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Preface

Only those who are not making progress will not have human enemies. You can't be blessed, lifted, honored and promoted and not be hated by someone. Even God as God, the creator of the whole universe and creatures, has enemies. Part of the creatures He created have turned into His enemies today. I have seen believers who always attribute everything to Satan. They will say that whenever you have an enemy, you should not focus on the person but on the spiritual entities influencing them. Yes, that is true. There are spiritual entities influencing people to do the wrong thing. That is why Paul said, we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities, power, etc. Beyond this, it is needful for you to see that some people who are your enemies are not influenced by any devil but their mind.

Anyone who have not gained mastery and control over their mind may end up becoming an enemy to someone. When you see someone who is not happy at your progress but feels you are not qualified to have what you have, such is your enemy. That person can go any length to ensure that you lose what you have. Get this, it is not everybody you perceive as your enemy that is influenced by the devil, many are influenced by their mind. I hope you know that Haman wasn't influenced by any devil. He became the enemy of the Jew because Mordecai didn't give him the honor he wanted. An enemy like Haman is who we refer to as human enemy – that is a person who is influenced to be

your enemy not by the devil but his mind. The mind of man is powerful, if you don't dominate it, it can make you an enemy to someone.

God design human to be inspired by the success and progress of others not to be embittered by it. Anyone that is embittered with what you have may not be influenced by the devil but his mind. I hope you know that if the Jews didn't rise to respond and act fast, Haman would destroy them. Your enemy will reveal your strength but you need to be skilled at dealing with them.

The way you deal with spiritual enemies is different from how you deal with human enemies. Spiritual enemies are Satan and his cohorts. But your human enemies may be your friends, neighbors, co-workers, associate, family members, slanderers, etc. With the right understanding you will be able to deal with your human enemies. This book is filled with strategies and insight that will empower your mind and spirit to deal with human enemies.

I write this book for some specific people: I write it for progressive people, successful individuals, men with the potential for greatness, influential and impact-controlled people and so on. This kind of book is not for ordinary people or those who are not determined to be successful in life. I write this book for people who may have their bosses standing on their part to getting promotion, for individuals that are hated by co-workers because they are rising and recognized for excellence and high performance. I write this book for people who dare to be different everywhere they find themselves. If your friends or neighbours are not happy at the speed of your progress and success, this book is for you. With the strategies in this book, you don't need to pray that your enemies should die. You will just discover wisdom and spiritual insight that will make your

enemies and haters to become nothing.

Enemies are proofs that your life is meaningful and relevant. Don't be scared of your enemies. With the application of secrets shared in this book, you will rise above all enemies. I always say to myself, it is dangerous to be my enemy. I confidently say that because I have been empowered by the Lord to deal with any and every human enemy. I don't need to bother God to do anything but just to pray to Him to deliver me out of their hands. Every other thing to be done, I have been empowered by God to do it. With this book in your hand, you are about to be empowered to deal with human enemies.

Be blessed as you read.

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Who Are Enemies?

Enemies are individuals who are against you for reasons best known to them. If you have anyone in your life who always speak or go against your progress and advancement, such is your enemy. Enemies are simply haters. They just hate your presence, progress and plans. They don't wish you well but really desire that you fall so they can mock and laugh at you.

As I grow, I discovered early that the easiest people to quickly turn into your enemies are your closest ones. It's rare for strangers to be your enemies. Anyone who doesn't know much about your life may not quickly develop into your enemy. It's tragic to discover that many are surrounded by enemies, yet they see them as family members, friends, co-workers and loved ones. According to design, the only person that cannot be your enemy is you. Apart from you, every other entity can be your enemy.

You must never be tricked that everyone that smile at you, eat with you, play with you love you. That's deception! Judas was with Jesus, went out with Him, yet was negotiating His arrest

behind Him. Too many always attribute Satan's entering into Judas at the supper to the real reason he betrayed Jesus. But that's not true! Judas Iscariot had been negotiating with the people before Satan entered into him.

As a man of God, I have seen parents who were the real enemy of their children. One day, about four years ago, a woman was very ill, she had a truncated health. She had treated same thing, yet different symptoms, regularly dose on drugs, etc. But nothing was changing. I was told about her and went to her. I thought it's was just a slight medical issue until I saw that it's actually a spiritual attack. Guess what God revealed to me: Her mother caused it. I could not believe until God gave an instruction to confirm it. Truly it was confirmed that it was from the mother. Her mother and I saw each other, but glory to God, power surpass Power. You know the contemporary world of today may not believe this, but it's real. Some part of the world are full of wickedness and evil.

Anyone that seeks your fall and destruction is your enemy. Whoever doesn't want you to be successful at what you do is your enemy. Politicians understand what enemies are by experience. When you escaped assassination three times, you don't need to be told that you have enemies because you know some people funded such assassination against you.

In life, anyone contending and striving with you is your enemy. Whoever doesn't want you to be promoted at your workplace or get political, governmental appointment is your enemy. Too many people started a vision, but some evil People made some destructible statement about their vision and as such their vision lost momentum. Those who make negative statements about your vision are your enemies. I remember when I started out in ministry, several people were saying things. Some said I went

into ministry for money, while some others said I went into ministry for popularity. I just laughed. Many called me false prophet and teacher, all kinds of things. Some others said God didn't call me into ministry, that I was just ambitious. Some friends badmouth me, yet they were relating with me but behind me, they were saying all kinds of things. All of these, are proven sign to recognize enemies. All of these didn't push me to react or say anything. I was very quiet and acted as though, I didn't know what was going on and what they were saying. All these only pushed me to into prayers and propelled me to get the practical wisdom to deal with enemies.

Today, I laugh because it's dangerous to be my enemy. Regardless of how strong or great an enemy is, such can be defeated. Anyone wishing you failure is an enemy. When someone wants your effort to be in vain, desire people or supporters to leave you, wanting you to lose your value, such is an enemy. The point is that anyone who rise to be your enemy is one you have the power to defeat. If you permit your enemies, they will destroy you, your works, etc.

Don't join folks saying believers have no human enemies attacking them. Such statement backed up with actions is futility. Thinking that all haters are influenced by Satan is not correct. Herod took James and beheaded him. If they didn't pray when Peter was arrested, Herod (not Satan) would have killed Peter.

Six Kinds of Enemies

1. **God:** Many may argue this, but that's the truth. God is an enemy to evil and wicked People. Just as God has enemies, He is also an enemy to some people or beings. God Himself

declared that He would be an enemy to the enemies of the Israelites. Exodus 23:22 says “But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.” God is anti to anything evil. The truth is that all of God’s enemies see God as an enemy too.

2. **Man:** This is an entity created with the power to choose and decides. Man has his mind and will - these are relevant in his soul. With his mind and will, he can reason and make decision that will make him an enemy to God or men. This entity can be influenced by God and Satan - whoever he yields to. The part you need to get is that without the influence of God or Satan, this entity can make a decision that will make him a human enemy. The assumption that every human enemy is influenced by the devil is not true. There are some people that are influenced by their unrenewed minds. Envy or pride can push someone to be your enemy. Now, is envy the devil? No! That’s an aspect you need to get. There are people seeking the fall of others not because they are influenced by Satan but because of envy or pride. It will be wrong to be praying against Satan’s effect on people when in reality, it’s their unrenewed mind that propels them into taking negative actions.
3. **Satan and His Cohorts:** This is the number one enemy in the universe. He is always against anything Godly. You can’t be his enemy if you are ungodly. The saints are always the focus of his attack. He’s the devil, oppressor, who mastermind evil with his cohorts. He has ranks of demonic forces ranging from demons, principalities to powers, to rulers of darkness to spiritual host of wickedness. Satan is the first enemy of God and men, and he will remain an

enemy forever for there's no redemption plan for him.

4. **Governments/Nations:** In the Pentateuch, Egypt tormented Israel. Government or monarch of one nation may arise against another. There are national enemies. In such case, there can't be any alliance, coalition or unity between enemy nations. Every country has an enemy nation.
5. **Policies Systems and Structures:** Sometimes, the real enemy of an economy is not a person or Satan, but a policy or system installed in a place. Any law put in place that hinders you to do the will of God is an enemy. Such must be fought. Daniel and the three Hebrew fought laws and decrees and they won. Diplomats are fighters of laws and decrees. As believers, the way we fight this kind of enemies is through prayer and voicing. We must first fight in the prayer room and later fight in the board room. You must win in the spiritual before you start a physical battle. Never fight a physical battle you haven't conquered in the spirit. Never fight or speak against a law or system in public if you have not defeated it in prayer. Win in prayer before you speak in public. You must not just pray. We must combine prayer capacity with diplomatic skills. We need believers who will speak to God first and later address the government. Often, God raises people—ministers who will speak to Him and fight the fight of faith and also raise people who will go on the strength of the command and instruction of ministers of God to address government. Certain laws are enemies to us.
6. **Abstract Forces:** There are abstract forces in human life that reflect in words and actions that are powerful enemies. These may appear simple, but they are enemies you need to fight in your life. You must not give any of these a

single space in your life. Let's examine few:

- **Ignorance:** Hosea 4:6 says “my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” If you don't know, you can't grow. You can't live beyond your mind. If you can be made ignorant, you are dead already. Ignorance is an enemy you must fight. You fight it by learning. What you don't know is older than you. Too many people are not making progress not because of the devil or any man but for their Ignorance. To be ignorant is to be irrelevant. Give yourself to learning new things daily and regularly. What you learn today is what will help you tomorrow. Don't be rigid to learning new things. You don't yet know as you should know until you've grown beyond your teachers. Fight your Ignorance for that is an abstract enemy that has the force and power to cage you.
- **Indecision:** Your position is a product of your desire but your actions are product of your decision. No decision, no action. Indecision is an enemy that is as powerful as Satan himself. The difference between what you did yesterday and today is a decision. Your decision today guarantees your position tomorrow. You must be fast at making decision. Too many don't make decision because they don't want to make mistakes. The easiest way to make decision fast for a beginner is to seek counsel. People procrastinate because they don't make decision. Indecision is an enemy you must fight. Never get to a point where you don't know what to do. If you find yourself at any level, just do something. Make a move! Indecision is a thief of time and limiter of action.
- **Visionlessness:** A person without a vision is a person without a future. What you see is what you have, where you see is where you arrived. Having no vision for your

life is having an intimate enemy. If you don't have vision, Satan and man cannot be your enemy because they have nothing to fight in your life. Anyone without vision has no destination for wherever he gets to is his destination. If you have no vision, you are your enemy, no devil or man is your enemy. Your real enemy is visionlessness. The first target of every enemy (man or Satan) is a person of vision. You must have something that propel you into action daily. People often don't make decision because they lack vision. Ask yourself, what do I want to achieve in life? Afterward, identify the picture in your imagination. That's a vision for you. Sometimes, you need to get into prayer for God to put in your heart His vision for your life. Simply pray to God "show me what you want me to do and be in life." Be sensitive to the thoughts and pictures of your mind. After you get a vision and start pursuing it, then, get ready for Satanic and human enemies for certainly they will come.

- **Laziness:** Proverb 13:4 says "the soul of a lazy man desires and has nothing." A lazy person doesn't need an enemy for he has one already. Imagine a lazy man praying that every enemy stealing his blessings, sorry! You have nothing the enemy will steal. If you are a believer but lazy, the only blessings you have are the all spiritual blessings you have in Christ. Laziness is an enemy of prosperity. You can't be lazy and prosper. Proverb 21:25 says "the desire of a lazy man kills him for his hands refused to labour." A lazy person doesn't need Satan or the conspiracy of man to kill him. His desire alone will kill him. Laziness is an abstract enemy you need to fight. You don't cast out laziness like demon. The way to overcome laziness is to make decision and discipline your body. Lazy men always lack discipline! They don't

want to be forced to decide and take action. If you are lazy, stop wasting your time thinking about Satan and human. Both of them will never become the enemy of a lazy person. Decide to do something always to conquer laziness. If you are trained to pray, you must be trained to work. Works are demand for answered prayers.

- **Too Much Sleep:** Sleep is a system built into man to re-energize his body system. But too much of it is a killer of man's destiny. Too many miss opportunities because they sleep too much. If you cannot control your sleep, you can't control your time. Prov. 24:33-34 says "a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of hands to rest, so shall your poverty come like a prowler and your need like an armed man." Too much sleep is the enemy of execution. Satan doesn't need to torment you if you sleep too much. You have power over your body. Don't sleep in the afternoon when you should be working. Learn to talk to your body. You can always do short exercise or take a stroll anytime you notice you sleep too much. Dominate your body system.
- **Pride:** Pride will destroy you. It destroyed Lucifer! Pride is the state of your heart. You have an enemy to fight if you discern pride in your heart. If you are at the top, you don't need Satan or man to bring you down, with pride, you will come down. Pride goes before destruction. Every proud one will end up being destroyed one day. God even sees a proud person as an enemy. You must be humble. If you are proud, you are the enemy of yourself, not any Satan or man. Never think beyond normal. Guide your thoughts.
- **Disunity:** When people, a team, group are not united in heart, they cannot be united on earth. Disunity is the enemy of progress. Anywhere men are united in heart, they can

accomplish anything, even impossible situations. A leader, father, manager, pastor must ensure people are always in agreement of heart. Disunity is a ballistic missile sent to scatter people. Anywhere there is disunity, the end of it is scattering. There must be unity between what you think and say for power to be released. If what you think is different from what you say, you can't be creative. Both your thought and words must align together. Any group you notice there's disunity, look for the person who doesn't agree with others, that the enemy of the group.

