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Introduction

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

Isaiah 43:18-21

God is a God of news. His acts are new every morning and great in His faithfulness. He is set to do a new thing.

Friend, get set for news from heaven this hour! You are set to drink of the waters of His pleasures.

God is doing a new thing that shall eradicate shame from His people. There shall be no more spot or wrinkle or anything of such in your own life.

God is bringing His people into a glorious realm. We are coming face to face with the realm of praise and glory, for He said everything that belongs to Him, has been created to show forth His praise.

He said, "Shall ye not know it?"

It is possible for God to be doing something for some people and for them not to know it. After all, He was building an ark for 120 years and many didn't know that destruction was coming.

Jesus came in person, born of the virgin Mary, and lived here for thirty-three and half years, but multitudes of the Jews are yet to know that the Messiah has come. They are still expecting him!

We are presently in the move of God that is targeted at removing shame, blemishes, reproaches and failures, from the Church. This is God's programme for the end-time.

Friend, we are set to be baptized

and to swim in the river of glory and greatness!

The trumpet is sounding! God is saying something to this age. Something is happening! God has a programme and an agenda, which He is unfolding phase by phase.

The Church has come into another phase, and we must recognize it. We must diligently hearken to it, so that we can escape the curse.

When you are going on a journey, what you see at each point differs as you progress. Every point you get to has something new to it.

For example, as the Church in the wilderness continued on her journey to Canaan, at every point, something new

had to happen to get them across to the next point.

We are on a journey to a heavenly Canaan, every stage requires some new light.

I am glad to let you know that God is sounding a trumpet to let you know what He has in stock for His Church today. I am also glad to inform you that we are a part of this great insight and revolution that is breaking forth right now.

Friend, we come under a curse when we lose understanding of what God is saying.

The question now is: What is God saying for the hour? What is He up to concerning the Church?

Darkness, gloominess and blackness are prevailing on the earth right now. It is so that people will be forced to look for answers to all their questions, which will only be found in God.

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Romans 8:22

God is subjecting the entire system to corruption, so that the people living in the present day and age will be forced to live for God. In Deuteronomy 8:3 God said He will subject them to hunger and to thirst and to nakedness, to know whether they would seek Him or not.

And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Deuteronomy 8:3

This is God's style!

The solution to the present global predicament will only be brought about by the manifestation of the sons of God. The time has now come for God's grace to be made manifest upon His sons.

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation

of the sons of God.

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope.

Romans 8:19-20

This is a mystery. God is allowing the world to go through these present trends in order to reveal His sons.

The present day gloominess and darkness is to reveal the sons of God to the world and to compel the world to desire to find a place in God.

Friend, it's happening already!

You must not allow yourself to be part of this corruption. Rather, you must be part of the manifestation that will destroy corruption. You cannot

afford to be a part of the failures, begging, borrowing and sorrow that is going on all around.

The entire creation is waiting for us to prove our worth to the world, we must not be part of the groaning. We must be the solution!

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 day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

Psalm 110:1-3

All the enemies of God that make for the groaning of all creation must be brought to their knees before Jesus will come. This is God's programme.

By the time Jesus arrives, He will be the only One the entire world is waiting for. He will be the all in all, according to prophecy, and the whole creation will be waiting for Him.

Now, the question is: How is God going to bring all the enemies of Jesus on their knees?

How will He subdue all His enemies?

This is what this book is all about?

Chapter 1 - The Wisdom Waves

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

By me (wisdom) kings reign, and
princes decree justice.

Proverbs 8:15

The Lord said to me on the 19th of
April 1995 (after going through the
Book of Proverbs) that the waves of
wisdom are upon the Church today.
Without any doubt, I am glad to
announce to you that this is the wisdom
era of the Church!

The neglected gift of God is being
re-discovered!

The world has not yet known
wisdom. Wisdom has its seat in the
Church!

Just as it was in the days of Joseph, the nations of the earth will begin to locate their saviours in the Church. In those days in Egypt, men couldn't find answers to their problems. They had to locate a covenant child in the prison. After Joseph opened his mouth and spoke, Pharaoh said, "*Forasmuch as God hath shown thee all this...*" (Gen. 41:39). It was obviously not intellectualism that Pharaoh saw, it was revelation.

In Matthew 11:19, Jesus said, "... *but wisdom is justified of her children.*" That is to say, "Say what you will about me and my disciples, but wisdom is our identity." Call Him a glutton, call Him a winebibber if you

want, but when it comes to the display of wisdom, you can't beat Him!

Friend, there is a new wave of wisdom!

The Prophetic Place Of Wisdom

There is an eternal purpose in the heart of God that is being effected today. This purpose has been concealed until now. The time for the revelation of this mystery is now and God is bringing His programme on earth to an end.

Every revolution in human history has always been a product of one form of ideology or the other. This time around, a revolution is about to hit the earth, not through an ideology but through the arrival of a new breed of

people,

...a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations...And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be ashamed.

Joel 2:2,26

Since creation, the wisdom of God has always been visited upon the earth through human vessels. The Bible is rich in examples of feats of exploits and conquests through the manifestation of the wisdom of God by such vessels.

Each time these human vessels

operated on the wisdom of God, there was always a lifting, a shooting up, and a rising to glory. Every shooting up into prominence of God's people has always been on the platform of wisdom.

Amidst the degradation and frustration of his time; Abraham, by this wisdom, knew what to do and ended up making it. Isaac too, following God's wisdom, sowed while others were eating up their seeds, and became an object of envy to the heathen. He made it. He was lifted from poverty and penury to the position of the wealthiest man in his generation.

Jacob, manifesting God's wisdom

through an unusual insight, learnt how to breed cattle according to his needs. His too was a success story. Joseph was promoted from the dark dungeon of Egypt's prison to the throne. All these feats were accomplished through the exercise of wisdom.

It is absolutely clear from the foregoing that every personal or social revolution is traceable to a peculiar insight or a strange idea called a revelation. Truly, we live in a world that is ruled by IDEAS; profound and profitable ideas make the kings of the earth.

Behold, a new wave is coming unto the planet earth. The trumpet is sounding; the sound is certain. The

wisdom of God in all its infinite variety is visiting the earth. This time, it is not going into the hands of a chosen few, but the church of Jesus is going to be the custodian of its divine provision.

This is God's eternal purpose: to make His church reign on earth through the operation and manifestation of the manifold wisdom of God (Ephesians 3:8-11). The core ingredients of this manifestation will be promotion, honour and long life for the church. God has purposed it and He will do it.

For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

Isaiah 14:27

Of the glory of His church, the Word says;

Glorious things are spoken of thee,
O city of God...all my springs are in thee

Psalm 87:3,7

God will manifest this glory through the instrumentality of wisdom; not of the world, but of divinity, God's creation tool (Proverbs 3:19) in which is found the ingredients of length of days, riches and honour, pleasantness, peace and happiness (Proverbs 3:13-24).

What Is Wisdom?

Wisdom is laying hold on the ways of God; it is not mental exertion, it is

rather uncovering God's approach to every issue of life. It is knowing from God's Word which way to go and how to handle situations to make them produce desired results. Wisdom is knowing how to make it in life!

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Jeremiah 6:16

One of the great signs of the end-time is the uncovering of the ways of God. God has ways. His ways are good; they are always correct and ever current. God's ways can never be

outdated; they are the old paths that lead to rest.

As God begins to make known His ways, the world will come to appreciate that the ways of the Almighty are far higher than the ways of men. God's Word declares:

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9

Therefore, God's ways are superior to the ways of the world; and that's why no matter how much secular education an unsaved man acquires, he cannot match up with the level of results the saints will produce this end-

time, operating the higher ways of God.

That is no wonder, because what is from above is above all. What man has is at best ordinary ways, and ordinary ways lead to ordinary ends. But God's ways are extraordinary. When He opens you up to it, you are automatically on a flight! You leave the realm of the natural to the supernatural; you cross over from the realm of the ordinary to the extraordinary.

I want to define supernatural wisdom as the supernatural ability to bring solutions to matters too difficult for the human mind. And that is the wisdom I will be introducing you to in this book.

Also, I will be showing you the technicalities of this wisdom. You will understand its inner workings and how results can be obtained. This will make you stop running helter-skelter, because you will know the strategy for winning in life — by operating God's kind of wisdom.

However, this wisdom is not common sense, but scriptural sense. It is the ability to operate by scriptures in every aspect of your life; it is making use of the Word to produce profits in any given area of life. Until you work certain things, they won't work of their own accord. The word is immutable, but until you put it to use, it never works.

I have been privileged to gain access to God's wisdom, and it has been my greatest asset in life and ministry. I remember that when I was going into ministry, wisdom was the only thing I needed, not money or anything else; just an understanding of the ways of God. On the day I was commissioned into the ministry, I kept saying, "Lord, I need your wisdom." I cried after it and it answered to me.

As a result of that encounter with wisdom, I have not had a sleepless night worrying about the ministry God has entrusted into my hands; this is in spite of its size. There has never been a discussion with my wife or anyone else on what to do next, or where to go from

a particular point. No! Because, “...wisdom is profitable to direct.” (Eccl. 10:10.)

Later on, I wrote the constitution of the ministry single handedly! And mark you I am not a lawyer. But the wisdom of God penetrated my mental faculty, giving me understanding in all things.

Some years later, a one-time state Chief Judge, after hearing me speak asked, “Where did you get this electric brain from?”

Those are the proofs of wisdom. You too will have encounters with it as you read this book.

Recently, God told me, “I am sending you to bring about a mental

revolution in the body of Christ.” I know that the time has come when people will come to us because they will see us operating on a new wave length. They will see us obtaining results that cannot be contested, and having infallible proofs and undeniable results that will humble them. They will then say, “*Let us go, that they may teach us God’s ways and we will walk in His paths.*” Because the scriptures say, “*Out of Zion (the Church) will proceed the law.*”

This means that authority will be concentrated in the Church. The Church will have the final say on all issues of life!

Friend, see the Church in charge!

We are not in the age of struggles, we are in the age of divine ways.

The last days are the days of the ruling Church, not a beggarly, suffering, poor and oppressed one!

We are on the verge of the divine ways of God, which I call the wisdom waves.

God will be breaking through impossible barriers to distinguish His people.

By the time Jesus comes, there will not be any question mark around the body. The Church will be reigning in glory, as God has ordained wisdom unto our glory.

If Jesus is coming to meet a glorious Church, He is coming to meet

a superlatively wise one! One that is operating in the realm of STRANGE wisdom! By which we shall be operating heaven's strategies, to have dominion in earthly places. This is God's prophetic agenda. It is as unshakable as night and day, cold and heat, winter and summer.

The Church will be operating on a realm of mental dignity, which the world has never experienced!

God's wisdom is superior to man's. We are here to prove it. You cannot operate in the realm of higher wisdom and continue to live a low life!

Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:

And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 24:3-4

The end time Church is a ruling Church, a reigning one. God is building up His Church to the fullness of the stature of Christ, unto a perfect man.

We are not supposed to be begging and crying. By the time Jesus returns, we will be exactly like Him. We will exercise the same kind of wisdom and authority; we will be able to deal with the same kind of challenges He dealt with.

There was a spirit inside Joseph that made him “*discreet and wise.*” It

is that same spirit that is exploding upon the Church these last days. And as 2 Corinthians 3:9 says:

For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

Friend, wisdom located Joseph in the prison, it will also locate you in this dark world!

The hour has come that when we sit among the heathen, we shine as stars in their midst. When we open our mouths, grace flows out. When we appear in a congregation of people, they see in us the answers they are waiting for. When we knock on people's doors, the babies

in the pregnant women will leap for joy, for our visitation will be a divine one!

Friend, it's time to switch on to this frequency.

God is saying, "It's time to give wisdom its rightful place!" Then, the curse of inferiority and reproach will no longer be yours.

Friend, we are in the reigning age of the Church. God has brought us into the age of divine enthronement, the realm of wisdom.

We are the people the world is waiting for!

Chapter 2 - What Is Man?

God's earth was filled with treasures. The garden of Eden in which He put man was a reservoir of wealth and abundance. It was a kingdom and God placed a king over it to reign. The king was Adam. No king reigns without wisdom. This is what the Word of God tells us in Proverbs 8:15:

By me (wisdom) kings reign and princes decree justice.

This proves that God must have deposited His wisdom in Adam to enable him reign in his kingdom. Adam had the wisdom of God. He was created in the image of the only wise God.

God's Dream For Man

If we may ask, “Hello God, the Almighty, the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth; what is Your purpose for creating Adam? What was Your dream for the man You created?” This is what the answer would be:

...Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over...every living thing that moveth upon the earth

Genesis 1:28

Thus, Adam had a responsibility to carry out in the garden of Eden. He was to dress it and keep it. All the resources needed for the task were at his

disposal. All the treasures were there. He needed wisdom to carry out his task. He needed wisdom to be able to distinguish between the trees that were there, between those to feed the eyes and those to feed the stomach. He also needed wisdom to make food from the trees, which were good for food. The task of the man God made was great.

It takes the wisdom of God to fathom out the deep things of God, but Adam did so with ease.

Truly, God and man were in communion, in relationship and in deep touch one with another, and perhaps, in companionship, for he that walketh with the wise shall be wise (Proverbs 13:20). With the wisdom of God in

him, the ways of God were laid bare before him and he was able to walk in the reality of them.

He could exercise dominion and authority on earth. He was a king and the earth was his domain. He reigned in it by the wisdom of God deposited in him at creation, and managed the largest zoo in the history of mankind, unhurt!

Restoration Of God's Dream For Man

The responsibility was enormous, but the wisdom in him was greater, and through it, he could relate with the animals, distinguish between all the precious stones and put them to use.

God entrusted man to dress, to adorn, and to beautify what He had made. All the animals were brought to him for naming. He named all of them and whatever name he gave them was accepted by God! It must take a man full of wisdom and understanding to give names to all the animals in the

world today.

God trusted man to keep what He created and to continue His work of creation. With the wisdom of God in him, he created things out of God's creation. Adam was asleep when a rib was taken out of him to form a woman. He wasn't aware of what transpired, but as soon as he saw Eve, the wisdom of God in him told him, "She is your bone and your flesh," and he repeated:

This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man.

Genesis 2:23

Such was the magnitude of God's purpose and intention, and man's

dominion, until he fell and lost it all. But then came Jesus to RESTORE the DOMINION more abundantly!

In 1 Corinthians 1:24, we are told that Christ is:

...the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Jesus Christ is the wisdom of God. And if at new birth, Jesus, the Wisdom of God comes to live on the inside of the believer, then we may say; “If You, Lord, are the Lord and you change not, your purpose and intention must remain the same unchangeable! For, You are the eternal constant and man the variable!”

This means that as a believer, you can now manifest the wisdom of God

on earth, even as Adam did, and much more! You can create your way of glory, honour and dignity. However, this is only possible if you invoke that which is in you to action, by opening it to receive light and illumination from above.

The Triune Nature Of Man

Man is essentially a spirit being. He is a spirit who has a soul and lives in a body. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 tells us this:

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

The three parts are distinct in their various functions yet, interrelated.

The Spirit

The spirit of man is what is referred to as the man. That is the real man. It is the life force that keeps the body and the soul alive. A man is only said to be dead when the spirit leaves the body. The spirit is the life in man. This is the breath of God that came into man at creation to make him a living soul. Without it, neither the soul nor the body can function.

However, the spirit cannot function independently. It only gives life to the other parts of man. It expresses itself through the soul and the body. It cannot think, but it makes the mind to think. It cannot walk, but it sends signals to the legs through the mind to walk.

The outward or external part of

triune man, the body, must be made to take instructions from the spirit and the redeemed mind. If left unchecked, it can overstep its boundaries and put the “real” man, the spirit of the man, in a fix.

Along this line, many people, especially in developing countries, yield to the innate desire to have as many children as possible to prove their fertility. They take upon themselves the command to multiply and replenish the earth: straining the potential mechanics of the body. Man must exercise restraint if he is to live a fulfilled life.

The Soul

The soul is the part that becomes the most comprehensive part of man. It is made up of the mind where you have the reasoning faculty of man and the centre of decision, which is the will. The emotions and desires of man are also traced to the soul.

The mind is the intellect of man. It is also referred to as the brain. The creative ability in man cannot be understood and fully appreciated without a deep insight of the human system. The brain dictates every action taken by the body.

The push that the regenerated man

requires for mental aggressiveness is contained in the book of beginnings, Genesis 1:28, which says:

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Unredeemed minds have held the baton far too long; it's time for the born-again children of God to take charge and take over. This is not the time to allow mental paralysis; this is the time to forge ahead, make discoveries and recover lost time. This is our time.

Doctors agree that the brain of man

is loaded with extra-ordinary insights for productivity. This is the same with all races. No race has a brain different from others. This means that all human beings, irrespective of race, have the same kind of brain. What is more, not only are the colours the same, every brain has equal number of cells!

The Body

The body of man is the dwelling place for both his spirit and his soul (mind). It is also referred to as the temple of the Holy Spirit. The body of man is his link with the external, physical world. These three distinct parts of man are

interrelated. One cannot operate without the other.

With the spirit, man contracts the spirit realm. Whatever he receives is communicated to the mind for analysis and possible acceptance or rejection. Whatever decision the mind takes is then communicated to the body for corresponding action.

The mind of man is the central control valve of the human being. The spirit cannot relate with the body without an approval from the mind, neither can the body relate with the spirit without passing through the mind.

For maximum productivity, a man is expected to develop in these three

dimensions of life. He is supposed to develop his spirit, his mind or brain, and his body. Growth is necessary in the three realms of existence. The spirit is developed through fellowship with God; the mind is developed through mental processing of ideas; the body is developed through bodily exercises.

In all realms, the level to which you exercise determines the output. You cannot get more from the spirit realm than your spirit is able to contain. You cannot get more than your mind is able to analyze and sort out, neither can you do more than your body can take per time.

As you grow more in the Spirit, you are able to wield more power. As you

make more use of your mind, you are able to produce more. The same goes for the body.

Jesus Our Human Example

Jesus is our perfect example. He was born of the Holy Spirit as the Saviour of mankind in the flesh. Because He was in the flesh and all three dimensions of man were complete in Him, He needed to grow in the three realms of life. He developed His mind by reasoning in the scriptures.

This was why at the age of twelve, He was able to discuss intelligently with the doctors of law in the temple. Old grey-haired men marvelled at the wisdom and understanding He portrayed.

And all that heard him were

astonished at his understanding and answers.

Luke 2:47

Jesus also developed His body through physical exercise and hard work in the carpenter's shed. Luke 2:40 tells us:

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

And in Luke 2:52, we read:

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

In verse 40, the growth of His spirit man is linked with the mind — the seat of wisdom; while in verse 52, His physical growth is linked with the

mind. Every realm of existence is linked with the mind. The spirit cannot function effectively without the mind; neither can the body perform excellently without the mind. “And the child increased.” “And the child grew.”

There is no increase or growth without the mind.

Thinking Is Of God

There was a time when some Christians were advocating that the ability to reason was of the devil. The doctrine spread abroad that to think was unspiritual and that Christians were supposed to operate only in the spirit realm. They called the use of the mind “sense knowledge” and that it should be done away with. If the ability to use the mind is unspiritual, then Jesus must be the least spiritual man who ever lived!

The ability to think is of God and should be utilized by the Christian. It is interesting to note that no word gets to

your spirit except through the mind. You can't hear with your spirit but with your mind. What your ear hears goes straight to the brain (the mind), for interpretation and analysis before your spirit absorbs it. It is like the digestive process.

Your ears receive it, your mind digests it and your spirit absorbs it. This is what develops your spirit. It goes therefore, that, if your mind is dead, dormant or sleepy, your spirit also will be the same.

Jesus made it through actively engaging His mind. It is evident that most of His escapes from the hands of those who sought His life were direct products of the use of His mind. He

would never have accomplished His mission without His mind in action.

When a man becomes born again, it is not only his spirit that comes alive. He becomes a completely new creature.

...If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature;...all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

His spirit, soul and body come alive. He receives Jesus as His Lord and Saviour, therefore, the Spirit of Jesus gets into him. He also receives the mind and the body of Christ. This means he receives in him the potential to be like Jesus in all spheres of existence.

The believer at new birth is a

recreated being: a being with all the potentials of God in him. For him to excel in life there has to be an active exploration of all the potentials deposited in him.

Spiritual Mindedness

The active exploration of the vast potentials in man leads us to the subject of spiritual mindedness;

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

Romans 8:6

The extent to which a man absorbs and retains for communion, the Word of God in his mind, determines the speed with which he becomes spiritually minded. The word holds promises of the life that now is, and the life to come. Such spiritual mindedness, the Bible says, is

profitable unto all things (1 Timothy 4:8).

Your mind must be tuned to the wavelength of the spirit. The spirit is sound, but the mind needs renewal, possible by a constant touch with the word and prayer. In this way, the totality of a man becomes transformed rather than conformed to this world; and when this happens, a man is able to walk in the spirit, discerning the good, the acceptable, and perfect will of God on a daily basis.

The Scope Of The Natural Mind

Man is a creature to be envied. He has been handed the keys to the great resources of the earth. His position is such an enviable one that angels try to find out more about him.

It is a shame to note that, with so much potential in him, man is unaware of his value. In his natural state, he is a gifted being. His brain or mind is a citadel of unsearchable treasures.

God, the Almighty Creator, really wanted to make a showpiece out of him, so He deposited in him a brain —

a fountain of untapped resources and left him with the responsibility of exploring the capabilities in him. The first man Adam put this capability to work in the Garden of Eden. Then the fall came, and he was chased out of the garden.

There now occurred a systematic depreciation of the awareness of man to the treasures in him. Man in his fallen state was naked. The glory of God and the spirit of God, which used to quicken all his senses to succeed in his task in the garden, left him.

After he lost this covering, his awareness of the massive potentials in him began to depreciate. The animals, which used to cringe under his

authority, now filled him with fear and terror. The ground that used to respond to his slightest touch now became hard and unyielding.

This was the beginning of sweat for him. He had to sweat before his mind could produce anything. He had to go through mental and physical exertion to produce the minutest thing. The brain had to be taxed to produce.

The Product Of The Natural Mind

In this fallen state, however, man still did wonders on earth. He still put his mind to use to make the earth a comfortable habitation. He used his natural brain and it produced. Of course, the level of production cannot be compared with what it was in the days of the garden. All the same, the brain produced.

In Genesis chapter 11, something happened which brought to light the great potentials in the natural mind. Men invented brick and decided to

build a city and a tower. This was to have been the greatest tower ever. Its top was to reach unto heaven. And men began to build. They put their brain to work and saw it was possible.

They began to build and God came down. He knew the potentials He had put in man. The Creator was very much aware of the creature's capabilities. He knew man could do anything he had conceived in his mind to do. He said,

...Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have **IMAGINED TO DO**.

Genesis 11:6 (Emphasis mine)

Imagination is in the mind. God, in

essence, was saying that the natural mind could do anything it has conceived. The Almighty, the creator of man agreed that, even man in his fallen state could do wonders with his mind.

All through history, we see great examples of the products of the natural mind. The ancient pyramids of Egypt; the computer and sophisticated war weapons are all products of the natural mind.

The brain of man is terrific. And you know, the brain of each human being has been decked with the potential to produce marvels on earth. This is however, only possible to the natural man who taxes his brain. The

more he taxes his brain, the more it produces. The output of each brain depends on the use to which it is put.

The question now arises, how much can a man tax his brain? How much mental exertion can he force on the brain? There is a limit to which the brain of man can be pushed. Scientists have said that only a very minute percentage of the brain capacity has been put to use by man.

All the wonderful inventions we see around make up only 0.05% of the brain capacity. This sounds unbelievable but it is true. If all we see amounts to only 0.05% of the potentials of the brain, then it means that eyes have not seen, ears have not

heard, neither has been conceived in the mind of man, what the brain can produce when put to full use. But is this possible with the natural mind?

The answer is no. It is impossible for the natural mind to attain a full use of the brain. There is a limit to what it can take; there is a limit to which it can be pushed. Even among men who have used within the 0.05% capacity of the brain, we have heard of mental breakdown among them due to excessive mental exertion.

This means that taxing the mind to produce up to 1% of its capacity is dangerous to the body metabolism of the natural man.

The Vanity Of The Natural Mind

In itself, the natural mind is simply reprobate, not by its original creation, but by its lack of retention of the Word of God (Romans 1:28). A mind devoid of the Word is reprobate; incapable of maximum utilization because of its limitations in understanding — “without understanding” (Romans 1:31), and incapable of reaching a reproach-free and dignified latter-end.

Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end....thou castedst them down into destruction.

Psalm 73:17-18

What is more in all its might, it is incapable of comprehending the works of the Lord, for the world by wisdom, has not found God.

The Redeemed Mind

Since the natural man cannot put the brain to full use, why then did God deposit so much potential in it?

It is not possible to the natural man, but it is possible to the supernatural man, the man who has the Spirit of God on the inside of him. The Bible says, “The secret things belong unto God.” He has reserved the hidden potentials of the brain for Himself and He doles them out to the believers — those with redeemed minds — as He pleases.

He has reserved the exploitation of the secret potentials in the brain for His children so they could show forth His

glory this end-time. These secret potentials are not going to be released to the believers through mental exertion otherwise, they will die prematurely. God is going to release them by His Spirit to His people. He is going to illuminate their spirits and pass on creative ideas and insights onto them.

There will be no sweat. There will be no pressure. There will be no taxing of the brain. The people of God will produce through systematic revelations from God. God has programmed that His people show forth His wisdom this end-time. The secret treasures of the brain are going to be revealed through divine illumination.

The Christians will be the stars of the world. The light from heaven will flood their system to bring to light the hidden things, which God has deposited in them from eternity.

If you have not yet hooked up to God, the time has come for you to do so. The time for inventions by sweat is fast running out. It is time for inventions by illuminations from above. If you have not made a commitment to God by accepting Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, do so now. This is the only way to get hooked on to God. This is the gateway to creativity.

Don't hesitate to hook unto Jesus, who, in His earthly walk, used parables

and natural scenery to stir the minds of His disciples to greater effectiveness. Teaching on the sower, He drew a parallel between four categories of hearers. The disciples were perplexed because they too didn't understand. When they demanded a more explicit interpretation, His response was:

...unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God...

Luke 8:10

A paradox? No! Jesus knew that in time they would be able to decipher even more complex parables. By speaking in parables, Jesus was sharpening their minds to probe into the supernatural.

If you are ready to accept Jesus

today, why don't you say this prayer:

“Lord Jesus, I come to you today, a sinner. I have been going my own way all these years. But now, I want to hook up to your ways. I believe you died for me and rose again. Come into my life today. Cleanse me from my sins and be my Lord and Saviour. Accept me into your beloved. Thank you Jesus.”

The Creative Nature

The original man was in a class of his own, a unique celebrity. We are told that God created him in His own image and His very likeness. That is, he was created to be like God, both in character and charisma. That is, man has the nature of God in him; he has God's abilities imbedded in his being.

This is what made him unique before the fall. After the fall, God's nature in him got corrupted and he lost the virtue of excellence. The living man became a "dead man," now merely existing. The glory of God in him had departed — Ichabod was born.

Thank God, after the redemptive work of Christ, man has a new and living access back to his original throne. He can now regain the divine nature.

Whereby are given (gift) 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

That is, man can still carry the divine nature in his being today. This “nature” is the foundation of creativity. It is in God’s nature to create anything He desires. When He had the dream of heaven, He created one. When the

thought of a world came to Him, He created one. We are told:

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

God's creative forces went into operation to bring His dreams into fulfilment. Whatever He wanted, He brought into existence by the use of His creative abilities. The things we see today are made out of things, which do not appear (Hebrews 11:3).

The nature of God in man is the foundation of creativity. The creative forces of God are inherent in His wisdom. We read that,

The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth and by understanding hath he

established the heavens.

Proverbs 3:17

Again, in Psalm 104:24 we read:

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: The earth is full of thy riches.

Amazing! You mean that the world we see today resulted through wisdom? Not power nor might? Not strength or vigour? This is terrific! This is awesome!

Wisdom can, therefore, be said to be the key to a world of fulfilment. God's dream could not find fulfilment without the operation of this weapon called wisdom! Speaking about the degree of wisdom in Divinity, Paul said,

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgements, and his ways past finding out!

