We will find ourselves moving up in life and commanding exploits with ease. He said in Isaiah 60:8, "Who are these that fly as a cloud?" Revelation causes the rise of high flyers. He concludes in verse 22:

A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time.

Revelation gives divine speed, so go for it. The Bible also tells us in Daniel 11:32 that those who do know their God shall be strong and do exploits. That is the mystery behind supernatural breakthroughs. When we take on the armour of prayer and fasting, our light breaks forth as the morning, which causes us to break through in life.

Our church would probably still have been at that corner of two plots of rented land with maybe five hundred worshippers, if that layer of thick darkness was not dealt with in 1984. We probably would still have been struggling to grow, if not for that single revelation God gave me. Now, we have over five thousand churches in Nigeria alone.

We simply cannot continue to sleep, watching failure and stagnation around us. We can't be thinking we have arrived, when we are not half way through the journey yet. Many blessed businessmen and women have not yet accomplished one hundredth of God's agenda for their lives. God's ultimate is to set us on high above all nations of the earth, if only we would obey and do what He tells us to do.

Jesus said, "Behold, a greater than Solomon is here." He also said He has sent us forth as the Father sent

Him (Matthew 12:42; John 20:21). We have the greater-than-Solomon capacity of wisdom and insight. But, where is it? How have you utilised it? Thank God for where you are now, but it is only a stepping stone to where He is taking you. It is true that you didn't get yourself there; but that is not your end. Don't allow it to be your end.

There is no end to breakthroughs. You may be the number one in the world today, but if you don't keep moving, you may be bumped to number ten by others that used to be behind you. Therefore, you must keep moving, because you are in a moving world.

Word encounter is the key to a world of breakthroughs. We must never sleep with failure and stagnation again or give excuses for not going forward.

The Word Became Flesh!

After we discover the Word for our breakthroughs, what next? How do we make it deliver our expectations? Every Word found is designed to be made flesh. We must understand that until the Word is translated into real life, it cannot deliver its content to us.

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

The Word being made flesh means the Word was processed into reality. The Word is a spiritual material and requires processing to be turned into products. The Bible says:

> ***Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.***
>
> *Jeremiah 15:16*

The Word is a spiritual seed that must be processed into edible products.

How do we Process the Word?

- **Believe it:** We must believe the Word (revelation) we have found, for it to deliver our expectations (Proverbs 24:13-14). As it is written:

> ***And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.***
>
> *Luke 1:45*

We must believe the infallibility of the Word; that is, if God says it, then it must be so. Jesus said heaven and earth may pass away, but not a jot of His Word will go unfulfilled. We must believe in the Word of God that we have received with passion (Matthew 5:18).

- **Think it:** We must let the Word or revelation we have found rule our minds. The Bible says: ***For as he thinketh in his*** (Proverbs 23:7). ***so is he.***

I found something great in 1981. It was Deuteronomy 7:13-14:

> ***And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.***
>
> ***Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.***

After I found it, I believed it so much that it filled my thoughts. At a time, my wife told me she had a miscarriage, I simply replied, “It cannot happen!” I had already found the treasure that guaranteed my fruitfulness and believed it. This truth had so filled my thoughts that it had no choice but to come out of my mouth. I wasn’t trying to put up a show; it just came out naturally.

Until we think about the discovered truths, we cannot talk about it. Moreover, we may even soon begin to doubt it, if we don’t think on it.

When a doctor told me I had high blood pressure, I

immediately replied, “I cannot have it!” This was because, in 1979, I found the Word that Jesus took my infirmities. If truly He took them, then you cannot see what has already been taken. This truth must rule our minds to enjoy divine health.

Some claim to believe the Word, but don’t meditate on it. It is not enough to find it; we must meditate on it until it fills our thought life.

- **Pray it:** Having found the Word, we must pray down help from heaven for it to be delivered. As it is written:

  Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

  Hebrews 4:16

We need to also pray for speedy delivery of our expectations and then, pray off the oppositions on the path to their delivery. Paul knew that there are always oppositions on our way to taking delivery of our glorious inheritances in Christ. That’s why he said, “For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries” (1 Corinthians 16:9).

- **Keep declaring it:** We must keep speaking boldly and “unashamedly” what we have found, whether we can see it in reality or not. God changed Abram’s

name to Abraham even when Isaac was not yet born. We need to keep saying what we believe continuously and violently. As it is written:

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Matthew 21:22

It is also written:

I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

Psalm 81:10

I always say that a closed mouth equals a closed destiny. Our words are seeds, and whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap. I am not blessed today simply because I give; I also make bold declarations. The reason many are not blessed, in spite of all their giving, is because they are not speaking the truth of God's Word.