The Intention of Enemies

All enemies have intentions, here are few of their intentions:

1. To destroy you.
2. To Shame you
3. To mock you.
4. To make you lose.
5. To limit or confine you.
6. To hinder your progress.
7. To antagonize you.
8. To enslave you.
9. To confuse you.
10. To make you afraid.

If you permit your enemies, they will carry out their intentions as planned and will succeed. You need to rise to fight and not permit your enemies to accomplish their intentions over you. If Esther didn't rise to confront the enemy of the Jews – Haman, he would destroy them.

The Mistakes of Human Enemies

1. Your enemies will always misinterpret the events and happening in your life. When you are going through some challenges, your enemies may think you are in trouble and may start rejoicing. But what your enemies did not know is that what you are going through is a process of transformation into what God wants you to be.
2. Your enemies may think because they have people to their side and resources to frustrate or pressure you, they will destroy you. But what they failed to realize is that all they are doing to you is actually provoking your inner strength to be revealed and released.
3. Your enemies will think they can destroy you through their words but in essence, they are advertising your greatness to people and places that do not fully know you.
4. In adversity, your enemies will see you going backward and downward and as such they think you've come to the end of your life. But they don't know that adversity is the backdoor of prosperity.
5. When you fail, your enemies rejoice and mock, but they do not know that failure is a strategy to create high hunger and capacity in you to get ahead and above them.
6. What they always assume is your end will always be your birthing and beginning. What your enemies see as your end becomes the platform for you to birth something new and start a new beginning.
7. Enemies may think they have defeated you. What they assumes is your exit from their presence is actually your entry into your season of promotion.
8. Every time enemies rose against you, they failed to discover

that they are indirectly telling you that you are on the right track.

Facts About Your Human Enemies

1. The presence of enemies is a proof that there is greatness in you.
2. The presence of enemies is a proof that God is blessing you. God's blessings always draw enemies.
3. The presence of enemies should not intimidate you but should propel you to be more committed and devoted to your task.
4. Your enemies will propel you to desire success.
5. It takes relevance and influence to have enemies, if you have enemies, you have the two.
6. God permits your enemies so that your strength can be revealed to you.
7. Your enemies will trigger strong determination and creativity in you. You will be determined to prove your enemies wrong and you will always be more creative than your enemies.
8. The presence of enemies will propel you into reaching out to God always.

You Don't Choose Who Becomes Your Human Enemies

There are things you have the power to choose. But there are few things God didn't give man the power to choose. You don't choose your parents or children. You don't choose your birth date. You can choose your wedding day, spouse, workplace, residence, etc. but you can't choose who hate you.

God didn't put it in your power to choose your enemies. You won't know who hate you until you are successful. Always appreciate God for people who still love you genuinely when you succeed. The truth is that it's not easy to cope with successes. But with maturity, you will cope.

I learned early to celebrate the success of others and today I have grown. I don't get moved with the successes of others. I am always happy when those around me are progressing. Godliness with contentment is great gain.

Human Enemies Are Real

As long as there are good and godly people, there will definitely be enemies. Jesus authenticated that there are human Enemies when he taught that “But I say unto you, love your Enemies...” Matt. 5:44. If human enemies were not real, why would Jesus teach that we should love our Enemies?

There are many people who said that there are no human enemies. To them, human are not your enemies but the spiritual forces influencing them. In a part, that is true. There are Satanic forces that influence human’s action and thoughts and as such they suddenly become your enemies. Such people could be nice and wonderful people but in an inexplicable way, they are used by Satan to act as your enemies. Dealing with this kind of enemies requires you deal with the spiritual forces influencing them against you. In a clear sense, people influenced by Satanic forces should not be seen as your enemies. Your real enemy is what is influencing them.

But beyond this, you must know there are human enemies – individuals who are not influenced by any Satanic forces but

their mind and will. Imagine someone who feels he is the one that should have your success and as such develops an unusual hatred and dislike for you. The question is that, is such person influenced by Satan? Definitely no! Such person is influenced by envy. He has not been able to guard his mind and guide his thinking. Such person is a human enemy. If you are not enlightened, you will not know that you are in a fight with the mind of that person, and as such, you may be praying against what's not in existence.

I hope you know that Cain killed his brother Abel not because he was influenced by any devil but for envy. Cain was displeased that the offerings of his brother was accepted and his offerings rejected. His unguarded thought provoked him to take the wrong action. He killed the first man that demonstrated faith on earth for scripture records that Abel offered offerings by faith. Even though God received Abel's offering, he did not restrict Cain from killing him. If you don't know how to deal with your human enemies, they will get rid of you, your plans and progress. Human enemies are dangerous and desperate. It takes high level of understanding from God's word to deal with them.

Negative Vices That Turn Humans to Enemies

1. **Anger:** Angry people easily turn into enemies, if you see anyone who hasn't gained control over his or her anger, such is a fool and an enemy in making. One time, an old friend of mine was angry with me that I wasn't relating and communicating with him as he thought. He insulted me in a way that revealed that he already hated me. The message he sent only revealed the state of his heart. I didn't bother to reply the message since I know he is now a friend turned

enemy. You can't hide hatred for long, it's like a flame, it will blow out. Sometimes, people are angry because you don't carry them along about your personal decisions and plans. People can get angry with you when you no longer report your daily life to them again. Such are small minds. Anytime you notice people are angry with you because you are not meeting their selfish expectations, that's a sign revealing your human enemy to you. In no time, they will hate and dislike you. Just like Satan can influence a person to hate you, anger also can influence a person to hate you. When anger turns a person to your enemy, you are not fighting against any spiritual forces, you are dealing with a carnal person.

2. **Envy:** This is when people think you are not qualified to have or become something. Envy can turn people who were kind to you yesterday to your enemies today. Such people suddenly get displeased because of your achievements, new status, success, vision, etc. Such people feel such person like you is too small or unqualified to be something. The brothers of Joseph envied him. They felt Joseph wasn't qualified to become what he saw. When people are envious, they can kill you. They will hate you to the extent that it will take the grace of God to keep you. Few years ago, a brother and I slept beside each other on a bed in a city in Nigeria. Suddenly I began to perceive the thoughts in his heart. I heard it audibly prophetically as he was thinking it. He was thinking of strangulating me on that bed, yet he felt he didn't want to commit homicide. I was just calm in that bed because I know I could not die that time. What triggered such thoughts in his heart was envy. He thought I was not qualified to have done and become what I was

then. To him, he was more qualified than me. What I know early is that you cannot be favored and not be envied. If the brothers of Joseph had killed him, it would not be Satan that pushed them, it would be envy. Envy can turn good people into enemies of great people.

3. **Jealousy:** This when people think they should have what you have. Often, if you are envious, you will be jealous. Jealousy is an odor. It makes you stink and lose sight of what you have. Jealous people always desire what others have. It is this thing that develops into entitlement mentality. When people think they have automatic share in your success. Over time, when people strive to be part of what you do or build and they can't succeed, they then send a mind reaction that becomes a signal to you that they hate what you do. Jealousy turn good people into human enemies. Anyone who desire to have a share in what you have but can't will eventually develop into your enemy. Often, such people are nice people, kind and generous, but their inability to control their mind to think that what belongs to others should not be made theirs is a weakness. A jealous person is always covetous. I have discovered that those who always think they should have what other have lack the capacity to handle such and can't pay the sacrifice to get such.
4. **Intimidation:** Destiny and greatness are invisible, yet, its presence is so powerful that others cannot reject it. Greatness intimidates. When you begin to manifest your difference, it makes others uncomfortable, miserable, and angry at your presence. When people become uncomfortable with your person, progress and success, they develop into your enemies. You must know that your greatness

cannot be denied or destroyed by hatred. If you really want to be great or successful, you must be ready for haters. You don't need to invite them before they come. Greatness and success creates enemies. When people cannot stand your success, they develop into enemies. Some will see you as a selfish person who doesn't want others to succeed as though their lives is in your hand. Some may even say you don't want to share secrets with them. When the mind of people cannot appreciate God for your success, they will be intimidated and as such they become you next enemies.

5. **Pride:** Aside the business world, the origin of competition is pride. A humble person never develop into enemy. If you are proud, I can predict your life, you will become an enemy to many people. Sometimes, it is pride that makes you feel there is nothing someone is doing that you can't do. It is pride that makes you think you are more important than others. Pride makes people develop into enemies. Whenever there's pride in your heart and people you seemed to belittle now makes progress or advancement, you will develop into their enemy. This is true because you didn't get the kind of honor you want from them. Often, it is pride that makes you think that people must give you some special honor and when you didn't get it, you will turn into their enemies. Haman became an enemy because of the pride in him. He wanted Mordecai to give him some special honor and when he didn't get it, he decided to annihilate the Jews. Over the years, I have seen that if you know how to pray to God and remain focused, without giving attention to your enemies, you will always prevail over them and see their end.
6. **Strife:** This is a negative quality that propels people to try

very hard to achieve what you have achieved or try very hard to do what you do. When people do things with the motive to outdo, outshine or defeat you, that is strife. When people do things to prove they can achieve what you have achieved, that is strife. The simple word for strife is competition. You don't compete with a man God has blessed or lifted, you just cooperate and connect with him. There are things achieved by efforts and there are things achieved by grace. To strive is to do things by efforts. When someone tries very hard to meet up with your level, get the level of influence you have, build the same thing you've built, run the same programs you run, such a person is striving with you. When a person get into striving with you but couldn't achieve what you have achieved or get the desired result, such person will develop into your enemy. The mind of competition turns people into enemies later. The worst part is when men get into striving with a man God has put ahead or above them. How will you get into striving with your leader or mentor? Anytime you try to rise to the level of your leader without paying the price or going through the process, you are in strife. There is no one that get into strive that will not end up losing everything. Few years ago, I know of friends and mentees who were striving with me. They wanted to get the kind of influence I had, meet up with my level, do the things I do – thy just made me the yardstick. Now, it's good to have desires but when the motive is wrong, it turns into strife. For years, I looked at all the efforts of all of them, but they eventually turned to nothing. They don't know it's not human effort that lifts a man but God's grace. Today, it's obvious to them that there are results you can't get by striving. Many of them later found out that

they cannot pay the price to get what they strived to get. Many of these people who strived with me are my enemies today. It was not Satan that made them enemies but strife. When they tried to get the result I was commanding but couldn't, they suddenly develop a hatred for me. Having understood that such are influenced by strife not Satan, I definitely knew that they would end up hating me. Strife is a weapon in the hand of men that can destroy you if you are not empowered for war. When people are striving with you, you must get ready for warfare. You don't say anything to them or confront them, just get ready to pray and receive specific instructions for every season. Personally, I know that there is no one that strives with me that will rise to the level of the least person around me. The day God told me it's over, I should just sit back and watch my enemies. He showed me from Isaiah 41:11-12 that everyone that strives with me shall perish (that is, to become irrelevant); and that those who wars and contends with me shall be as nothing. That means, they will not matter any longer. This gave me confidence that it is dangerous to strive with me. Obviously, you see that strife will make people your enemies. The wisdom there for you is never to get into strife with anyone. Never attempt to do anything to defeat somebody. Just be yourself and maintain your lane. You are not designed for competition but for accomplishment. You can desire to have what others have but when your motive is to get more results or importance more than others or to defeat them, then, you are striving with them. You must be careful who you strive with because you may never know the covenant God has made with them.