Romans 11:33

God's worlds are put together by wisdom; no wonder the world we live in today is also the world of the wise. The wise rule here while the fools are perpetually under tribute. The mind of man is the biggest bank on earth. The ability to put the mind into functional use is the holder of man's destiny. The impeccable deposit is in man to make living exciting.

Access To Divine Nature

New Birth

This is the fundamental access to the divine nature — the nature of God. Jesus said to Nicodemus,

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:3

To see this nature, it is imperative that one be born again. The word says,

All have sinned and come short (lost) of the glory of God.

Romans 3:23

That sin nature has to be dealt away

with before the lost glory can be restored.

The life (nature) of God is received at new birth to be developed subsequently by the recipient.

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

Whosoever has the Son has life and whosoever has not the Son of God has not life.

It should be noted that what died in man after the fall was the “divine nature” or life; the natural life took over. Remember, God had warned him: “The day you eat of that tree (the tree

of the knowledge of good and evil) you will surely die.”

This makes it abundantly clear that since man was still breathing and could still move his arms and legs, think and talk, hear and understand; then something other than human life was lost. It was the original life (designed for man) — the life of God, the Divine Nature.

Quite a multitude on this earth merely exists, not lives. The acceptance of Christ, which makes an end of the rule of sin, is the only access to life — Divine Nature.

No Christ, no Life! Christ is the genesis of living. It is this nature that is called “The New Man.” The word says,

And that ye put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:24

Again, Apostle Paul says,

And have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.

Colossians 3:10

The new man has to be put on. We have him but we have to put him on. He was the one that died in Eden whom Jesus brought back to life at resurrection. It is the divine nature lost by man in the first Adam, now restored in the second Adam. Jesus said,

These signs shall follow them that believe, In my name they shall...

Mark 16:16

Signs speak of amazing wonders!
This is what new birth offers. It brings
man to a new realm of living.

Revelation

The entrance of the word by revelation
reveals this divine nature in man.
Apostle Peter 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 above reference unfolds the place of the word as the impartation of the divine nature. The Apostle Paul speaking also on this wise said,

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

“Glass,” in the above verse of scripture stands for the Word of God as illustrated in James 1:23:

For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass.

We can, therefore, conclude that to be changed into the same image (the

divine nature), the word must gain entrance into a man.

God's Word is a carrier of His life — the divine nature. Jesus said,

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and, and they are life.

John 6:63

It is the Word of God that offers or imparts the life of God. The psalmist said,

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Psalms 119:130

The entrance of the Word affects the reasoning faculty of man

positively. It brings him to a level of excellence in reasoning. It evolves creative reasoning. This is because creativity is inherent in divine nature, which the word imparts. Yes, It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the words He has spoken are Spirit, carrying life. From today you will reflect the life of God in all realms of human endeavour!

Chater 3 - The Beginning Of Wisdom

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Psalm 111:10

There is where to begin from in your quest for wisdom. There is what you register with in the school of wisdom. You cannot ignore it and expect to triumph in life. Happy is the man that has this master key, because he has automatic access to a life of unrivaled wisdom. What is this all-

important key? The fear of the Lord!

A look at Joseph in chapter 41 of Genesis reveals that he was lifted by wisdom to a position of authority, so that he became a ruler in the land of Egypt.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:39-41

But he enrolled in the school of wisdom by possessing the fear of the Lord. He said, “... *how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?*” (Genesis 39: 9) And also, “...*For I fear God*”(Genesis 42:18). Divine wisdom will always demand divine sanctity.

Daniel also arrived on the scene and refused to defile himself with the king's meat; therefore, God lifted him. God can lift any man on the surface of the earth today, but all He requires is purity! Purity is what gives you access to the instructions of wisdom and leads to your distinction on the earth.

What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way

that he shall choose.

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant.

Psalm 25:12,14

When Jesus came, the Bible said concerning him, that men marveled at His wisdom, and asked, “What wisdom is this?” Why? Because no matter how seemingly impossible the situation, He always knew what to do! But this same Jesus we are told, knew no sin. The devil came to Him and did not have anything in Him.

Jesus fulfilled the primary condition necessary to register in the school of wisdom: the fear of the Lord. As long as He possessed it, He was a

man in charge! The life of God had a free course in His spirit, soul and body, making it impossible for Him to be under any form of physical, mental or spiritual attack.

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than my enemies: for they are ever with me.

Psalm 119:98

God's wisdom makes you wiser than sickness, poverty, failure, stagnation, etc; and when a man is wiser than his enemy, he cheaply knocks him out! That is why the enemy strives to corrupt you with iniquity, to ensure that you don't get wiser than him, so he can keep oppressing you. But an end has come to every form of

satanic oppression in your life today, in
Jesus name!

Let Go Of Sin

Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.

Proverbs 14:9

Everyone that mocks at sin is a fool and ends up in mockery. Sin is a sinker; it can sink the destiny of any man! Friend, you have a glorious and enviable destiny, you cannot afford to sink it with sin. Sin is also a destroyer; you cannot toy with it and not be destroyed! You will not be destroyed!

Look at Samson: he was literally born a prophet (God called him before he was conceived in his mother's womb), he grew up and became a

mighty warrior; yet he fell down flat. What happened? Sin destroyed him. He was slain by adultery!

What about the man Solomon? He was the embodiment of wisdom in the Old Testament; yet his wisdom was corrupted through immorality.

But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites.

1 Kings 11:1

Solomon's wives turned his heart away from the Lord; the Source of his wisdom, and his wisdom was converted to folly. So at the end of his journey on earth, everything was vanity to him

(Eccl.1: 1-2). Friend, sin is a destroyer, it destroys the enviable destiny of its victims and leaves them to end their lives in regrets. That will not be you!

Sin Deadens The Mind

I once heard T. L. Osborn say, “When you sin, something in you dies.” That describes the man called Adam. A man who had single-handedly named all the animals; finally used leaves as clothes to cover his nakedness. Leaves! That was strange, because it is a well-known fact that Adam was walking in the same mental realm as God. He had the mind of God. Yet, the moment he sinned his mind became darkened, his mind was corrupted and he could no longer function at its original frequency. What a tragedy!

Behold, all souls are mine; as the

soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

-Ezekiel 18:4

Now that we are in the wisdom age of the Church; the fear of the Lord must be our watchword or else that wisdom will soon turn into foolishness. Friend, as you walk in purity, the sanctity of your mind will be safeguarded, in Jesus name.

Chapter 4 - What Wisdom Is This?

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?

Mark 6:2

It is time to locate our roots!

Jesus Christ is our foundation in wisdom.

For unto us a child is born, unto us

a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Right now, we want to see how we can step into this glorious heritage.

When Jesus came down to the earth, the first manifestation of His

divinity was in wisdom. At the age of twelve, people were astonished at His understanding.

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

Luke 2:46-47

There was such a manifestation of divine wisdom on display here. His ability to unravel mysteries and dissolve doubts, at the age of twelve was astounding!

Friend, right inside Christ, there is

adequate provision for you and I to storm the world! To set people marveling, “Where are these folks from, that seem to have answers to every question, and solutions to every problem?”

Those doctors and lawyers were amazed, they couldn't understand how a twelve-year old could have such insight!

Truly, wisdom is the principal thing! In John 17:18, Jesus said, “*As thou has sent me into the world, even so send I them into the world.*”

We are sent to storm our world with surpassing intelligence and mental dignity, same as Jesus demonstrated. We are sent to storm the doctors of

law, the Pharisees and the scribes, and the occultic world. We are sent to storm medical science, and set them all wondering, “What wisdom is this?”

Jesus rebuked storms with authority and they obeyed. *“With authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out”* (Lk. 4:36).

Friend, the time has come for us to be thoroughly connected to our root of excellence.

The world was continually amazed at Jesus’ display of wisdom. When the apostolic wave took off, wisdom was also a major ingredient of that move.

When they were to pick deacons to see to the distribution of daily needs, they sought for men full of the Holy

Ghost and wisdom.

Apostolic waves are characterized essentially by the release of heaven-sent wisdom. Walking in wisdom becomes the evidence that you are a part of this move.

Jesus astonished His world at the age of twelve. You are getting too old! It's time to beat others hands down. Jesus is saying to you right now, "*As the father sent me, so send I you.*"

The devil will fall sick as we begin to operate in this new realm. We will make sure he is hospitalized. He will cry for Jesus to come quickly and Jesus will reply, "I'm not coming yet."

Wisdom is what determines your height on this earth.

1 Corinthians 1:24 says:

...Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

This is what was responsible for the triumphs He experienced in His ministry. A combination of power and wisdom at work in any life is what determines a man's destiny.

If the Lord sent you as He was sent, then you, by destiny, have been granted the privilege to manifest as the wisdom and power of God.

If Jesus is called Wonderful, and as the Father sent Him so He is sending you, that means you are also wonderful. That is, your personality, like His own, will give expression to wonders.

I love the way the Psalmist put it. He said, “*I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*” (Ps. 139:14). You are a product of wonders and you have been sent to the earth to manifest such wonders. But wisdom is required.

God’s wisdom has been packaged and is now revealed, and without it we cannot experience glory. But rather we will continue to suffer reproach and shame. But thank God, there is hidden wisdom packaged and ordained by God before the world began, unto our glory. We will walk in it!

If the Bible calls Jesus the power and the wisdom of God, and He is the vine and we are the branches (Jn. 15:1), then we are the power and the wisdom

of God in human flesh!

If you can lay hold on this mystery, you've got it. That's the master key to success, the master key to fulfilment, the master key to all that life may ever require.

IT IS THE PRINCIPAL THING

I don't care what is happening in your home, as long as there is tension there, it is because of a shortage of wisdom. When the oil is short in a car and you don't top it up, your car engine will knock!

That you're doing business and going round in circles every year, indicates that there is a shortage of wisdom.

Everyone that is born again has a measure of wisdom, but you see, a measure is not enough for these times

we're in.

The five foolish virgins had a measure, didn't they? But before the bridegroom came, what happened? The measure finished!

Friend, a measure isn't just enough now!

Consider Joshua – he had a measure. But when God was going to deliver to him the task that Moses had hitherto handled, Moses had to lay hands on him, and he became full of the spirit of wisdom (Deut. 34:9).

A measure is not enough! There is gross darkness; you can only match it with gross light. Flickering light can't handle gross darkness. You need gross light!

Listen to this:

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 wisdom of God is infinite. You can only grow in it, you can't arrive at the end of it. We all have a measure:

... Wisdom is justified of all her children.

Luke 7:35

But we need a fullness of it. May you encounter it!

Wisdom is the principal thing....

Proverbs 4:7

This is one key that opens every door. It is the principal thing, or the

principal key. God's Word says when you contact it, you shall walk in your ways safely, you will lie down and your sleep shall be sweet.

Besides, you shall not stumble, your path shall not be hard, an ornament of grace he shall deliver to thy neck and a crown of glory upon thy head (Prov. 1:9, 4:9).

So you can see that wisdom handles every area of life with ease. There's nothing you ever desire that can be compared to it.

When God asked Solomon what he wanted from Him (after God smelt that irresistible burnt offering), Solomon said he wanted just one thing – wisdom. And God told him, “That one

thing you have asked is what controls every other thing. It is the principal thing. It is the master key. So collect every other thing as well” (2 Chron. 1:10-12 paraphrased).

Wisdom is the one thing that controls all other things.

Wisdom is a battle-axe. It is better than weapons of war, more effective than all weapons of war put together. No adversary can resist nor gainsay the wisdom of God operating in any child of God.

You can't operate God's wisdom and carry sickness in your body. It's impossible! You can't operate His wisdom and carry barrenness. No way! Now hear me, you can't operate His

wisdom and be under oppression!

He said:

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

Luke 21:15

Just like light is far above darkness, so wisdom is far above folly. Wisdom is light and light will handle darkness without any struggle. That's all it takes! That is the principal thing.

After God called me, I didn't have any other thing to talk to Him about – I kept asking Him for one thing, “God give me your wisdom.” I kept asking Him and He kept directing me to where to contact it.

You can't be a child of the Only Wise God and be the only foolish man! That's not biblical, that's not right! Like begets like.

When you walk in this wisdom, you will be free from all the pains and heartaches of life. This wisdom has more value than fine gold, because she controls its supply, she controls its availability. She has access to everything that man will ever require on earth.

That is the master key. It is the principal thing, not one of the principal things. It will make you excel on the earth.

Whatever you and I have now is not adequate for the challenges of

tomorrow. We need to enter into the fullness of this mystery.

IT IS FROM ABOVE

...A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

John 3:27

Anything good and perfect has one source – it is from above. It is not from any man, No! When Paul laid hands on Timothy, he didn't receive the gift of Paul, it was the gift of God.

And John 3:31 says, *“Whatever is from above is above all.”*

If you can contact the wisdom from above, it will naturally place you above other kinds of wisdom on earth. Right in the corner where you are, you will excel above others. You'll just take off

in the air – in your academics, vocation, business, family, etc. – and they'll just be looking from below where they are, at what wisdom from above has done in your life!

When you connect with the wisdom from above, people won't be looking for you at the bottom anymore, nor at the tail. You'll be right in the forefront of life!

Many years ago God told me, "The thing you're looking for doesn't come from abroad, it comes from above." That settled me with Him.

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.

James 1:17

You can't collect this wisdom and be ordinary! You can't carry the wisdom of creation inside you and be unnoticed! You can't have the wisdom of the ancient and be lost in the crowd!

Now, be awake from your sleep! This is your hour of destiny. Awake from your sleep! You can't carry all of heaven inside you and be lost on the earth! Something is waking up inside you now!

You'll begin to ride prosperously and in majesty, without sweat. All by the wisdom of God!

Let the scales over your mind fall off now and step into the purpose of

God for your life, without any further stress. You will begin to enjoy your family life as though you just got married today! You will begin to enjoy your children as if they just arrived from heaven! You will begin to enjoy your business as if it was not yours before! All by the impartation of this wisdom from above.

Receive it now!

May a new chapter be opened in your life right now, in Jesus name!

Chapter 5 - This Wisdom Is Hidden

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8

God's wisdom is not open, it is hidden. It has to be uncovered.

Except we gain access to this hidden wisdom, we cannot have access

into glory, which we are destined for. It is only on the ticket of God's wisdom working inside us, that the Church will shine.

You are a product of wonders. You are here to manifest such wonders. Wisdom is required for you to manifest in such a realm. Not the wisdom of men though,

That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:5

God's wisdom is packaged in mysteries. Common sense can't locate it. 1 Corinthians 2:9 tells us:

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.

This wisdom is hidden, yes! But I am glad to let you know that:

...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

And we know from Proverbs 25:2 that:

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

Friend, you were not saved just to get lost in the crowd or to be just one of those people. It is God's desire to

raise you into a personality that will be reckoned with in the world, and to bring you out of obscurity into the limelight.

It is God's will to rescue you from poverty, shame, reproach, sickness and barrenness, and establish you in a life of joy and fulfilment. All these, through His wisdom, which is hidden to them that are without, but available to you as a son of God, destined for glory and virtue.

HOW TO CONTACT THIS WISDOM

God has prepared unique wisdom, surprising intelligence, insight and superior mentality for His Church. But:

It Is Revealed

There is nothing life will ever require that God's Word has not made provisions for. But the Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:10 that until it is revealed, we have no access to it.

But God hath revealed them unto us

by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

The wisdom of God is packaged in His book called the Bible. A revelation of any truth therein when applied, makes you a rock that cannot be moved (Ps. 125:1).

Paul the apostle was writing to Timothy and he said:

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:15

The scriptures are able to make the barren wise unto fruitfulness, they are able to make the sickly wise unto divine health.

A Revelation Of Scriptures Makes Wise!

It is also important to mention that the wisdom we are talking about is not just reasoning, it is receiving.

In the natural sense of things, people simply reason, but in this land of Canaan, we receive. God said He has revealed these things to us, not that man has reasoned them out.

Whatever is revealed is received, not acquired. God makes it known unto you; you don't use strength to lay hold on it.

It is possible for someone to read five books a week and not gain

anything. The wisdom we are referring to here is revealed, not crammed, nor memorized!

For instance, if I want to pray for someone who needs a child from God, I will just tell such a person, “It is written in Deuteronomy 7:14 that thou shalt be blessed above all people, there shall not be male or female barren among you or among your cattle. Based on this decree from heaven, woman, I therefore declare you fruitful! In nine months time, your baby will be in your hands in Jesus name.”

This is revealed sense, not reasoned-out facts. It is revealed truth applied for the deliverance of a captive.

Outside of God, you can't have

access to such wisdom. God reveals secrets to us by His Spirit.

Have you not heard, “By strength shall no man prevail.” (1 Sam. 2:9). In this kingdom, strength and might equals zero!

“*Without me you can do nothing,*” says Jesus in John 15:5. While Romans 9:16 says:

...it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

It is God that reveals wisdom. Wisdom is not man-made. Even Pharaoh in Genesis 41:39 knew that God revealed it to Joseph.

It works!

The wisdom of this world goes about with feasibility studies, while the wisdom of God embraces revelational studies.

Laban, Jacob's father-in-law, had studied the colour of his cattle. He had designed a programme that would keep Jacob as a slave for life, but prudence bailed Jacob out!

Jacob knew how to get the colour of cattle he wanted. There was nothing like Veterinary Medicine or Animal Science then, but he arranged his cattle in such a way that they would mate before striped trees and give birth to

striped cattle. Thus, he was able to devour Laban's economy!

When the wisdom of God comes on practical display, it beats any opposition hands down!

Friend, I'm talking about revelational wisdom. God revealed it to Joseph, He revealed it to Daniel. It does not come by struggling, or by mental exertion. It is simply a flow of life from the fountain of God!

Many things you're struggling for have been freely given, but they need to be spiritually discovered. Soundness of mind, abundance, riches, honour, etc, have all been freely given. But they must first of all be spiritually discovered, before they can be

delivered.

The time has come for the end-time Church to be enthroned by the anointing of wisdom. Insight is the secret of accomplishment.

Look at this:

The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.

Job 28:14

The depth here refers to philosophers, and the sea means men of means. They all admit that they have no access to this hidden wisdom.

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.

The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

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?

Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

Destruction and death say, We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

Job 28:15-22

Whence then cometh wisdom?

The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean.

And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.

Daniel 2:10-11

But because His secret is with them that fear Him, we are told in Daniel 2:19:

Then was the secret revealed unto

Daniel in a night vision...

This is the epitome of wisdom! When God reveals an answer, it is supreme.

May the secret behind every affliction in your life be revealed unto you!

There is no problem in your life that has no solution. There is nothing God ought to have done that He has not done. There is nothing life will ever require that God's Word has not made provisions for.

In 1981, well before I got married, God delivered to me seven pillars for a successful family life. I saw them clearly, so I could experience them. I've been married for over 12 years

now, none of those truths He revealed to me has failed!

Friend, you must take personal responsibility in order to experience personal success. I am so enslaved by success-mentality that I've never given failure a thought! I'm so hooked to prosperity-mentality that I don't think about poverty. I believe in success and prosperity as I believe in heaven! I don't need any encouragement for this. I am self-encouraged!

One thing the Holy Ghost wants to do is to establish your continuous access into heaven's secrets. Let Him do it!

When you have made a discovery, a delivery becomes automatic. There's

nothing called luck! Whatever you are is as a result of a choice you have made consciously or unconsciously, knowingly or unknowingly. David said:

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

Psalm 119:98

It is time to begin to secure violent access into the secrets of “The Book.” Ask the Lord to open your eyes to behold the wondrous things out of His law. You will begin to experience unique rest. Insight is it!

For instance, by insight I know who pastors the church I would have otherwise called my church. I know who its Great Shepherd is. I don't take

His job from Him. By insight, I know I am also a church member. I am not the head. No! I have a Head. It is not my church. It is His Church. It is His Church!

This is why I'm not carrying any burden at all! The owner of the Church has not died, and He has refused to retire. So it cannot become my church.

Friend, this is the kind of rest insight brings!

Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, *...I will build my church*. So He is the only authentic and legal owner of the Church. We are just labourers in His field. We are only foremen, we cannot take the job of the contractor.

As the one in charge, He is the one

to source for money and make the materials necessary to accomplish the work available. Ours is to use what He brings. Until He brings it, we are at ease.

The same thing He said to Peter, He said to me, “Feed my lambs...Feed my sheep.” That’s my job. All I do is prepare the food and bring it to the people. The ones who need the food will always come for it.

That is the kind of rest you contact from insight. When light comes from the Book, rest enters the body!

From this moment on, I welcome you into the realm of ceaseless revelation into the things that re behind the veil. In the precious name of Jesus!

It Is By Word-Addiction

The wisdom of a man finds expression in his words. The Word of God is the wisdom of God. So God's Word forms the base for His wisdom in any life. Once you increase that base, wisdom increases, and results increase. Whatever increases your Word base increases your wisdom level.

The Bible is the direct Word of God. For all scripture – from Genesis to Revelation – is given by the inspiration of the Almighty.

2 Peter 1:20 says that “*no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.*” None can be credited

to the writers.

Members of this end-time Church must be Word-addicts. And I'm glad to let you know that Word-addicts have a greater future than drug-addicts.

The end-time Church will be a Word-crazy Church!

Nothing enriches like the revelation of the truth. Nothing enriches like insight into the riches of God and access to divine secrets.

I am sure you remember the story of Job. He was a businessman in the East, who had access to the secrets of God, and was thus operating in divine wisdom that made him the greatest man in all the East.

Job never did what his competitors

were doing at the time. He played his cards according to the secrets that were delivered to him (Job 29:3-17), and God said:

Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Job 1:8

When the scriptures become part and parcel of your life, you begin to walk in the ways of God and think His thoughts. When you do this, you can't remain ordinary on the earth.

Paul the apostle said:

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1 Corinthians 1:25

And in 1 Corinthians 1:18, he said:

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

The ways of God and His thoughts will deliver to you the power of God. Whatever God says, He will do, when you go the way He has commanded you to go, He gets it done without you having to beg Him.

No man was born wise, we were all born with blank minds. Whatever then goes into a man, is what he uses to determine his destiny.

You are not disadvantaged in anyway. All that is required of you is

that you create an environment round about you that will make you wise. Receive the word of wisdom and you will never become a fool. Operate within the right environment and the world will reckon with you.

Hear what Isaiah 55:1-3 says:

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

God is saying, “There is something with me that has more value than money. There is something with me that has more value than gold. You don’t need money to get it, come to me, hearken unto me diligently, incline your ear unto me.”

God’s Word has more value than gold and silver. You don’t need money to contact it, all you need is your availability, your readiness and a genuine hunger and thirst for it.

As you encounter the Word of God, you enter into a covenant with Him,

and of course, God's covenant is supreme in life's conflicts.

He says:

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

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.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it

may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55:3, 8-11

This is a very powerful mysterious package that will open you up to a meaningful life.

God is saying, “There is something you lack, something you need, which you don’t need money to contact, all you need is to be thirsty for it.”

What is that thing?

Verse 11 of Isaiah 55 tells us: “So

shall my word be...”

The Word of God contains His higher thoughts and carries His higher ways, which brings you into a covenant with Him when you embrace them.

Whatever Word of God gets to you cannot return to Him without accomplishing the purpose for which it was sent forth. When it comes down to you, it becomes a must for it to produce. All you must do is to get to a point where God's Word comes down to you.

John 10:35 says:

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

The prophets of old used to

constantly say, “*And the Word of the Lord came unto me...*” When God’s Word comes to you, your ways become His ways, and your thoughts His thoughts, such that you become invincible, too strong to be defeated. In other words, you become a god over the circumstances that come to challenge your stand.

The greatest need any man has therefore, is to encounter the Word directly from God. When it comes and you embrace it and walk in it, it works!

God’s Word never fails! It carries His thoughts and ways, and when you walk in God’s ways and think His thoughts, you can’t be ordinary.

It is time to let God’s Word have

the final say on all issues concerning your life. You can't operate in God's higher ways and be a mediocre on the earth.

All you're looking for in life will be delivered to you as you practice the Word. The Word of God gives you both bread and seed (Isa. 55:10).

There is enough in the Word of God to fulfil your greatest dreams, for He said in Deuteronomy 28:1:

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.

Friend, there is nothing you are looking for or looking towards, that is beyond what God's Word can deliver to you. All you need do is to seek to have an encounter with His Word. Proverbs 24:13-14 says:

My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:

So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off.

Wisdom does not jump on people. You seek for it. James 1:5 counsels:

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it

shall be given him.

And Proverbs 2:4 tells us how to seek for wisdom:

“If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasure...”

This suggests the intensity and quality of your search for wisdom. Seek in prayers and search in the Word. Remember that he that asketh receiveth, he that seeketh findeth, and unto him that knocketh, the door shall be opened. The art of seeking is the art of praying.

Friend, you may have your own ideas, but only God's ideas hold a future. Many Christians are still walking the way they used to, doing things the way they used to, because

they don't believe that they don't know, and they don't bother to ask.

David never lost any battle, because he always "*inquired of the Lord.*"

The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

And David inquired 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 5:18-19

The second time the Philistines came up again, David did not assume that the way God did it before is the way He was going to do it again.

Rather he went back to God again, to ask for the divine wisdom that is required this time:

And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.

And when David inquired 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.

And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

And David did so, as the LORD had

commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

2 Samuel 5:22-25

It is our responsibility to inquire of the Lord, for His ways to be delivered unto us to confront any challenge of life. He is committed to lead us.

The reason we're not hearing from God is because we're not asking. Many are suffering absolute discomfort because they are off the spiritual course. They are simply doing their own thing their own way.

Those who check it out with God first are never checked out!

I have learnt to separate what I like from what He commands, and that has

given me all the rest in this world. The Psalmist said in Psalm 27:4:

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

Let's stop engaging in guesswork! In running our simple life, it's time to ask God what we don't know.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

God's faithfulness will always guarantee a way of escape out of every predicament in life.

For whatever position you're in now, there is a way of escape to your next height. All you are expected to do is to seek for wisdom as men seek for silver, and search for it as men search for hidden treasures.

Jesus said, *"Come unto me all you that labour and are heavy laden (and desire an escape), and I will give you rest. Come and learn of my secrets and you shall find rest for your souls"* (Matt. 11:28-29 paraphrased).

When God's people begin to operate on the wavelength of God's

wisdom, all hell will bow and respect them!

Friend, it is time to go on a search! There was a time I said to the Lord, “Lord, within seven days, I want to know the secrets behind the acts of the apostles. Don’t say I’m asking for too much! Just show me and I will be satisfied.”

I invested the next seven days on that search, and what I collected will remain with me all my life!

He that seeketh findeth and unto him that knocketh the door will always be opened. Go for the wisdom of God if you’re suffering anything. Ask Him “Lord which is the way out, in which you have covenanted to lead me?”

Once He shows it to you, that's all you need. Jesus is ready right now to enlarge your coast. His wisdom will bring shape to your shapeless life!

For the one who has been studying and studying and can't seem to pass his examinations, there is a way out. When Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were in 'school', the Bible says they were ten times better than their colleagues (Dan. 1:20).

The Word of God tells us that if the ministration of death was glorious, how much more glorious shall the ministration of the spirit be.

Of all born of woman, including Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, there was none as great as John the

Baptist. Yet he that is least in the kingdom is greater than John.

So, you have a greater intelligence than Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had!

How does this wisdom from 'The Book' get into your heart? You go on a search for it!

What becomes of your way is in your hands. The Book of the law must not depart from your mouth, because it is in your heart. After you have sought for it and found it, you must ponder upon it day and night, to locate what actions are required of you. Then you shall make your way prosperous and have good success (Joshua 1:8).

When you are loaded with the truth,

it will put you in charge. For example, I will never need to pray for money for the rest of my days. Why? I have found the truth that puts me in charge.

Friend, you better enjoy seeking for God's secrets and stop dodging realities.

I pray that the wisdom for promotion and honour will come upon you. For everyone that desires a change in position, the operation of the wisdom of God is the secret. God said:

Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

Proverbs 4:8-9

Friend, I want you to enjoy God!

Until the man Peter contacted the Word from Jesus, his frustration never ended. Peter said, “*we have toiled all night and caught nothing.*” (Lk. 5:5).

If you want your frustrations to end, please believe in the wisdom of God! He wants to release you from your stagnations!

You Need A Heart For God

God's wisdom has been packaged and without it, we cannot experience the promised glory. As we have already established by the scriptures, this wisdom is hidden and ordained by God, before the world began, unto our glory.