Therefore, we must continue to make bold declarations about our discoveries from the Word of God.

- **Keep acting it:** We must keep acting what we have discovered. We cannot declare prosperity and act poor. No! In those days, I had only three pairs of suits; but I acted rich by minding how I dressed.

> You would think I had twenty sets of suits the way I dressed. I always came out looking my best. In fact, some neighbours thought I was a lawyer. I have never given anyone an opportunity to pity me.

It is important to note that our actions matter a lot to the delivery of our expectations. In fact, our actions matter to God as well. As it is written:

> ***…for the LORD is a God of know***
> ***him actions are weighed***
>
> *1 Samuel 2:3*

Our behaviour today determines our destination tomorrow. As a new believer in 1970, I found in my Bible that every child of God is redeemed as a priest and a king, to reign on the earth (Revelation 5:10). As a result, I was always conscious of my dressing, reminding myself that I must not go out looking less than a king. I consciously made sure I was fitly dressed before stepping out.

I was a very “wealthy man” even when I had no money. I found my fortune on March 22, 1982, and believed I was wealthy immediately. This truth occupied my mentality and I began to process it within myself. I was so “wealthy” that I couldn’t open my mouth to ask anybody for help; yet, I was not in need.

After ministering in the United States of America

one day, a man who was blessed by the message walked up to me, wanting to help, and asked, “What needs does your ministry have?” I immediately replied, “Our ministry has no needs; we meet needs.” I was too conscious of my wealthy status in Christ that I couldn’t accommodate a needy thought or mentality.

We cannot act like paupers and become wealthy; we can’t act like failures and become successful. Neither can we act depressed and not be oppressed (James 2:14-24).

Our actions show what we believe. We must speak into our tomorrow as though it were already here. I have been speaking that way even when I was not near where I am now. We need to inject action to our belief for our faith to deliver.

- **Refuse to quit:** Doing all the above, we must refuse to quit believing or thinking the Word until it delivers. Careless people don’t make much out of life. Until a student graduates from school, he must continue preparing for exams. The Bible also admonishes:

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Galatians 6:9

We must refuse to quit doing what will process the Word we have found into products. As we take delivery

of each of them, **we must give thanks**. We must not make assumptions, but give God the glory.

Be His Bride

Let me unveil another sure way of commanding supernatural breakthroughs. It has never failed and is in fact the secret to my unending breakthroughs. It is the Love Factor. I talked about the Spirit of love in an earlier chapter. For this subject to come up again, it shows how important it is in our Christian walk. It is the key to our success, breakthroughs and promotions in life.

The love of God is life's eternal winning ticket. This is because every anointed lover of God is a commander of breakthroughs. As it is written:

> ***Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord.***
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> ***Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;***
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> ***For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.***

Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

FOR THY MAKER IS THINE HUSBAND; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Isaiah 54:1-5 (Emphasis Mine)

Thy Maker is thine husband. When God becomes our husband, unlimited breakthrough becomes our lifestyle and we will simply break forth on every side. When we are in an unconditional love relationship with God, and the Spirit of love rules our lives, then supernatural breakthroughs become our lifestyle.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

When God becomes our husband, we become His first lady, and so every honour, majesty and glory that belongs to Him rubs off on us. But, until we know God and love Him, we are not candidates for exploits; for only the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits (Daniel 11:32).

People are in need because they don't know what they need. Commanding supernatural breakthroughs becomes natural when we are married to the Lamb of God; and no devil on earth can stop us. Until the King of kings leaves His throne, our authority on earth remains unquestionable.

Moreover, if our source is temporal, then our blessings will be temporal. But if our source is eternal, then our blessings are eternal. For instance, Abraham was in love with the Father. In fact, God called him His friend (Isaiah 41:8). Thousands of years afterwards, the covenant God made with him is still binding (Genesis 15:9-21). Israel still possesses the gates of her enemies; all because of love!

It is important to understand that we are not in need because of what we have in our hands, but the Source to which we are connected. If we are not connected to the source that never runs dry, whatever we earn will be insufficient. We cannot be stranded loving God, because until our husband (God) leaves His position, our dominion on earth remains intact. After I encountered the Spirit of love on September 12, 1976, my struggles ended. I began reaching out for the stars and my tomorrow became very sure to me.