7. **Entitlement Mentality:** This is also known as victim com-

plex. When you have a subconscious thought that you should get a position, money, properties, access etc. but couldn't get it, it takes God's grace for you not to turn into an enemy. When you believe that someone should give you something automatically, then you have an entitlement mentality. Too many young people have entitlement mentality. They believe that because they are your siblings, neighbors, friends, mentees, members, students, you should always share with them the things you really labored to get. I have seen a young man who was extremely angry with his brother because he didn't give him money as he expected. Such kind of anger came up from an entitlement mentality. I have uncles and aunts who are doing fine but I made up my mind early not to be entitled to their success. Entitlement mentality creates a dependent spirit. It makes you to depend on other people's success for your comfort in life. Get those wrong thoughts out of you because such will turn you into an enemy soon. It will bring offence because the real thing you want others to give you, they won't give you. When offence comes, you develop into an enemy. Entitlement mentality is a negative force that will turn you into an enemy. Rather than depending on the success of others, work and create your own success. Many friends have developed hatred for some of their friends because they didn't get the money, position, cars they want from them. This is one of the reasons many are poor. Instead of them to use their mind in a creative way to create something they should do, they will rather use their mind to analyze the properties of others and share part of it. If you are supporting or helping someone today with the mindset that when such becomes successful, you will share

a part of his success, you have an entitlement mentality. When such people now failed to meet your expectations or desires, you will now begin to think that he or she used you. Sorry! Nobody used you, your thoughts crippled your mind. Personally, I have helped many people in life. I have contributed to the success of others. There are moments the money I should use to get things for myself, I give it to others. Yet, I do all of these with a free heart. Not a sowing and reaping thing expecting some favors from those people later in life – for doing such, your eyes will be blocked to the opportunities God sends your way since you've identified a way you want to be blessed. I don't help people because I want them to help me later. No! You should help people because God puts it in your power to help them. If you think this way, you will not feel entitled or think they used you to get their success. To me, no man is using me, God is using me. Don't look to men, rather look up to God and face your work. God doesn't bless a lazy person. If you have no job, create one rather than thinking one brother or family member will help you. Nobody owe you whatever you don't lend them.

You Will Have Enemies When:

1. **You are successful:** You can't be successful and not have enemies. Success attracts enemies. You will never know who hated you until you become successful. You desire success? Then get ready for enemies. Highly successful people know there is somebody somewhere that hates them. This often leads to false news – libel about them. Successful people have mastered the art of focus. They don't

- give attention to what enemies say.
2. **You are progressive:** When you advance in life, you will have enemies. Progress attracts enemies. Often, what your enemies attack in you is what they desired and pursued but couldn't get.
 3. **You have big dreams:** When people cannot withstand the greatness of your imagination, they hate you. Joseph was hated when he was a teenager not when he succeeded. The mind system is designed with the capacity to know that people with big dreams as owners of the future. That's why it's advisable you don't go about sharing your dreams. Work in silence and show them your dreams. If you have big dreams, some people will just hate you. They know that such dream will make you more important than them.
 4. **You are promoted:** Your enemies want you to be behind or below. When you get promoted either by God or men, men will hate you. A proof that your promotion is authentic is that you have enemies.
 5. **You are supported by others:** A proof of favor is when people begin to support you. When men support you, some enemies will not be happy. Often times, your friends and family will not support you until they see that strangers are supporting you.
 6. **You are gifted:** The superiority of your gifts will attract enemies. Gifts are not learned, they are received. When you can do what others cannot do, then, get ready for enemies.
 7. **You have influence:** With influence comes attack from the enemies. You can't be influential and not hated by some people. Some say, you are after fame, others will say you are power driven but the truth is that influence draws enemies.
 8. **You are expanded:** No enemy can cope with expansion.

When you keep increasing and reaching new people and places, your opposition is grieved. A major way to weaken your opposition is to expand. Expansion brings opposition. When you get to places people have not reached, meet people they have not met, you will attract enemies.

9. **You manifest Greatness:** When you possess the ability to help, favor, bless others, then you are great. Greatness makes some people uncomfortable. When things begin to work in your favor and people begin to gather around you, submit to you, acknowledge your authority and desire to be like you, then you are great and with such comes individuals who will develop hatred for you. Saul became David's enemy because the people praised David more than Saul. The women sang "Saul has slain his thousand and David his ten thousand" – 1 Sam 15:7. You see people's praise can stir up enemies at you. Everyone loves to be praised. When people don't get the praises you get from others, they will hate you.
10. **You champion a course:** Have you ever done what others considered impossible before? When other people are confused and don't know the next thing to do again, and suddenly you generated a solution and every one praised you and declare you are wise, get ready for some people amidst them will hate you. Anyone who always bring solution and settles difficulty is always a subject of attack.

Human Enemies Found in the Bible

There are many human enemies in the Bible but we will just examine a few of them.

- Pharoah:** Exodus 1:8-10 reveals that it was not Satan that stirred up Pharoah against the Isrealites, it was his reasoning and mind. The king thought, that the Israelites were many and could team up with their enemies to fight them. So, he decided a means to attack and afflict the Israelites. Obviously if such thoughts didn't come to his mind, the Israelites would not be afflicted. When a man doesn't control his thoughts, he takes actions that will make him an enemies to others. Yes, God had told Abraham that the Israelites would be enslaved in a strange land but we need to see that the beginning of their suffering started with the reasoning of one man. Obviously, the real enemy of the Israelites was not Satan, but a man – Pharaoh. That's why God didn't send Moses to gather the people for prayers against Satanic influences but He sent him and Aaron directly to the human enemy –Pharaoh. God is strategic! He always confront the real enemy not presumed enemy. If it was today, many would have been praying against Satanic influences controlling Pharoah. But in real essence, it was Pharoah's reasoning and decision that enslaved the people. So, the Israelites needed to be delivered from the hands of Pharoah not Satan. One man can be the real enemy of a nation. Most contracts some business men lost was caused by a man not Satan. Most delay to promotion was caused by a man. I hope you know that it wasn't Satan that influenced Delilah to Samson but the men of Philistines. Just as Satan can afflict, oppress, and torment men, men can also afflict men.
- Haman:** Esther 3:10 reveals that Haman (not Satan) was the enemy of the Jews. A decree was made that all Jews should be destroyed across the empire. But, in essence that

was initiated by a man due to his hatred for Mordecai. One day, I asked a young man if a task should be committed to someone. He said “no,” that he thinks such should not be given to him yet. After I had a deep thought, I discovered that the reason he gave such counsel was because of his hatred for that person. But he gave the counsel the way that I will perceive it to be a good one. Watch who counsel you, don’t believe all opinion. Haman counseled the king like he wanted to favor the king. If the Jew had been destroyed, it would be the accomplishment of a man not Satan. Believers have been told to leave their human enemies. Good! But you won’t see such in the Bible. What you find in the Bible is love. Love is not leave. If you leave your human enemies to do their plans, they will destroy you. You must know how to fight human enemies intelligently and spiritually without physical confrontation. If you will ever confront, it must be by divine order and preparation. Moses confronted Pharaoh because God sent him there while Esther confronted Haman after days of fasting and prayer. Never confront a human enemy without divine backing. It’s better not to confront physically but to demonstrate high level of intelligence to defeat your enemies.

3. **Samballat, Tobiah and Gershem:** Neh. 6:1 reveals the enemies that arose against building the wall of Jerusalem. These people even wrote letters to intimidate Nehemiah and others, but the truth is that they are not influenced by Satan but their mind. They were not happy because the people took a noble cause. They understand that Nehemiah and others were making history for themselves. And as such they were furious. These people were never influenced by Satan but their mind. Nehemiah prayed to God to deliver

them out of their hands.

4. **King Saul:** The praise of men can set you up for enemies. 1 Sam 18:7-9, after David had killed Goliath, women began to praise David and Saul. They ascribe a thousand to king Saul but ten thousand to David. From that day forward, king Saul began to eyed David. Saul pursued David everywhere just to kill him. Many will ascribe Saul's action to the evil spirit tormenting him, but this is not true. It was the praise of those women that triggered a negative thoughts out of Saul. Vs 8 reveals Saul was angry, that's why I wrote above that anger is a negative vice that turns good people to enemies.
5. **Demetrius:** (Acts 19:21-41) Demetrius mobilized men against Paul not because he was influenced by Satan but for the protection of his profession. Demetrius reasoned if Paul was permitted, nobody would patronize them again. It was his mind at work not any evil spirit. He was against Paul not because of his preaching but for the protection of his source of income. The mob he mobilized would kill Paul because he wanted to save his trade. It wasn't Satan that moved Demetrius, it was the love to protect his trade and prosperity.
6. **Over Forty Jews Who Planned to Kill Paul:** Acts 23:12-15 reveals men who bound themselves under an oath that they would neither eat nor drink till they kill Paul. These were not influenced by their mind and religious standard.

The Power Base of Human Enemies

1. **Their mind:** The mind is a software that can attract and attack. When the mind develops hatred for someone, all of your body part will hate that person. If you don't govern your mind to think good of people, it will generate a strategy that will turn you into people's enemy. The beginning of becoming a human enemy is in the mind. Your mind if not renewed and control will make you an enemy to somebody one day. Always ensure your mind think well of the success, progress, etc. of others. The moment your mind begins to suggest some negative thoughts to you and you yield, you are on the path to becoming a human enemy. Your enemies will stop being your enemies the day they take charge of their mind. The mind is the power base of all human enemies for there, schemes and plot are planned.
2. **The will:** No decision, no action. The will of man is the control tower of his decision. Your will is the seat of your decision making. All enemies made a decision to do or say something. You become an enemy the moment your will is involved. If your will is not involved, you can't be an enemy. You can't act out schemes and devises until you decide. The basic wisdom is that you must watch your decision. Never make decision when you are envious, jealous, angry etc. One decision may make you a lifetime enemy. The tragic part then is when you now become an enemy of your future helper before the help come. You hate someone because your mind suggest some things to you but you will become their enemy because you made a decision. You must be careful not to make a wrong decision towards who God has appointed to bless you.

Weapons of Human Enemies

1. **Tongue:** People who hate you are skilled at using words to criticize you, bring confusion, intimidates or make you fearful. When the Bible says “no weapon formed against you shall prosper.” Isaiah 54:17, the weapons there is the tongue of men. Anytime God is building something in your life and people want to destroy it, they will use their tongue. One statement made by an enemy can destroy the support structure God has put in your life. Sometimes, when God puts you in places where men do not see you or can access you, God has only hidden you in secret places to save you from the strife of tongues (Psalm 131:19-20). Human enemies don't use charm against you, they use their tongues. When people go to an herbalist or an occult to invoke or attack you spiritually, a spirit has influenced them. With the tongue, men will criticize you, slander you, lied to you and about you, challenge you, threatens you, etc. So, fighting human enemies is fighting their tongues. When someone reason a scheme and makes a decision, the next thing such want to do is to speak a word. Never take what people say about or behind you for granted. It's with tongue that people will transfer your picture to the mind of people. That's why scripture reveals that every tongue that rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. You must condemn tongues (that is, what people say, before they destroy you). Don't keep quiet when your enemies are talking. If you keep quiet, they will win the mind of men. You don't get into argument. You don't even need to confront them. All you need is to use your tongue to justify yourself in a way that it will not be too obvious to people

that you are fighting the words of your enemies. You may need to pray to God to give you understanding on what you read last. Your tongue is your weapon too. You've got to use it.

2. **Hands:** Your enemies may not talk but may point, draw, write, type, push, etc. All of these are strategic actions the hand can do. If a person doesn't talk but type a false details about you and spread it across social media, you are in trouble. Your enemy may draw or write something that will destroy your image. The hand is a weapon in boxing, with your hand you punch the opponent and with it you defend yourself. Never mistake the hand for just the part of the body. It's a weapon that can disrupt or destroy you. You must learn how to use your hands too to defend yourself or make someone skillful to do it for you. You must learn to use your hands in a skillful and diplomatic way. You must use your hands to compose articles that can counter your enemies. You need to use your hands to construct something that will weary your enemies. If you are not skilful at writing or typing, you can hire somebody to do it for you.
3. **Silence:** Silence is a proof of disagreement. Most often, silent people are rebellious ones. Some people are naturally quiet but some wicked men often use silence to destroy men. You may think they are silent but they are doing some rough work underground silently. You can easily defeat a talkative enemy than a silent one. Silent people often command influence in a team or committee than the leader because they know how to share their opinion on phone, chats, behind closed doors most of which leads to rebellion. Most rebellion were instigated by silent people. Whenever

you perceive someone wants to use the weapon of silence to destroy you, you also need to go silent before men but speak loud to God often to deliver you. A silent enemy know how to mastermind, strategize and manipulate the mind of others against you. It's in prayers you will turn the mind of men against such person and make them discover the enemy's wickedness. You execute Justice in prayer. Don't bother to think or strategize against silent human enemy. Just get into prayers for only by prayers you can prevail against such. I remember how a leader of an organization said he would ensure I became nothing. I didn't argue, I just went into prayers and I conquered. Today, men consider that man as an irrelevant person.