However, 1 Corinthians 2:9, points out something very important to us. It says this wisdom will be located only by those who love God.

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.

This is the first qualification that grants you access into the hidden wisdom. It takes a genuine heart for God to gain access into the heart of God!

So many people think it is the anointing that grants us access to this hidden wisdom. The anointing only enhances it, but it is actually your love for God that grants you access to His heart.

Psalm 25:14 says:

The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

All bread and butter seekers in the kingdom end up cheaply disappointed, but every genuine seeker and lover of

God is a winner. Every God-crazy man ends up triumphant. Every God-addicted person ends up a star.

The secret of the Lord is not with them that are dying to read and understand, but it is permanently with them that fear Him. God will always show such people the way to go, to get the results they require. He will show them His covenant- that is, He will show them the steps to take to step into the wonders of His destiny for them.

The Holy Ghost once said to me, “It is not your struggles that make me reveal myself. It is the state of your heart that either endears you to me or repels me from you.”

God said, “Can I do a thing in this

land without showing it to my friend Abraham? (Gen. 18:17).

Christianity begins with a heart for God. Without that you're a thief and a robber! You can't cheat God, He is too smart for any man.

You can't flow in revelations above the quality of your love for God. He won't allow it!

The Spirit of God searches all things, has access to any level of mysteries, even the deep things of God.

The things God has for those that love Him are packaged in mysteries, but God will make them available by His Spirit as soon as He approves your heart as right. He will make those mysteries known to you as the Spirit

searches all things, yea the deep things of God.

What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

Psalm 25:12

That is, God will show such a man the right choice to make, He will show him the way he should take.

This end-time package is for God-addicted Christians. It is for God-crazy folks-people who are sold out to God and His affairs on the earth. People all around will then see such people flying, winning and triumphing! All by the mysteries of God revealed to them.

Friend, I am glad to let you know we are all given to know these

mysteries for *“Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom”* (Mk. 4:11).

Everyone is gifted to know these mysteries, yes! But if you want to know them, you must position yourself in the love of God. Only then do you become a registered candidate for access into this hidden wisdom. This makes a world of difference.

Without God you have no access to wisdom. A heart for God qualifies you for it, while the Spirit of God enhances your access and entrance into it.

You Need A Heart Of Gratitude

Anybody who desires to flow in supernatural wisdom must come to a point of identification with the source of the flow.

God's wisdom has no bearing with education or with your background. It is rooted in revelation. It is revealed.

God's wisdom will only continue to flow as you acknowledge the source, identify with it and remain grateful to it.

The wisdom of God is not found in the land of the living. Money cannot

buy it. It only comes by revelation, and the revealer is the source.

Look at Daniel:

Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his.

Daniel 2:20

This is what acknowledging the source is all about – when you come to the understanding that what has happened has nothing to do with your smartness, that it is God!

Daniel continued with a heart full of gratitude in verses 20-21:

Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

And he changeth the times and the

seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding.

Note that Daniel was a very educated man – he went through the educational system of Babylon, and was a first class student. But he never connected the flow of wisdom which he operated in, to his education or intellectual prowess. He knew that the secret was not revealed to him by reason of his education.

It takes gratitude to attain great altitudes!

But it takes knowing your source for you to be grateful. Daniel knew he was not the source of that unusual

wisdom that could interpret king Nebuchadnezzar's dream. He recognized the finger of God upon him. By this, God continued to flow through him until he attained the highest seat in Babylon!

No proud man will survive this end time move, nor partake of it! For, "*A man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven*" (John 3:27).

If you have anything at all today, it came from above.

1 Corinthians 4:7 asks:

For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

If you must flow in supernatural wisdom, you must embrace the reality of the source. This was the secret behind Daniel's rise to stardom in a foreign land where he was a captive.

What you don't have you can't give. Moses was full of wisdom, but suddenly, he lost touch with the source. The moment he posed to be the doer, he became a loser! His name was canceled, and he no longer possessed a visa to enter Canaan! After forty years of pastoring three million people, he lost it all! (Num.20: 11-12).

The rich fool stood one night and beat his chest for his greatness saying,

And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater;

and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

Luke 12:18-19

The moment this man saw his success as his own achievement, it became bereavement! The rich fool died!

Herod stood up one day and made a laudable oration, and the people exclaimed, "*The voice of God and not of a man.*" God said, "Worms eat him up!" And Herod decayed immediately! For contesting with God, worms grew inside him and ate him up! (Acts

12:21-23).

One day, Nebuchadnezzar arose and boasted of himself, “See the kingdom so strong and powerful which my hand has built!” God heard him, and he paid for it! For seven years he was he was an animal in the bush! (Dan.4: 30-33).

There is going to be such a tremendous flow of the spirit of excellence in our days! Such that the world has never known. But you must remember it is the Lord your God that giveth wisdom to the wise and knowledge to him that understandeth knowledge.

Gratitude is the acknowledgement of the source of the favours you are enjoying.

These end-times, by the wisdom of God, we are going to see such outstanding results (and it's happening already) that will require extra humility and genuine meekness of us.

Great inventors will arise from the Church of Jesus Christ, new and strange businesses will be created, new products that daze the mind, will come through the hands of God's people! But we must remember to acknowledge the source.

You Must Be Joyful

If you are grateful, you will be joyful. And if you are joyful, you will be praiseful. If you are praiseful, you will enjoy inspiration. If you have inspiration, you will encounter revelations. And if you have revelations and walk in them, you will walk in wisdom and consequently, you will experience a revolution!

It all begins with being grateful! The depth of your gratitude determines the height of your altitude.

Wisdom comes by inspiration and what inspiration does is to deliver revelations to you. So, it's important to

know how we can contact inspiration.

Daniel was a praising saint, and by that he opened his life up to inspiration.

The wisdom of God is available to the joyful. Isaiah 30:29 says:

Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.

Revelation comes by inspiration. Inspiration comes by “singspiration.” Inspiration is the breath of God, you can't have the breath of God without the praise of God.

Look at the life of every man who

has triumphed by God's wisdom, they are always very charming and joyful. They are people who are never pressed down.

Joseph was the liveliest houseboy one could ever meet – he was so charming that the woman of the house (Potiphar's wife) wanted him. He was an ever-jumping, leaping slave. When he arrived in prison, the kind of joy he radiated made many to believe that he was the warder in charge. He was always willing to work, he was the only prisoner who was never depressed.

He was too cheerful for anyone to think he had a problem, that they made him an officer.

It was in one of his usual joyful

moods that he interpreted a dream for one of the inmates of the prison. This was to later take him to the palace.

Joseph was in charge. Joy continued to enlarge the breath of God all around him and the breath of God enlarged the revelation of God, while the revelation of God in turn brought about a revolution in his life.

It's time to rejoice! Every depression is a trap of the devil for your captivity. Paul the apostle said, "*Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice*" (Philip. 4:4). Paul was simply saying to all men, "This is the secret of my inspiration."

There is no one under the New Testament covenant that ever touched

the realm of revelation that Paul operated in. When Peter was referring to him, he said, “*According to the wisdom given to our brother Paul which is heavy to assimilate*” (2 Pet. 3:15-16).

This is a basic lesson for spiritual intelligence – there is no way you can flow in the wisdom of God without the joy of God. Jesus said in John 15:11:

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

And Isaiah 12:3 says:

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

In the account in John chapter 4, the Samaritan woman said to Jesus:

Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep...

The bucket with which you draw water from the well, represents your efforts to acquire knowledge – you attend seminars, listen to tapes, read books and so on. But without a rope, of what use is the bucket by the well?

Joy is what represents that rope by which you let down the bucket into the deep well, to draw water from it. Without joy, you can't draw anything from the wells of salvation. You can't read any book and understand it without joy, nor can you listen to any tape and receive anything without joy.

Inspiration will produce witty inventions, high standard insights, and

the creation of new things.

Friend, you can enjoy your life! There is no cause for alarm. You can swim in revelation, but this is impossible without inspiration. Inspiration is impossible without praise, and praise is impossible without joy. It's time to make your choice!

Daniel swam in praise in the presence of God. He was a praise wiz! It's time to fight sorrow, depression and anxiety!

If you can retain the joy of your salvation, you will be marked-out as a revolutionary, because this world will take notice of you!

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth

them understanding.

Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

Job 32:89

The word understanding comes from a Hebrew word called **biner**, and this connotes mental dignity, or mental prowess, or flowery thinking. The inspiration of the Almighty imparts intelligence and ingenuity.

Please, from now on, go to bed every night with a song! Get out of bed rejoicing, and you will see new light.

The Amplified Bible version of that Job 32:8 tells us that the inspiration of the Almighty gives intelligence. Don't play down on inspiration. Don't stay

around people who quench your spirit. Every joy-breaker is an agent of the devil. There is no joy in hell, if you are a joy-breaker; you are a prophet of Satan! Don't be a carrier of bad news! Don't celebrate sorrow so you don't destroy your access to inspiration.

It's time to share testimonies!

Stop carrying tales about, and you'll never cease flowing in divine inspirations! Any time you get to a crossroad say, "Heavenly Father, thank you! I receive light from heaven right now." Sing a son. Inspiration will bellow on you and light will shine from heaven!

(For further insight, see author's book *"The Wonders of Praise"*).

You Need Knowledge

The application of knowledge is what is called wisdom. Until a man amasses adequate knowledge, there will be nothing for him to use, so he

will never display wisdom.

If you are not a lover of knowledge, you will never be enlisted in this end-time army, because it is an army of wise soldiers, an army of people of manifold wisdom.

Right now, I impart unto you the same appetite for knowledge, which God has given me!

Nothing establishes destiny like knowledge. An application of it makes one's destiny to flourish. For example, I located facts on how to run a Christian family, long before I got married. Ever since I've never needed to pray concerning a peaceful, successful family life!

I located facts concerning finances,

so money serves me now – because I located its weakness, and what my duty is to keep it flowing.

Only students who have facts pass examinations. If you don't have the facts, you can't pass. Having an idea alone is not enough to guarantee you success, you must have the facts and these will give you a fat mark.

There is too much guesswork in the Church!

Your placement in this end-time move will be determined by your quest for wisdom and knowledge, since wisdom is simply the correct application of knowledge.

What you don't bother to discover, you cannot put to use. So your

adventure into wisdom begins with your quest for knowledge.

Gloria Copeland said she once heard a man of God say that if you read the four gospels and the Acts of the Apostles three times over in one month, you will catch a revelation of Jesus that will explode your destiny and establish you!

So, she went and did exactly as the man of God recommended. Today, Gloria Copeland is a well of revelation in the Word of God!

There is no future for any lazy man in the kingdom!

Gloria Copeland is a woman who, as she began to touch God, her life in turn began to touch men for God!

John G. Lake said the Lord appeared to him and told him to go through the book of Acts, and he will have those same acts repeated in his life. This was how John G. Lake became a mighty apostle to South Africa. He planted about a thousand churches in South Africa!

Every man that ever mattered on this earth had a crave for knowledge. Every achiever has been proved to be a reader, and every reader automatically becomes an achiever.

Kenneth Hagin has this to say: “If there is anything I hear from anywhere and don’t understand, I burn the midnight candle, until I locate an answer to it.” He has been doing this

for the past sixty-one years, and his ministry has kept on expanding, with stability, honour and dignity!

Proverbs 24:13-14 says:

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.

What is honey? The knowledge of wisdom! What is wisdom? Jesus! He is the wisdom and the power of God – according to 1 Corinthians 1:24.

Friends, it's time to go on a search!

In 1981, I went on a search mission. My search was in a book titled “God's Will is Prosperity” by Gloria Copeland.

With that book alone, and my Bible, I took off on a journey.

I gave myself three days to explore this book, and of course, light from heaven descended! The scales over my eyes fell off!

What did I see? I saw the mystery of the covenant.

I then left the book, picked up the Bible and began to “chew”, consume and devour mysterious truths that painted the picture of the covenant behind wealth.

This was the time I got to know that poverty was no longer my “relation”. That was how I contacted what I’m enjoying today.

I have never needed any

encouragement to sow seeds, in my life. See how much life has come out of that one search for knowledge. Many who have stood to testify in the church, of their financial blessings, are equally drawing from those three days of searching. I have seen downtrodden men lifted to great heights financially by those discoveries.

It is time to undertake an adventure into the mysteries of God!

In the days of John Alexander Dowie, there was a plague. He was one of the greatest healing evangelists of his time. As people began to die of this plague, he began to search for a reason. Hear what he came up with: "In my search, I stumbled on Acts 10:38, and it

exploded in my mind.”

Immediately, he set out to locate the sick, brought them out of their sick beds, and a healing revival began!

He that seeketh findeth.

Friend, *A wise man is strong, yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength* (Prov. 24:5).

As you make discoveries and acquire knowledge, you will become an amazement to yourself and the world around you, by reason of the amazing results you are producing!

Achievers are information-seekers, searchers of secrets, not idle men or wanderers.

Oswald J. Smith, through his books, taught me dedication and inspired my soul greatly. This man was a “dangerous” reader! In his diary, on

June 24th 1914, he said, “John F. B. Meyers books have been such a blessing to me.” On November 3rd 1914, he said, “I have been reading about the life of George Whitefield and it set my soul ablaze.”

December 7th 1914, he wrote, “I’ve just finished reading With Christ In the School of Prayer by Andrew Murray. I have asked God to direct me very definitely as to my life’s walk, and I am praying that He will make me a virtuous man. So what I did was, I went after books that would help me achieve my goal.”

At 75 Oswald J. Smith was still the Editor of People’s Magazine. He founded the People’s Church in

Toronto in 1928. This church is still standing on its feet.

Friend, a change will be cheap if your heart is set! Settle down and get to work! It is time to make the most of God's treasures in your life.

My prayers are usually very short and brief! But very effective and productive! Because I draw from the wells of encounter that I have had through books and other materials.

It's time to settle down! You're a man to be envied, don't turn yourself into a man to be pitied! Get down to studies and you will enjoy divine approval as a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15).

All the people I admire that have achieved anything are men and women who gave time to reading, seeking and searching for things they don't know.

Daniel was a lover of books. The Bible says he operated in excellent spirit. In Daniel 9:2, Daniel tells us:

“I Daniel understood by book.”

I don't believe in anything that cannot produce proof that it is authentic. Even Jesus said, “If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.” (Jn. 10:37).

All these fasting and prayers outside the will of God is nothing but hunger strike! The only profit you stand to gain is just a few cash saved (since food is so costly now).

Whosoever (the truth) shall set free
is free indeed.

And Hosea 4:6 says,

My people are destroyed for lack of
knowledge.

There is an answer in “The Book”,
to every question of life. When its
knowledge gains access into your spirit
man, the light of heaven dawns on you,
and darkness finds its way out!

Friend, we are in the days of
wisdom. We just must be smart, awake
and alive!

You Need Quietness And Confidence

For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

Isaiah 30:15-16

What is the secret of strength here?
It is quietness and confidence.

When these two forces are in place, verse 21 says:

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Until you're relaxed, you'll not be able to receive from God. Until Elijah relaxed, in 1 Kings 19:11-13, he almost committed suicide! When all the energy in him finished, he laid down at the entrance of a cave and was forced to rest.

If God now says, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength...", and the Bible says, "A wise man is strong, yea a man of knowledge increaseth strength", it means it takes

quietness and confidence to encounter divine wisdom.

The wisdom of God has its own strategies and I'm glad to let you know that confidence is one of the principal strategies for contacting divine wisdom. It just has to be in place.

Do you know what is affecting Christianity today? People have vegetable hearts! You hear people say, "As a man what can I do? I've done my best."

If your best is still a failure, then you are a failure indeed!

In 1901, there was a meeting of scientists of that time, in London. They came up with the following conclusions:

* It was not possible to fly a metal objects in the air.

* It was not possible for any vehicle to move at 36 miles per hour without choking whosoever was in it.

That was just according to the amount of light they had then.

But in 1904, the Wright brothers who invented aircrafts were up in the air! Whatever made these early inventors to pursue their experiments until a plane finally flew in the air, against the scientific assertions of three years before, is confidence!

Those two brothers must have told themselves, “Nobody has monopoly of wisdom.”

Confidence promotes excellence! It

quickens your mentality. It helps you to be resourceful.

In 1960, John F. Kennedy called the Chief Engineer of Marginal Engineers (Aircraft Manufacturers) and said to him, “A man must land on the moon during my tenure.”

Mr. Buck (the Chief Engineer) went back to analyse the possibilities and discovered that he needed to overcome twenty obstacles, for them to break into the orbit and subdue the force of gravity. He now began to look out for consultants to tackle each of these twenty obstacles, and he was able to get nineteen companies. He then had just one more obstacle to deal with.

Mr. Buck now told himself, “With

the forces of America behind me, I don't have any problem facing only one obstacle!" And indeed, by 1969, the first man from planet earth, landed on the moon! Presently, regular research goes on, on the moon!

This is what confidence can do!

Soon after we got married, I had to travel. My wife asked me how she was going to get to the office on Monday. I told her, "That's the car, that's the key, and that's the road!" And I left. Nobody in this world taught me how to drive!

After I left, my wife, in an attempt to take up the challenge, settled down and listened to two tapes of my messages on Confidence. Having done

that, she stood up, and drove out, all by herself, to see her friend! Monday came and she drove herself to work confidently!

Through these accounts, I have just tried here to explain to you what confidence has been able to accomplish, especially in the natural realm, in order to provoke you, so that the best in you will come out!

The ArchBishop Benson Idahosa (of blessed memory) said, "It is risky not to take risks." The risk of not taking a risk is failure. Anyone who is not willing to take a risk will end up a failure!

There is so much inside you that is just ready to die! Such things are tired.

Ideas have come and gone, like that! God has opened doors for you and have closed them by yourself. God has spoken words that are as clear as crystal, but your system is decaying on the inside. Consequently, you have no inner strength to exercise outer victory.

Friend, Christianity has not much to offer without confidence!

Can you imagine Nebuchadnezzar the king telling Daniel, “I dreamt, but I forgot the dream.” And Daniel replied, “Just give me time”. That’s confidence on display! And when the young man approached heaven with confidence, heaven opened to him!

Confidence provokes you to manifest the very nature of God, and

brings you to the level where you belong.

Satan is always after your confidence. If he can get it, then he has got you.

Your confidence in God makes you a superstar. Once Satan gets at it, he has gotten at your destiny.

And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

Isaiah 36:4

In the verse above, Satan was all out to attack Hezekiah's confidence. Confidence in God makes you unbeatable, but Satan wants you

beaten!

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

Hebrews 10:35

When your confidence is crushed, your reward is buried! Many people are down today because they lack confidence.

In Philippians 3:3 Paul the apostle said,

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Thus, we are not talking about confidence in your ability, but confidence in God. Your confidence in

God must be protected with all violence.

In my book *Toward Excellence In Life and Ministry*, I wrote a chapter on confidence which I titled “The conquerors backbone.”

Confidence is what makes you fit for battle, and right now, we are in for the worst battle in the history of humanity. So we must protect our confidence, as we multiply knowledge and dare the challenges.

Confidence was what made Daniel dare the den of lions, and he came out unscratched.

It was confidence that made Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego dare the fiery furnace. It is the conqueror’s

backbone.

I command your 'backbone' to be restored right now! For any damage the devil has done to your confidence in God, I command instant restoration right now in Jesus name!

Confidence in God will never meet with failure. You have enough reason to be confident, for if God be for you, who can be against you? With your confidence in God in place, nothing can successfully be against you. Though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you shall fear no evil, his rod and staff comfort you.

It is time to be confident!

Confidence is what we need today to silence every devil. If it could

silence the fiery furnace, and stop the mouths of the lions, it can silence anything else! It is the secret of the game. It will silence any opposition permanently!

Chapter 6 - Three Kinds Of Wisdom

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

James 3:15-18

From these few verses, we can

identify different types of wisdom:

- * Earthly wisdom, which centres on the senses.

- * Devilish wisdom, that is, the type that operates in the occult realm.

- * The wisdom that is from above.

Thus, there are three kinds of wisdom. 1 Corinthians 2:6 makes it clearer:

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought.

There is the wisdom of this world, which is intellectual wisdom (it stops at book knowledge): it includes all technological, scientific and

intellectual efforts.

There is also the wisdom of the princes of this world, that is, satanic wisdom - the type the occultists make use of. This involves the manipulation of the mind through satanic influences.

Paul the apostle by the wisdom of God said, that all the wisdom of this world and devilish wisdom equals zero, when compared to the inexhaustible virtues of God.

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

This is the wisdom of God!

God's wisdom has nothing to hide. It is available to all and sundry - as many as are saved.

In the occult circles, you are exposed to various degrees of knowledge per time. While you are in a particular temple, you can't know more than what obtains there until you pass the necessary tests and then you go on to the next level.

But in God's kingdom, Jesus said, He knows His sheep and His sheep hear His voice. And every member of this kingdom of heaven, that is, as many as are saved, has access to the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

Once it is revealed, it is released.

God reveals His mysteries in order to release them to us. When you believe what he reveals, by acting on it, he then releases it.

God's wisdom is from above. When it's operational inside you, it makes you to be above all. When the wisdom of this world is put side by side with the wisdom of God, it is foolishness!

The Original Wisdom

There is a path which no fowl knoweth,
and which the vulture's eye hath not
seen:

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.

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?

Job 28:7-12

No matter your cultural background, the wisdom we are talking about here is not terrestrial. It has only one source.

Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

Job 28:13

This wisdom is not earthly, it is not natural, nor is it intellectual!

The depth saith, It is not in me: and the sea saith, It is not with me.

Job 28:14

That is, both the philosopher and the wealthy man say it is not with

them! Such people have the money, but they don't have the peace and joy. They are constantly under plagues, afflictions and tensions. They live in perpetual crisis!

Some of the most stupid people around are wealthy people who don't have Christ. Many of them have so many problems and yet they find themselves creating more! Can you imagine a man who has a fifty million naira debt yet to be sorted out, and he is still looking for more money to borrow!

Friend, debt is not a way of life, it is a weight! Stop looking for what your hands can't reach. If you overstretch yourself you will die! Borrowing to eat

is eating beyond what you should eat. Borrowing to buy clothes is a sin. When it comes to food, eat what you have today, and trust God to supply you with extra food tomorrow. This is the wisdom of God!

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.

The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

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?

Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air.

Job 28:15-21

When Daniel was in Babylon, the King Nebuchadnezzar could not get an interpretation to his dreams in any school of knowledge. Neither the magicians nor the Chaldeans could offer any solution, until Daniel came up and said: there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and he will make known to you your dream and its

interpretation (Dan. 2:28)

The wisdom of this world - of the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans - could not handle it nor could the wisdom of the devil. But the God in heaven answered through Daniel and the solution came!

God's wisdom is higher than ours. Wherever it is placed, it is superior to intellectual and the wisdom of the occult!

A brother gave a testimony of how he was stranded in the middle of nowhere (the car in which he was traveling had broken down and he had no money on him to board another vehicle). In the midst of that dilemma, he remembered me once say, "If you

want to see the strange acts of God, give Him strange praise.”

So the young man began to sing and dance, praising God in his helpless, seemingly hopeless state.

God answered!

Someone drove up and offered him a ride in a much more comfortable vehicle, and he didn't have to pay anything.

Intellectual wisdom would have suggested, “Look around you, locate anyone who is in a position to help you, approach him politely (using public relations tactics) and you will get help.”

Friend, God's wisdom is superior! If you make use of common sense, the

best you will get is common results, because like begets like.

It takes superior sense to get superior results, and I'm glad to let you know that God's wisdom is superior. It is original!

There must be a yearning inside your heart for God's wisdom. It is the original wisdom. It is the winning wisdom. It will turn your entire business around without any struggles or sweat.

The Source Of The Original Wisdom

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and 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.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the

floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Matthew 7:24-27

Every man's wisdom is expressed by his words. God's Word (The Bible) is equally an expression of His own wisdom.

For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:1-3

God's Word is the divine wisdom bank, the source of wisdom.

John 1:1 says:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In the Word of God are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Wisdom for successful family life, bouyant business, academic excellence, and peaceful relationships.

In Luke 4:17, the Bible says Jesus opened the book. Remember in Revelations 3:7, the book was delivered unto him and he opened it

and removed the seals thereof.

The access to “This Book” has been opened a long time ago.

The knowledge of the truth makes wise. It makes wise unto salvation, it makes wise unto liberty, it makes wise unto freedom and enthronement. Jesus said:

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

Matthew 7:24

Friend, wisdom comes by an encounter with the knowledge of God and His Son, Jesus. The correct application of this knowledge is what is called wisdom.

God said to me that He Himself took my infirmities and carried my sickness. I agreed with Him. That is enough to collect your visa into the realm of continual divine health, and for freedom from every form of sickness.

The instructions in the Bible are the highest instructions in all human affairs. Whatever is declared in it is superior to any circumstance on earth.

What The Original Wisdom Offers

* God said, “If you will reverence and honour what I have prepared and what I have searched out, you will overturn the mountains by the roots. You will cut out rivers from the rock, you will stop the flood from overflowing. Destruction and death will fear you. You will be of greater worth than silver and gold” (Job 28:9-11, 16-17, 22).

The wisdom of God has power over destruction and death. It makes you indestructible. In the face of it, fire loses its power.

There is no mountain in your life that this wisdom will not level. It is superior to every mountain in your life.

* “He cutteth out rivers among the rocks.”

The most impossible place to get water from! But this wisdom will pull water out of there. It has no regard for dryness.

The wisdom of God will give you more than enough to drink. It will make rivers out for you.

* “His eye seeth every precious thing” (Job 28:10).

You too need to see what other people are seeing in the Bible. It takes wisdom to see precious things. No commandment of God is programmed

to punish you. Each one is designed to polish you.

He said: “These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may remain in you and that your joy might be full.”

God is not excited when you are crying and pinning away, and when you are under stress and strain.

What you see is what you get. If you see precious things in the Word of God, you will experience precious things. There is a covenant law that stipulates that as far as your eyes can see shall be given you. So wisdom sees only precious things.

Both Abraham and Lazarus got to heaven, but in different ways. I would

rather get there Abraham's way! Not after Lazarus who suffered abject poverty, deprivation and penury on earth!

Epaphras was sick unto death - for nine months. Paul prayed for him, he wouldn't get up. But Peter was never sick for one day! I would rather be like Peter!

Don't leave your life to chance; leave it to choice! You are a creature of choice.

Jesus said, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests: but the son of man hath not where to lay his head" (Matt.8: 20).

This means that He was always on the move. It doesn't mean He was

homeless! After all, when John's disciples asked Him where He lives, they followed Him to see, and they never returned to John in the wilderness! They must have found Jesus' dwelling place more comfortable.

I saw in the Word of God that Jesus had a treasurer. So the first day our ministry started, a treasurer was in place. There was no money yet, but there was someone in charge of money.

I already knew I was going to be rich, because Jesus, in whose steps I'm walking, did not exemplify poverty. A poor man will never have need for a treasurer! He can count all his money by himself. But when money becomes

money, you need a treasurer! This I saw, this I am still seeing!

By this wisdom, only the precious things in God's Word bank will you begin to see from now on. In Jesus mighty name "He bindeth the floods from overflowing..." Job 28:11

The wisdom of God will stop every flood in your life from destroying you. It stops the wicked. It has authority, "and the thing that is hid bringeth it forth to light."

Friend, this is not common sense, it is divine sense!

What is wisdom?

It is receiving what God says and applying it to your life (according to Matthew 7:24-27). The rain will

descend, the wind will blow and the storm will come - of financial disaster, stress, etc. - yet the building will stand!

From what we can see from that parable, the problem is neither with the environment nor the climate, it is your approach and attitude to His sayings - "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken them unto a wise man who built his house upon a rock."

The wisdom of God is what will determine the destiny of every believer. The two houses were subjected to the same circumstances; one stood, while the other fell! Make your choice!

In 2 Timothy 3:15, Paul said,

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Original wisdom comes from God's Word. This is what is called diamond wisdom.

The Psalmist said,

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

Psalm 119:98

The Bible makes people wise. It is an original wisdom bank that covers all areas of life. God's Word guarantees rest round about. The Bible is God's wisdom packaged in a book form, available to all that are born again.

You can locate the answer to any problem in the world in God's wisdom bank. No matter the problem, the solution is there!

No matter the question, the answer is there. It is the answer book of all generations!