However, we must note that it is not enough to be married to Christ; we must maintain our marital status. My marriage to Him is so established that I have had to

say, “Whatever my God cannot do, let it remain undone. Wherever He cannot take me, let me never get there and whatever He cannot give me, let me never have it.” That is absolute dedication to my marriage partner.

Moreover, we need the spirit of just men made perfect, which never dies, to help sustain our love for God. When Elisha died, the spirit of Elijah in him was still speaking; and his dry bones raised a dead man (2 Kings 13:20-21). On the other hand, Solomon loved the Lord, but didn’t have the Spirit of love at work in him, so he lost his love. As it is written:

> ***And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.***
>
> *1 Kings 3:3*

It is also written:

> ***But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;***
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> *1 Kings 11:1*

Solomon ended up in a shrine, because he could not sustain his love for God. The gift can fail, but the Spirit won’t fail. Paul said, “I have finished my course” (2 Timothy 4:7), but his love for God didn’t fail. He knew there was a Spirit of love and it was at work in

him. He said to Timothy:

> ***For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.***
>
> *2 Timothy 1:7*

This Spirit kept him going till the end, where he saw a crown awaiting him. I pray that same Spirit will come upon you and empower you to keep commanding supernatural breakthroughs till the end, in Jesus' name!

CONCLUSION

Supernatural breakthrough cannot be generated mechanically because unlimited breakthrough is impossible in the energy of the flesh. That is, our golden destiny cannot be realised in the energy of the flesh. Efforts and skills may take us up but it takes power to stay up because the more we go up, the more enemies we attract; and the more enemies we attract, the more anointing we need. The higher Job went, the angrier the devil became. As it is written:

> ***For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.***
>
> *1 Corinthians 16:9*

Every child of God has before him a great and effectual door but there are many adversaries that must be cleared off the way to access the treasures. Until we deal with the adversaries, we cannot access the great door opened to us. We need the anointing of the Spirit to go through the effectual and great doors, and keep them open. For

instance, till the last day of Kenneth E. Hagin and Smith Wigglesworth, they retained their relevance in spite of the devil.

What God has in store for us is not attainable by power or might; it is only deliverable by the Spirit of God. God has ordained it, but the enemy is given room to contest it. We must, therefore, be empowered to disarm him; otherwise, we will be robbed of our inheritances in Christ. It is written:

> ***Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle.***
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> *Deuteronomy 2:24*

The Kingdom of God suffers violent resistance and only the violent can take it by the force of the Spirit (Matthew 11:12; Isaiah 59:19). It is a power contest!

The Bible says: ***...through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee*** (Psalm 66:3).

The enemy will not give in to our eloquence, oration or capacity to impress people, because the enemy only respects the language of power. For instance, somebody who was empowered yesterday but is not in power today can no longer command authority. Therefore, it is not enough to be empowered; we must stay in power.

Some years ago, in Kaduna, a man shared this testimony at the Full Gospel Fellowship. He said they came as emissaries from a particular cult into Kaduna and their mission was to dismember, shatter and scatter the church. They went from one church to another and they felt fulfilled just clearing them off. When they came to our church, he said they saw a canopy of thick thorns sitting over the church and they could not penetrate.

They went back to their council to deliberate on the next step and decided to catch “the man” (the shepherd) since they could not penetrate the church; because when you smite the shepherd, the sheep will scatter. When they came to catch “the man”, that is me, they set their artilleries in place but he said that “the man” was too far in the sky, they could not locate him. That was what “broke his back” and he surrendered his life to Christ. We are not just living in the strange days of the church; we are living in the strangest days of the church. But this strange realm is only accessible and the benefits thereof realisable by the Spirit of God.

The story of man from the beginning shows that his breakthroughs are rooted in the operation of the Spirit of God. God formed man out of the dust, man became a statue, God breathed into him and he became a living being by the breath of God (Genesis 2:7). Man’s

functionality began with the operation of the breath of God, which is the Spirit of God. Therefore, the Spirit of God is at the foundation of man's breakthroughs.

In the prophetic drama of Ezekiel 37:1-14, supernatural breakthrough came forth by the breath of God from the valley of vanity. There were many dry bones in the open field just as there are many afflicted and buffeted believers on the streets today. The valley of hopelessness became the valley of greatness; the valley of nothingness became the valley of enviableness; all by the operation of the Spirit of God. The wind in Ezekiel 37 is the same wind in Acts 2, which sparked a new order of life in the disciples. From this hour, your life will begin to experience a new order of greatness and meaning! By the breath of the Holy Spirit, every mark of dryness around your life is cursed in Jesus' Name!