4. **Alliance:** When people in your camp begin to defect to the camp of your enemy, you are in problem. Your enemies know that if they can team up with people from your camp, they will defeat you. Enemies can seduced your trusted loyalists with position, influence, properties, money, etc. And when allies from your camp decamp to the side of your enemies, they make all your structures and strategies known to your enemies. That's why you must qualify who access you. When people gang up against you, don't fear at all because one with God is a majority. David said "for by You, I can run against a troop..." Psalm 18:29. How can one man run against a troop? It takes the divinity in humanity. All you need to do is to trust on God and get into prayers. As you pray, God will supply you with a light of what to do to create confusion in their camp or to scatter them.
5. **Money:** Money is a weapon of warfare. Whoever has money has power. If you have human enemies who are rich, you will need to invoke God's power to defeat them. With

money, they can hire assassins against you, they can bribe and justice will be manipulated. They can sponsor and spread false news on media, they can buy people's loyalty and they can attack you unlawfully. That's why you need to be rich too so you can use money to defend yourself too. You can go to court to fight for your right, if you have money. You can't use media if you lack money. If you don't have money and you are in war with a rich person, it is better you quickly discover the power of prayers. You need call on God to turn the heart of men against that rich person.

6. **Evil Plots:** Plots are simply plans and strategies to get you down. Your enemies will always have a plan but with God you will always make their plans of none effect. Plans are weapons that they can use to destroy you. Plots are tact to weaken you and disrupt you, etc. Sometimes, someone can stir up a government official or unit against you. They can form a lie against you.

A Believer Can Have Human Enemies

I have heard several teachings that believers don't have human enemies. Such teaching asserts that when human are against you, a spirit is influencing them. A popular scripture used to justify this point is "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual host of wickedness in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:12. Of a truth, we are contending with spiritual forces. But that understanding is a part of the whole truth.

As a believer, you must understand you are on two different dimensional planes. You are in Christ and you are on earth. The

new creation in Christ Jesus doesn't see flesh and blood (man) as his antagonist. For flesh and blood cannot access the plane from which he dwells. What the new creation sees as antagonists are Satan and his cohorts. Your personality in Christ is not flesh and blood but a spiritual entity that is recreated in Christ Jesus. As long as you dwell in Christ, your principal enemies are Satan and his cohorts.

The believer in Christ Jesus is also a man on earth. And on earth, Christ dwells in him. Over there, you are in Christ but over here, Christ is in you. Get this: a believer is a new creation in Christ and as a man on earth. As a new creation, you do not wrestle with flesh and blood. You are after spiritual forces. But as a man on Earth, your enemies are not only spiritual forces but human. As a believer, when you make spiritual advances, you attract spiritual enemies but when you make physical advance, you attract human enemies and spiritual enemies.

As a believer, when you get blessed, let's say you have companies, get a jet, there will be some human enemies that will hate you. Why do you think people don't react when a mafia buys a jet but when a believer buys one, everybody talks? You can't make progress and won't have someone to hate you. Do you know a believer who is not trained to control and take charge of his mind may be a human enemy to another believer? You don't need any spirit to influence you, your mind and will can make you one. Get it straight, it's not everyone's reactions against your progress that is influenced by Satan, some are influenced by their mind. The understanding of such will make you not to get into fighting enemies that do not exist.

The reason you will have human enemies is because you are still on earth. Outside the earth, you can never have a human enemy. The day you die on earth is the day you will stop having

human enemy. I discovered from observation that it is possible for someone to see you as an enemy because he disagree with you. If you are a preacher or teacher and another preacher doesn't believe in your doctrine or teaching, if such hasn't been trained to think right as a believer, he can develop hatred in his heart for you. The great man of God on earth have human enemies. When they buy new cars, build new auditoriums, they suddenly become the subject of criticisms.

A believer who is making wave in the business world or a disruptor in the field may be considered an enemy by another believer in the same field. The other believer may get angry because you are making wave or that you come to disrupt the field. In such case, it's a reflection of an unrenewed mind. Don't deceive yourself, a believer or an unbeliever can be your enemy. The reason a believer can be your enemy is because he is a man on earth and his mind hasn't been renewed. I have seen believers who hate other believers. I have seen pastors who develop hatred for others because of what they teach or the result they command. I hope you know when someone got saved, it was his spirit that was saved. His mind and body will not change.

Who Are Your Human Enemies?

1. Anyone who is not happy at your success.
2. Anyone who doesn't like to see you happy.
3. Anyone who is comfortable with your stagnation.
4. Anyone who gets angry at your progress.
5. Anyone who strives to have what you have and be who you are.
6. Anyone who gets sad anytime you achieve something.
7. Anyone who is envious or jealous of you.

8. Anyone who always criticizes you behind you.
9. Anyone who always counters with your contribution or solution.
10. Anyone who feels others should praise, relate and honor him just as they do for you.
11. Anyone who doesn't love to hear your dream.
12. Anyone who is displeased because others love you.
13. Anyone who is not interested in hearing the great things happening through you
14. Anyone who always contribute to the negative things people say about you.
15. Anyone who always seek to get you down so you can go ahead of you.

Your Enemies Are God's Enemies

In Exodus 23:22, God said He would be an enemy to the enemies of the Israelites. This is it. Israel was God's beloved nation in the past but you are God's beloved son today. Whatever is against you is against God. Whatever fights you is actually fighting God. When you sustain this mentality, nothing and no one can move you. Jesus said "I am with you till the end of the ages," therefore, no cause to fear. The spirit of God dwells in you now and as such, the divine presence of God goes everywhere with you. Your enemies are God's enemies.

Psalm 68:1 says "let God arise and his enemies be scattered..." When men gather against you, just think that they gathered against God, and as such they will scatter. Few years ago, I was in my room and God opened my eyes to see two people speaking evil of men. I just laughed because I know that even though they were close as long as they dragged me in, they would be

separated and scattered. You must be bold to think and declare that your enemies are God's enemies. Any time someone hates you, just declare. This is an enemy of God.

Multiplied and Strengthened Enemies

When you begin to succeed and prosper, your human enemies suddenly increase. Among them, there would be the strong and the feeble. Psalm 38:19 reveals that enemy can be vigorous, strong and multiply. When your blessings multiply, your enemies will multiply.

The only thing you should trust God for is that He should take you to that level where you look left and right and you don't see any enemy. The reason your enemies are not multiplied is because your blessings have not multiplied. Just wait till it multiplied, then you will know it's difficult to manage success than to get it. You have small enemies because you are at the small level. When you move up, you would see that you have the bigger and stronger ones to deal with.

Beware of Frenemies

A frenemy is a friend and an enemy at the same time. When you are succeeding and your friends are not intimidated by your success, blessed are you. We all have frenemies around us. There are friends that are so dear to our hearts. For example, David and Jonathan were friends who were so dear to the hearts of each other. There are friends who can never be pleased at your progress.

One time, a friend of mine counseled a brother who reported me to him to forget about me and never be bothered with my

decision against the brother since I was not God. That friend later would come around me, flatter me and share privacy with me while I knew everything he told the other brother. I didn't bother to react or express displeasure. My mind has been trained to be intentional with what I think and how I behave. The fact is that frenemies are your friends and haters at the same time. They love your person but hate your progress. You must not be permit a frenemy access your privacy. Scripture says but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

The enemy who kisses you is your friend and such is called a frenemy. The kisses of an enemy refers to the words of an enemy. The words of your frenemy is flattery and such is deceiving. Don't believe the words of anyone who pleasures in being a frenemy. Whatever your frenemy tells you is deceit. It's not difficult to know your frenemy. Whoever is your friend but your heart tells you is against you is your frenemy.

The Concept of Deliverance

You need to be delivered from your enemies. When we talk of deliverance, many only think of deliverance from demons but in reality, there is deliverance from human enemies. Psalm 18:50 says "great deliverance He gives to His king." This was about David. David was given great deliverance from all his enemies. The enemies of David were not demons but men. What you may be going through now may require that God should deliver you from men. Psalm 18:48 says "He has delivered me from my enemies... you have delivered me from the violent man." There are enemies in life and the early you understand that. When opposition or attack rise against you from different angle, what you need is deliverance.

When I hear preachers say a believer doesn't need deliverance, I just smile. That's correct! It just depend on the deliverance you are talking about. I am an apostle of Jesus, I don't stand on one block of scripture. A believer has been delivered from the kingdom of darkness and as such he doesn't need deliverance from any Satan or demon. For he has been delivered. Salvation affords us access to this deliverance. Why you may not need to be delivered from demons or any evil spirit, you may need to be delivered by wicked men or human enemies.

A believer doesn't need to be delivered from demons but need to be delivered from wicked men. When evil men arise against you, you need to be delivered from them. As a believer, when people conspire against you, you need to be delivered from their hands.

Paul the apostle that brought the revelation of the new creation wrote to Timothy that "Alexander the copper-smith did me much harm..." 2 Tim 4:14. He further wrote that "And the Lord will deliver me from evil works." 2 Tim 4:18. So, an apostle like Paul could say the Lord will deliver him from evil work. You see that men like Alexander did Paul harm. If Apostle Paul was harmed, done evil by men (not Satan), then men can do a believer harm. He told the Thessalonian that Satan hindered him - that's a spiritual enemy. But told Timothy, that Alexander did him harm- that's a human enemy.

In 2 Thess. 3:1-2, Paul admonished the church to pray for them that they may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men. Amazing, you see Paul saying they needed to be delivered (not from demon or Satan). In Philippians 1:19, Paul said, "for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers..." You see Paul taking about his deliverance. This deliverance is not from evil spirit but men.

Every Believer Needs Deliverance From Certain Men

A believer may not need to go for deliverance but he definitely needs deliverance from certain men. You don't cast wicked and evil men out like you cast out demons. You simply pray to God to deliver you out of their hands. If you have never been criticized, slandered or challenged, you may not know what it means to be confronted by wicked men.

Certain men of the Jews, over forty of them conspired that they would not eat or drink until they kill Paul. In such case, Paul needed to be delivered by God. Don't deceive yourself, when you make progress, men will conspire against you. In such case, you need to be delivered by God. When you are attacked or opposed by humans, don't fight them, just go to God in prayer and tell Him to deliver you. As you pray, listen to the instruction He will give you. There are times He may require you to go to court to challenge the opposition or just go silent. The wisdom there is for you not to be carnal but to be led on the actions to take. You can't follow God's leading and not end up winning.

Some believers only know about confession of the word when confronted with issues. They forget to realize that deliverance is of the Lord. All the saints that were confronted in the Bible, didn't confess any word. They called on God to deliver them and He did. Are you under any attack? Have you been lied against? Do you perceive men are not comfortable with your progress? It's time to call on God and He will deliver you. If you are now a subject of criticisms and accusation, you need to be delivered. One statement can ruin all you have built for years. When people notice they can't stop you from succeeding or progressing, they attack you so your focus can be divided. Yes, attack is a proof that God is blessing you but if you don't attack back in the place

of prayer, they may arrest your development.

Either as a business man or career professional, a politician or pastor, you don't need to go for any deliverance session to be delivered by men. All you need is to go into your privacy and call on God to deliver you. You can go further to do the same thing Paul did. He told the Thessalonian church to pray for them that they may be delivered from wicked men. You also can notify few believers or your pastors to pray for you that you may be delivered from human enemies.

Dealing with Human Enemies

“**S**ay to God, ‘how awesome are your works! Through the greatness of your power your enemies shall submit to you.’ Psalm 66:3

The revelation from this verse is striking. The first theory you need to see is that God as God has enemies. This is the Eternal Entity and Personality that made all – everyone and everything. Yet, part of what He created turned back against Him and became His enemies. If God as God has enemies, who are you not to have enemies? Too many people deceive themselves. They claim they have no enemies. I think the only person who should say he has no enemy is one who is not succeeding, progressing and advancing the work of the kingdom. You can’t be succeeding in your business and not have enemies. You can’t be gifted and skilled more than others and not attract envy. You can’t be loved by many and not attract strife. Definitely, as long as you are created by God, you will have enemies.

The next point is that God doesn’t have one enemy. He has enemies. This shows that you must never assume that Satan alone is your enemy. That’s mere deception. If you are like God,

you will have more than one enemy.

Amazingly, Scripture reveals that the enemies of God will eventually submit to God. That's total defeat. So, the enemies bragging up and down, displaying their acquired skills and weapon would eventually submit to God. If this is true, it means all of God's children should be confident that they will defeat their enemies – spiritual and human. Your enemies are too small and weak to defeat you because your Father always defeat them. The enemies that rise against God in the past were defeated and the ones that will arise against Him tomorrow will be defeated. We need to examine how God gets His enemies to submit to Him.

It Takes the Greatness of Power to Subdue Enemies

Let's focus on human enemies. It takes power to subdue enemies. Enemies always possess the weapons capable enough to destroy you but it takes power to compel them to submit to you with all of their weapons. When enemies arose against you, what you need is power. Power breaks the pride of men. Power compels those stronger than you to seek your help. Imagine, those stronger than you seeking your help. Power brings the enemies to their knees before you. When power gush out of you, your enemies vanish and disappear. It is power that compels your enemies to serve you. You know that this person is your enemy, yet, he is still willing to support you, be with you and give his time for your purpose. It takes power to do that.