As a worshipper and follower of Jesus, you have access to this original wisdom bank, by the Spirit of God.

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

Luke 21:15

I want you to understand the mysterious power behind the wisdom of God that is revealed to you. When you act upon it on any issue of life, you

become an impossible case for the adversary to handle. Your adversaries will not be able to mock the wisdom of God at work in you. This wisdom is the key to exploits and excellence.

Hearing God's Word and doing it makes you a wise man. No rain or storm can pull your building down. When you act upon the Word of God, you're secure.

By the wisdom of God, you are able to control the goings on in this world - life, death, things present and things to come. You are able to regulate and monitor your future. The wisdom of this world can't handle all that. Side by side with the wisdom of God, the wisdom of this world is foolishness:

Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

1 Corinthians 3:18-19

The wisdom of this world cannot handle the future, nor can it handle death. Death makes every mortal man shiver. Job 28:22 tells us that, "Destruction and death say, we have heard the fame (of God's wisdom) without ears."

* The wisdom of God is irresistible!

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;

So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;

Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;

If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures

Proverbs 2:1-4

If people will seek for God's wisdom the way they seek for silver, they will end up having more silver than they ever dreamt of. When the wisdom of God brings silver your way, it is sorrow-free. For, "the blessing of

the Lord maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it” (Proverbs 10:22).

That entire walk in wisdom has the backing of God in every conflict of life. And when God stands for you, who can be against you? As you stand strong in God’s Word, which is His wisdom, God will stand for you.

And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

Isaiah 33:6

Wisdom and knowledge will make your family stable; it will make your business and your spiritual life stable. The wisdom of God produces in the face of obvious opposition and

obstacles. Christ has called us out of darkness unto glory and virtue. But this will not become a reality until we operate the wisdom of God.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour.

Proverbs 3:13,16

With this wisdom, no devil can cut short your days, for this wisdom carries long life, riches and honour.

Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

Proverbs 3:17

Pleasantness; not painfulness.

Friend, God's wisdom eases life and endows mankind with peace. It is priceless. Nothing compares with it in value. What money cannot buy, it will provide. It commands blessings.

Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

Proverbs 4:8

With wisdom, you cannot be stagnated; rather you will keep on making satisfactory progress. With this wisdom in place, hardship, frustration and struggles come to an end.

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Jeremiah 33:3

That means, this wisdom will unravel secrets unto you. There was a man called Herbert Taylor. He was a very sound Christian who at a time had the privilege of buying up a business called Aluminium.

After he had bought it, he discovered that his competitors were superior to him. He was sitting in his office one day, and as he was talking to God asking Him which way to go, God suddenly opened-up to him and showed him four principles that will place him above his competitors!

These four principles later became the 4-way test of the Rotary Club (of which he was one of the founding fathers). It was these four principles

received from God that projected his business above others.

The scriptures admonish us not to lean on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5). Every time we are at a crossroad, and we need to make a sound decision, God is our ultimate for consultation. We must get across to Him! Then He answers us and shows us great and mighty things that will make us become great and mighty.

The wisdom is there, but we must constantly tap into it, and the secret of access is “call upon me...” You approach His throne with prayers and meditation, and then you will hear the voice of God. It will sound very clear to you, and you will hear and

understand it.

Friend, right now God will show you great and mighty things you need to know, so you can become great and mighty on the earth. By God's wisdom, God causes you to know the next step to take that will lead to the greatness of your destiny.

Wisdom is profitable to direct
Ecclesiastes 10:10

One of the offerings of wisdom is direction. The next thing God will show you will lead to your profiting!

Friend, you must have the correct value for this wisdom, as your sense of value will determine the flow of virtue.

Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? a

man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

Ecclesiastes 8:1

We shine on the platform of wisdom. Our beauty is released on the ticket of wisdom. Balancing your life on the wisdom of God will make you live a colourful life on the earth.

When the wisdom of God penetrates our various vocations and careers, all the "Babylonians" will know that the gods have come down in the likeness of them!

Friend, the school of wisdom is a school where everyone has no choice but to register in!

Chapter 7 - Salvation Is Superior

And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

Luke 2:46-47

The word understanding here comes from the Greek word **Philosis**. This talks about surpassing intelligence!

Salvation is superior to education!

When Jesus answered the questions the doctors of law and philosophers posed to Him, there was never anything more to be added. After He spoke, they didn't need to speak anymore. The mind of Christ came from heaven, so it is superior to all the elemental minds on the earth!

Jesus never struggled with anybody, His wisdom alone beat them hollow! This is mental dignity.

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

2 Cor. 5:17

The word “**behold**” means, “look

here!” All things have been affected by reason of your redemption - body, soul and spirit. Your reprobate mind has become a new mind, life has been fired into it.

When you are born again, a vital force penetrates your mental faculty. The Spirit of God gives you a new way of thinking. This goes to affect your taste - the things you used to love before just drop off, because a new life has penetrated your mental region.

Up to the moment you got born again, you had a dead mind, which the Bible calls “a reprobate mind” (Rom. 1:28), programmed to do silly things - a corrupted mind that cannot deliver excellence.

But the spirit of wisdom and power was what penetrated your mental region when you gave your life to Christ:

But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:24

You are not an ordinary man anymore! That's why He called you a peculiar people, a royal priesthood (1 Pet. 2:9). Now you have surpassing intelligence! You have access to mental dignity!

Salvation is superior to education! I've seen professors who behave like babies in the affairs of life. It's not by

might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord. For:

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing...

John 6:63

This quickening affects your entire being. Salvation brings you into a class above the human class.

When you are saved, another mind is transplanted into you.

“... But we have the mind of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 2:16

The mind of Christ is the epitome of soundness and excellence! Once you are saved, your mind is no longer in the natural realm. Spiritually, it has ascended into the divine realm, where

you are seated with Christ. You now therefore carry divinity in your mentality! This is a great asset! But you need to know it is there.

On one of my trips, at the airport, I inquired from a responsible-looking airline staff where the V.I.P lounge was. He said there was none. I had a first-class ticket and needed to sit in a first-class lounge. So, I needed to find out for myself. The man's answer almost got me deceived, but I said to myself, there must be a first class lounge in this airport. And there was!

Many of us don't know the worth of the redemptive ticket we carry. Your salvation is not just an escape route to heaven. No!

Among the benefits loaded in redemption is an excellent mind. There is an invasion of divinity into your mental region, which gives you a superior mentality. You now have the capacity to operate in the class of God's wisdom.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

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

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of

his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears

Isaiah 11:1-3

This is a strange level, where you no longer judge by what you hear and what you see naturally.

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

Isaiah 11:4

That is wisdom in a strange realm!

Nothing compares with the wisdom that the Spirit of God offers (Job 32:7-8) - neither age nor greatness, nor accomplishment. God's wisdom is

superior to any of man's experience or age.

Friend, it is not just enough for you to be saved, your salvation must be added to, in order for you to experience the things that accompany it.

I don't believe in Christianity that offers explanations for failure. It is your failure to carry out your own responsibilities in the faith that makes you a failure.

Every time one door closes, we have a covenant with God that opens seven new ones! When they pursue you one way, God said they will flee before you seven ways. Every time one door is shut, seven others are saying "Come on in!" But when you're not a diligent

searcher, thinker or reader, you will be trapped and imprisoned in the closed door!

You have been called unto glory and virtue, why are you suffering and dying under shame and reproach? There is a way out! It requires an effort on your part, to make your calling and election sure. It will not become sure on its own.

How can you be a businessman and have never read any book on how to run a successful Christian business? What kind of a businessman are you?

Isaiah 33:6 says:

And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation...

Your salvation experience becomes strengthened as you encounter wisdom and knowledge.

Every diligent man will always experience a supernatural lifting from heaven.

Inside your mind is the creator's capacity. You are a co-creator (John 20:21). So why are you not winning?

You Are Loaded!

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

You now have a regenerated mind. So why should anyone with a reprobate mind beat you in the race for excellence? Because you have left your regenerated mind to become irresponsible and complacent!

It's time to stir up the grace of God in you. It's time to stir the rich deposits in you to productivity and excellence. Stop seeking man's approval, while missing heaven's approval! It's time to wake up!

There was a man called Jonathan Edwards. He was one of the greatest men that ever lived. In his days he preached a sermon that is still a powerful sermon today any place, any time! It was titled, "A sinner in the

hands of an angry God.”

As he preached that message, people held on tightly to their pews, for the fear of God! This man, Jonathan Edwards, was a lifetime student. He passed fire into his bones through a profound encounter with knowledge.

“Iron sharpeneth iron” (Prov. 27:17). You must rub your mind with other superior minds in Christ, or it will remain blunt. The quickest way to stir up the gift of a sound mind is to engage in a sound crave for knowledge.

You are a “sugary” personality; don’t allow your life to become tasteless! You’re created to be an envy of your generation, don’t become an object of pity to the people around you.

There is a deposit inside you crying for expression. The mind you now have is the same one that created the world we live in, why must you die in your little corner?

Friend, listen to me, our generation is going to witness explosive inventions that could be compared to original creations, and these will come from people who were no-people before, people who know how to stir up the gift of God inside them. You have a sound mind. It is the gift of God. It's time to stir it up!

You are not programmed to partake of the darkness and gloominess that is fast covering the people of this earth. You are to be a solution to the world

around you, not a problem.

It is your time to reign. And “by wisdom kings reign and princes decree justice.”

Go for knowledge, and you will walk in wisdom.

Your mind came alive when you came in contact with Jesus. Now you have a responsibility to renew that mind through encounters with knowledge. It has to be updated. Romans 12:2 says:

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Your mind has to be constantly renewed for it to remain current in any system.

What a joy to know that we are all privileged to possess the mind of Christ, and when you start to walk in the covenant, your mind begins to blossom, and it becomes increasingly fertile, until the whole earth begins to take knowledge of you.

Lack of insight is the reason for your imprisonment! It's time to open up!

What other mind could God have given you? The mind of Christ that He has given you harbours the wisdom and the power of God. You don't need any other mind.

I see the veil on your mind torn, and the sunlight of God dawn upon it! I see curtains open and every closed

destiny released!

I found out a few years back that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, everyone that fears Him and walks uprightly is acceptable to Him.

This scripture in Acts 10 has helped me a lot. It makes me never to think I am disadvantaged in any way when compared with any other race on this planet earth. Rather, it gives me a superiority-mentality, so that I am able to appreciate the fact that redemption is the same (your colour notwithstanding). I have come to realize that I am not disadvantaged by either creation or geographical location!

If the shadow (that is, the wisdom of this world any occultic wisdom), has produced so much, imagine what the substance will produce! If we would dare to face “The Book” as the world craves after worldly wisdom, we will become impossible for any devil to handle. May you be especially attracted to this source from now on, in Jesus name!

By operating the wisdom of God, we will reflect the glory of God on the earth. You can't bring heaven's wisdom down here and not be a peculiar person, because the one that is from above is above all.

The Spirit of the Lord is essentially the Spirit of wisdom and might. So, if

you have the Holy Spirit, you are connected to heavenly wisdom.

When we look at the scripture in Isaiah 11:2, we find out that the Spirit of God is five out of six (5/6) wisdom, and one out of six (1/6) power.

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

Isaiah 11:2

But we have over-celebrated the minor (power) at the expense of the major, (wisdom). This is the missing link, which has made Christianity very frustrating.

Potentially, you carry inside of you

divine explosives! To be a dull-head is an abuse of redemption. When you're saved, your brain is not suspended, it's upgraded! Your being a dull-head makes you a misfit in the kingdom.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego lived under the ministration of death. If they experienced such a level of glory, how much more should you!

It is one thing to have a potential and another to tap into it. Can you imagine how potentially loaded John the Baptist was? But he never realized it. He was greater than Elijah, but he died as a sheep! Who could have gotten hold of the head of Elijah – a man who single-handedly slaughtered 400 priests of baal? Yet, the Bible says John the

Baptist was greater than him.

John's potentials were unreleased. Please release your own, so your destiny can be realized. It's time to begin to stir up your divine endowments. You have certain potentials in your mental faculty that will dazzle the world when released.

Friend, there is something inside you!

You don't have an ordinary mind, but a sound one; a mind after the order of the mind of Christ. You possess the creator's abilities in your mind.

It is time for you to occupy your throne! From now on, you will know the correct thing to do at every crossroad!

Pharaoh said to his servants in Genesis 41:38-40:

And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

The mind of Christ, which we possess, is what makes New Testament saints unique. This is why God reserved His complicated, many-sided wisdom in all its infinite varieties for

us (Eph. 3:9-10).

Job 32:8 tells us, *But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.*

The Amplified Bible says, “There is (a vital force) a spirit (of intelligence) in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives men understanding.”

It is time to charge that vital force in you, and you'll begin to enjoy mysterious deliveries of favour.

Friend, salvation is superior to education!

Examples Of The Superiority Of The Renewed Mind

Jesus

Everybody called Jesus “**Master**”. The philosophers, psychologists, astrologers and doctors of law of His days all called Him “**Master**”. Yet, He never went to any school. He was a school Himself! All marveled at His wisdom!

And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph’s son?

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

Luke 4:22, 32

Stephen

In Acts chapter 7, we see Stephen (“full of faith and power” and supernatural boldness and confidence) summarize the story of creation so accurately! So much so that wisdom exploded in him and his face shone like an angel’s.

Can you remember the qualification that got him to that position? It’s in Acts 6:3:

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report,

FULL OF THE HOLY GHOST and WISDOM, whom we may appoint over this business.

Friend, you're connected to Jesus, you can no longer live a life of disgrace! Let the best of you be found in anything you're involved in.

A. L. WILLIAMS

There was a man called A. L. Williams. He was a football coach in a High School. He's the author of the book *All you can do is All you can Do*.

One day, while in church, he laid hold on certain principles bordering on church growth. These principles so

exploded in him that he resigned his job as a coach and started an insurance outfit, together with some other fellows.

In four years, A. L. Williams became one of the most renowned men in the insurance field! Under ten years, his insurance outfit became the greatest insurance empire! All by a new perspective to the business delivered to him by God (Job 32:8).

This business started in 1977, by 1987, the workforce stood at 180,000, and they sold insurance to the tune of 81million dollars that same year! Nothing can be truer than the truth. John 1:9 says:

That was the true Light, which

lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Friend, the content of “The Book” can affect any kind of man, woman, career or profession!

One commentator said A. L. Williams is a human dynamo.

When the content of “The Book” is fired into your spirit, you become a star without sweat!

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

There was a man called Benjamin Franklin. He had only three years of formal education. This man, however, grew to become one of the greatest

philosophers in America. He even set up a university and a special research unit.

He single-handedly negotiated for the French government's support for the American Revolution, which enabled them to win the war. Today, there's a public holiday called **Benjamin Franklin Day**.

Benjamin Franklin knew the Lord. He had a regenerated mind, and he stirred it up. He was an attentive preacher, who would rather go for books than food. From a background of just three years of formal education, he rose to become a pillar in the field of philosophy! Salvation is indeed superior to education.

Your life cannot matter anymore than it is stirred-up. I wish our activities today could be integrated into what could be called intelligible activities – disciplined to stick to divine directions for our lives.

MICHAEL FARADAY

Michael Faraday was as good as an illiterate. He had only primary education. But when he encountered Jesus as a laboratory attendant (working with Sir Humphrey Davies), in no time, he became the envy of his master. He was a vast reader of spiritual materials and yet a great

scientist.

Michael Faraday sharpened his spiritual mind on the supernatural rock of wisdom – Jesus is the rock of our salvation, He is the wisdom and power of God. No mind is greater than that of Christ.

An account of Michael Faraday in *Men of Purpose*, by Peter Masters says that he “extended his own scientific education by the most formidable programme of reading. Faraday had found an understanding of life’s purpose by studying and believing the teachings of the Bible and seeking a personal experience of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Not surprisingly, Faraday, at forty-

four, was recognized by all as the leading man of science!

He was such a devoted Christian that he became an elder in his Church and a very celebrated preacher in his congregation. When he traveled out for scientific lectures, the first thing he would ask in any city where he arrived was, “Where is the church?”

Michael Faraday was an inventor of electricity. Proverbs 8:12 says:

I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.

New things! New life! New products! New strategies! This is the essence of divine wisdom – profitable wisdom, not just religious wisdom!

JAMES CLERK MAXWELL

James Clerk Maxwell was such a fantastic scientist, but one who would still lead his family and servants in fervent praises every morning!

This great scientist read volumes of spiritual books. Every time he was studying, his Bible was by his side, and everywhere he went, he had a Bible in his hand. He used to read books written by men like James Owen and Jonathan Edwards, and it showed in his life!

Peter Master in his biography of him says, “There is no doubting the fact that James Clerk Maxwell’s spiritual involvement was what was

responsible for his fertile mind.

James Clerk Maxwell never missed Sunday worship and spend hours in the enjoyment of his Bible. His continuously active cultivation of religion, like Faraday's, had a very important relation to the course of his intellectual life.

Friend, history has it that “James Clerk Maxwell was universally regarded as the greatest physicist of the 19th century.”

The time has come for us to shake this world with the wisdom of God!

The wisdom we are referring to here is revelation, produced by a heavenly connection. With the wisdom of God working in you, for example, 10

Naira can turn you into a millionaire in two years. But with 1million naira and no sense, you can be broke in three months!

It's time to tap into heavenly wisdom.

R. G. Le TOURNEAU

I read about a Frenchman called R. G. Le Tourneau. He was a mechanic who had only primary school education.

At the age of 30, his workshop came to a close. He kept struggling till finally, he became bankrupt at the age of 44. So he had to start all over again!

In his book *Mover of Men and*

Mountains he said, “I am just a mechanic whom the Lord has blessed, but I am in active relationship with God. I am a searcher out of things that I know not. I am a seeker of light from heaven, therefore, there was no limit to what could be achieved in my life.”

In the days when people were using mules and colts to move earth to construction sites, he sat down and convinced himself that there must be a better way of doing this.

He said, “In my thoughts, along with the statement that I am just a mechanic whom the Lord has blessed, I have frequently heard that He (God) uses the weak to confound the mighty. There is no logical explanation in the

world to account for the development of this digger.”

He developed a digger that could carry 200 tonnes of earth, which combines two huge mobiles diesel engines, and supplies electricity to a small town.

He continues, “At the age of 30, my garage had failed and I was 5,000 dollars in debt. At the age of 44, I leaned so heavily on contracts that my employees (with more faith in me than I had in myself) took up a collection to get me back on my feet. That was I working on my own. If there was no logical explanation for the development of the digger, there is a theological one available to all of us.”

Friend, God's wisdom is superior to the wisdom of this world! If your earth is without form and void (as it was in Genesis 1:1), all you need is the creative unction of God.

If at 44 Le Tourneau could begin all over again and become a world famous and renowned person, it is not late for you.

Sir James Simpson

(Discoverer Of Chloroform)

On his first day as a medical student, Simpson took his place with the spectators round the operating table. There were no clean antiseptic

walls, gowns or masks in those days, and worse still, there were no anaesthetics. A patient was brought into the room, pale with terror, and laid on the table. The assistants held her down firmly and a bowl was put in the right place to catch the blood.

Then Liston, his black gentleman's suit protected only by a small apron, took up his knife, and with Simpson taut and horrified, he plunged the knife into his patient. Terrifying screams rent the air, and buried deep into the mind of Simpson a longing to see the end of consciousness and suffering in surgery.

So brief was the medical training in those days that Simpson qualified as a

member of the Royal College of Surgeons at eighteen. For a time, he assisted the village doctor at Bathgate, then returned to Edinburgh to take his Doctor of Medicine degree and to stay as an assistant member of the hospital staff. He earned £50 a year, and took every opportunity for research work. In fact, he spent all his energies on getting honours, and they soon came his way.

Because of the success of his research work, he was elected the Senior President of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh when he was only twenty-four. But even while the laurels were being bestowed, he was beginning to feel an undercurrent of dissatisfaction and unrest in his life.

“Yesterday was my twenty-sixth birthday, and what a fearful waste of time is summed up in that little numeral...it is awful to think how such a small fraction of time out of these twenty-six years has been employed as it ought to have been. I am always sad on my birthday and yesterday sadder than ever. It was one of those days, those fitful days of gloom, in which the past appeared to me as almost lost, and the future as a labyrinth of vexation and disappointment.”

Simpson was asking himself, “What is life for?” But his hopes and ambitions were too active for such a fundamental question of life to vex him for long. He believed in this world and

he believed that his work would win success and happiness. That was all there was to it.

Then, in 1846, the news came from America that a successful anaesthetic had been discovered — ether. Within months, Robert Liston had tried it in Scotland, but the dangers and disadvantages of ether were too great and a more satisfactory anaesthetic had to be found.

Simpson joined the struggle to find the answer, and through the summer and autumn of 1846 he and his helpers tried drug after drug, sniffing, tasting and recording the effects on themselves. Eventually they tried chloroform. The local chemist

suggested it in the first place, but failed to produce a bottle.

With typical impatience, Simpson immediately obtained some from another town, but when he examined it he shook his head rather dubiously. "After seeing such an unvolatile liquid, I despaired of it."

The bottle lay untouched for a few days until one evening, Simpson decided to try it as a long shot. His helpers, Dr Duncan and Dr Keith, set out three tumblers, Simpson poured a little into each one, and then they breathed the fumes deeply. For a moment there was no effect, then Dr Keith began laughing loudly, Duncan danced round the room like a child and

Simpson felt very, very drunk. Suddenly, all three lost their senses and collapsed. They had found their better anaesthetic, and in no time it was introduced to the operating theatre to be hailed as a resounding success.

Simpson first tried chloroform for a mother in labour. She was so excited about the less painful birth that she named her baby girl Anaesthesia!

The famous doctor was urged to repent of his sins before God and to trust only in Christ's death for salvation. No one who earnestly seeks Christ in repentance is ever turned away, and by Christmas 1858, James Simpson knew that he was a changed man — a newly-converted Christian.

His whole attitude to life changed. He found that he possessed a new understanding of God, and of His Word — the Bible. He could pray feeling fully as never before, and God answered his prayers. He felt a deep certainty within that God had made him His child, and he wanted above all else to serve Him and know Him more.

Henry J. Heinz

(Heinz Foods)

Heinz was the eldest boy of a family of German immigrants. To Henry Heinz, Jesus Christ was the Lord of heaven and earth; above and beyond,

yet everywhere; in the Heinz household and in the lives of his parents. Heinz said in later years, “In living for the Master and serving Him, something have been incalculably helpful and I turn with grateful heart to the teaching of my mother. Many of her sayings ever stand guard around my thoughts and influence my actions.”

As the firstborn of their eight children, Henry's parents hoped that he would become a church minister, but he was so successful and indispensable in the garden, and later in the family business, that nothing ever came of it. He was only ten when his gardening activities led to his selling a wheelbarrow-full of vegetables round

the village every day, and at twelve he was growing enough to load a horse and cart. Even at this age he could react with speed and effectiveness to adult-sized problems.

In 1869 (at age 25), he took a plot of land, two rooms and a cellar to begin the production of bottled horse radish. The trouble with fresh horse radish was its preparation. Washing and grating it was worse experience than peeling onions. But Heinz put an end to this painful household chore by turning out bottles of ready-grated horse radish by the thousand. His product was an instant and spectacular success.

While the firm grew — with all its attendant problems, Heinz still found

time to run his local Sunday school. He prepared meetings, led the worship of the children, taught and gave spiritual counsel with an affection which was seldom forgotten by his “scholars.”

As he devised new manufacturing processes, evolved sales methods and concocted recipes, the firm saw rapid expansion. Extra land was acquired, new factories erected and an even greater variety of products introduced. Premises must be the cleanest everywhere and the buying of raw materials and the selling methods must be absolutely straight and fair.

H. J. Heinz was one of the first few American companies to introduce staff welfare facilities.

The founder insisted that the firm provided staff with dining rooms, locker rooms, dressing rooms, gymnastics, swimming pools, uniforms, free hospital and dental treatments, free life insurance and further education facilities. The result was that few people ever left the sprawling Heinz Empire at Pittsburgh. At the centre of it all, Heinz remained in the words of one of his executives —"a monument of inner peace."

Throughout his life, he continued to be very active as a Sunday School Superintendent, giving very considerable financial support to Sunday school work in numerous churches. For 25 years, he helped to

build up and run a statewide organisation for the encouragement of Sunday school work and participated in many special campaigns to visit homes and encourage people to attend church. He also sponsored the promotion of Sunday school in such far-away places as Japan.

At the time of his death in 1919, Heinz's firm had 6,523 employees, 26 factories, 227 offices and other premises and 100,000 acres of farmland. The obituaries published fairly reflected his own order of priorities in life: "Henry J. Heinz, churchman, philanthropist, manufacturer..."

The Dean of Pittsburgh University

said, “The real passion of his life was his religion.” Henry Heinz made it clear what he meant by religion in the preface of his last will and testament as “... the most important item...a confession of my faith in Jesus Christ as my saviour.”

Daniel Defoe

(Author of Robison Crusoe)

Daniel Defoe, being conscious of his wasted past and yet believing God would fulfil a promise made in the Bible, “I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten,” strove to be as active as possible in Christian work

for 15 years of his later years in life.

The Lord did bless his later years, so much so that subsequent generations were to associate his name with the books he wrote, which bore a testimony to the covering power of the saviour. The once vain social climber had become a humble genuine and warm person, concerned for the eternal souls of those around him.

All the knowledge of the Bible and of the Lord so long covered up by the years took on new relevance after his conversion and rapid progress in his walk with God. His tongue went to work in personal witness: explaining to others the change, which had taken place in his life.

The books he wrote included: *The Family Instructor* — Which broke all sales records and which King George 1 read regularly to his children; and *Robinson Crusoe* — his best known novel, in which he described his personal conversion to Christ most graphically. A number of further novels followed: *The Life, Adventure and Piracies of the Famous Captain Singleton* (another best seller, which also had a conversion message written in it). *The Misfortunes of the famous Moll Flonders*, *The Remarkable Life of Colonel Jack* and *The Fortunate Mistress* – all constitute his remarkable writings; and all had underlying repentance and conversion themes.

The same mind delivered to you was the same delivered to Michael Faraday, James Clerk Maxwell, R. G. Le Tourneau, and all the others I have told you about. You have the mind of Jesus – the ultimate for solutions, excellence and exploits.

You are not a worthless entity! You are not to be pitied, but to be envied. You have a sound mind which will only operate at a high frequency if it is adequately charged, and you charge it by exposing it to the wisdom of others, through reading, listening to tapes and videos of anointed messages.

You have a sound mind, and a sound mind must produce a sound life, so if you are not living a sound life, it

means you are not using your sound mind.

Friend, you need to understand what you are loaded with. I am glad salvation is universal. Right now you can chart a new course for your life.

Chapter 8 - The Spiritual Dimension Of Wisdom

We have already established that the mind is the seat of wisdom. It is the seat of understanding. It is in the mind that issues are analyzed and broken down into absorbable bits for corresponding action.

We have also established that at redemption, the spirit of God carries out a quickening process also in the mind. The Holy Spirit that saves the spirit at redemption also redeems the mind from corruption. The quickening that takes place makes the mind to

become a living mind. It is the Spirit that gives life. If the mind is alive, then it must have a spirit. Ephesians 4:23 confirms this.

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind

Your mind has a spirit. This is the spirit, which is able to receive illumination from above because it is linked with the spirit of the Almighty God. Job 32:8 says:

There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding

The Amplified Bible renders it as “a vital force.” There is, therefore, a spiritual dimension to wisdom. The entrance of the wisdom of God into

your mind brings light, which drives away darkness from every issue confronting you. What you receive from books and the tasking of your brain are facts. Facts have no control over darkness. It is only light which comes from God that is able to lord it over darkness.

When this light comes from above, your eyes are opened; and with the resultant illumination, you are able to see your way clearly.

The Apostle Paul, while praying for the church in Ephesians said,

That God...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 the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints

Ephesians 1:17-18

You need a healthy mind; an enlightened and illuminated understanding in order to locate your inheritance in God. To enter and possess your inheritance you need the spirit of wisdom and revelation. You need this divine revelation to be able to know the things that are yours for the taking.

There is that vital force in you. There is that potential on the inside of you. When you open it up to inspiration, there is a charging. When

you connect that system to God, there is a charging that produces excellence. You will come under the power of heaven-sent ideas which, when put to work, will cause you to rise from the realm of the ordinary to the extraordinary.