Power here encompasses one kind of power. There are spiritual power, influence power, intellectual power, financial power, political power, etc. The acquisition of one of this power is enough to compel your enemy to submit to you. God knows the kind of power that will make you superior to your enemies – and

when you get such power, your enemies are motivated forcefully to submit to you. God has all of these power. He doesn't only give one, He can give all. By revelation of God's word, I have seen that it's possible for you to have all the power. If you have one of these power and have influence over all of the people who have other powers, you possess all. So, when enemies are gathered against you, you don't need explanation. You need power. The real fact about power is that power makes you a power.

The scriptures didn't say through power enemies submit to you. It say through the greatness of your power your enemies shall submit to you. There are fact about the greatness of God's power.

1. **God Has All the Power:** God doesn't lack or need any power for He made power. The greatness of His power is that if He decides to do away with all the kinds of power He made, He is still powerful. The fact is that God is God! He is power Himself and has power before power was created. So, there's no power with which anyone can demonstrate superiority or victory to God.
2. **God Gives All power:** The Powers of angels, Satan, man, etc. God gave it. Any kind of power anyone has was given to him by God. The Greatness of His power is that the power of His enemies, He gave it to them and He still has the power to take away their power. Now God's power can take away power from others or give it to them is a great power. When He takes away the power of the enemies, they have no option but to submit to Him since they will become weaker. To subdue your enemies, look for whatever represent their Power, then take it away.
3. **God Has Creatures (Angels and Men) Powerful than His**

Enemies: one angel is enough to deal with Satan not to talk of all of the angels. One angel struck thousands of first born to death in Egypt. The greatness of His power is that He doesn't have to rise to confront His enemies. He has beings who will fight for him loyally. If you are the one attacking all your enemies, you are weak. You need a power team of people that are powerful that you can always depend on to fight for you. The Greatness of His power is that His creatures are powerful than His enemies. If you're to function like God too, you must defeat your enemies by raising or surrounding yourself with people, powerful enough to defeat your enemies. You must empower people enough to get to the level that they are more powerful and influential than your enemies. Greatness is demonstrated through what you give other. Be like God! Give power to the loyal people around you just like Jesus gave power to the disciples and sent them out. As parents, empower your children with education and skill, quality character that will make them represent you well.

4. **God shows His Power by Speaking Words:** God doesn't engage with His enemies in discussion. All He does to prevail over them is to speak. When God speaks, every other thing will move. The force is that His word is final. When He says things, He has done it. God demonstrate the Greatness of His power through His words. When the enemies gather or conspire, regardless of their numbers, when He speaks a word, all the effect of the enemies are cancelled. He doesn't have to stand from where He is; when He speaks, His word creates an effect on His enemies. Rather than confronting or fighting your enemies physically, be such that use words to fight them. Speaks word authoritatively in your privacy

and it will create effect on them. Beyond this, you must be bold to speak God's promises to you. Learn to make your boast in the Lord.

5. **The Greatness of His power is Seen Through His Name:** Names are power. It represents personality and authority. When Satan was contending with Michael over the body of Moses, all He declared is that, the Lord rebuke you. The name of the Lord carries His power so, at the mention of His name, His authority is made known. Pray to God to make your name great like He promised Abraham. When your name becomes great, your enemies will submit to you.

Twenty Spiritual Strategies to Defeating Enemies

There are twenty strategies through which God wants you to deal with your enemies and with these strategies, you will easily defeat your enemies. Some of these strategies are also applicable in dealing with Satanic and demonic forces. But for the purpose of our study, we will only examine human enemies here.

1. **Wiser Than Your Enemies:** "You through your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me." Psalm 119:98. Your enemies are wise too, but God wants you to be wiser. God wants you to be wiser than your human enemies. The easiest way to make your enemies of non-effect is to be wiser than them. When you become wiser, you become too strong for your enemies to defeat you. Stop wasting your time ruminating about the actions of your haters, go and get wisdom. When people hate you, don't react or fight them, display wisdom. To be wiser than your enemies, you will always work to

get result they cannot deny. It is God that will make you wiser not any knowledge or skill. The psalmist reveals, that He is made wiser through the commandment of the Lord. Whenever people are against you, get a command (instructions) from the lord and do it. When you do, you will become wiser than your enemies. God can give you a command of what to do or not do through the Holy Spirit by speaking into your heart. He can show you something in scriptures or can even speak through a man of God. When you do that command, you will become wiser. Few years ago, two people conspired against me and hurt me. I was very pained. I saw one as a wicked fellow and the other as a good person. One day, while praying, God instructed me to be closer to the one I perceived was wicked and move far from the one I perceived to be good. What a contrast of opinion. I yielded and later found out that the one I perceived to be wicked is a good person. Eventually, my closeness with him brought a separation between him and his evil friend. At another time, people conspired and criticized me. It was very painful! I wanted to talk but God commanded me to be silent. I was silent for over two years and eventually saw that those people became powerless to harm me. God will make you wiser through a command (instruction). Remember, God's wisdom is given to you through a command. Whatever He tells you to do, do and you will see results. In the scripture, you are commanded to love and feed your Enemies, you have to do this. It is by doing this that you become wiser than your enemies. You can't be wiser than your enemies if you don't love them. You cannot be wiser than your enemies if you are an angry person. It takes gentleness to display wisdom.

Anyone you perceive has hatred for you, you should ask the question, what should I do or say to overpower this hater? One time, someone began to react against in an unfavorable way, I didn't bother to react or express any form of anger. I got into meditation and the illumination of what to do came. The wisdom I got was that I should not communicate with that person and everyone around him. I yielded and shut down every form of communication with the person. Eventually, I overpower the person. At another time, some group of people were criticizing me, I meditated on what to do and the insight came that I should build a strong relationship with one of those people and show that person excessive kindness. When I got the insight, I built relationship with that person and spoilt that person with all kinds of gifts and surprises. That person in turn was the one that became the voice of defense for me in the caucus of my enemies. So, gradually, everyone began to hear the words of that person and their heart was turned towards me. They later had a positive perspective about me. Don't fear your haters, just get the insight of what to do and you will overpower them. You must be wiser than your enemies.

2. **Stronger Than Your Enemies:** "He increased His people greatly, and made them stronger than their enemies" Psalm 105:24. This verse refers to the Israelites. Their enemies were the Egyptians! God made them stronger than their enemies. You should be stronger than your enemies. Your enemies will defeat you if you don't have more than them. You know one person can chase a thousand by strength. Leave people to hate you or be your enemies, rather seek how to become stronger. When people or other companies are competing with you, it is time to be stronger.

To be stronger is to be more powerful than others. The most powerful is the most notable. It is God that made the Israelites stronger not by any human efforts. The key to becoming stronger is increase. When you increase, you'll become stronger. You notice God first increased the people. God make people stronger by increasing them more than others. As a company, when your patronage, customers, clients increase you will become stronger. When you increase in vision, you will be stronger. Your duty is to find out ways to always increase. You must increase what you have to be stronger. You don't increase liabilities to be stronger. Don't increase your cars to be stronger except for business reasons. If you can have the highest number of workers, you will be stronger. Any organization that desire to be stronger must increase the numbers of the brain power that works there. You must have a team of people on the increase who are intelligent and competent. If you can increase your network of relationship, you will be stronger. Learn to gather to your side power people that will make others reckon with you. For an individual, you must increase your strength to be stronger than enemies. Knowledge is strength. Prov. 24:5. When you increase your knowledge, you increase your strength. What you know determines what you do. If you know what others don't know, you will do what others can't do. And when you do what others can't do, you become stronger than your haters. It's the achievements and results your life produce that compel haters to give up on you. Your results will put you at the level where your enemies will acknowledge that you are too strong for them to handle. A church will become stronger when you have the leaders, governors, senators,

monarchs, presidents, commissioners as members of your church. Such will make you a voice to be reckoned with. A political party or alliance will be stronger when you have powerful and prominent leaders as your members. When you are a force (have powerful people), you will be a voice.

3. **Rule in the Midst of Your Enemies:** “The lord shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion, rule in the midst of your enemies” - Psalm 110:2 Although this verse is a Messianic scripture which refers to Christ. But it is applicable to believers prophetically and in reality. In reality, all believers are in Christ and prophetically you are amidst enemies. If you don’t have enemies, you are not progressing. Truly, enemies will surround you but God doesn’t want you to run away from them. He wants you to rule in their midst. You are to exercise authority, rulership over your enemies. Sometimes, when you pray to God to deliver you out of your enemies and you don’t see your answer, it could be that God believe you have been trained enough to handle your enemies. You will rule in the midst of your human enemies through prayers. It is in prayer that you register your authority in the realm of the spirit. In prayer you will prevail over the desire of men for you. If you don’t pray, you can’t prevail. When you pray, you contact knowledge and get empowered with grace to be able to control your enemies. If enemies are ruling in your space, you permitted it. Evil or wicked men must be silent. You shut down the influence of wicked men in prayers. If you can pray, you will rule. God may not want your human enemies to die, He wants you to rule amidst them. You may need to demonstrate an unusual results to rule in the midst of your haters. What you know that your enemies don’t

know will make you to rule in their midst. If your enemies have all you have and can do all you can do, you can't rule. You need the supply of grace to provoke the unusual over your life. You must be centrally focused to get to the level where your haters can't handle what you handle, do what you do and accomplish what you accomplish.

4. **Be Lifted Above Your Enemies:** "And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me" Psalm 27:6. After you have gone through a lot, your head shall be lifted above your enemies. When this happens, you are in a position where men look up to you. When you are lifted, your enemies cannot compete with you and can't destroy you. They may try but they can't prevail. When your head is lifted your haters will reckon with you and see you as a do without personality. Let me be direct, you will go through troubles before you are lifted above your enemies. Your ability to endure all will position you in a place where no men can bring you down. Often times that you are in a dark season of your life may be a special favor from God to save you from the plot of man. God will set you upon a high rock where you will see a vision of the next thing to do to advance above your enemies. The high rock is a place of revelation. You must regularly think this that you will be lifted above all your enemies. You shall always rise above them. Nothing can stop you or make you doubt your rising. To be lifted is to be promoted and be above others. Regardless of whatever you are going through now, you are coming out lifted. It's only a lifted man that can lift others. When God lifts you, you will shine brighter than others. You will rise and spread more than others. Whenever anyone appears as your enemy, just declare that

“I am lifted above you.” To be lifted above your haters, you must draw the attention of relevant and important people. When you fascinate the prominent and eminent, then, you have been lifted. You must leave your haters and begin to think of how to reach the prominent people in your world. This is the key to being lifted: simply connect with the lifted! The governor of a state, kings of a town and CEO of a business empire are the lifted. If you can connect with them, you will see the power of lifting will stream out of your life. Another way to be lifted above your haters is to strategically lift up the ordinary men around you. Teach all you know to the ordinary people around you. Give power of influence to the ordinary people around you. When other people rise to the top through you, you are lifted above other. Lifting others is a strategy for you to be lifted. Jesus is exalted above all except one, and that is the Father who lifted Him. When your haters see those you have lifted, they will know you are not their equals and conclude that you are too high for them to pull down.

5. **Eat in the presence of your Enemies:** “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my Enemies...” Psalm 23:5. God wants you to do the unimaginable in the presence of your enemies. To eat in the presence of your enemies is to enjoy in the presence of your enemies. God always sets tables for His children to eat in the presence of their haters. To set up tables means to prepare opportunities that will make for a progress that your enemies cannot stop. When God sets a table before you, invitation to high places, access to relevant and important people, and favor with your helpers will be activated. When people hate you for unknown reasons, get ready for the unusual to happen

in your life. Get prepared to accommodate and manage new opportunities that will make for your advancement. Since the table is set before your enemies, you will begin to do things that your enemies or haters cannot stop. Get ready to display before your haters. You will display great wisdom that will marvel them. Potiphar's wife may push Joseph out of her house but cannot stop him from coming before the king. While she created event that got Joseph into prison, God created events got him in to the palace. When human enemies made a decision or plot against you, get ready for the unusual to happen in your life. God will distinguish you by giving you something your enemies cannot fight, deny or take away. When God gives you an extraordinary insight or strategy, He has set a table before you in the presence of your enemies. Always get ready for what God is about to do in your life. When God set a table before you, it's time to eat not sleep or watch. Moment of opportunities are moment to work, and such has to be maximized. God will set a table before you in the presence of your enemies, but He will not help you to cover the food. You must learn how to keep secrets from your haters. You must maximize all the opportunities you have and protect the secrets of opportunities. Joseph didn't report Potiphar's wife to Pharaoh. Never talk about your past when God bring you into new seasons of opportunities.

6. **Your Enemies Shall Submit to You:** "Happy are you, O Israel, who is like you, a People saved by the Lord. The shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, and you shall tread down their high places" Deut. 33:29. If enemies submit to God, definitely they must submit to His children. God spoke

through Moses to the Israelites that their enemies shall submit to them. When you have enemies, always imagine them submitting to you. They may not come to you but they will always acknowledge your greatness. When God wants your enemies to submit to you, He will put you in position where your haters will need your favor. When this happens, they will submit to you. The brothers of Joseph submitted to him because God put him in a position where his brother would require his favor. When people are striving, fighting and warring with you, God will then empower you to get the result that will compel them to learn from you. When your enemies begin to desire to hear or learn from you, they are submitting to you. God will so much bless you in a way that your haters will know that for them to be successful or fulfilled, they have to come to you. You must never hate them or refuse to help them. You must show them kindness. When you refuse to show them kindness, you destroy what God is building in your life. When God causes men to submit to you, you must favor them to prove to be them that you are qualified to be submitted to. It's not your prayer that will compel enemies to submit to you, it's your greatness. Prayer sets the pace for greatness. Prayer is the weapon to fight Satanic enemies, the result in achievement is the weapon to fight human enemies. Stop calling people to submit to you, let your result compel them. When those who hated you in the past begin to honor you greatly, they have submitted to you. Honor is a proof of submission. May great things happen in your life that will compel men to honor you.

7. **Your Enemies Shall Be Scattered:** "Let God arise and His enemies be scattered, Let those also who hate Him flee

before Him” – Psalm 68:1. Your Enemies are the enemies of God and God’s enemies should be yours too. In reality, the above scripture refers to God. It talks about a confederacy of conspiracy. When evil men gather to kick against the will and wish of God, in that case, they may not be killed, but they can be scattered. When two or more people began to plot evil for you, what you need is to scatter them. There is the scattering dimension of God that makes united people to be scattered. Haters, evil men may gather because of you but you must be able to scatter them. The way through which enemies are scattered is when God arise. The rising of God is the scattering of His enemies. The moment you perceive People are conspiring against you, it’s time to get into prayers to scatter them. When they gather, you must scatter. The first sign of scattering is disunity. It is in prayers that you compel God to turn heart of hater against each other. God knows how to turn the heart of men against each other. You must never be afraid or ashamed. Your prayers should be whatever and whoever always gather for my sake to do me harm, Father scatter them. After your prayers, you must always arise to take an action that will trigger the scattering. You need to receive an instruction from the Lord on what to do to scatter them. You will have to arise first before your haters are scattered. Arise to do something. Your focus should be that God should put something in your heart to do that will turn the heart of haters against each other. There are times that you will not need to do anything. God Himself will do the work.

8. **You Shall Smile at Your Enemies:** “...I smile at my enemies because I rejoice in your salvation.” 1 Sam. 2:1. The above verse is a statement from the prayers of Hannah. She said

“I smile at my enemies.” Your enemies will always want to mock your end but events will always turn around that you will see their end. You must be like God. Laughing and smiling is a weapon of defeat. When you smile or laugh, you are simply saying, you no longer matter. What matter most is what you do not what your haters are doing. When people and kings of Nations conspired against God, scripture says “He that seat in the heaven shall laugh.” You must laugh and smile at your enemies. Why will you smile? Hannah said, “she smile because she rejoice in His salvation.” You must be bold to rejoice in the salvation of the Lord. Be rest assured that God will defend you. Never be sad because of what haters are doing to you but be joyful for what God will do for you. Your haters have succeeded if they can get you angry or sad at the slightest moments. You must master the art of rejoicing. How do you rejoice? You should sing or utter words to God acknowledging that you know He’s fighting on your behalf. When you praise regularly, you can’t use your mind to think about offences. Anytime people suddenly begin to hate you because they feel intimidated at your progress, sit in your room, then, imagine those people in your heart, when you see them with your inner eyes, begin to smile and laugh at them. If you can decode this and do it, you will see the end of your haters.

9. **You Shall Defeat Your Enemies:** “The lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your faces, they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.” Deuteronomy 28:7. The defeat is to conquer, to overpower and subdue. A group of people can synergize and strategize to enfeeble you, your victory

is certain because it's not by your power but His power. The Lord will cause you to defeat your enemies till they flee and leave you. The way you will often defeat your enemies is through superior strategy. We don't win battles by strength but by strategy. When Joshua wanted to defeat the people of Ai, all he did was to set an ambush. You need a strategy to defeat your enemies and that can only come from God. When you are not strategic, you lose. The real proof that you will defeat your enemy is that you received an insight of something to do that will make your haters irrelevant. Another way through which God will make you defeat your enemies is to strengthen your heart to the level that what others do to you doesn't affect your thinking. If the hatred of people doesn't affect your thinking, you will defeat them. You will always be stronger than everyone that gathers against you because when you don't use your mind to think about them or what they do to you but use your mind to think about what you should do, you will always know what to do to advance in life.

10. **You Shall Be Saved from Your Enemies:** "I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies." 2 Sam. 22:4 Those who call upon the Lord shall be saved. When enemies are against you, there is a way to be saved. The very key is to call upon the Lord. The man in the above verse says the way he would be saved is to call on the Lord. When you call on the Lord against your enemies, you receive a superior help from the supreme Figure in the universe. Too many people always run to man for help. When pressures are against them, you should learn to run to the Lord. Sometimes ago, the governor of a particular state made up his mind not to permit his friend

to get into power. Everybody – party elders, stalwarts and citizens begged him but he refused to support him. The man behaved as the final decision maker, but he forgot that there is the Decision Maker above. The other man stopped begging the governor and started praying to God. He attended lots of prayer meeting and was in fasting and prayers for days. The more he prayed, the more the heart of the governor was hardened. A determined heart is different from hardened heart. When you harden your heart, you lose. Somehow, the governor began to utter boastful statements that made him an abomination to the indigene of the state. They so much hated him and when the election came, everyone voted for the other man. That was how he won the election. When you have someone standing on your way, get into prayers, call on God and report that person to God. The Judge of the earth will arise for your sake and fight for you. Wherever someone in power is against you, call on the God that permitted him into power. God knows what to make happen for you to be saved.

11. Your Enemies Shall Be Ashamed and Greatly Troubled:

“Let all my Enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled, let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.” Psalm 6:10. When I was called into ministry, I obeyed the clarion call. One day, it came to my hearing that a man I respected said at a gathering that I would fail in ministry. When I heard that, I was not happy but I had to get into prayers to call on God to help me out and deliver me from shame. The fact is that someone must end up in shame. It’s either you end up in shame or your enemies does end up in shame. Your enemies must end up ashamed and greatly troubled.

When your enemies fail over your life, they will be ashamed. When they cannot stop you, they will be troubled. Often, people try to get you down, when they failed, they turn back and get ashamed suddenly. Often, you hear ladies lying against some innocent man of God just to tarnish their image. Such people are enemies. You have to get into prayers to make their intentions and plans void. After prayers, you don't just sit. You have to receive front the Lord the things you need to do that will make your enemies ashamed. Your enemies will be ashamed when they see that you do the things they said you can't do. They will be troubled when they see that you have people on your side.

12. **Your Enemies Shall Not Triumph Over You:** "...Let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me." Psalm 25:2. Your enemies must not have victory over you. The above verse is a prayer of David. It's painful when the enemy triumph over you. Imagine, if Haman's plan had succeeded, do you know there wouldn't be any Jew today? Enemies may arise and plot against you, but they must not triumph over you. A prayer you must pray is that enemy should not triumph over you. You remember that Esther and Mordecai declared a fast and prayed before they conquered their enemy – Haman. The reason you fast and pray is to see light. To discover a powerful strategy that will make your enemies powerless. You need light to rise. You must learn to get away from your enemies. When haters can't predict your movement or next action, they can't triumph over you. You must learn to work in silence for enemies not to prevail against you. Real victory comes often when we are silent. When you talk too much, you give chances for your enemies to penetrate into you.

To triumph, be unpredictable by your enemies. If haters cannot predict your next move, you will always triumph over them.

13. **Your Enemies Shall Stumble and Fall:** “When the wicked come against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell.” Psalm 27:2. One of the proofs that God is on your side is that your enemies will always make mistakes. To stumble is to make mistakes but to fall is to fail. God wants your enemies to always make mistakes and fail. They want you to fail but they end up failing. If your enemies will keep making mistake and failing, you will keep rising. Leave your critics and watch how they keep making mistake. What they meant for evil will be turned for your favor. You must regularly know what to do always. You need direction from the lord to know the purpose of opposition directed to you. The Lord being your light means that He always give you direction of what to do regularly and consistently. When others are using their mind to think about you and how to get you down, you should use your mind to think about your progress. The sign that your enemies have stumbled is that they begin to do things that will make people to hate them. They will say and do things that will turn the heart of men to lack trust in them. Regularly, you must always think that your enemies will stumble and fall. When you are dominated with this thought, you will not be moved or bothered about your hater for you already predict their end.
14. **Your Eyes Shall See Your Desires on Your Enemies:** “For He has delivered me out of all troubles, my eyes has seen its desire upon my Enemies” Pslam 54:7. Just as your enemies have their desire for you, you must also have a desire for

them. It's a desire for you to overcome your enemies. What is your desire? That you want to go ahead of your haters is a desire. Certainly, your eyes will see your desire on your haters. You must be consistent with work and actions to see your desire on your enemies. Don't waste your time thinking on what you desire should happen to your enemies. Use your mind to envision your future, plan, take a move. Leave out your haters. If you daily nurture grudge against your enemies, you can't go far. When you succeed highly, you suppress your enemies and as such they keep quiet. When your enemies cannot strive or criticize you again, your eyes have seen your desire over them.

15. **The Head of Your Enemies Shall Be Wounded:** "But God will wound the head of His enemies" Psalm 68:21. Your enemies are God's enemies. The head represent thoughts, strategies, plans, visions, etc. Your mind is an invisible frame in your head not your chest. You think, strategize, plan, imagine somewhere behind the corner of your brain in your head. When the head of a person is wounded, his plan, thinking, and vision is wounded. Anyone who hate you will have their thinking affected. They won't be able to see straight into the mind of God or access the right information for their lives. You must be bold to grow to the level that you are confident that the thinking of your enemies will always be polluted. Whatever affects your thinking has affected your head. Your enemies are in trouble because their thinking will be wounded.
16. **God Will Beat Back Your Enemies:** "He beat back His Enemies..." Psalm 78:66. To beat back your enemies is to punish your enemies. Anyone who makes himself your hater will be dealt with by God. When God beats back your

enemies, the same thing they desire or planned against you will happen to them. When your haters really plot to bring you low but events turn around and they are now brought low that means the lord has beaten them back.

17. **God Will Reproach Your Enemies:** “And He put them to perpetual reproach” Psalm 78:66. God will grant you regular progress for your enemies to be reproached continually. If you can maintain your momentum and keep achieving and making progress, your haters will be reproached. The presence of your enemies should be the inspiration for your progress. As you trust God and take actions consistently, those who hate you will be buried in shame. It is the success and result you produce in life that takes away and turn away reproach. That’s why you must strive to be a success in life.
18. **You Shall Overtake Your Enemies:** “I have pursued my enemies and overtake them...” Psalm 18:38. To overtake is to get ahead of your enemies. It’s possible for those ahead of you in your field to be your enemies. People can identify a potential anywhere in the world. If you have a potential for greatness, people can stop you if you are not determined. When they can’t stop you, they fight you. It takes superior team, result to overtake your enemies. You have to command the double of results of anyone ahead of you command. Double results commanded speedily authenticate your leadership. Any field God has placed you, you will always have the wisdom to overtake there.
19. **You Shall Overpower Your Enemies:** “...On that day that the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, the opposite occurred in that the Jews themselves overpower those who hated them.” Esther 9:1. To overpower is to take away the power of others. You must overpower your

enemies. When you overpower, no law, plans, plot can be successful over you. You will eventually be the force that suppress them. You must regularly think, I must overpower my enemies. Is it possible? Yes! The first key to overpower your enemies is that you don't respond to whatever they say. You must act as though you don't know them. Don't give attention to your haters. You must learn to treat them as a nonexistent thing. When you don't give attention to haters, you overpower them.

20. **You Shall Have Rest From All Your Enemies:** "Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies all around" 2 Sam 7:1. You shall rest from all your enemies. At salvation, you enter into the rest of God. But you don't enter rest from all human enemies. When nobody can contend with you again, then, you have entered into the season of rest. You are in your rest when all the supporters of your haters decamp to your side.

Take Charge

What you do when enemies gather against you is more important than what they do to you. As an individual, you possess the power to take charge of your life and space. Whenever evil overpower over you, such happened because you permitted it. Refuse to permit evil around you. There are certain elements that must be in place for you to take charge. Let's examine them one after the other.