There is a vital force in the redeemed man. You are not expected to live an ordinary life with this force in you. There is a force that produces excellence in every realm of life.

There is a force in you that should cause a shining forth, proclaiming the glorious gospel of Jesus.

If you must shine forth, you must receive illumination, you must receive wisdom from above for it is only

wisdom that makes the face of the wise man to shine. If you must receive this wisdom, your mind must be actively alive, open and resourceful, having the ability to receive, to analyse and break into absorbable bits, which is what takes place at salvation.

Examples Of Excellence

Joshua, the servant of Moses, was a man who had the Spirit of God in him. He had been the minister of Moses almost all his life. When Moses was about to die and asked for a leader for the people, God told him about Joshua.

Take thee Joshua, the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit and lay thine hand upon him.

Numbers 27:18

Joshua already had the spirit, but he needed a higher release of the spirit to enable him carry out his new and higher function.

The Holy Spirit was not yet at work on earth, so Moses had to lay hands on him so he could receive the spirit of wisdom.

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.

Deuteronomy 34:9

Joshua became filled with the spirit of wisdom after Moses laid hands on him. He needed the spirit of wisdom to ascend and retain his throne as leader of Israel. He had to be filled in order to

be fulfilled in his mission. With the spirit of wisdom in him, his mission was fulfilled: the children of Israel hearkened unto him. There is no nation more rebellious than the nation of Israel, yet they listened to Joshua. They obeyed him and his leadership was fulfilled.

There is a spiritual dimension to wisdom. You don't force the issues of life through physical strength. Wisdom is not a product of mental exertion. It is an issue of the Spirit. There is a need for this understanding among believers today. You need to open up to the spirit of wisdom and revelation and let the wisdom of God flow through you and manifest. This is what you need this

end-time. This is the gateway to fulfilment.

The wisdom that will produce must come from God. The wisdom that will cause a shining forth must come from above.

Noah found grace in the sight of God and God released to him wisdom. He built the largest ship ever which housed the most comprehensive zoo in history. He received it from the Lord and acted accordingly and today he is down in history as the one who kept the human race and all animals from extinction.

Think of Daniel. There was no way he could have known the king's dream, not to mention the interpretation, even

if they had slept on the same bed. But the Spirit of God, which searches all things, even the deep things of God, brought both the dream and its interpretation out.

It takes the Spirit of God to trace the actual rig that hits the oil. The Spirit searches out the deep things and releases them to men. Daniel was able to do what the wise men of Babylon could not do because he was a man “in whom is the spirit of the holy gods” (Daniel 4:8).

Wisdom is not by power. It is not by might, it is by the Spirit of God working on the inside of you. This was the Spirit at work in Daniel and the three Hebrew boys that made them to

be ten times better in all matters of wisdom and understanding than their contemporaries.

The spirit of wisdom is an excellent spirit. It produces excellence. This is the ability to excel, to get to the top, to stay above. Daniel had no choice but to excel because he became the president of the presidents.

Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents because an excellent spirit was in him...

Daniel 6:3

Looking at the equipment designed by man during the Gulf War, I told myself that the brains, which designed all the complicated gadgets, are unsaved brains. They don't have the

Spirit of God in them. They are unredeemed, reprobate minds. They are dead minds, because they don't have the spirit of the living God, the quickener, on the inside of them.

If unsaved minds could do all these, how much more would you who have the spirit of God working in you? You should excel. The best of the natural man's output should not match your own.

Stop sitting down at your desk thinking that that project is impossible. Nothing is impossible with God; and if the Spirit of God is at work in you, then nothing should be impossible with you. Impossibility is of the devil. When you have the Spirit of God in you, you

transcend the realm of impossibility to that of marvelous possibility. You are able to pierce through the thickest darkness to create a way.

An excellent spirit took Daniel to the throne. The same will take you to yours. It took Joseph from the dark dungeon of Egypt's prison to the throne room of Pharaoh.

How could Joseph, a man with no formal education, be able to design a means of preserving grain for seven years in far away ancient Egypt without the Spirit of God working in him? Hear it from Pharaoh's mouth:

...Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is....there is none so discreet and wise

as thou art; Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled...

Genesis 41:38-40

Our Saviour laid an example for us to follow. He was always connected to the source of power. He was always full of wisdom from above.

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom...

Luke 2:40

And Jesus increased in wisdom...

Luke 2:52

As Jesus grew, His wisdom increased. We can, therefore, say that when He grew into the fullness of manhood and started His mission on earth, He also grew into the fullness of

the wisdom of God. He manifested the wisdom of God in its fullness. He always knew what to do, where to go and when to step out. He was never stranded. The enemies were many, the traps set for Him were numerous but He escaped them all with ease.

A day came and His enemies thought to get Him to contravene governmental laws. They asked Him, "You say you have come to free us from bondage. Now, do we pay tax to Caesar or not?" Jesus looked up and the light came. It was a trap. The way out was laid bare. He answered after showing them the inscription on a coin, "Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is His." His enemies

were silenced.

A woman caught in adultery was brought to Him. He was asked, “Master, the law of Moses says anyone caught in adultery should be put to death. This woman was caught in the act. Now what do you say about it. Do we stone her to death or not?”

The Master looked up and the light came. He wrote down with His fingers on the sand. Then He said, “He that is without sin among you should cast the first stone.” The enemies sneaked away. They were beaten hands down.

This is Jesus manifesting the wisdom of God on earth. No one could tie Him down. No enemy was too strong for Him. No situation was too

difficult for Him.

The Holy Spirit at work in the disciples enabled them to make a landmark in history. They were unlearned and ignorant men. They were illiterates. Yes. But we are still studying them today. Where did they get their wisdom?

Peter's message on the day of Pentecost was not ordinary. It came straight from heaven. Stephen's exposition in Acts Chapter 7 was not learnt from any school. It came from above. This was the spirit of God in them at work.

Don't allow your education become a trap. Lay it aside and open up to receive the spirit of excellence from

above. Open up and engage in the active, exciting process of shining forth in the kingdom. Great heights are obtainable in the kingdom. Great heights, which the eyes have not seen; the ears have not heard, and the mind has not conceived. Open up; enlarge your thought pattern, and receive illumination by inspiration from heaven.

God is able to do far more than you are able to ask or think. So let your mind open up; not in daydreaming, but in covenant dream and insight, looking forward to a tomorrow that puts you in charge.

Wisdom is spiritual and it comes from God. It is our right to possess. So

open up and receive it and avoid undue mental pressures and exertion. Receive it and begin to use it to press into your inheritance in God. Receive it and let it cause a shining forth of the glorious gospel of Christ Jesus through you.

Chapter 9 - It's A Dreamers World

We live in a world where only dreamers count. Most people who have accomplished extraordinary feats were dreamers. They dreamt of their inventions long before it came to be. Nobody arrives at a future of greatness he did not dream about in his today.

For instance, any young person you find in the Nigeria Defence Academy is dreaming of a day he would be decorated as a general in the army. You cannot ask him what he is doing in the Academy today; he already knows that!

The same thing obtains in medical schools. The young medical undergraduate only dreams of when he will emerge as a celebrated surgeon. Everyone who ever became a celebrity in the secular world rode on the wings of dreams. Dreams are the stuff giants are made of, unless you are a dreamer you will remain a dwarf!

The world is dreaming, but too many Christians are without dreams; they think Christianity excuses them from dreaming. but nothing could be farther from the truth.

God has a great future for you, but you must dream it today to encounter it tomorrow.

Friends, it is time for you to

become a dreamer, and not just stop there, but also believe in those dreams!

The most fascinating dreamer in the world was Joseph. No prophecy went ahead of him telling him that he would be the head of his family. But Joseph was a dreamer, and his dreams secured for him a glorious future. To be dreamless is to be doomed.

And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

Genesis 37:5

Joseph's dream stirred up jealousy among his brethren, but he did not care. He believed in his dream, so he declared it. The dream angered his brothers but Joseph kept dreaming and

kept on proclaiming it. Why? Because once you catch a dream, you cannot but speak of it.

Maybe if you only heard it, you have an opportunity to doubt; but when you have seen it, it is settled, nobody can persuade you otherwise. That's why the apostles, in spite of the threats by the elders of the Jews, said:

For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 4:20

Whatever you are afraid to proclaim you have not seen. You may have heard it preached; but hearing is not enough, you must see it. That is how to set a pace for a victorious destiny.

Let businessmen use their minds to paint pictures of success in their businesses, and it shall be so. Let the career person imagine himself at the top echelon of his career, and it will be impossible for him to remain at the bottom. Let the weakling catch a dream of living in perpetual strength and health, and he cannot be weak again. That's how to get God committed.

Joseph's dream brought him to the throne in Egypt. If you too can catch a dream of good health, wealth, peace, joy, success, you will ascend your own God-given throne.

Your mind is the compass of your destiny. It gives direction to your life for, “...*As a man thinketh in his heart,*

so is he” (Prov. 23:7). The mind is where matters are weighed. You use it to think over issues, and reason out what next step to take in life to arrive at where you are going. The mind is also where solutions are found to difficult situations through the process of reasoning and analyzing.

In addition, it is responsible for the storage of memories and projections. The projection dimension is where many people get stranded. Projection means shooting forward.

An aspect of projection is **dreams**.

What Is A Dream?

A dream is a mental picture of a desired end. I am not referring to the night dreams you have after heavy bowls of pounded yam, no. A dream helps you paint a picture of your desired end and supplies you with inner strength to accomplish it.

Consider those fellows in Genesis chapter 11. They set their minds to build a tower “whose top may reach heaven.” Ambition was the force behind this super human project. God, however, knew that they were capable of doing it, because they had painted a picture in their minds and that picture

had supplied the drive to pursue their dreams.

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

Genesis 11:6

If God had not intervened they would not have surrendered. Therefore any assignment or mission is accomplishable once you can catch a picture of the desired end.

Ever before I got married, I knew I was going to have a blissful married life. God's Word showed me that marriage is honourable. It showed me

that two are better than one. It showed me that it is not good for man to be alone.

I reasoned it out in my mind that if I was not a fighter as a bachelor, marriage should take me further away from it. Besides, I saw in the character of Jesus something that made me optimistic. He was literally married to the 12 apostles (we are his bride), but in spite of their divergent characters, he was still able to put up with each of them and accomplish his mission.

I then reasoned that if Jesus could cope with such characters, it was not impossible to have a blissful marriage. To the glory of God, over the years that we have been married, I have enjoyed a

hitch-free, tension-free marriage!

But it did not happen by chance. I saw it in the scriptures and I programmed my mind towards its manifestation. I caught a dream of a hitch-free marriage ever before I got married; and because God is committed to granting our expectation, He granted me mine!

Remember Abraham? God told him:

For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.

Genesis 13:15

God did not expect Abraham to see all that was to be his with his physical eyes. He was expected to form a mental

picture of a desired end. If you see nothing, you will get nothing. But when you locate any treasure in God's Word and create a mental picture of it in your mind, no matter how impossible it may seem, you can have it.

When I say I cannot have an accident, it is not an empty boast. It is a boast well anchored on the divine provisions for my protection. Jesus was wounded and bruised for my sake, so I would not suffer wounds and bruises! Besides, He has put His angels in charge over my protection (Ps. 91:11).

I cannot imagine Jesus in an accident wreck, why should I be found in one? These truths have become so ingrained into my spirit man that

nothing moves me in all my travels. Before I set out on a journey, I already see myself arriving. It is so wonderful!

Before our ministry began in 1983, I had designed all the administrative set up. I saw them in my mind's eye before they became a reality. A sophisticated printing press for the ministry was priced as far back as 1983! We had no money at all for it then. But in 1993, we saw the establishment of a giant press, where all our books and other evangelistic materials are produced!

That's the power of dreams! The signs and wonders you are expecting in your life are possible if only you can open up your mind to picture their

arrival. When they finally arrive in your hands, they will come so effortlessly.

Dreams are destiny boosters. To be dreamless is to be doomed.

You Need Goals

Wisdom is knowing how to handle issues in order to make them produce your desired results. Once you have a dream the next step is to translate that dream into goals. Many who are failures in life today are so because they don't have goals. So, they keep whiling away time because they don't know exactly where they are heading for. Dreams help you to set mental goals.

A goal is defined as, “a mark or an end toward which effort is directed, an aim or a purpose”. Think about this: have you ever heard of footballers

playing on a pitch without goal posts? You will never have a winner, because goals cannot be scored and a winner cannot be determined.

Martin Luther King Jr. said, “If you don’t have a purpose for living, you are not fit to live.” You should be able to ask yourself where you are heading to in life; why you were created, what you are on earth to accomplish?

When you have ascertained where you are heading for, you put your mind to work and imagine your access to your destination. Dreams help to make the pursuit of your purpose in life more resourceful.

Once you can translate your dreams

into goals, and take the necessary action, you are definitely heading for dominion. You will emerge a man in charge of the affairs of your life in Jesus name.

Kingdom Dreams

The primary reason why God frustrated the dream of those building the tower of Babel in Genesis 11 was because it was not God-centred. Every selfish dream is doomed before its execution. But when the expansion of God's kingdom is the reason for your dream, God is excited and undoubtedly committed to the accomplishment of that dream.

Consider Hannah, she had bemoaned her ill fortune, grumbling and accusing God. But when she put God first, her greatest dream was fulfilled.

And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

1 Samuel 1:11

As she pledged to give God the son He would bless her with, God answered her prayer and also added many more children to her. A kingdom dream secures all other dreams; it ensures that all your other dreams come true!

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of

thine heart

Psalm 37:4

Cast Down Evil Dreams

Dreams are potent forces in establishing the destiny of a man. Right dreams have a positive effect on any man's future, but watch a man with evil dreams, he soon becomes a captive of evil.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to

the obedience of Christ;

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

When the imaginations of your heart tend only to evil, when the dreams of your mind are contrary to the truth revealed in the Word of God, watch it, Satan is laying a trap for you.

All anti-scriptural imaginations are strongholds of the enemy designed to pull you down. Likewise, scripture-based imaginations are your covenant strongholds. .

Some people claim to have “the gift of dreams”. According to them, whatever they see, good or bad, comes true. As a result, the enemy has trapped and boxed them in. A man dreams that his child has fallen sick, so he wakes

up panic-stricken and begins to run helter-skelter. That is the entrance Satan was looking for to afflict their health! Job said:

For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.

I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

Job 3:25-26

God responds to the thoughts of your heart (Eph. 3:20), whether negative or positive. Sometime ago, aboard a commercial jet, the pilot began to make negative announcements concerning the state of the plane. All I said to myself was, "I don't have any

problems, I will just arrive in my bedroom if any thing happens.” That was the picture I painted and carried in my mind; I believed it, so I was calm.

Interestingly, an unbeliever was aboard the same flight, and later told me after we landed that when he looked up and saw me he became calm. That was because, according to him, he knew something would take me to safety.

So he concluded that if anything went wrong, he would “dive” to where I was and hold on to me, so that whatever evacuated me from the plane would evacuate him also!

Deep within me, I could not imagine myself involved in an air

crash. I thought to myself that if Jesus were aboard the same flight, He would not crash. To me, it was an opportunity to arrive home without the use of a taxi! That is wisdom at work, and it works any day! We landed safely and God received all the glory.

Many are mental captives, but you can free yourself by casting down imaginations that are contrary to the truth revealed in the Word of God. Every contrary thought is a trap of the enemy, and must be cast down. But you do not stop at casting them down; you also have a responsibility to fill up your mind with the Word of God. It is with that Word therefore that you pull down all negative imaginations.

For instance, I was away in America for an engagement, when one night I had a dream and saw myself in a coffin about to be buried. I reacted while still asleep and said, “Satan, you must be very stupid, because it is written, *there is no wisdom nor counsel in the grave where thou goest*. No one sees himself in the coffin and stays there!” With that I knocked off that negative dream.

Perhaps your wife is in labour and the enemy bombards you with negative images of the likelihood of complications or death. Simply stand your ground and cast down the negative imagination by the Word of God. Declare, “It is written, *You shall serve*

the Lord your God and He will bless your bread and water, and take sickness away from your midst. None shall be barren or cast their young.” (Ex. 23:25-26).

Your wife will definitely return from the labour room with her baby. This applies to any other area of challenge; when you apply the Word of God to that situation, you cast down negative imaginations.

Proverbs 4:23 says, *“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life”*, the writer of Proverbs is asking, “Do you want to have continuous victory over negative imagination, load your heart with scriptural imaginations otherwise

known as revelations.”

Friend. The information you open up for, determines the type of imaginations you have, whether positive or negative. And the type of imagination you have determines just how far you go in life. From today you will no longer be a victim of negative thoughts in Jesus name! As you begin to nurture kingdom dreams, I see you reign in life!

Chapter 10 - Stir Up That Gift!

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

We used to have one local bell in schools in those days. Until you pull at the rope attached to it, it will not sound. That sound was what alerted the entire village that it was time for school, (since few people had clocks in

the village). As soon as children heard the sound of the bell, they came running to school. However, until the bell was rung nobody knew it was school time.

There is a hidden treasure; a rich deposit in you, which needs to find expression; it is one of the greatest wonders of the earth and it is lying dormant on your inside waiting to be galvanized into action. That unique gift is the mind.

The mind is a gift from God, and every gift has to be put into use before you can see the results. It is the active utilization of gifts that make them produce.

Your mind has the potential to

command attention, but until you sound it, like the bell, it cannot make you an attraction on the earth. You must sound your mind for it to become sound.

God has given you a gift. He will not take it back. For, the gifts and calling of God are without repentance (Romans 11:29). It is left for you to go into action or go to sleep. Great possibilities exist in the covenant and only the productive utilization of your mind will take you there.

Friend, it is time to stir up your mind; it cannot stir up itself. God cannot do it for you. The wonders of God are lying idle in your depth. Launch out and cause them to come

forth. They have been waiting for you. God has been waiting too. It is time for you to act. That gift of a sound mind is on the inside of you waiting to be stirred into action.

It's A Pool Of Bethesda

Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

John 5:2,4

There was a pool in the days of Jesus, known as the pool of Bethesda. It was so loaded with healing virtue that was capable of healing all the

diseases of all the people that lay there daily. But as powerful as that water was, it could not heal anybody until the water was troubled! In other words, it was the troubling of the water that released the healing virtue that brought about healing.

Your mind can be likened to the pool of Bethesda; it is loaded enough to make you the envy of your generation. But until you stir it up, those virtues cannot flow out to bless you and your world!

The thorny situations you might be going through are waiting for you; if you will sit down and trouble the virtues stored up in your mind, a solution will emerge.

Remember 1 Corinthians 10:13 says there is no temptation that is beyond your ability to handle; but in every temptation a way of escape is provided to help you overcome it. However you need to sit down and think through to a way of escape. Once you do, no devil can stop the manifestation of your miracle.

A young man had just completed his national youth service programme and was looking for a job. According to his testimony, in the month of May, which was prophetically declared as the month of prosperity, he contacted some light while I was teaching.

He heard among other things — “Living without working is dying

without knowing. Until you work, nothing works. Where there's a will, there will be a way. What you need to succeed is insight, not capital; and the insight you need demands your humility. Until they mock you, God won't make you. If you despise the days of little things, you will never see great days."

With these statements, he felt he did not need more scriptures to push him into productivity. He went to an aunt of his and asked her to help prepare coconut for him to start selling in the market. Later, he added a teaching job that fetched him twenty naira daily!

As he stayed faithful on his job,

God located him and when he was sharing the testimony, he had become a manager in a company! By putting his mind to use he located a way of escape out of joblessness to gainful employment.

E. W. Kenyon, a man blessed with strange depths and insight said, “Make your brain work. It will sweat, but it will improve. It will develop until you become the envy of the people around you.”

All men are equally endowed with a mind. But not all are exploiting it the same way, so the results cannot be the same.

How do you stir up your mind to produce? There are various ways by

which your mind can be stirred into action.

The Word

The Bible is made up of hidden treasures and until your mind's eyes are opened, you cannot see beyond the letters into the wonders. When reading the Word, your prayer should always be:

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

Psalm 119:18

You need to be able to see before you can possess. Nothing is appropriated in the kingdom without first being seen. Seeing it and having it is a covenant law which cannot be broken.

Until you see beyond the letters in the word, you cannot behold them. Until you see it, it cannot stir your mind. The word that will stir your mind is the word that you have seen.

The Word of God, the one you have seen is the rod that stirs your mind into action, it is what ensures a proper mixing of that rich deposit in you. Wisdom, sound wisdom, comes through the Word of God. Psalm 119:98 says;

Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me

The Word is the commandment of God. It is that Word that makes for wisdom. It made Timothy wise, and it

can make any dummy wise. The Apostle Paul told him in 2 Timothy 3:15,

And that from a child, thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Friend, the Word of God, is what stirs the wisdom deposit on your inside to produce. It is the rod, and you know that there is no stirring up to form a proper solution without a rod. The man of wisdom must bear the rod. The man who will be wise must feed on the rod.

The Lord's voice crieth unto the city and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod.

Micah 6:9

Feed thy people with thy rod.

Micah 7:14

The rod stirs up your mind to action. The wonders of God embedded in the word of God stirs up your mind to produce. Hearing and studying the Word is feeding on it. But not all hearing, not all studying leads to the unveiling of the treasures behind the letter.

How then do we feed on the word to get result? How do we lay hold of the gold in the gold mine?

Meditation

Food is not eaten to increase the size of the stomach. The ultimate of eating is not for the stomach to be full. You eat food to release essential body nutrients and fluids into your system. The food that will nourish the body must produce body nutrients. And the food that will produce these nutrients must pass through the digestive process.

This goes for the Word of God, which is the food of the spirit. You can only extract the treasures in it by meditating on it. Meditation is the process of digestion, which leads to absorption and assimilation of the

Word. Meditation is reasoning in the scriptures.

People have attended great meetings. They have listened to the most renowned preachers. Every time they come out of meetings, you hear them sing and shout for joy. Visit them the next day and it is all gone. The joy has gone. The excitement is over.

Why? The substance of the Word did not get into them. Listen, beloved, at the end of the day, if you don't retain the substance of the Word in you, you have no means of sustenance. The excitement of hearing the revelation will go and if you don't have the substance, you may go with it.

The Ethiopian eunuch read and read

but the Word did him no good because he lacked an understanding of it. The nobility of the Berean Christians was revealed through their daily search and reasoning in the scriptures after listening to great messages.

Meditation is thinking through. Pondering on the Word is the gateway to a refreshing from above. You cannot get juice out of an orange without squeezing it. Squeeze out the Word of God and get it into your system for it is the entrance of the Word into you that brings light, not the reading, not the hearing. It has to be broken down and analyzed before it can be absorbed.

There can be no careless glancing over scriptures. Each section under

consideration must be thoroughly digested. Proverbs 24:32 says:

Then I saw, and considered it well;
I looked upon it, and received instruction

The instruction many require for living cannot be acquired by scanning the letters, words, phrases, clauses, sentences and paragraphs of scripture. There must be a digging deeper. As the Word penetrates, the mind receives illumination and the body is directed on what steps to take.

The Word of God that will produce in your life must necessarily pass through this process. No one can do it for you. You have to do the eating, you have to digest it to get the nutrients. It

is time to accept your individuality and step into your responsibility.

The Importance Of The Night Season

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me a counsel; my reins also instruct me in the night season

Psalm 16:7

Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night sheweth knowledge

Psalm 19:2

Night time, contrary to popular opinion, is not for sleeping. It is the time the enemy goes about planting tares in your vineyard! If the enemy is busy at night, why should you be sleeping? Reasoning in the Word is

almost always impossible during the day. There is a stillness that goes with reading which is only available in the night. It is the best time to receive instructions from God. It is the best time for proper analysis of events.

This is when you reason with God on the basis of His Word, applying it to the real life situation you are confronted with that you get results.

Great men of old used the night season to their advantage (Jesus Himself used to wake up a great while before dawn). I have read about an unbeliever, one of the most productive men of our times, saying that his best periods for cracking hard nuts is between the hours of 2 and 5:00 a.m. If

an unbeliever could use these hours to his advantage, how much more should you in whom the Spirit of God dwells?

The night season is at your disposal. God is not only the God of the day. He is also the God of the night. Make use of the night season and see every obstacle put into its proper place. Enough of sleeping. Sleeping Christians are defeated Christians. Cut off that sleep and lay hold on the reward.

Prayers Of Enquiry

King David, the war marshal, never lost any battle. He was a great soldier with expertise and experience, but he never allowed these past experiences to lead him into the next battlefield. Before any battle, David always found his way to the enquiry room.

Every move of his was as directed by the Lord when he enquired. After the Amalekites made away with all their possession, he did not run after them in haste. He first went to ask God for direction.

And David inquired at the Lord, saying, shall I pursue after this troop?

1 Samuel 30:8

God dictated every move of his. Even after the death of Saul when it looked like the coast was clear for him to be king, he still went to ask God for direction.

And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the Lord saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah...Whither shall I go up...

He always asked for clear, specific directions. This is the realm of tapping into God's ways. He never lost any battle because he was operating by heaven's strategy. God says if any man lacks wisdom, let him ask. The wisdom you need in order not to lose any battle is with the Lord. There is no other

source. Ask of the Lord and He will release it to you. This prayer also demands a deliberate waiting and listening for God's response to your enquiry.

Never embark on any project without having obtained heaven's go-ahead; it is dangerous. The way to triumph is knowing which way to go. This is wisdom. Ask for it from God with all honesty and sincerity of purpose and He will give it to you.

Praying In The Spirit

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

Jude 20

One of the ways to face the unknown is by praying in the Spirit. By this, I don't mean speaking empty tongues while you are also engaged in greeting everyone that comes around you! Praying in the Spirit without the active involvement of your mind is an exercise in futility.

When praying in the Spirit, there must be a corresponding subject on your mind. That obstacle which has

been the object of your worry must be in your mind as you pray in other tongues and as you pray, your faith begins to be built up to stand against it. More scriptures, eye-openers on that subject, begin to come into your mind and suddenly, you see the situation as it really is, in the eyes of God.

The illumination comes into your mind because your spirit, which is doing the praying, communicates with the Spirit and searches deep into the subject and to minister to your mind the way out. Learn to pray in the Spirit with a mission on your mind and you will experience a refreshing, an edification, a building up of your faith to stand against all the wiles of the

devil.

Praise And Worship

The disciples were worshipping in the upper room when suddenly the inspiration came that Judas was to be replaced. On the day of Pentecost, they were at it again and the Holy Spirit came down in flames and tongues of fire. Paul and Silas were not sent on any mission till the Holy Ghost gave the word. And the word came on it while they were ministering to the Lord in praise and worship.

Examples abound all over scriptures showing that inspiration from the Holy Spirit comes under the atmosphere of praise and worship.

Praise and worship always invokes the presence of God; and where the presence of the Lord is, His ways are made manifest.

The kings of Israel and Judah with their entire host were stranded in the wilderness without a drop of water for their tongues. They neither knew what to do nor which way to turn. Elisha was sent for, but his inspiration level was at low ebb. What did he do? He sent for a minstrel, and as the minstrel ministered in songs with his instrument, inspiration came. The word of the Lord came to him and spoke deliverance unto the stranded parties.

You have a responsibility to stir up your mind by exposing it to inspiration

from above. Get good music; make melody with your mouth unto the Lord. Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs from the word unto God; worshipping and exalting His name — and the presence of the Lord, the citadel of inspiration, will descend. When that vital force in your mind is exposed to inspiration, mighty things result.

Sing praise to God with objectivity. Worship Him with a mission. When there is darkness hovering in one corner, worship God with that purpose behind your mind. You are stirring up your soul to receive light. This was what Elisha did. Do the same and you will receive illumination and a solution to your problem.

Concentration

This has to do with having a goal and identifying with it. It calls for a singleness of purpose and pursuit.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Matthew 6:22

You need to have a set goal and focus on it. Have a set vision. This should be deeply imbedded in you. It should have your all in all. It should be able to occupy you fully.

Your mind has eyes. This is why we are told that it can be blinded.

In whom the god of this world hath

blinded the minds of them...

2 Corinthians 4:4

These are the eyes with which you see beyond the physical into the supernatural. You can stir up your mind into action by continually keeping your goal in view — in your mind's eye. The light will be shed on your way for action. If you want light, you need to be single-minded about your goal, allowing for no form of distraction. Focus your mind's eye on one goal. Concentrate on it. The more you look at it, the clearer you will be able to see your way towards accomplishing it.