Take Charge of Your Mind

You are not responsible for the thoughts that comes into your mind but you are responsible for what you think. Whatever you don't want to think cannot activate itself automatically. You only think when you give attention to a particular thoughts. Whatever you don't give attention to, you cannot think. Whenever you perceive that someone or some people hate you or are angry with you for unknown reasons, you must be deliberate not to think about such people and their actions to you. Whoever you use your mind to think about has control over you. A discipline I

have trained myself for over the years is never to bother to think about anyone who hates or dislike me. If you can take charge of your mind not to think about your haters, you have taken charge of your life, and as such no one on earth can hinder you.

Whatever you use your mind to think will always get your attention. What your haters actually desire is your attention. If you can decide not to think about what they said about you or how they reacted to you, you have master the art of taking charge. Whatever cannot get your mind is weak. Too many people were affected by their haters because they failed to use the one mind they have to think about their plans and goals. They often occupied their mind with the actions of their haters lamenting and regretting. This often happens because people don't understand the power of the mind. Whatever and whoever you don't give your mind to think about is not important. What your haters do to you doesn't matter if you don't think about it. You are pained and affected by people because you think too much about what they have done to you.

Anytime someone hate or hurts you, choose not to think about it. Whenever the thought comes to your mind, immediately you come into your consciousness that you should not permit such thoughts, then, change your thinking and begin to think another thing. One of the ways to take charge of your mind is to decide what you hear. When someone reports what others says to you, what's your reaction to it? Often, our human part sometimes get angry at what other people said or think about us. Wisdom then suggest that in order not to be angry or get offended, it is important that you guard your ears toward what you hear. It may demand that you don't permit people to gossip to you or report conspiracy to you. Other people talking about you is a sign of importance.

Let Nothing Affect Your Joy

A joyful person can never be affected by enemies. God has enemies but He has never lost His joy for once. Even when God is angry, He never loses His joy. No hurt, pain, depression, failure and discouragement can withstand the presence of joy. It is a motivation which operates on an energy level that is infinitely beyond the reach of negative elements. You can be surrounded by enemies and stay joyful. It is joy that you need to remain permanently encouraged, motivated and excited like God. When enemies conspired against God, He is still joyful. Psalm 2:1-4 reveals that nations and people rage and plotted vain things, even the kings and rulers set themselves against the anointed of the Lord. But we see that He who sits in the heavens shall laugh. How can you be laughing when a conspiracy is formed against you? It takes joy to do that. When you are joyful, nothing external moves you.

Happiness is different from joy. Happiness is connected to happenings. A new car, house, clothes, marriage, etc. can make you happy. Happiness is a feeling of excitement that is stirred up in you because of something good you got or have. When things and events are going contrary and negative in the external and you have a great feeling of excitement, then, you are joyful. In an atmosphere where people are against you, what you need is to be joyful. If you are joyful, you will take charge.

There is no enemy that can defeat a joyful person. Joy itself is strength. Nehemiah said, "The joy of the Lord is your strength." When enemies arise against you that is the time to sing, dance, jump, clap and do all kinds of things to express your excitement. You contact the joy of the Lord when you do the activities needed for it. Losing your joy is losing to the enemies.

Be Focused

Only focused people arrives at their destination. You should not be going forward while you look backward. Whatever can get your focus has mastered you and is superior to you. Too many people claimed that they lost focus because of their enemies, but that is not true. You lost focus because you wanted to. You need to train yourself that regardless of anything, you must give your attention to what you want to do or be.

Focus wearies your enemies. Whatever and whoever you give your focus to will control you. Never should you focus on the side of your enemies. You must learn to starve your haters your attention. Focus is what you give your mind to. You must be skilled at giving your mind to the things you want to do rather than what haters are saying about you. Whatever creates enemies for you is very important. Ordinary things don't attracts enemies. Let your enemies focus on you but you should focus on your progress and success.

Don't Advertise Your Opposition

You give relevance to people when you talk about them before or behind them. Yes, you must not stop giving relevance to people because that is the trigger that will make others give relevance to you. When people offend you, don't talk about it. I said earlier that you must not think about the words and actions of your enemies. But now, I am telling you not to talk about it. When you talk about your critics or haters, you advertise them. Stop advertising opposition. You must act as though you don't know what they are doing. That is the way you make people as a nonexistent individuals. Often, you waste your time expressing

your disappointment in men when you could have use that time to engage in quality discussion and partnership that will make for your advancement.

Whatever you don't want to remember, don't talk about and whatever you don't want others to remember, don't repeat! When you speak about what others do to you, you may be amplifying your foolishness. Maturity is the ability to remain quiet over matters that hurts you. When your haters see that you starve them your attention, they will be pained. But when they see that you are always replying or reacting to them, then, they feel they are getting you. The next time you come across one of your haters, don't react or express displeasure, just say something nice about that person and complements him. Doing this weaken your enemies.

Build a Hedge and Barricade Yourself

You must always qualify who have access to you. You must be skilled never to permit anyone in your enemies' camp access you however and whenever. This is a protection strategy. I said earlier that your enemies must be ignorant of your next move. An innocent person from your enemies' camp who access you may become the broken wall through which the haters penetrate you and hurt you. You must qualify who will know your whereabouts. Anyone who cannot keep secrets must not know all your plans.

You can see people by appointment. When people access you, never permit them to open details about your enemies to you for such will affect your mind.

Form a Defence Team

This is a powerful strategy that will make you an effective person in life. This will make you to be difficult to be handled by your enemies. You must have a group of people – friends, co-workers, siblings, associates, colleagues, etc who can always speak well of you to others. A man is valued by what others say of him. You must never speak to defend yourself except if you want to do it in a diplomatic way. What you need are groups of people that can speak about you to any length. What those in your circle or network of relationship say about you really matter! If enemies are speaking against you but there are no people who can defend you or speak well of you before others, you are doomed.

The way to form a defense team is not difficult. You don't need to be formal about it. You just need few people in your network of relationship who you can always tell some details about your life. You don't hide details from this people. When they see that you are sincere, they can defend you to any length. This team is your support structure. This is where the power for achievements are generated into your life. The purpose of your defense team is not for empathy or sympathy but for the spreading of the right details about you. Mordecai used Esther as a defense team member for himself and all the Jews. Paul the apostle wrote epistles to the churches explaining to them all he had gone through and what has been done to him by haters and enemies. He wrote to Timothy and Titus too. This is a defense team. When people know what you are going through, they will defend you to any length.

Nehemiah's Style

Nehemiah had the vision to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem but was very careful not to expose it until he had map out the plans and ready for execution. If he had expose it earlier, Samballat and Tobiah could have interrupted and hindered him. Never expose your vision and plans to the public, rather, do it and show it. You take charge and ownership of things when people meet you doing it not when they hear you sharing it. Nehemiah was a smart executor. He trusted God but knew how to take actions.

It is easy for the haters to hinder a person who is sharing vision than a person who is focused on running the vision. Whatever God has put in your heart to do, be bold to do it. You must be careful who you seek counsel from. One day, a young man called me to speak with me and he told me that I should stop a particular vision I was running that he doesn't see me doing such. I received the advice and took time to pray about it, then, the Holy Spirit told me to go ahead with the vision that the young man gave the counsel out of carnality. Actually, he sees himself running the same vision later in future but feels since I have started running a similar vision, the only way for his vision survival was to discourage me. I thank God for leading me through His Spirit.

Facts About Attack

1. Every attack launched at you is to make you stronger.
2. Every attack directed towards you is to reveal your importance and relevance.
3. Attack is a proof that you are effective and imparting, influencing and challenging.

4. Attack is an opportunity to be promoted and elevated.
5. Attack is a sign that you are a force and voice in a territory.
6. Attack is a proof that God is blessing you. Humans and devil never attack what is not blessed.
7. Any attack that defeat you, you permitted it.
8. Any attack that makes you angry has defeated you.
9. Any attack that makes you fearful has overpowered you.
10. Any attack that gets your focus has distracted you.
11. Attack will reveal who and what should not be part of your life.
12. Attack will push you into prayers and stir you up to trust God.
13. Attack creates opportunity for you to redirect your focus into something new.
14. Attack will keep you humble and gentle and as such, you will be lifted in due season.
15. Attack will make you to shut down for a season so you can show up the next season.

The Guard and the Guide

At some points in our lives, we will realize that we need to be guided to do certain things to advance our course in life. In the midst of troubles, especially such that came from the people connected to us, we will always need to be guided to make the right decision and positive reaction amidst the odd. Beyond being guided, we will discover that we also need to be guarded. All of us need some form of protection in our lives to survive the attack launched at us regularly. It is painful to be guided but not guarded. To be directed but not protected.

Regardless of your skill and wisdom, you will always need direction and protection. When haters suddenly rise up against you, how will you behave in a way that explicitly shows you are directed and guided? Any one that follows the leading of the Holy Spirit and do the word will surely be guided. The scripture is full of direction. Whoever can always break the code from scripture through meditation and do whatever he or she gets will always know the right decision and action to take. The Holy Spirit will always guide you in your heart. The Holy Spirit will lead you through the thoughts of your heart. Anytime you lose

your peace over a particular decision or action, you need to stop because most often lack of peace means that you should stop.

Divine direction equals to divine protection. Anytime God directs you, you must be rest assured that you will be protected. The enemies will always plot evil against you but you have to be rest assured that you will be protected. Your protection is hidden in the instruction or direction given to you by the Holy Spirit. Whenever you follow the leading of the spirit and suddenly you come across a danger, you must be confident that you will be saved. He cannot lead you to the place of destruction. He lead the Israelites through the road to the Red Sea whereas, there was another road they could take which was the road that leads to the land of the Philistines. But God said, lest the people see war and turn back, so He led them through the Red sea. But they wanted to turn back when they saw the Red Sea too. The point is that anywhere God leads you, there could be some obstacles or difficulty you encounter on the way but be rest assured that you will be protected. God is a specialist at directing and protecting people.

Always be confident that as long as you are guided and guarded by the Lord, your enemies cannot destroy you. There is something you will know that when applied will defeat your haters. Stop getting angry at your haters, start receiving direction from the Lord and you will see what will happen. You give your haters the permission to use your mind the moment you begin to think about them. You've got to use your mind to execute the direction or wisdom placed in your heart.

Let Your Way Please the Lord

“When a man’s way please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.” Prov. 16:7

God is all powerful and can do the unimaginable. The scripture shows that God can make your enemies to be at peace with you. In other words, without your effort, your enemies just realized that they shouldn’t be against you but should even make friendship with you. When your way please the Lord, He will make your haters to be your helpers. Amazing! Those people will just find out that they are helping you, supporting you and loving you even though they hated you. There is a dynamic power of God that nullifies the hatred in the heart of an enemy without his or her wish. The enemy just wakes up one day and found out that he or she is occupied with thoughts that you are a loving person. In other words, your haters will be flooded with thoughts of what to do for you or how to support you.

When God begins to work on your behalf, your enemies will see that they cannot defeat you any longer. God will put the thoughts in their heart that they have to connect and relate with you if they don’t want to lose anything. God will begin to reveal your importance to your haters and your strategic positioning in their lives. Those who hate you will quickly make peace with you when God make it known to them through their thoughts or dreams that you have something they need and you are the only medium through which they can get it. Let people hate you but let your ways please the Lord. Your enemies will focus on you but you should focus on the Lord. When you focus on the Lord, He will in turn focus on your enemies.

How will you make your way to please the Lord? When you do the word, your way will please the Lord. When you do the

things you are commanded to do for your enemies, your way will please the Lord. Stop fighting those who hate you, just do what is commanded in the scriptures and you will see that the Lord will touch the hearts of your enemies and they will eventually end up helping you and serving your purpose. Let's check some actions that can make your way to please the Lord.

1. Love Your Enemies:

“You have heard that it was said, ‘you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemies.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.”

Matthew 5:43-44

The world will tell you that it should be evil for evil. It is natural for you to hate your enemies but supernatural for you to love your enemies. I thought that how in the world would Jesus say that you should do good to those who hate you. To be sincere, such is contradictory to the human nature. But whatever is commanded to be done in the scripture is something God has put in your power to do. There are four parameters of love found in the scripture in connection to a believer. They are:

- Love God.
- Love you brother.
- Love your neighbor.
- Love your enemies.

Beyond these four, husbands are commanded to love their own wives. But in essence the four parameters of love are in connection to a believer in his relationship with the divinity

and humanity. The Lord Jesus Himself said, love your enemies. When you love your enemies, your way will please the Lord. How will you love your enemies? It is when you regularly think that good should happen to them. It is normal for a person to think that evil should happen to his or her enemies, but God's word shows us that you must fill your mind with the thoughts that good should always happen to them. And when you think that good should always happen to them, you will be able to do good to them. The good you show to your haters is what God will use to convince their heart to change their mind towards you. When you do good to your haters, you have created the opportunity and space for God to work on your behalf. God will always use the good you do to your haters to show them their wickedness.

Too many people are praying against their enemies and doing things contrary to God's word. They always wish evil for their enemies and do them evil. Such people have not created the opportunity for God to work on their behalf. You can't be praying to God to fight for you and be fighting for yourself at the same time. When you do what God's word commanded, you give Him the opportunity to do what you can't do. Your haters will regret their actions when you create the space for God to work on your behalf. The goodness and kindness you show to your haters will be used by God to show them their wickedness. Do you know that Joseph's kindness to his brothers made them to realize they have been wicked all their lives? As you pray to God to deliver you from the hands of your haters, you must ensure you always do good, show kindness to them and in turn, God will use what you do to work on their heart.

Your way will please the Lord when you think that goodness should happen to your enemies and also do them good. When you think this, you will always do good. What you think

influences what you do. Anyone that always think that evil should happen to his haters cannot make progress and such will always be sorrowful. Why? This is because you have one mind and you should use your mind to think about your future not your haters. You have been subdued by your haters when you occupy your mind with the thoughts of the evil you desire to see happen to them. As your way pleases the Lord, He will create certain needs in the lives of your haters and they will now see that for their needs to be met, they have to come and relate with you. When this happen, your enemies will be at peace with you.

2. Feed Your Enemies

“If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; for so you will heap coals of fire on his head and the Lord will reward you.” Proverb 25:21-22

When coal of fire is on a person, the person will get burned and destroyed. God commands that when your enemy is hungry you should feed him and when thirsty, give him drink. When you do these, two things will happen. First, you heap the coals of fire on his head and second the Lord will reward you.

The first insight is that the way you destroy your haters is not by doing them evil but by doing them good. You don't do evil to destroy evil people, you do good to destroy them. When you give to those who hate you, you have destroyed their thinking and paralyze their peace. Their conscience will prick them and show them they have been wicked and as such they will not be able to withstand your presence. Let me tell you my secret. Anytime I perceive that someone hates me, I always watch out for what the needs of that person is and will quickly take step to meet the

need immediately I discover it. When you meet the needs of a hater, you have heap coals of fire on his head. The head signifies thinking, planning, plots, etc. the coal of fire will destroy all the negative thoughts, evil plots your hater has for you. Your goodness, kindness and gift is a coal of fire. One time, a certain brother decided to destroy my reputation and influence in a place, I discovered his plot but was quiet. At a time, he was in dire need of something, when I found out, I gave that thing to him and showed some extra care, all I did affected his mind that he thought how would someone he hated be so caring for him. He was sick for some days and his conscience became weakened. He suddenly lost his peace until he opened up to me.

The second insight is that the Lord will reward you. One of the ways to get help from unknown places is to help your enemies. As you feed your enemies, your way will please the Lord and they will in turn be at peace with you. The utmost reward the Lord will give you is that your haters will be at peace with you and eventually, they will serve your purpose.

Divine Warning: Never Rejoice When Your Haters Fall

“Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles; lest the Lord see it, and it displeases Him, and He turn away His wrath from him.” Prov. 24:17-18.

Truly, you will always want to see your desire on your haters. It is dangerous to mock your enemies when they fall. When evil or bad events begin to happen to those who hate you, you need to be careful not to get carried away and start rejoicing. When you do, you will push God to have mercy on your enemies.

The reason God doesn't want you to rejoice when your enemy falls is because whoever is your enemy or hater still remains

God's creature. The fact still remains that God created your enemy as a man, but such turn himself to your enemy. God doesn't love to see any of his creature being mocked and when you do, you are mocking the work of God's hand. God will push your haters and they shall stumble but you must never be happy that they stumble. If you do, that shows that wickedness is in your heart. Let's assume that someone who hates your progress or always antagonize what you say or do is sacked at work, you must not rejoice or get into some form of celebration because such person was sacked. The best you should do is to empathize with the person and pray that God should have mercy on such. When you pray for your enemies when evil happen to them, you free your mind from all negative thoughts that may occupy your mind against them. Also, when you pray for those who hate you when they fall or when evil happen to them, you are indirectly handing them over to God to discipline them.

When your heart becomes glad because your hater stumble, nobody may be able to see the substance in your heart but the Lord can see it. And when He sees it, He will be displeased and the pain He intend to inflict on your haters will be taken away.

A practical example of the man you should imitate is David. King Saul pursued David all his life to kill the young man just because of envy. David ran away from him and escaped many plot by the king. Somehow, David heard that Saul and Jonathan died and immediately, he tore his clothes and wept over the death of Saul and Jonathan. He even made lamentation for Saul and Jonathan – 2 Sam 1:11-18. If David was another person, he would begin to sing and rejoice that he had seen the end of his enemies. Some people could even decide to share testimonies in church that their enemies died. Such should not be. You must learn to leave your offenders and haters into the hand of God.

Anytime you see your enemies in troubles, even though you know they are in trouble, you must be willing to render any help or assistance in your hand. You should avoid mocking or rejoicing over them. Whoever rejoice when his enemies falls halt the whole process of deliverance God is working on his behalf. It is therefore wisdom for you never to sit or dialogue with people when someone who hurts you fall or is in trouble. When you rejoice at the fall of your enemy, you become a mocker and indirectly, you also have become an enemy.

Be Patient with People

Sometimes, all you need is to be patient with some of your haters. Some haters or enemies act or react against you because of their immaturity. When people grow, their perspective and actions towards you will always change. I discover early that some of the individuals who sought my fall in the past, who hated and hurt me had good heart. They only lack the ability to control their thoughts. Many people are good individuals with good heart but their inability to recognize that human are different pushed them into certain actions.

I know of someone who hurt me in the past, and till today he didn't even know I was aware of what he did. That person spoke against me at a meeting where I was recommended for promotion. He did that out of envy and lack of self-control. I was in my room, when the Holy Spirit revealed to me that the person spoke against me at that meeting. I was very pained, not because of the promotion. As a matter of fact, I had expressed my mind that I was not interested. I was pained because I thought if everyone would speak against me, it should not be this person. I kept the whole matter in my heart and after some days, it

occurred to me that the person didn't know that such action was wrong. One day, the person made a statement that informed me that all that was done by him was done ignorantly. He was pricked by his conscience and all. I took time to meditate and I concluded that he did all because the maturity wasn't there for him at that time. It was the matter of this person that informed me that some people need time to grow.

Many of the people you see as your enemies today will be your friends and helpers tomorrow, if only you can be patient with them and give them time to grow. Nobody can think beyond his or her level of understanding. When Jesus said you should love your enemies, He knew that some of your enemies are not wicked people, they are just immature and with time and learning, they will become mature. Today, that person I told you about has changed. Do you have someone who is hurting you? You may need to be patient with such person.

Prophetic Blessings

You can regularly read these scriptures and declare them. You may need to mention your name as you read it. You must never mention the name of anyone you perceive as your enemies when praying for doing such is practicing witchcraft. When herbalists or wizard wants to deal with perceived enemies, they will always call on the name of the person. This shouldn't be done. When you mention the names of people in prayers and you curse them, what you are doing is invoking different spirits that are not of God.

The following Scriptures can be turned into prayers or declared regularly by you:

1. Isaiah 41:11-13 says "Behold, all those who were incensed

against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; they shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish. You shall seek them and not find them – those who contended with you, those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a nonexistent thing. For I, the Lord your God will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Fear not, I will help you.’”

2. Isaiah 60:14 says “Also the sons of those who afflicted you shall come bowing to you, and all those who despised you shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you The City of the Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.”

3. Psalm 27:1-3 says “The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.”

4. Psalm 18:37-42 says “I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them; neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed. I have wounded them, so that they could not rise; they have fallen under my feet. For you have armed me with strength for the battle; you have subdued under me those who rose up against me. You have also given me the necks of my enemies, so that I destroyed those who hated me. They cried out, but there was none to save; even to the Lord, but He did not answer them. Then, I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind; I cast them out like dirt in the streets.”

5. Psalm 18:43-45 says “you have delivered me from the strivings of the people; you have made me the head of the nations; a people I have not known shall serve me. As soon as they hear of me they obey me; the foreigners submit to me. The foreigners fade away, and come frightened from their hideouts.”

6. Psalm 18:47 – 50 says “It is God who avenges me, and subdues the peoples under me; He delivers me from my enemies, you also lift me up above those who rise against me; you have delivered me from the violent man. Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Lord among the Gentiles, and sing praises to Your name. Great deliverance He gives to His king and shows mercy to His anointed, to David (mention your name) and his descendants forevermore.”

Special Prayers When Enemies Arise

1. Whenever People conspire to take away your life or right or oppress you, read Psalm 55:1-15 and turn it into prayers. Don't just read this, turn it into prayers. Each of the verses should be seen as a prayer point.

2. Whenever people set you gang up to lie against you or set you up, read Psalm 57:1-6, Psalm 140:9-11 and Psalm 59:1-4; 11-13, Psalm 5:6,10 and turn it into prayers. You are to pray for mercy and tell God to deliver you from the hands of evil men.

3. Whenever people criticize or slander you, when they speak to destroy your integrity and ridicule you in places you have been honored, read Psalm 64:1-10, Psalm 140:1-8, and Psalm 140:9-11. Then, turn it into prayers. This scripture shows us that words are arrows, so, you must learn to shoot your arrows too in the places of prayers. Never take criticism or slander for granted, fight against it in the place of prayers. One statement is an enough arrow to destroy a man, you must learn to direct arrows back to the send and weakens the arrows (words) of critics or slanderers in prayers.

4. Whenever evil people are striving with you and trying all means to bring you down, read Psalm 89:19-23, Psalm 6:10 and

Psalm 13:3-4 turn it into prayer. Put your name where David is written. This prayer will make God to plague those who hate you. When those who hate you are plague, they become weak and abomination to men. People will just hate them. The enemy shall not outwit you. Yes, you will always be ahead!

5. Whenever you notice that some people hate you and want to hinder you from getting what belongs to you – maybe promotion, position, recognition, influence, etc. You should read Psalm 129:5-8 and turn it into prayers.

6. Whenever people are doing things to confuse you or that people are saying things about you that brings confusion and create a negative mindset about you in the mind of great people, you must not be quiet. You must fight that confusion. Read Psalm 138:7 and turn it into prayers. Anyone in confusion is in trouble, so, when people say things that confuses others about you, you are walking in trouble, you will need to be revive and saved. When you are revived, good news about you will spread to those who had been confused about you.

7. Whenever people are persecuting you, trying to crush you and silent you, you should read Psalm 142:5-7, Psalm 7:1-2, Psalm 69:19-24 and Psalm 143:3-12, then turn it into prayers. When your heart is overwhelmed because of persecution, don't think about it, just get into prayers.

8. When strangers and foreigners begin to speak evil of you or lie against you in public through any media – radio, newspaper, Television, social media hurdles, read Psalm 144:11 then turn it into prayers. You need to be delivered from lying mouth and false tongues. Anyone you do not know who speak against you in public is a foreigner, you must be delivered from the hands of such people.

9. Whenever you are contending with wicked politicians, read

Psalm 10:1-15, Psalm 9:3-5, 19-20 and turn it into prayers.

10. Whenever you need a proof to show your enemies that God is on your side, read Psalm 89:16-17, then turn it to prayers.

11. When men seek your hurts, read Psalm 71:10,13, then turn it into prayers.

12. Whenever men reproach or mock you, read Psalm 69:19-24, then turn it into prayers.



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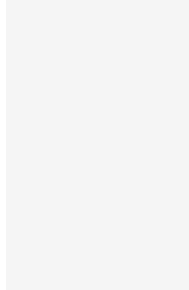
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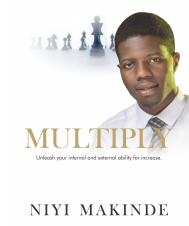
Recognize your dynamics. Maximize your difference.

The Miracle of Zoe

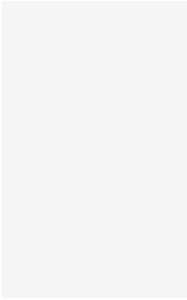


Multiply

Unleash your internal and external capacity for increase.



Strategic Business Plan



The Revolutionary Apostle

Multiplying Your Spiritual And Influential Capacity For Global Relevance

Wisdom Power

Vision shows you there; Wisdom takes you there.



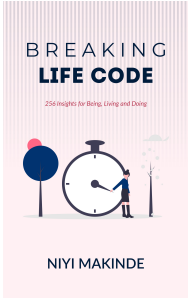
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A Grace Oriented and Faith Based Message



Breaking Life Code

256 Insights for Being, Living and Doing



Prayer Force 1
Prayers for Breakthrough and Speed