Identify completely with your goal. Stop moving from place to place,

minding other people's businesses. Concentrate on your set goal, and that light you need to be able to make a move will come bursting in.

The Lord's Table

Two of the Lord's disciples were on the way to Emmaus. They were confused and perplexed. The death of Jesus and His rumoured resurrection was giving them great concern. They needed the light from above. They needed illumination from heaven. They needed their spiritual eyes to be opened. Jesus came and explained things to them but they were still blind. They went into the house and something magnificent happened (Luke 24:13-32). In verses 30 and 31, we read:

And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and

blessed it and brake and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him...

Their participation at the Lord's table brought about the illumination they needed. The solution to that problem upsetting you has always been with you. All you need is for your eyes to be opened to see it through divine illumination. You can get this by eating at the Lord's table.

Do not disregard the service of the Holy Communion. It is of utmost importance in the life of a believer. It is an injection of the life force of Jesus into you to stir up your own dormant one. As you partake at the Holy Communion, see it as a toast for the

opening of the eyes of your mind for a new walk in great supernatural illuminations of the spirit.

Good Company

In order to positively sharpen your reasoning to enable you obtain your covenant blessing, you need to keep good company. The Word of God says in Proverbs 13:20:

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Good company is necessary if the wisdom deposited in you must be stirred into action. Rub minds with great minds. Rub minds with great covenant thinkers and you will see light continually shed on your path.

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man

sharpeneth the countenance of his friend

Proverbs 27:17

Iron can only sharpen iron. It cannot sharpen wood. When it comes in contact with wood, they both lose. The wood reduces in size and the iron gets blunt. Do not lay your plans before ungodly men, asking for counsel. This is dangerous to Christian growth and progress.

The Bible is full of evidence of men who got destroyed by relying on counsel from ungodly men. Ammon got destroyed through his friend Jonadab (1 Samuel 13). Rehoboam lost the kingdom of Israel through ungodly advice and retained only the kingdom

of Judah (1 Kings 12).

A man who befriends ungodly men and listens to their counsel will be destroyed. The man that will be blessed is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly (Psalms 1:1-3).

Wood cannot sharpen iron. Look for another sound mind to share ideas with. Make friends with wise men and you will be wise, you will grow from strength to strength, enjoying God's eternal blessings.

Chapter 11 - The Pillars Of Wisdom

Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars: She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; she hath also furnished her table.

Proverbs 9:1-2

Wisdom is founded on several pillars. Until you discover them and walk in them, your triumph in life is not sure. What are these pillars?

Self-Discovery

The greatest discovery in life is the discovery of self. It is knowing who you are, and what you are here on earth for.

That is the discovery of self. Please understand that you are unique. You are not a common person; rather, you are peculiar. It does not really matter how many people look like you; nobody else can be you. That explains why as close in resemblance as twins are, they still have different fingerprints. Creation is as detailed as that!

The uniqueness of your person

should also tell you that you have a unique destiny. God has a plan in place from the foundation of the world concerning you. He has already mapped out what you should accomplish on the earth. He has already formed in His mind an expectation about you. That is why Jeremiah 29:11 in the Revised Standard Version says:

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Therefore, know that you are a creature of destiny, not of chance. All you need, however, is to make a personal discovery of God's plan for

your life and pursue it. A wise man once said, “You don’t decide your destiny, you discover it.” That is true, because a product does not determine its purpose, the manufacturer does. God is our manufacturer and we are His products. He has determined our purpose; all we need to do is to discover it.

You cannot make a mark on the earth until you discover your God-ordained purpose and walk in it.

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

The above scripture confirms that God has great things prepared for you, His beloved; but for those things to become manifest, you have a responsibility to discover them.

Discover What Is Within

Every human being has a treasure within. That treasure, when exploited, determines your placement in life.

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

Matthew 25:14-16

The man in this parable gave talents to all his servants. The first man traded with his talents and multiplied them. The second man traded with his and gained two more, but the last man dug a pit and buried his talent. Jesus said, *“For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country.”* Thus signifying that what occurred in this parable obtains also in the kingdom of God.

Therefore, you have divine abilities inside you, but what becomes of your destiny lies in your discovery and subsequent exploitation of these abilities.

A pointer to your divine abilities is

discovering what gives you the utmost joy when you are engaged in doing it. What do you do with the least effort, but which excites and provides you the necessary motivation? Sometimes you may be doing something which you have an interest in, but which you are not gifted for. That is why you find yourself struggling with it but accomplishing very little.

When you locate the treasure of God within you, you will not need to struggle; it will flow naturally out of you. I am not talking about your qualification, because sometimes your qualifications can trap you into pursuing a career for which you are not gifted. rather, I am saying that there is

something inside you that can make you the star God designed you to be.

For instance, there are some people who are cut out for business – anything sells in their hands. But they have found themselves in careers where there is no buying and selling. No wonder they are frustrated and are under pressure. You will no longer be under pressure!

Others have strayed into ministry, so they keep sweating and struggling; God has not called them to preach, therefore the grace required is missing.

According to Ecclesiastes 9:10, anything you do will prosper. So, you can actually get by doing whatever your hands find to do. But you cannot

make a mark on the earth until you locate God's unique purpose for your life. This is practical application of wisdom.

There Are Gifts And Callings

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Romans 11:29

The word gift is translated from the Greek word "charisma", which means "divine gratuity, a spiritual endowment, a free gift". And calling is from the word "Klesis", which means an invitation. In other words, a gift is put inside you by God for trading, and as you discover and develop it, your destiny is secured. But a calling is a vision or an assignment from God.

Both gifts and callings weigh the same before God, but you have a responsibility to make it sure (2 Pet. 1:10).

God's calling is not based on natural abilities, but on predestination. Remember Moses, who was the pastor of the three million congregation in the wilderness? The question is, how was a stammerer going to preach to a congregation? But God calls based on His eternal purposes.

You Need Direction

If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.

Ecclesiastes 10:10

One of the benefits of wisdom is direction. Wisdom will show you which way to go. It will tell you that you are not created to roam about on the earth. Wisdom will lead you to a discovery of the plan of God for your life.

There are many people, who in God's agenda are meant to reign on the earth, but who are still held in chains,

because they have not discovered their gifts or located their calling. So many destinies have crashed because of lack of direction.

There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as an error which proceedeth from the ruler:

Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

Ecclesiastes 10:5-7

Do you know how many children are roaming about today instead of flying on eagles' wings because their parents will not allow them pursue their areas of interest? "You must be a

doctor! You must be a lawyer!” But there is nothing doctoring or ‘lawyering’ on the inside, so the child spends a better part of his life battling to pass, when he could have been soaring high effortlessly elsewhere.

Parents listen: Don’t sit on your children’s destiny. You are not their creator. Let God who is their creator determine the course of those young lives!

I met someone sometime ago in America who had been called into ministry some ten years earlier, but who had not responded, because he could not approach his father to tell him about the call. He is still struggling through life where he is,

doing what he is not called to do. That will not be you!

Friend, don't let anyone dash your destiny – not physical or spiritual parents, and not even older and seemingly more experienced men. Be willing to discover the treasures hidden in you. Someone once said that for every step you take in life, at least 20% of the people around you will not see it the way you see it.

It was said concerning Jesus in John 2:24:

But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men,

Jesus did not commit Himself to men, or else He would have made a shipwreck of His faith. But today you

find that many Christians are too committed to men to make a mark on the earth.

There is no way a man can know everything, because man is limited in insight. But we have an all-knowing and all-wise God, who has access to eternal facts. At best, man has access to natural facts; but God knows the end from the beginning. It is better to be connected to the all-knowing God.

Wisdom demands that you sit down and locate the treasures of God inside you. A wise man said, "Find out what you truly love doing and build your daily agenda around it." What you love doing becomes a clue to the gift of God in you.

Identity

Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather.

For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant.

Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

1 Corinthians 7:20-24

Identity is what I call the second

pillar of wisdom. It is identifying with your discoveries, no matter what. It is sticking to your gift or calling until it produces.

An understanding of the subject of identity will make any man outstanding on the earth. Many people are stranded today, because although they have made outstanding discoveries about themselves, but they fail to stay by those discoveries until they begin to speak.

And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Habakkuk 2:2

When I first began to teach faith, it

was not popular. To many people, it was a bad subject. We were called fake preachers. We were torn apart on many pulpits. I had the opportunity of losing my identity as a result of the persecution, but I refused to compromise my stand, because my identity is my strength. Anyone was free to preach on any subject, but I would not shift my ground for any reason whatsoever.

Psalm 16:11 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.

Friend, you can only have pleasures when you have located the path for

your life and identified with it; if not you are signing up for a life of pressure and stress.

Many years ago, someone asked Billy Graham's associate why he did not start his own ministry. He answered, "I'd rather be number two in God's plan than be number one in my own plan." His destiny was tied to that divine placement.

If he had moved out, perhaps he would have eternally lost the place God had reserved for him in the body of Christ. Why? Because it is not a question of natural abilities such as eloquence, but a matter of calling.

Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be

made free, use it rather.

1 Corinthians 7:21

God's rating of a man weighs more than the rating of men. Look at the case of Moses and Aaron for instance. Moses was a fugitive, whereas Aaron was a free citizen. Aaron was also eloquent, a man of words; but Moses was a stammerer. Aaron was the elder, Moses the younger.

When God was looking out for a man to lead His people, He chose the one who was less qualified—Moses. It took an understanding of the wisdom of identity for Aaron to serve under Moses.

It was not Moses who spoke directly to Pharaoh; he instructed

Aaron on what to say. Yet Aaron did not let his second position bother him, because that was where his star would shine.

There is a wise man, Jerry Savelle, by name, whom was pastoring a struggling church. God told him to close the church down and go and serve under Kenneth Copeland. He left that church and became a staff in Copeland's ministry. But he found his place in God, and today, he has a thriving ministry of his own.

Stay wherever God has placed you and enjoy being there, because that's where your star will shine. You cannot make a mark on the earth until you identify with your discovery. For

instance, I am not more fulfilled now than I was fourteen years ago, because I cannot imagine any other thing I would rather do than preach the gospel. I enjoy my job and I will not give anything in exchange for it.

Some are struggling in pursuit of a career for which they have no flair. Perhaps that is their area of discipline (they have a certificate to show for it), but they are not cut out for it, so they never become authorities in that area, they never become stars. But take that same man give him some capital to start a business, and you will see him do excellently well in it.

Certificates are the pitfalls of many! You may be wondering how a

graduate of Agriculture can become a spare parts dealer. But that's where his star will shine (Eccl. 8:1).

You must never allow the fear of what people will think of you rob you of your place in destiny. Don't sell off; otherwise, you will end up the loser.

Identity is where your strength lies. God has caused me to come across many great men, but I will not do things the way they do. I will only do the things God has sent me to do the way He has instructed me to do them. Today, they have come to accept and respect my individuality.

I have been to North America several times, but nobody can make me talk like an American. They cannot talk

like me, so why should I talk like them. No matter how I talk like an American, can I ever be one? So what is the point of losing my identity to somebody else?

Also, I have come to appreciate the fact that the differences in colour is only skin deep. When a white man needs a spare kidney, a black man can donate one to him. Will he say that because it is a black man that gave him the kidney that he will not take it? Is there any black kidney? That means colour is only superficial; the real man is within!

Beware Of Comparison

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

2 Corinthians 10:12

You are unique by creation. By accepting and embracing your uniqueness, you are securing your destiny. One point at which many people miss it is in the area of comparison. When you start comparing yourself with others you are not wise.

Your friend begins a business and

you know you have no flair for business, but you go and borrow money and start a business – and become a concern to everybody; all because ‘if he can do it why not you?’ That is how many, who are by destiny assets in the kingdom, have become liabilities.

Friend, you are only your best when you are in God’s place for you. Remember that you have only one life to live; so let your eyelids look straight before you. Do not be ashamed of God’s gift in you, or His calling. Turn your back to the comments of men and abide by your discovery; it will soon speak.

What About Joshua?

And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

Exodus 24:13

Joshua was a mighty man of valour and the commander-in-chief of the armed forces of Israel. Later on he became Moses', mind you, the word "minister" means steward. But Joshua was content to wait on his master. However, when it was time to choose a man to set over the assembly, God chose him.

Friend, you do not have to experience an identity crisis. Staying

wherever God has placed you is the only way to protect your destiny in God. Identity is God's wisdom for ascending your throne in life. It is His tool for realizing your place on earth. Don't compromise it!

There Will Be Persecution

Let me mention at this juncture that not everybody will agree with you. Many will not. You may never be commended for pursuing your discovery, but do so nevertheless. Do what God has instructed, no matter what people feel about it. You may be mocked, but those who mock you today will sing your hosanna tomorrow!

When I heard God say to me, “Go and make My people rich,” I was alone. To let the opinion of men dissuade me would have been foolishness. When I heard Him, I went all out in my pursuit of that instruction. Today, many

wealthy men have been raised as a result of compliance with that commission.

Remember, where you are now may be small, but your later end will greatly increase. So, stay where God has placed you, and you will have cause to rejoice in the future.

Tenacity

Let me introduce you to the next pillar of wisdom — tenacity. It is defined as holding fast; sticking stiffly. I define it as un-compromised commitment.

No body succeeds in life without adding tenacity to discovery and identity. Until you are unwaveringly committed to your discovery, you do

not have a guarantee of accomplishment. You must come to a point where you are so committed to a course in life that it becomes all you are living for.

Jesus said:

...My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 4:34

He was so committed to His mission that it became like food to Him. As He did, He became an eternal star — someone who outlived His time. Friend, the world will only pay attention to you when you pay attention to your work. Until you sow the seed of commitment, you cannot reap the harvest of accomplishment.

Look at Apostle Paul, a man of unwavering commitment. He said concerning himself:

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

He bound himself with an oath to stay faithful to his calling. Even when he was put in prison, he held fast to his calling without a sense of shame (Rom. 1:16). Paul was like the proverbial grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, but soon begins to yield much fruit (Jn.12: 24-26).

He was deadly committed to his calling, so he became fruitful in life.

Commitment is the highway to honour, there is no substitute for it!

I remember making a vow when God called me into ministry, that no man serving in the vineyard part-time would outrun me in the race. I reasoned that I have 24 hours on the job, whereas a part-time minister has only about twelve; so I should be able to produce more than him. It may sound like pride to you, but I was setting a pace for quality input into my job.

If you are running a kiosk, you should be so committed that people see you there early in the morning, welcoming customers with a smile. That way, it will soon become a supermarket. It is lack of commitment

that makes a man sleep until mid-morning before going to his place of business. Nobody rises that way.

At the onset of our ministry, I remember that by seven in the morning, I would be in my only suit and be on my way to work. My co-tenants always thought I was a lawyer, because I would not return until late at night. Commitment!

No amount of prayer is a substitute for commitment. Fasting will not take its place either. You only make your calling and election sure by “unshakeable” commitment.

One reason many givers are not as blessed as they should be is because they are lazy. What God blesses is the

work of your hands. When you are a hard worker, you provide a channel for Him to release your blessings.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:3

This generation of Christians needs an appreciation of the place of commitment in realising their God-given goals. Commitment to God is only foundational; what makes a man is his commitment to his gift or calling.

For instance, God spoke to me to start a Bible School, which would raise

the foundation of many other ministries. God had spoken, true. But I still needed to visit other Bible institutes to find out how they were being run.

My investigations revealed how many could not really pinpoint what their mission was. So, I sat down to define the mission of the school and to draw up a corresponding curriculum. The result is that eight of the courses are not taught anywhere else in the world! Commitment will bring you to great heights; it will distinguish you.

Joseph was committed to his work in the prison and he became a Prime Minister. Commitment is wisdom, and wisdom enthrones (Prov.8: 15).

One man who was so committed to a course that today he is still being celebrated is Martin Luther King Jr. He was so committed to his course, that he almost single-handedly fought racism in America and won. He is the one who said, “If you can’t fly, run. If you can’t run, walk. If you can’t walk, crawl. By all means keep moving.”

No committed man is ever stagnated. You always make progress with commitment.

Versatility

The last pillar of wisdom we would be considering is Versatility. To be versatile means to possess the ability to turn freely; that is, many-sided ability or something, which is capable of many uses.

Your mind, for instance, is versatile; it is capable of many uses. All you require is to engage it strategically for maximum productivity. But there are factors that enhance versatility.

Planning

Through wisdom is an house builded;
and by understanding it is established:

And by knowledge shall the
chambers be filled with all precious
and pleasant riches.

Proverbs 24:3-4

Planning is the fundamental way of
being versatile in your pursuits in life.
It is also a smart way to obtain results.
Many Christians, who are still
grounded today, are so because they are
poor planners. It is true that they have
discovered their gifts; they have
identified with their discoveries and
are unwaveringly committed in its
pursuit, yet they cannot move forward
because they are poor planners!

A wise man said, "Failing to plan is

planning to fail.” Planning therefore is God’s wisdom for increased productivity.

For instance, since our ministry started, we have never squandered all our income; there has always been money brought forward into the New Year. Also in my home, my wife is an excellent planner. Right from when we got married, food never finishes in our home, because she makes sure the money I give her is judiciously spent. Smart planners always obtain results.

Every enterprise is built by wise planning...

I believe that if Christians become covenant planners, the world will not be able to contain us! What is the use

of wanting to rent a shop of 200,000 Naira, when all you have is 20,000 Naira? To make matters worse, you claim God spoke to you! That is not God; it is the devil setting a trap for you.

Your cash should determine the type of shop you rent, not vice versa. It is your budget that should control your purchases, not your purchases your budget.

In another instance, a man wants to buy a pair of shoes, which costs twice his income. That is not a need; it is coveteousness! Your desires should be within your income. Friend, there is always a shoe that matches the size of your pocket. So, go to a shop where

shoes are sold for 10% of what you earn, and buy from there. That is how to live long!

Through wisdom is an house builded...

Don't be a husband who gives your wife money you know cannot meet the needs of the family. As a husband, give what you know will be sufficient and leave your wife to plan how to spend it using her God-given wisdom.

What about some men who want to eat turkey, omelette, pork etc, whereas the money he gave is only sufficient for animal skin?

When my wife asks me what I want to eat, I tell her to give me whatever she has prepared. I am too busy to

think about what to eat. But this places a responsibility on her to ensure that nothing finishes in the house, and to plan within the available resources.

Any man whom goes to the market just because he wants to crosscheck the price of food items is a dangerous man! The time you should spend making profits in business, is what you are using to roam around the market, asking, “Madam, how much is pepper?” If you cannot trust your wife, you are not a trustworthy person yourself; nobody should believe you!

Friend, planning makes life easy. Remember also that you have a covenant responsibility to your children, so put them into your

monthly budget. They are not born to suffer. All our children have monthly allowances, so that their needs are taken care of. From their allowances, they pay their tithe and give offerings.

These are some ways to put that versatile mind of yours to work. You don't have to live in crisis. By engaging your mind, you can walk out of problem and emerge in bright colours.

Therefore, create a place in your house called, "Thinking Corner". Go there, sit down with paper and pen and begin to plan how to make the best of your days, your time, your money, etc. If you can think through, you will breakthrough!

Get At The Facts

Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.

Proverbs 24:3-4 (TLB)

A fact is a truth, reality or a real state of things. There are natural, technical and spiritual facts. A natural fact is a truth pertaining to nature. A technical fact, on the other hand, is a truth pertaining to art or applied science. For example, electrical facts. But spiritual facts are superior to all, because whatever is from above is above all.

We have seen natural and technical facts producing outstanding results. Then you can imagine what spiritual facts will produce! That is why men who are linked up with spiritual facts effortlessly excel in all areas of life.

Is it not true that all candidates in an examination have an idea, but only those with the relevant facts score fat marks. Facts make you stand out!

Unfortunately, however, few Christians are interested in gathering the facts on their jobs, businesses, family life or even ministry. But your job cannot be “fatter” than the facts you have access to.

Okay, you want to begin a business, you must have practical facts on what

to deal in, where to find the goods, what time of the year they sell fastest and best, what profit you expect to make and how to beat others in the open market. It is not just buying and selling. The success of your business depends on the facts you have collated.

Many pastors need to be pastored, because they don't have any facts on pastoring. They think pastoring only entails flipping through the pages of the Bible and preaching messages. But pastoring also involves administration. So he keeps struggling, because to be a successful pastor you need more than the anointing, you also need wisdom for proper administration.

In the case of financial prosperity,

you do not prosper simply because you are a giver, no. There are other facts you need to have to ensure that your giving produces. One of those facts is that God expects you to give according to what you have. He knows your financial position per time, and He does not ask you to give to a point where you become a borrower or beggar. Some people even borrow to give. No, you need to locate the facts on prosperity and you will go flying!

Every fact you locate and apply puts you in control of life's circumstances. They so put you in charge that the devil is permanently kicked out of your life. Friend, you need to be in touch with the facts that it

takes to triumph cheaply in life.

Reason Your Way To The Top

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Isaiah 1:18-19

Reasoning is godliness! Godliness simply means god-like-ness. Therefore, reasoning is a quality of God. There was a time when some Christians advocated that the ability to reason was

of the devil. Reasoning is of God and must be used by Christians to make a mark. Jesus, for example, succeeded through actively engaging His mind. He always knew what to do, so He must have had cause to think through issues.

No man can obtain reasonable results without reasoning. You must be prepared to set time aside, sit down and “lay your cards on the table.” Ask yourself what you should do to multiply your capital base, your profit margin, etc. Your brain can do more than a million things if you will make it work.

You do not need more capital; all you need is a “capital” sense. Thank God you have it; so go and make it

work! Remember that you have the mind of Christ and if Christ reasoned, you too must reason.

One man who reasoned his way out of suffering was the prodigal son. One day He called himself to order. He sat down and arranged the relevant facts before him; he analyzed his present position and designed a technique to get out of his predicament.

He listed out the total number of servants his father had and estimated the quantity of food they ate annually and how much went to the dogs. Then he picked up a pen and wrote down his findings. He arrived at the logical conclusion that home was his best bet out of starvation.

When it dawned on him that he could not simply appear before his father looking bewildered and dumbfounded, he calculated what to say when he arrived home.

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

Luke 15:18-20

I often wonder where the devil was

when he sat down to work out his liberty? Friend, the devil is not your problem! Imagine the case of a man who sits down with 10,000 Naira in his hand, not knowing what to do with it. When he has spent more than half of it, he will start “believing God” again.

You can reason your way to your throne in life. You can build a tower through qualitative reasoning. Sit down and count the cost, settle down and organise the materials for your tower.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it,

all that behold it begin to mock him,

Saying, This man began to build,
and was not able to finish.

Luke 14:28-30

You can get the best out of the covenant; you can produce the best result in life. You have what it takes, so put your covenant mind to work. You will make it.

Chapter 12 - The Instrument For Creativity

In chapter one of Genesis, we are told, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” In the beginning, when nothing was in existence, God went into action. He created. The word “create” means to bring into existence, to cause to be. God wanted to bring heaven and earth into existence so He created them.

Do you know that heaven is referred to as the throne of God and the earth as His footstool? Isaiah 66:1 declares:

Thus saith the Lord, the heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool...

This means that God never had a throne until He created one. He never had a footstool until He created it. He didn't just wish them into existence. The word "create" is not a dormant word. It is an active, dynamic word that has to do with action. God wanted a throne. He desired and got it by creating it.

You also have a throne reserved for you. But wishful thinking does not create thrones, neither does desiring. If you want a throne, you have to go into action and create it. Nothing happens by wishing. The Bible says in Proverbs

13:4;

For the soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat

Nothing comes into being through desire. Everything is made to happen. Everything that is today was made to be.

In the beginning, God created....

How did He create? What force went into action that brought about creation? Proverbs 3:19 tells us the power behind creation:

The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath He established the heavens

Also, in Psalm 104:24, we are told:

Oh Lord, how manifold are thy

works! In wisdom hast thou made them all.

Wisdom is God's instrument for creating all things. It is the force behind creation. It is true that God spoke words at creation, but these words were backed by wisdom. They were words, which had been approved from His wisdom bank. This was why the words produced the desired results.

Notice that the Word of God does not tell us, "In anointing, thou hast made them all." It does not say, "In much prayers hast thou made them all." Rather, it says, "In wisdom hast Thou made them all." Everything God created was created in wisdom. By wisdom He created the earth and the

heavens; and by understanding, He has kept them running till date.

The globe has not dropped through any mechanical error. The earth is rotating, yet you don't see houses or human beings rolling along. The wisdom behind creation is so sound and solid that the devil, as wicked as he is, has not succeeded in pushing the earth out of its orbit.

Through wisdom, God did not create everything on the same day. He created everything in an orderly manner. He created food for the animals before bringing them to be. He did not create the fish before water. When the fish came into existence, water was waiting for them.

“Wisdom is the principal thing.” God’s throne was created through wisdom. Wisdom took Joseph to his throne. It is time for you to occupy your throne, and only wisdom will get you there.

Wisdom, however, is of the mind. The mind is the seat of wisdom. Understanding also is of the mind. How then did God create the universe? He created all things by the active use of His mind.

Wisdom is God’s instrument for creativity. Your creative ability is tied to wisdom and wisdom resides in the mind.

If Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour, then you have that creative

ability in you. Jesus was the principal architect of creation. He is the word of God and He is the wisdom of God.

The Bible tells us “By him all things were made, and without him was not anything made that was made” (John 1:3). Jesus was the one who made things happen at creation. He is the wisdom of God: He conceived the heavens and the earth. He is the word of God: the word spoken by God came to be. The word came to implement the mind of God, His wisdom.

Creating Your World

This same Jesus has said unto the believer...As my Father has sent me, even so send I you (John 20:21). This means that we are co-architects with Him in the realm of creativity. We are called to join in the mystery of making things happen. This is creativity and it can only happen through divine enabling.

It does not matter how shapeless your life is. It does not matter how empty it is. You can give it the shape you want. You can make it full. We came to this world to give shape to it. You are the principal initiator of your

destiny, and wisdom is the instrument you need. The forces of creativity reside in wisdom.

As the Father has sent Jesus, so He also has sent you. The wisdom of God is designed to be personified in you. It is the essence of creativity placed inside of man.

What then is wisdom? Wisdom is knowing which way to go. It is knowing how to handle situations and make them produce your desired result. Wisdom is knowing the way to make it in life.

Ordinary ways lead to ordinary ends while higher ways lead to higher ends. The wisdom that will produce involves giving up the ordinary ways of

men and going for the higher ways of God. This is the importance of heaven's ideas to the earth. The wisdom that is from above is not kept above. It is made available for earthly use.

Get hold of this wisdom and mould your destiny. You are not created to live an ordinary life. You are not created to follow the ordinary ways. You are created to live an extraordinary life through active use of heaven's wisdom on earth.

The Creative Nature

Man is a product of creativity and must be creative. Since he was made by a creative God, and like begets like, he must experience creativity as the order of his life. For instance, the Jews, whom the Bible calls the natural branches (Romans 11:21) a relatively small community of people, have, in our world today, carved out for themselves an enviable name in most fields of human endeavour — science and technology, trade and business etc.

It is quite a puzzle what the Jews have made out of themselves, a people with simple natural connection to God.

Does this phenomenal fact have any spiritual undertone, or is it just a product of sheer industry and self-help?

I believe there is a genetic link here. You will recall that the offspring of the first Adam were men of exploits. In Genesis 11:1-9, ordinary men were out on a seemingly impossible mission — to build a city and a tower whose top will reach the heavens. God affirmed to the ability of these natural men to achieve their objective.

...and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Genesis 11:6

The genetic connection between

that generation and the fallen king of Eden, Adam, must have played a vital role in the level of mental prowess demonstrated by these natural men. Remember, Adam was imbued with an extra-ordinary mental capability, such as, for example, the naming of all the animals in the garden.

In a similar demonstration of natural ability, Noah came out to build, perhaps, the largest ocean liner that housed the most comprehensive zoo since the day of Adam (Genesis 6:13-22). Yet, the vessel would not sink! It's simply amazing, when the level of education (if any) at that time is taken into consideration.

The Holy Spirit — The Spirit Of Excellence

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Job 32:8

But there is (a vital force) a Spirit (of intelligence) in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives men understanding.

Job 32:8 (Amplified)

Further more in Ephesians 4:4-6;

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one

baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all

One Spirit; the Holy Spirit; one Baptism: the Baptism in the Holy Spirit; in you all; same Holy Spirit in all believers.

This is talking about the spirit of excellence, with a ministry to: unfold mysteries (1 John 2:27), deepen understanding (John 16), dissolve hard sentences (Daniel 4), and remind of the facts (John 16).

The ingredients of the excellency of this Spirit is clearly listed in Isaiah 11:2 as the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of

the fear of the Lord. As you fellowship with the Holy Spirit, I see Him baptize you afresh with the spirit of creativity.

The Time Factor In Creativity

A wise man once said, “There will never be another now, so make the best use of today. There will never be another you, so make the best of your life.”

God is a perfect timer. Everything He has arranged for has its own time. He makes all things beautiful in their own time. Every plan of God has an appointed time.

For the vision is yet for an appointed time...

Habakkuk 2:3

Every heaven-sent idea has a time tag. The moment the time for it passes, it becomes unproductive.

Going into action on an idea before or after its time will only end up frustrating you.

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

A farmer who wants to be successful must watch the times and the seasons. There is a time and season for every seed under heaven. If a seed is not planted in its season, it does not produce. Every God-sent idea is a seed. It, therefore, has its time tagged on it. Failure to execute it in its season will

lead to its becoming unproductive.

You can only get the best out of life by being prompt in responding to the dictates of your redeemed mind. This is the way to tap into its vast treasures. Paul, while writing to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2 said:

Preach the word, be instant in season and out of season.

The word, “instant” means prompt. For you to succeed in life you have to be prompt in putting ideas given to you by God into action. Your convenience does not matter. Stop pushing ideas off for another time. When an idea from God is pushed off your mind, you end up killing it.

In July, 1989, the Lord said to me,

“Son, arise, get out to Lagos and raise Me a people.” I kept on hearing this all day long and by that afternoon, I acted. This was God’s timing and within one month, the branch of this ministry kicked off in Lagos. God supplied all the requirements because that was the appointed time for it.

Doing what you have to do at the time appointed for it is wisdom. Action delayed leads to frustration. A beautiful picture of the consequences of delayed action is portrayed in Songs of Solomon 5:2-7:

I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is

filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. I have put off my coat; how shall I defile them?

My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my bowels were moved for him. I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh, upon the handles of the lock.

I opened to my beloved; but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake; I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer. The watchmen that went about the city found me, they smote me, they wounded me; the keepers of

the walls took away my veil from me.

Jesus is the one knocking at the door and His voice is an instruction. He is knocking at the door of your mind, giving you an instruction, an idea. You are His beloved. He knocked but at first the beloved refused to act. She delayed. When she finally obeyed, it was too late. Jesus had gone.

The time for that idea to be productive has passed. Her going out to look for Him ended up in her being manhandled by the watchmen. The keepers of the gate took away her veil. Her glory was removed and lost forever. This is what you get when you fail to act promptly.

Timing is very important in God's

programme. He is always knocking at your door with one idea or the other. You have to get up and act promptly so He does not leave you alone without ideas. Responding promptly to divine nudgings gets God into action.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call upon Him while He is near
Isaiah 55:6

This is one of the keys to obtaining a future for yourself. Whatever God is asking you to do, do it, and that, right early!

Obstacles To Creativity

Someone once said that blind minds are worse than blind eyes. That means that there is a blindness that is worse than physical blindness, and it is mental blindness.

There are people, spirit-filled children of God, who walk around with their two eyes open, yet are blind to the core. These are the mentally blind. They are Christians. Yes. But they have nothing to show for their redemption. Physical blindness is bad, but mental blindness is worse because it robs you of your ability to be productive.

Blind minds are worse than blind

eyes. The gospel of Jesus is a glorious gospel. It is supposed to produce a shining in the Christian for he is the light of the world. The Christian is supposed to stand out as a city set on the hill. His light is supposed to shine for all to see, bringing praise and glory to God.

The Christian is supposed to radiate the glory of God. But why do most Christians not experience a shining? Why do they keep crawling under pity, sympathy and empathy? The reason is not far-fetched.

There was an experience related by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. It says,

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to

them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God should shine unto them

If the gospel be hid; if the good news does not sound good or produce good, then it is because the god of this world has blinded their minds.

Satan is the god of this world. He specializes in the blinding ministry. But he has not as much interest in blinding your physical eyes as he has in blinding your mind.

Why the mind? This is because the mind is the seat of wisdom and creativity. Your creative ability does

not reside in your physical eyes but in your mind. So what does the wicked one do? He blocks your mind, then your defeat and destruction is established. If he can block your mind, he has got you.

The blockage of the mind is the greatest bondage. When your mind is blocked, your bondage is established and only a lifting of this blockage can guarantee freedom.

The Word of God says that the knowledge of the truth makes for freedom, but if the ability to know the truth is blocked through the blinding of your mind, then your bondage is established. Blind minds are worse than blind eyes.

There are so many obstacles to creativity. When you know what they are and avoid them you are on your way to a creative destiny.

Accepting The Status Quo

He has looked everywhere, even into the word of God but having not understood it, he concludes there is no way out; he is no match for the challenges of life; he is not lucky. He has pictured defeat, therefore he is defeated.

Accepting the status quo, accepting that low value of yourself is a creativity killer. Discover your speciality in Christ and recover your destiny. From the day you accepted Jesus, you became a new breed. You rose from the level of the common to that of the special breed.

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

1 Peter 2:9

You are not a pitiable specimen. You are a peculiar treasure unto God's glory. The whole world cannot be exchanged for your soul. You are God's heartbeat. He created you a king. To reign, to show forth His praise and glory by overcoming life's challenges. David said in Psalm 139,

I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

The discovery of your speciality is

the beginning of your overcoming. This is the redemptive fact that holds your future.

You are meant to restore to the world the Edenic lifestyle. This connotes comfort and dominion. You are to give taste to the tasteless system. You are the light that shines in darkness. Shine forth and cause praise to rise unto God.

Mental Torture Of Irreparable Past

He has lost his house and all his belongings through a fire disaster; or a family member; and from that time he has not recovered; he is so tied to the past that he is of no use in the present. He is unable to move forward. He suffers mental paralysis. And, because

he is of no use in the present, he destroys his future.

The Word of God says:

Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:18-19

This is the law for winning the race. Don't be unduly attached to the irreparable past, so you can be valiant in the present to earn a future.

The Plague Of Past Failures

He has failed in business, so taking new steps is impossible to him. He is unhappy. He is weeping. And because he is weeping, his eyes are blurred. He can't see opportunities passing him by.

Breakthrough revelations do not make a man immune to failure, but prevent him from remaining one. Look at yourself as a man in a wrestling contest, for the Bible says, "we wrestle." A wrestler falls but refuses to be paralyzed by the fall. So he gets up with renewed determination not to fall again. Failure is not strange in the covenant race. It is remaining a failure

that is contrary to the covenant.

A just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again.

Proverbs 24:16

The motto of the overcomer is,

Rejoice not against me, o my enemies, when I fall, I shall rise again.

Micah 7:8

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were slaves who did not allow the weight of slavery to weigh them down. They used their minds and rose to the top echelon in a strange land.

If anybody ought to be a failure, it was Joseph. From being his father's darling to slavery then to prison. But he was not weighed down by these. He saw a bright future ahead of him. He

became a Prime Minister in a foreign land!

Most of the Pauline epistles were written in prison. He did not allow the mental plague of prison to dampen him. He pressed on. Don't let past failures paralyse you. Press on. There is a weight of glory ahead of you.

The Pride Of Past Achievements

He believes he has arrived. He has reached his goal. There are no more worlds to conquer. No more mines to explore. He therefore relaxes. He stops growing and mental paralysis sets in. There is no more push, he then starts to fall.

God's intention is for the believer to come into the fullness of Christ. We will not arrive at this ultimate until He appears to take us home.

God has not called you to bless you for yourself. He has called you to make

you a blessing. He wants to make nations out of individuals. Know that what is successful today will not be so tomorrow except it is improved upon.

Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction

Micah 2:10

Where you are now is good enough only for the now. If you remain in it, it will become polluted and lead to your destruction. Don't let what you call achievement today tie you down. What you call a standard today becomes sub-standard tomorrow.

Comparing Oneself With Others

He looks at his contemporaries and says, “We used to be childhood friends. We were classmates. I was even more brilliant than he was. Now he is a Managing Director. He is only lucky, otherwise he is not that clever.” He does not believe that they must have reached their position by a more excellent way. Or he sees his old mates and says, “We used to be school mates. But now, they can’t even come near where I am. I must be very brilliant.”

Comparison is an enemy of mental

development. There are both negative and positive comparisons. The use of others as the yardstick of your drive towards your goal is a slow killer.

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

2 Corinthians 10:12

According to the scriptures, it is foolishness to compare oneself with others. Don't let the achievements of others or the lack of it set a standard for your own achievements.

Belief In Spells And Enchantments

This is more common in the Third World countries. Almost everything that happens is traced to the devil and his cohorts. Barrenness, sickness, death, failure, are said to be caused by witchcraft, voodoo, enchantments, and so on, has made many Christians to believe more in the power of the devil to kill and destroy than they believe in the power of Jesus to deliver. They trace their failures to men: “That old woman is responsible for my failures and woes.” “That man has sworn that I

will never have a child since I refused to marry him,” etc.

If God can deliver from hell, is it too much for Him to deliver you from men? Your redemption gives you a new beginning. Even if there were curses and enchantments against you, your redemption strikes them off. The effect is erased. You have a new beginning with Jesus.

Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel.

Numbers 23:23

When you become born again, you become an Israel of God, a spiritual Israelite; enchantment loses its grip on your destiny. Mental attachment to

enchantments paralyse mental reasoning. When enchantments are used against you, act like Moses and put down your rod. Your rod is the Word of God and just as the rod of Moses swallowed up the Egyptian rods, so also will your rod swallow up any enchantment against you. Display your rod in the face of the enemy. Don't just stand and watch.

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment, thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 54:17

You are to do the condemning of every tongue which rises against you. Always fight back with your rod — the Word of God in your mouth. Curses should not determine what happens to you; you should determine what happens to them. You are light so you are the master of darkness. The strength of darkness is in the absence of light. The thickest darkness flees at the entrance of light. The weakness of darkness is made manifest at the appearance of light.

Loose your mind from the mental grip of enchantments. You have power over them. Break loose and live!

Concept Of Unequal Destiny

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

Romans 8:29-30

There is one destiny for all that are called. Your calling culminates in glory. You were predestinated to be called, justified and then glorified.

The same God is rich unto all that call upon Him, nationality and race notwithstanding. All have a common

destiny in Him.

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.

Acts 10:34

Don't accept your situation as your destiny. As long as where you are is not glorious, it is not God's destiny for you. Even if it is glorious, glory is in sizes — one exceeds the other.

But we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

We are being changed from one realm of glory to the other. Keep on

moving from glory to glory until Jesus comes.

These are the seven main blindfolds the devil uses to tie down God's people. Now that you are aware of them, watch out for them and as soon as you notice any of them rearing its ugly head in your life, deal with it immediately.

Chapter 13 - The Coat Of Many Colours

Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors.

Genesis 37:3

We are all children of God's old age, and in Psalm 87:2, we are told that, *The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.*

You and I are seated in the heavenly Jerusalem. God loves us more than any mortal life on earth.

The coat of many colours in this

story represents a very colourful destiny. For every believer, God has ordained a colourful destiny. Romans 8:28-30 tells us:

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

And in Jeremiah 29:11 God said:

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

The Church cannot rise without wisdom. The colour of the Church cannot come out without it. We're talking about the wisdom of God, not the wisdom of this world or of the princes of this world that come to nought.

The time has come for the wisdom of heaven to take charge on the earth, for wisdom of light to take charge over darkness.

Our flying colours will only become a reality by the display of the wisdom of God.

Wisdom is the winning ticket for this age, not strength, not vigour, nor exertion of energy. Wisdom is it!

In Proverbs 8:15 wisdom says:

By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.

As soon as Joseph put on the coat of many colours that his father made for him, he became a dreamer. To be dreamless is to be doomed!

Joseph's colourful destiny, as his dream depicted, could not become a reality until wisdom came in.

He was in **prison** when he was called to the **palace**, to interpret dreams. By the wisdom of God, he interpreted Pharaoh's dream and went further to prescribe a solution.

And Pharaoh said unto his servants,
Can we find such a one as this is, a man
in whom the Spirit of God is?

Genesis 41:38

Joseph never went to school, but he could design a method of storing food for 14 years! How? By light dawning on him from heaven! Which chemistry can do this today? But Joseph did this without the use of any chemical.

Wisdom finds out the knowledge of new things. To understand the problem is not enough, you must allow wisdom to show you the way out.

Wisdom is able to destroy attacks and oppositions. It will make you triumph and prevail, overcome and conquer. This is the mission of

wisdom. It designs new strategies to deal with circumstances.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph:

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:

Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about

his neck;

And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 41:39-43

Access into heaven's secrets equals the lifting of man on the earth – you will reign, you will shine, and your colourful destiny will come alive!

THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD

The end-time Church is a multicoloured Church, wearing the coat of many colours, like that of Joseph. It is a Church that will take Genesis, join it to Matthew, mix it with Malachi and then lash the devil out of wherever he had been having a field day!

It is a Church that will operate the many-sided wisdom of God in all its innumerable aspects and infinite varieties, a Church walking in the celebrated dominion of discovered truths!

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord

Ephesians 3:8-11

The instrument God will use to

bring His enemies to their knees is the manifold wisdom operating in the Church.

If you look very carefully at the apostolic waves in Acts chapter 2, you will discover that it is not just power that these men made use of. It was power plus wisdom.

The wisdom of God was the principal ingredient that characterized the apostolic move in the early Church.

Likewise, in our times, the apostolic phase we have just entered into will have wisdom as its open and authentic evidence. We have so many testimonies already to prove this.

Friend, we are into the apostolic era! The wisdom of God will be the

brightest proof of your placement in this move.

The early Church was built on the foundation of the Holy Ghost and wisdom; the end-time Church will be raised on the same platform.

The end-time Church will be manifesting the manifold wisdom of God. The amplified Bible puts it in a very colourful way:

That through the church, the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety and innumerable aspects might now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities.

Ephesians 3:10 (Amplified)

This is the breakdown of the word

manifold wisdom: when the Church begins to operate this many-sided wisdom, it will bring principalities and powers to their knees. This is God's eternal purpose.

This means that the last display of the Church will centre on the manifold wisdom of God. Jesus will not come until all His enemies have been brought to their knees and made His footstool (Psalm 110:1).

This world is going to explode, as God's people get on the right frequency!

Christianity is not meant to be passive; it is an active and productive lifestyle. It is something that affects your career and the environment

around you.

We are going on a mind-racking revolution!

There is a better way to do that work you're doing now. All you need is a brighter light to discover it. There is a cheaper way to do what you are doing; you just need light.

Thank God for signs and wonders, but wisdom has proved to be the one principal ingredient of the apostolic move. We will not lag behind.

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

Proverbs 4:7

The Holy Ghost minus wisdom equals failure!

Now look at this:

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.

Ephesians 3:10

The end-time Church will destroy the ministry of the native doctors and the forces of the occult! She will make an open show of all principalities and powers. It's happening already!

In Daniel 1:17-20, when the Hebrew boys were tested, their wisdom was found to be superior to that of the magicians and astrologers; because it came from above. The Bible tells us that God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom. That

which is from above is above all (Jn. 3:31).

The time has come for the astrologers and magicians to throw in the towel, as the wisdom of God comes on open display. The time has come for God to connect you to the original source of excellence.

Daniel said God had given him wisdom and might, and by it, it was easy for him to subdue all oppositions. The magicians and astrologers were under him.

Friend, I'm glad to tell you that all forces of the occult will now begin to seek our help.

God's ministry is to make us live the superior mental life. We belong to

a class; we are a peculiar people, not limited by what is limiting the world.

But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

Daniel 2:30

Lets look at something in Isaiah 11:1-2

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and

might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

These six components can be essentially divided into two:

The Spirit of wisdom, comprising:

Understanding, counsel, knowledge, fear of the Lord and might

The Spirit of the Lord, which is essentially the Spirit of wisdom and might.

Daniel said, “*Who hast given us wisdom and might.*” Jesus then came and said in Luke 4:18:

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.

What Jesus simply means here is, “The spirit of wisdom and might is upon me, and by it, God has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, heal the broken hearted...”

By wisdom and might, your mission on earth will be fulfilled. Daniel had access to wisdom and might and his destiny was released. Jesus laid hold on it and was able to say, “*It is finished!*”

Might will silence the opposition, whereas wisdom offers accurate direction for excellence.

By vision you know what to do, by wisdom you know how to do it, and by

power you crush every opposition on your way.

Friend, from now on, you will have access to depth with ease. Jesus was never stranded, He always knew the next step to take, and every step He took was always productive.

This end-time, we will be referred to as masters of all courses, by wisdom and might. The world will be forced to listen to us, because our ways will be super-productive, and we will have the answers to all their questions.

It is a curse to be below the uncircumcised! The world should be learning from you. You are connected to a higher source. Therefore, it is the disconnected that should be learning

from the connected, and not vice versa.

God's wisdom is too much for your adversaries. It gives you the privilege of giving the enemy a knockout in every conflict. He said in Luke 21:15:

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

There is coming an explosion of wisdom in the Church of Jesus that will arrest every form of wickedness and put the Church absolutely in charge! The Church will take absolute charge of circumstances.

This is the way God is going to enthrone the Church – she will become the judge of the earth, smiting it with the rod of her mouth and with the

breath of her lips, and afflicting the wicked! It shall come to pass that the lions; the leopards and the dragons shall become helpless at their commands!

The astrologers, the magicians and the Chaldeans, will surrender to the authority of the Church. All by the manifold wisdom of God!

Jesus said, "*The father judgeth no man but has committed all judgment to the son.*" The Church is growing into the fullness of the stature of Christ, unto a perfect man. So shall she come to a position where all judgment shall be vested upon her.

No enemy can confront the wisdom of God! Armed-robbers, sickness,

disease, occultism, failure, you name it. None will be able to resist you when you're walking in this wisdom.

Manifold Wisdom Revealed

This manifold, many-sided, complicated wisdom of God, in its innumerable aspects and infinite variety, that Ephesians 3:10 talks about, is not tricks!

It is peaceable, easily entreated and pure. It can be explained. It has no hidden secrets. It is not arrogant. It is given to people by the grace of God. Paul said it is a mystery, which from the beginning of the world, hath been hidden in God (Eph. 3:9).

But thank God also for this coat of many colours, which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into

the heart of man; that God has prepared for us children of His old age, whom He loves. 1 Corinthians 2:10 tells us:

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

By the grace of God, we have been able to gain access into some secrets of God for which we have so many proofs of show.

God has so graciously led us into the mysteries of the wisdom of the *Mantle*, the *Anointing Oil*, the *Communion*, the *Blood of Sprinkling*, the *Blood warfare*, *Feet-washing*, *testimonies*, *prophetic utterances*, and also the wisdom of putting your angels to work.

The Church has experienced untold feats of victory and triumph by the application of these revealed mysteries! Sons of God – laymen, students, housewives, market women, businessmen, children, youth and old alike – have been manifesting hard-to-believe authority and power that have produced amazing results, by a simple act of faith in this manifold wisdom of God in it's infinite varieties.

This wisdom had been hidden, “*from the beginning of the world*”, but now, God is making it known to the Church in this end-time. For:

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

Proverbs 25:2

God has prepared His manifold wisdom for the last days, and we are walking in it already.

Nothing enriches life like insights into the riches of God and access into divine secrets. There are some secrets that God, by His Holy Spirit, has delivered unto our hands. I'd like to share them with you here.

The Mantle

It will be recalled that at the time of Elijah's departure, Elisha took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him. When he got to the bank of Jordan, he stood by it, took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and smote the waters and said:

“Where is the Lord of Elijah!

And the waters parted and Elisha went over! (2 Kgs.2: 12-14).

Any material that has come in contact with the anointed of God; carries with it the unction for manifestation. Such material is what is referred to as the mantle in our context.

God's presence is proved by signs and wonders. The Bible says the disciples went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word with signs following (Mk. 16:20).

Hebrews 2:4 also tells us, *God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*

Every time you see signs and wonders, just know that God is present.

Now let me show you God's wisdom at work. Mark 5:30 tells the story of the woman with the issue of blood. When she touched Jesus, He said; *"someone touched me because*

virtue has gone out of me.”

In Acts 19:11-12,

And God wrought special miracles
by the hands of Paul:

So that from his body were brought
unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons,
and the diseases departed from them,
and the evil spirits went out of them.

It wasn't Paul that wrought the
special miracles, it was God. The virtue
did not come out from Paul, it came
out from God.

The virtue that operates in the
mantle (the handkerchief from the man
of God), is the virtue of God. This is
why I never feel anything leaving my
body when all those miracles take
place by the mantle.

One day I was walking through the congregation of the pulpit and a man who had had a spinal injury for seventeen years touched my 'agbada' (flowing gown) and immediately heard a cracking sound in his lumbar region and that was it! He was instantly healed. And for the first time in 17 years, he didn't need his lumbar jacket anymore.

It was the power of God that healed him – God's virtue, not mine, because nothing left my body. But when the woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of Jesus' garment and received her healing, virtue went out of Jesus, and He felt it.

The virtue in the mantle is from

God, the virtue carrier. All we need to do is provoke Him with our obedience, then His virtue goes into action, not the prophet's virtue.

Elisha said, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah? And the virtue of God went into action, not Elijah's virtue (Elijah was already gone, 2 Kings 2:13-14).

Whatever God can handle, His virtue can handle.

And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul

Acts 19:11

Those miracles were wrought without any special effort of Paul's or the people. The handkerchief they brought from Paul was enough to check

out the diseases and the evil spirits, but it was God working. The people took notice and acknowledged Paul as a man that had the hand of God upon him. So when he could not come to where the problem was, they knew they could take anything from him to the problem, and it would be gone.

Friends, God has not changed. He is still working by the hands of men today. Men sent for the deliverance of mankind – for the liberty of the captives, the opening of eyes of the blind, the raising of the dead – and for the blessing of the people. Men who carry transferable unction.

In 1989, a brother's wife ran mad in another town, which was some distance

away. He came and told me, and since I couldn't go that far with him, I took my handkerchief, spoke some powerful words into it, and gave it to him, saying, "Get down to Ekpoma. The power working inside me is going with you now. Get there, wipe her face with this handkerchief and the madness will be gone!"

He went believing, and later testified that as soon as the mad woman saw the handkerchief, she ran to grab it, but he held her and wiped her face with it. The madness vanished instantly! That same moth, she became pregnant! She later had her baby and nursed the baby all by herself. Till today, she's doing fine in the Lord.

Friend, the mantle of a prophet of God in your hands will work wonders! God gave me this mantle ministry for the liberation of mankind. We have countless number of testimonies as evidence.

It is a ministry of transmission of unction. As I speak forth the anointing for special miracles and casting out of devils to go into the handkerchief (even as Jesus spoke to the fig tree and it heard), wherever it appears, the work of the devil is destroyed!

It is a mantle for exploits. It is the end-time prophetic mystery in the hand of the carrier, for amazing results, signs and wonders! It is a carrier of divine energy and heavenly virtue. It

always produces signs!

Prophetic Utterances

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones...

And he said unto me ... Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD....

So I prophesied as I was commanded....

Ezekiel 37:1-7

We also see in Ezekiel 2:2-3, 7:

“And the spirit entered into me ... And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel...

AND SPEAK WITH MY WORDS unto them.”

Prophetic utterances are ‘Godly’ utterances. They are heavenly utterances. They are divine commandments given expression to through mortal lips. The prophet just opens his mouth to declare what God has commanded. For:

Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?

Lamentations 3:37

The One who gave the commandment is then obviously the one to be honoured. He is the one in charge. The word is His own.

Prophetic utterances are pacesetters

for the miraculous. Every time the prophet says, “Thus saith the Lord”, it is actually the Lord Himself speaking. He is only using the prophet’s vocal system as a microphone.

Prophetic utterances are full of power and majesty. For “*The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty*” (Ps. 29:4).

Prophetic utterance is another wisdom of God that we celebrate in our ministry, and by the grace of God, we have seen God continually confirm the declarations with diverse signs and miracles. Isaiah 44:26 says concerning Him:

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of

his messengers.

Prophetic utterance will cause your daystar to rise. It will always bring a change of position. Mountains bow to it. Hopeless situations bow to it. It gives life to any dead situation. It will turn worthlessness to exceeding greatness.

There is power in prophetic utterances. They are the words of the Lord, not the words of the prophet.

The Anointing Oil

The mystery of the anointing oil is another blessing we have seen produce such terrific, mind-blowing results!

James 5:14-15 says:

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

It says, “the Lord shall raise him up”. Not the oil; the Lord! The Lord who authored the oil, will respond to

your obedience to raise the dead, destroy cancer, AIDS, etc. It is not the oil; it is the Lord. He does the raising up.

The anointing oil is not a chemical product. It is the Spirit of God mysteriously put in a bottle, which is mysteriously designed to communicate the power of God bodily. It is the power of God in your hand, in the person of the Holy Spirit, to humiliate Satan. It is the power of God placed in a tangible form in the hand of man, to make an open show of the devil.

It is God's wisdom for man's rescue! It is the might of God. No gate can close against it. Every gate lifts up at its appearance.

It is what it takes to be absolutely free. It destroys all discomforts of life. It is God's standard against every invasion of the enemy.

It is a carrier of mysterious virtue!

In Exodus 30:23-31, God introduced the mystery of the anointing oil, giving Moses the detail of how it was to be mixed.

In 1 Samuel 16:13, we see that it is the Spirit of God.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward....

David was anointed with oil, but what came upon him was not oil, it was

the Spirit of the Lord.

So the anointing oil is a medium by which the Holy Spirit, the power of God, is invoked to intervene on behalf of man. When the oil is applied, the Holy Spirit goes into manifestation.

The anointing oil is God's standard in your hands, to put the enemy where he belongs – far from you, out of your life, your home and your affairs (Isa. 59:19).

No devil in hell has a resistance against the authority loaded in the anointing oil!

And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick,

and healed them.

Mark 6:12-13

It's happening right in our own days! We have testimonies to show for it.

The anointing oil is able to end all frustrations in your life. When it touches the barren, she becomes abundantly fruitful. When it touches anyone chained by the devil, the person becomes automatically free.

There is no sickness or disease of any kind that can escape the power of the anointing oil.

Thank God we have access to what it takes! So, let your faith swallow it!

Discover the mystery of the anointing oil. It will put you over

always! Get acquainted with this mystery. Money cannot buy what it will produce for you!

Diverse testimonies abound and keep increasing by the day, of the wonders of the wisdom of God in the anointing oil. You cannot afford to remain ignorance.

The Church of Jesus Christ must begin to appropriate the significance and uses of this divine instrument of power, to see the finger of God move supernaturally in the affairs of men.

Look beyond that common chemical called 'olive oil', into the mystery that it carries. It carries mysterious virtues. It is the power of God.

THE BLOOD!

There is tangible power in the Blood of Jesus! It is God's last card. It is the believer's stronghold!

As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee

Zechariah 9:11-12

We have our stronghold in the blood, against every corruption that is in the world.

The blood of Jesus is the divine

provision for man's freedom from every form of satanic corruption. It is what it takes to silence the opposition. It is the ultimate for our victory.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb...

Revelation 12:11

God has nothing extra to offer after the blood. When the blood came on the scene in Exodus chapter 12, Pharaoh gave up. The blood is God's last card.

The blood of Jesus is a singular devastating weapon against Satan. He hasn't got an answer to it and never will.

The blood is to be applied against the wicked plans of the enemy. If the enemy is out day and night against you,

then you should be out day and night too, with your armoury – the blood of Jesus.

Every time you plead the blood of Jesus, you have turned on a switch in heaven. The blood begins to speak, “Passover”. By the blood of Jesus, every evil passes over you.

BLOOD OF SPRINKLING

In Hebrews 12:24, God showed us that in mount Zion, the city of refuge, we have access to the blood of sprinkling that speaks for us.

The blood of sprinkling provides a covering for us against the wickedness of Satan. Every time God's people appear in Zion, angels are present, whose only job is to sprinkle the blood of the Lamb that speaks every good thing for the believer.

That blood speaks healing, peace, protection, and every good. It is impenetrable by the avenger of blood.

In Zion there is a continuous

sprinkling of the blood, twenty-four hours of the day, so that whenever a child of God appears there, whether alone or with others, he gets sprinkled with the precious blood of the Lamb.

The blood will silence the devil anytime, any day, anywhere!

When the devil comes to you with depression or any form of oppression, just blast the atmosphere with the blood. Declare vehemently, “The Blood of Jesus is against you, Satan!”

The Blood of Jesus is the seal of our victory in every conflict of life. The Blood of Jesus is God’s last card, and every devil automatically bows to it!

So, when it is Satan, friend, put on

the blood!

THE COMMUNION

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat?

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life;

and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

John 6:51-57

We renew our eternal life policy every time we come to the communion table. It is the Zoe, the very life of God that we contact in the communion, so that whatever flow in Jesus (the vine) begins to flow in us (the branch).

When we take the communion – the flesh and the blood of Jesus – eternal

life swallows up human life, which is susceptible to demonic oppressions. Jesus said:

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

There is no drink, capsule or medicine that can be compared to the flesh and blood of Jesus. The communion is a supreme capsule compared to any other. I don't care whom your family or specialist doctor is, Jesus said, *For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.*

In the garden of Eden, God gave Adam and Eve all kinds of shrubs and herbs. For what purpose? For food (Gen.1: 29). He never intended that these plants be used as medicine.

If only men would eat what God intends for them to eat, they will not experience sickness and disease. When God created man, He never made provisions for his healing. No! He only gave man what to eat.

It was after man was corrupted and dethroned that Satan's wicked rule and oppression began. So God now had to send His only begotten Son with another type of food – which is to make us not to ever need drugs of any kind.

What is that food? “*My flesh is meat indeed and my blood is drink indeed.*” If you partake of the communion with this understanding, you will never need to take any drug for the remaining days of your life!

Friend, it is time to convince yourself that this is the ultimate drug as far as soundness of mind is concerned.

The breaking of bread – the communion table – is the best hospital to transfer your case to. It is the highest theatre, the office of the Greatest Specialist – Jesus Himself! The Great Physician! The Balm in Gilead!

The communion is God's ultimate prescription!

Because the apostles continued in the breaking of bread daily, sickness was not the order of the day for them.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their

meat with gladness and singleness of heart

Acts 2:46

Don't esteem the communion table lightly, everything you will ever require can be found in it. It will make you live like Jesus here on earth. Jesus becomes the One who works out all things for you. You operate in His class:

As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

John 6:57

Receive these sayings in faith, and you will see how faithful the Word of God is!

God said He will satisfy your

mouth with good things, and Jesus said:

I am that bread of life... which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

John 6:48-50

Nothing compares in value with the nutritious value of the flesh of Jesus! You become spiritually indestructible! Sickness will no longer be mentioned around you, forever.

By the communion, you are no longer for humiliation or molestation. Jesus said as often as you observe this ordinance, you remember Him:

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which

he was betrayed took bread:

And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The communion takes care of everything that weakens you and mocks your redemptive testimony.

The children of Israel ate manna in

the wilderness and as they went from nation to nation, from one people to the other, God suffered no man to manhandle them. He cursed kings for their sakes, saying "*Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm*" (Ps. 105:13-15).

The communion infuses God's kind of life into your blood stream, your bones, marrows, mind and spirit-man. Whatever is contrary to life inside your system is instantly destroyed!

It's a mystery! It is an end-time wisdom of God! It is for the saints! It is for the Church of Jesus Christ!

NOTE:

But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine,

until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matthew 26:29

Communion is symbolic. Any fruit drink, either in concentrate form or natural state can serve as the blood of Jesus in communion.

As for the flesh of Jesus, the Bible said, "*...he took bread... he brake it and said, Take, eat: this is my body...*"

So bread, in any form, can serve as the flesh of Jesus in communion. It could be wheat or barley baked in form of bread, cake or biscuit. It could also be any form of food, whether baked, roasted or cooked.

How Often?

In that same 1 Corinthians 11:23-

26, Jesus said, "...*this do ye, as often...*" And in Acts2: 46, the Bible says the apostles were breaking bread daily.

For instance, the biography of Smith Wigglesworth records that he took the communion daily. No wonder he continually flowed in great insights, which provoked great faith in him in a most indescribable manner!

The communion is no ritual. It is a reality!

In our church, for instance, we serve it once a week, and without any doubt, quite a number of our brethren must be taking it daily in their homes.

Feet Washing

The mystery of feet washing is,

among other things, God's wisdom for establishing dominion. What was lost in the first Adam, the second Adam brought back.

Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

John 13:3-8

By this mysterious exercise, Jesus was restoring to the new generation of the human race (the new creation), the dominion that was lost in the first Adam.

As your feet are dipped into the water, you step into the plan of God, through the mysteries of His wisdom, and you walk into the realm of dominion.

If all things given to Jesus are handed over to you, tell me what devil will challenge your life!

Jesus washed His disciples' feet so that they too could enter the realm where the Father had put Him.

It's time to violently bring out your faith, now that your understanding is open. You must realize that Jesus couldn't have been joking. Something was being transferred to His disciples. You can put out your faith on the mystery of feet-washing and what it carries, believing that whatever it was Jesus passed on to His disciples, will be passed across to you too.

Evidently, dominion was passed onto the disciples through this mystery

of divine transference, such that when Jesus left, they represented him spirit, soul and body. Everything bowed to them.

From now on, as you observe this ordinance, every evil will bow before you.

Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

John 13:8

Whatever part in Christ that you are yet to experience can be delivered unto you through the feet-washing mystery. You certainly need unbeatable intelligence, for example, in the things of God, and to run the affairs of this

life.

Jesus had such amazing wisdom that sounded in heaven and answered on the earth too! The same Jesus told us, *“The works that I do you shall do and greater works ye shall do”* (Jn. 14:12).

Did Jesus ever have a headache or a stomach problem? Did He ever fight His disciples?

Friend, there’s a part you have in Christ that Satan is out to keep you away from. As you violently dip your feet inside the water for washing, that part will be delivered unto you. Proclaim violently, *“That missing part is now delivered unto me!”*

Once Jesus stepped into that

turbulent boat in Mark 6:47-51, there was great calm. Whatever could not threaten the life of Jesus, from today, will no longer be able to threaten yours!

If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

John 13:14, 15,17

There is happiness for you as you embrace the wisdom of God in feet washing. Joy unspeakable that will never end will speak off in your life.

The wisdom of feet washing offers

you the singular opportunity to step into all things delivered to Christ. Don't allow your confidence to be dampened by any devil.

For anyone called barren who steps into the water, you enter into dominion over barrenness. For anyone carrying any satanic spell, as your feet are washed, you will crush the devil under your feet. Sickness dissolves, fear vanishes and shakings stop, as your feet are dipped into the water.

Feet washing is simply the wisdom of God in a mystery. What do people stand to gain from it? It is their mysterious inheritance. And what is this inheritance all about? Mysterious dominion, for mysterious triumphs!

It is time to resume our rightful positions in redemption.

ANGELS

And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Hebrews 1:7, 13-14

Angels are sent to minister to the saints. Indeed, there is something principally missing until the angelic dimension of our redemption is brought to light. There are areas a

Christian will never cross into until this dimension is in place and one of the most pronounced ministries of these end-times will be that of angels.

Just as all the other benefits God has for the Church are packaged in mysteries, angelic intervention is also packaged as one of the most sophisticated mysteries of life. Until such mysteries are unfolded, the Church cannot utilize or enjoy them.

The angels of God are also referred to in the scriptures as the hosts of heaven or the heavenly hosts. They are real personalities. They are not ideas or mythical figures. Angels are spiritual personalities with physical impact.

In any conflict, the angels always

win in the absolute, flushing out the opposition completely. Angels have never been known to fail. There is nothing that can rise up against you that matches their strength. They constitute the most efficient bodyguards of the saints.

A look at the lives of the men of exploits in the Bible reveals that they all enjoyed angelic companionship.

An angel appeared to Moses and spoke to him. An angel appeared to Gideon and said he had come to finish the battle for him. Abraham also encountered an angel, who paved the way for the realization of his destiny. Lot was safely led out of Sodom by an angel, just before the city was

destroyed. Daniel excelled in strength and operated the wisdom of angels because he had such sweet fellowship with them.

Remember Peter who was locked up in prison? He was freed and led to safety by an angel. Recall also the man John, who saw what was impossible for natural eyes to see. He said an angel showed them to him – the entire book of Revelation.

There is almost no man of worth in scriptures who did not have a physical, tangible evidence of angelic companionship.

Friend, there is a lot loaded for this era we live in. Angels are an essential and relevant part of God's package for

the redeemed.

The anointing cannot replace the services of angels. Jesus Christ was born of the Holy Ghost and He had the Holy Ghost anointing (without measure), yet He needed the services of angels.

I am glad to let you know that Jesus believed in angels and He enjoyed their ministry, even the Son of the Most High God.

Jesus said to Nathaniel in John 1:51: "...Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

God said to Moses:

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

There are things prepared for us in this generation also, but we do not have any hope of getting there without acknowledging the ministry of angels. They are the heavenly forces made available to us by God, to bring His plan and purpose for our lives to pass.

God has prepared His manifold wisdom for the last days and we are going to walk in it. You cannot afford to be grounded or stranded in this period when the Church has taken off on a flight.

Angels do more than sing in

heaven; they wage war on the earth. Every redeemed soul has a company, not just one, of these excellent spirits at his disposal. They are not sent to sit down with you; they are your powerful and militant ministers.

From now on, you should begin to put the angels to work effectively.

The supernatural security arranged around you is impregnable, Satan has no answer to it.

TESTIMONIES

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Revelation 12:11

Testimonies are truth. They are not only true, but truth.

In Mark 6:52, Jesus said the reason His disciples' hearts were hardened was because they did not consider the miracle of the loaves.

These people saw a very tangible miracle, yet they did not appreciate it, because their hearts were hardened.

Testimonies are like scriptural

passages. They can be quoted and rehearsed in warfare. They can be used to work miracles, as in the story of David and Goliath.

David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine....

1 Samuel 17:37

Testimonies are as powerful as the operation of the blood of Jesus (Revelation 12:11). They are living issues, with the ability to reproduce. They give birth to other testimonies. They also help the recipient to keep the testimony.

Testimonies shame the devil!

Every time you listen to testimonies, say to your heart, “Heart, be open by the blood of Jesus.” There is something in every testimony that will keep you sailing.

If you take a good look at Mark 6:52, you will discover that Jesus was implying that the disciples fell into that trouble because they did not consider the miracle of the loaves.

I once read a testimony of Smith Wigglesworth’s abject disregard for the devil – One day, he heard a noise in his sitting room, and went down to find out what it was. And there was Satan sitting and rocking on Smith’s rocking chair. Smith Wigglesworth simply hissed, saying, “I didn’t even know it

was you!” and he went back to his bedroom. Just like that!

I considered this testimony and from then on, heaven’s authority was set on my life. From then on, I vowed never to give the devil any form of recognition again on the face of this earth! I received strength in my inner man. That testimony turned me on!

Thereafter, I sat down and wrote a powerful article titled, ***You Can Walk Out On The Devil!*** Revelation began to multiply in my heart on the littleness of the devil, the nothingness of Satan and his foolishness!

When you stop considering testimonies, you begin to fail. Anybody who does not exalt testimonies will

never have one! This is the reason we constantly share testimonies in our church, to stir one another up, to lighten our darkness, and to let us know that the Most High reigneth!

Testimony time therefore, is not a time to get up to go and ease yourself; or a time to make conversations with friends.

I saw the testimony of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that they were ten times better than others in all manner of knowledge and skill. I swam richly in the reality of that testimony and consequently, something happened to my mental faculty!

I was in a deep meditation the day I caught this revelation. From then, I

knew I will never have any problem understanding anything written by any mortal man on this earth. And God proved it!

I was about to write an examination when I caught this revelation. Friends, I wrote that exam at a very strange frequency and scored 100%, neat! Do you know why? I considered a testimony as real!

Let me say with all humility, I don't need any preparation to address any audience in the world today. Immediately I stand, the Holy Ghost, whom I relate with, turns me on like a switch, on any subject. Just name it! The heavens send the power, the light of the sun comes down and the

utterance of the creator is granted me!

This is what happens when you consider testimonies.

Finally, concerning the manifold wisdom of God, let me say this: all the forty days and twenty days fasting of old, were done according to the amount of light available then. What we need to fast for now is for extra light, not to beg God! God will hear you whether you have eaten or not. All you need is extra insight, to double-cross the devil.

Don't sit down under the torture of yesterday's insight. You must make progress!

Our shining will only be guaranteed by the operation of the manifold wisdom of God. You need manifold

insight to operate manifold wisdom.

No devil can resist the wisdom of God. As long as it is on display in your life, every devil becomes helpless and disarmed; and you have nothing to fear. Just operate this wisdom on the frequency of faith.

The Church has not seen anything yet. We are coming to the realm of complex equations, where you will need to understand the basics to flow along.

We are moving up the ladder, by the Spirit of God!

Whatever is unfolded is first, to bless you, and secondly, to disarm the devil, because the blessings of the Lord maketh rich and addeth no sorrow.

God's blessings are sorrow-free. How does He do it? By disarming the opposition, through the operation of the manifold wisdom of God.

When Jesus sent His disciples out in Matthew 10, in verse 16, He said:

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

He didn't say: "Get ready to sweat and struggle." No! He said "be wise as serpents and you will disarm the devil."

You must understand that there is nothing in the devil that should cause you anxiety. His case is a concluded one. Principalities and powers have

been spoilt. All we need to do is to actualize the judgment. (See author's book: *Satan Get Lost!*)

Operate the way God says you should and all the fiery darts of the devil will be quenched. Take God at His Word and stop the devil! Faith is the wisdom of God on display – “God said it, I am therefore walking by it” is what you must continually tell yourself.

Friend, I'd like you to be awake!

Something is happening! It's a new day. Don't be left out! Be determined to move with the cloud!

Chapter 14 - You Are A Born Star!

God has the final say on all issues, and He has said you shall reign on the earth.

Friend, you are in charge right here on earth! The time for your destiny to explode has come. God is about to reveal you to the world as His beloved son.

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and

tongue, and people, and nation;

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:9-10

God has made you a king and a priest and YOU SHALL REIGN on the earth! Whatever He has made you to be, no man can unmake you.

The Bible says:

...I will work, and who shall let it?

Isaiah 43:13

By virtue of redemption you have become a candidate for the throne. You have been redeemed to reign, not to be enslaved. You are redeemed to take charge, not to be a reproach.

Watch it! God is about turning your

frustrations to manifestations, your slavery to enthronement, and your darkness to light!

Nothing will succeed to cover your glory anymore. The time has come for you to shine as the stars of heaven forever and ever.

Wisdom is it, not struggles!

You have prayed enough, you have fasted enough, it is time to move on in prosperity and in majesty.

From now on, all that see you will be amazed at the wisdom of God in your life. Your path will shine more and more unto the perfect day.

Right now, you have entered into the realm of endless progress. You have gained unrestricted access into the

deep things of God; into whatever God has said concerning your destiny. From now on, every contribution you make in your career or profession shall be outstanding!

This end-time, every member of the body of Christ that can see this new move of God will be rated an eternal excellency (Isa.60: 15). You will be called to places beyond your wildest imagination. Wisdom will do it!

When hardship comes upon the world and they don't know what next to do, that excellent spirit will point you out to them as the solution.

Friend, it's time to open up to the excellent spirit – knowledge, understanding, interpretation of

dreams, showing of hard sentences and dissolving of doubts. An excellent spirit will eradicate doubt, strengthen faith and establish victory in every conflict.

You don't have to be an academic to require an excellent spirit. Wherever men desire to excel, an excellent spirit is a must.

It's time to shine! You are a light of a peculiar order.

We were told about Jesus, that He is the Sun of Righteousness. Can any anger or conflict cover the glory of the Sun?

We are also told that He is the Bright and Morning Star (Rev. 22:16). No force on earth can cover the glory

of the stars!

Friend, the environment in which you are living is not responsible for your present state. When you operate at the level God has destined you to operate, nothing can cover your glory!

The end-time move of God is a move of wisdom. Wisdom will locate you wherever you are. It located Joseph in prison.

Normally, a man in prison is forgotten, even by his relations. Friend, you're not in prison! With wisdom, your life will no more be covered; you will be found out!

This is your hour to excel!

Nothing projects a destiny like wisdom!

Jesus reigned by wisdom and as He took steps they produced. Wisdom makes a star of men.

There is coming such a flow of supernatural wisdom in the Church that will give names to the nameless! This wave will bring honour to the nobodies, lifting to the forgotten, and riches to the one without identity! The hour has come!

The hour has come when you cannot but with tears of appreciation, approach God for the manifold privileges that are coming your way!

It's time to crucify pride and exalt the throne of our Lord Jesus. It's time to identify with our source. It's time to look around and say like Daniel,

“Blessed be my God, who has given me wisdom and might.”

The Wisdom of God has so much to offer!

You have struggled enough; it's time to start shining! You were not created for struggles. No! You are a born star!

Friend, as I see darkness coming upon the earth, I am so excited that this is the hour they will know our worth. You will not go down with them! Your business will not collapse along with theirs! Your finances will not fail with their own! In the midst of the heat that is coming upon the earth, your star will rise (Mal. 4:1-2), in Jesus name!

So, get excited!

In this end-time, sinners will tell us, “But you are able!”

Daniel gave the interpretation, which came by the word of the Lord, and king Nebuchadnezzar was sent into the forest as a beast, where he remained for seven years. By divine connection, Daniel saw all this, this end-time you are going to see marvels, in the precious name of Jesus!

Kings of this earth will be troubled, there will be so much trouble in so many quarters this end-time. But the wisdom of God will begin to locate the saints of God. Our generation will show its value to the world.

If Jesus is the Bright and Morning Star in heaven, we must be bright and

morning stars on the earth, where we are now notwithstanding.

The Bible says you should let your light so shine. And Jesus said, “*Ye are the light of the world.*” In other words, you are a star to the world, a pacesetter creature. People should be able to look at you and learn the steps to take to realize their desired purposes.

You are not an ordinary being; you are a peculiar person. You are indeed a star. But you have a job to do if you must shine. Men must see the effect of your light, so they can give glory to your Father in heaven.

Wisdom is your shortest cut to the throne. Knowing what God wants and

doing it the way He says it, puts you above.

In Matthew 11:19, Jesus said, *“Wisdom is justified of her children.”*

Are you a child of God? If yes, then tell yourself, “I am justified to operate the wisdom of God.” You can deal with all issues of life by operating God’s wisdom.

TURN FROM YOUR OWN WAYS!

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

Every revival takes it's bearing from a renewed mind. Your mind has to be fine-tuned to contact inspiration, intelligence and ingenuity. *To be mindless is to be worthless!*

New light is what gives birth to transformation. Our generation is going to witness the heaviest outpouring of divine grace.

Friend, there is something in your mind that will make you a co-creator on the earth, something that will make you a sustainer and administrator of creation!

But your mind must be constantly recharged. God must be able to inoculate you with divine instincts that

will transform your life. He must be able to get across to you.

Every man that will ever have a testimony must first do something before God can do something.

The moon has no light of its own; it merely positions itself at a particular angle to the sun. So the moonlight you see is a reflection of the light from the sun.

If you must shine, you must position yourself at a covenant angle to the Sun of Righteousness. Then Christ's light will be collected and reflected by you.

Friend, there is a position in which you must stand to shine!

Jesus is the Sun of Righteousness.

There is a covenant position you must occupy in order to reflect His light. Every object assumes a state of rest, until a force is applied to it.

Many people are too complacent. God says if you must shine, you must first arise. If you don't arise you will remain in darkness (Isa. 60:1).

It's time to do the right thing. And what is it? Do the Bible! This is the only "charm" I use, and it is the most effective!

When you reflect the marvelous light you begin to exhibit the marvelous life.

As a spiritual plant, your life is dependent on light. How much light you're exposed to will determine how

healthy you are as a plant.

Nothing jumps on anybody in this world. Anything that will become a testimony requires your practical, conscious involvement. You must press the right buttons that will set heaven in motion.

There is nothing good inside man. So, if any good thing must be found around you, it must be by reflection. Jesus said, "*without me ye can do nothing*" (Jn.15:5).

Let's stop waiting and wishing. Philippians 2:12 says:

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation

with fear and trembling.

There is no luck in salvation. People must consciously and practically take certain steps to get the things that the covenant promises. God, the covenant keeping God, will always stand by to see that one of His words fall to the ground.

The Bible says:

...a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

Ecclesiastes 8:1

What is wisdom?

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man (that will shine).

Matthew 7:24

It is time to extol the wisdom of God. Proverbs 1:20-22 says:

Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:

She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying,

How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

Every time God's Word comes to you, all you have is wisdom crying out, uttering her voice. God sounds a trumpet saying, "This is my will, this is the way to realize my will."

Every time God's Word comes to you, God is saying, "Turn from your ways to my ways. Turn from your ideas to my ideas. Turn from your thoughts to my thoughts."

When you turn from your own ways, you are ready to learn. God's ways are higher, His thoughts are better than yours.

Fear will come the way of people who don't regard God's Word, nor take His counsel seriously. It's right at the door! (Prov.1: 24-26).

If you reject the counsel of God, the following is to be expected: calamity and fear (which will produce desolation).

Prayer is useless when God's ways

are ignored. People who hate knowledge can't secure heaven's favour. When they call upon God, He will not answer them. They will seek God; He will not answer them. They will seek Him early and they won't find Him. Why? Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of God.

Proverbs 9:10 says:

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom....

There are many today that won't do what God has said, but they are ready to go on a fourteen day fast any time!

If you reject God's reproof, don't expect prayer to procure you any benefits. Why? Because the scriptures

cannot be broken. God can do all things, but He will not break His Word. His Word is settled in heaven, forever!

We just must embrace the wisdom of God in order to get favour from Him. Harken unto God. It's your only access to safety.

Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

Proverbs 13:13

If you reject His counsel, you will be rejected of Him. Prayer and fasting become nothing but religious punishment that produces no results.

When God's Word is given its rightful place, no Satan in hell can stop you from experiencing a positive

encounter.

It's time to turn!

God said, "Return unto me, and I will return unto you. The reason why you're struggling is because you have chosen your own ways rather than mine."

It could be very costly to go ahead in any endeavour without God's counsel and knowledge!

Friend, you will no longer see calamity, destruction and desolation, from this day forth. All you need to do is take the Word, position yourself at a correct covenant angle to the Sun of Righteousness, and darkness will never overtake you.

It is important to know that there is

nothing God has that can be made available to you except you act on His Word.

Paul said,

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Acts 20:32

It takes the Word for you to take delivery of what is rightfully yours. It is your inheritance, yes, but you can't collect it outside the Word.

It's time to exalt and embrace the Word, and we shall have promotion, enjoy honour and become living testimonies of the faithfulness of God!

Friend, if you're able to grasp these things I am saying, this world will no longer be able to contain you. People around you will know that you're on a mission. Multitudes will know that you're around. Nations will take note that you exist!

A MOUTH AND A WISDOM

Wisdom has expression in the mouth. Whatever you cannot say, you cannot have.

As your heart is indicating good matters you need to explode in prophecy – establishing the things your heart is full of. That is how it is done. It is the wisdom of God.

Every time you have light, begin to call the things that ought to be. The Bible says that Abraham called those things which be not as though they were (Rom. 4:17).

Whatever you don't call will not answer. You must call them before

they answer. That is the wisdom of God! Hebrews 11:3 tells us:

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.

God says in Luke 21:15 that He has given you a mouth and a wisdom. It's time to use it! Whatever you see, say it! And you will have it (Mr. 11:23-24).

Say it! It is a seed, until you sow it, you won't see the fruits. When you say it, you are sowing the seed; and while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest shall not cease.

Thus said the Lord:

“You have kept mute for long! You have gathered a lot of seeds, but you

have not sown them at all, and you are crying and weeping for fruits. From this hour, whatever you see from the Word, whatever you hear by my anointing working through my people, my servants whom I have sent -on tapes, on books, - see it, and if you have caught it, declare it! You will possess it.

Open your mouth wide, shout down sickness, shout down poverty, shout down witchcraft, and shout down occultic powers. I can't confirm what you have not declared. This is my wisdom.

I have given you a mouth. It is not ordained for just eating, it is ordained for victory. It is ordained for warfare.

Say it my people! Say it out! Say it loud! Shout down barrenness, shout down armed robbery, and shout down failure. Shout them down! It is my wisdom.”

In the natural, people don't say it until they see it. But in heaven where we live, you will never see it until you say it. Whatever you are too careful to say, you will be careless to see. You'll never see it.

“Behold I show you a mystery”, saith the Lord. “My wisdom in the heart is ineffective. Until it is declared, it has no effect (Rom. 10:10). Say it my people. Open your mouth wide and shout down the devil and the forces of darkness. Shout down all of hell, and

they will give way to you.

Behold, I've given you a mouth and a wisdom, that none of your adversaries can resist nor gainsay. I gave you the mouth. It's my gift for your victory. It's my gift for your triumph."

SOW THOSE WORDS

A curtain just opened in heaven and the Lord told me to make this emancipation call, that the prisoners may come out of where they are. He said, *“I have given you plenty of seeds. You have been storing them in your store, and you have been crying for harvest. My word that I declare to you, they are seeds you have gathered. It is your duty to sow them.*

Until you say what I’ve said, it does not produce any result. You are the one to declare it.

Remember Ezekiel, I saw him in the valley of dry bones. I will not say it for

him. I had to stand by to confirm it. ‘Son of man, prophesy to these dry bones!’ And Ezekiel said, ‘Thus saith the Lord, dry bones come alive!’ and the bones began to come to themselves.”

The Lord said to me, “See this curtain, it is open. The mouth I gave to you, go and put it to work. Until I hear your judgment on sickness, it will keep reigning. Until I hear your judgment on poverty, no matter how much you give, you will never see returns. Until I hear your judgment on family problems, you cannot have peace and harmony.

I am waiting for you. You have to put me in remembrance. You have to plead your cause. You have to declare

with your mouth.

I am helpless until you move to obey me. Open your mouth. Your judgment is final. You will have what you say. What you have not said, don't expect to see. Therefore, go ahead and say it. This is my own wisdom.

The seed has no value in your store. It only produces on the field. Go and sow the seed you have gathered!"

Now, as you obey His Word, declare the results. As you sow your financial seed, declare your abundance. As you serve the Lord with your strength, declare your understanding.

God said, *"I have committed all judgment to your hand. Whatever you have not said, I'm not committed to*

perform.”

Friend, this is all it takes to beat the devil hands down!

Receive courage! Receive inner strength! That from today, nothing that God has said will be too heavy for your mouth to say. Your heritage is peace in the home, you will have it! Your heritage is outstanding success, you will have it. Your heritage is abundance, you will not miss it! Whatever is declared as your heritage, shout it on the housetop. *“That is my wisdom,”* saith the Lord.

Whether you are among friends or enemies, keep saying it. If you are ashamed of Him, He will be *ashamed* of you. Go outside the gate, where

there is reproach, tell the devil, “I cannot be poor!” Tell the devil, “I cannot be sick!”

Never let the thought, “What if I fall sick?” ever occur to you. It has ended!

This is the cheap victory of God’s wisdom.

I knew I will never fail, and I’ve been shouting it ever since. I’ve kept on saying, “This ministry will get to the topmost top, whether you pray for it or against it.” I shouted it, I hammered on it! Many people were angry and they left. But I didn’t want God to leave, so I had to keep doing what God said I should be doing. I kept on declaring it. They left. But God

didn't leave!

Friend, say it and send away all your ungodly friends. Send them away from you. No ungodly friend can be comfortable around me, because he can't stand the kind of things I say.

Send away all sinners from your corridor, by your bold and confident declaration of what God has said about your family, your children, your business, your career, your academics, your finances, your health, etc. Let the words you speak determine the company you keep.

Right now, I release mental dignity upon you! You will run home in a way that will amaze all your neighbours!

Any step you take in life from now

will be a surprise to all who are looking at you!

You will never be a victim of circumstances anymore!

In Jesus precious name!

I welcome you on board the **winning wisdom** flight!

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