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Preface

I learned that instruction is better than intellect while obedience is superior to intelligence. Yes, God gave us our mind to think but we also need to know that He gave us our ear(s) to listen. To use your mind alone but neglect using your ear(s) is an abuse to your personality. Beyond using your mind, I need you to know that God can use your mind too. God thinks through the mind of people. Scriptures say “I know the thought that I think towards you, says the Lord.” That clearly reveals that God thinks about people. But the fact is that God will not use another person’s mind to think about you. He will use your mind to think about you. That’s why you should be opened to creative thoughts that will open you up to visualize and recreate.

While we now know that God thinks through our mind, it is essential to know that He speaks to our ear(s) too. God put thoughts in our minds but speaks instructions to our ear(s). Principles are worked out in your mind but instructions are received in your ear(s). When you pray to God to do something unusual in your life, He steps into your life and causes you to soar by instructions. There are things that principles cannot do. So, whatever God wants to do in your life that is beyond the observation of principles will definitely happen by instruction.

It is essential that we are principled but more important to be instructed. There are things that you can only birth in your life through instruction. To be instructed is to be promoted.

Divine instruction are signs of divine promotion. When God promotes a man in the spirit realm, He gives such an instruction. It is the obedience of that man to the instruction that activates the promotion. I have discovered that instruction will always tell you to acts contrary to the natural. Obedience to divine instruction is proof of faith in God. You can't claim you trust God when you still doubt whatever He says to you.

To advance in life, you should be strategic. To be strategic is to have organized and systematic plans for the execution of tasks or duties. While I love to be strategic, I will always prefer to be instructed. Instruction will accomplish what strategy cannot accomplish. This is not an attempt to despise strategy. But I have discovered that strategy is a function of human reasoning while instruction is a function of God's reasoning. Whatever God instructs you to do is what He has reasoned. Every of God's word to you is God's thought. So, receiving an instruction from the Lord is receiving His thoughts, reasoning, and strategy.

Receiving an instruction from God is receiving His intelligence on a matter. Divine instruction positions you to think at the frequency of God. The most strategic person is anyone who can receive an instruction from the Lord. When you obey God's instruction, you break the protocol of time and space. You will command results that logic cannot explain.

I wrote this book for all who desire to live extraordinary lives. For those who really want their lives to be different. I love to be strategic but I prefer to be instructed. I have practiced this and I see that it works. Therefore, I write this book so you also can learn about divine instruction and be well instructed by the Lord. I have written this book over a year ago but I perceived it wasn't time for me to release it. Glory to God that the time eventually comes. I pray that as you read, may you be flooded

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SCRIPTURAL VIEW ON INSTRUCTIONS

Facts about a fool

Proverbs 1:7 says “...But fools despise wisdom and instructions.” Foolishness makes a person to despise instructions. Anyone who doesn’t regard instruction or failed to obey the simple instructions given is definitely a fool. One of the ways to identify foolish people is their reaction to instruction. Wise people don’t despise instructions, only foolish people do. Wise people regard instruction, foolish people despise it.

When God instructs but you failed to obey, you are still His child, but just a foolish one. Disobedience to the instructions of God doesn’t make you unchristian, it only shows you are foolish.

As a leader, I have discovered that one of the ways to know if a person is wise or foolish is by giving instructions to such. To quickly recognize potential rebellious people, simply give

an instruction. Anyone that doesn't regard the instruction of a leader is a potential rebel. It is foolishness that makes a person challenge the instruction of a leader. Whoever gives the instruction is the authority. So, when an instruction is challenged, the authority is challenged. To disregard an instruction from a leader is to disregard the authority of the leader. Wisdom teaches that obedience to instruction should be a test for promotion. Obedience to instruction is the route to promotion.

You must never instruct a fool for such will despise it. That's why, God is not pleased when He instructs any of His children and such disobey or disregard the instruction. Why? God will always prove you wise before He instructs you. For God to tell a person what to do, it means, He has proven that person to be wise and capable of executing whatever He commands. It takes trust in you and a proof that you are wise for God to instruct you. So, when He now instruct and you fail to obey, you just disappointed Him.

Every time, God and man instruct you, it means they have proven you to be wise. You don't need to tell people that you are foolish. All you need to do is to disregard an instruction.

Fact about a wise man

Proverbs 9:9 says "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser..."

Foolish people follow their foolish heart, wise people follow instructions. The wiser is superior to the wise. One of the ways God makes the wise become wiser is that He gives an instruction. One instruction is enough to move you from the level of the wise to the level of the wiser. My mindset is that every time God and

man instruct me, I will be wiser.

Anyone that is always eager to receive and obey instruction is a wise person that is about to become wiser. The next time you receive an instruction and you execute it, you just become wiser. Wise people love to receive instruction but foolish people will always reject it.

Personally, I have learned to always find out if a person is wise or foolish before I give out instruction. A certain fact is that it's only a wise person that can obey instructions.

Why Instruction?

One day I came across Job 22:21-22 which says *“Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you. Receive, please, instruction from His mouth and lay up His words in your heart.”*

I remember well that I came across these passages when I was in distresses. I was in a state of confusion and difficulty when I got this revelation. It hits me so much that I knew all I needed to do was to be at peace for God was doing something great that's unknown to me. After I said I would be at peace expecting the good to come, the Holy Spirit opened my eyes to the fact that I needed to receive instruction from the mouth of God for it is my obedience to the instruction that will draw the goodness to me.

If your heart is at peace but failed to receive instruction from Him, the good would not come to you. People miss the season of goodness because they have refused to be instructed. Obedience to Instruction is what draws the goodness of the Lord to you. When you speak to the Lord to send His goodness to you, He expects you to listen to His instruction for that is what will draw the goodness to you.

Instruction is the vehicle that moves your desires to you. To receive instruction from God's mouth is to receive the goodness in His hands. You may not know how great it is to receive the Lord's instruction until you have benefited from it once.

The reason the Lord sent the instruction is so you will receive the goodness He will send your way. God doesn't give things, He gives words. To receive the word is to receive the things the word represents.

The outcome of acquainting yourself with the Lord is an instruction. You can't be in constant fellowship with the Lord and not be instructed. Anytime you are going through a difficulty, just get into praising the Lord for His love to you. As you do, peace will overwhelm your heart. When this happens, then, be sensitive to the instructions that will come. You can't be instructed when you are not at peace. A heart that is messed up with different thought - worries, sorrows, and so on cannot be instructed. Peace has to be in your heart before instruction can be sent there. Your heart is not ready to be instructed when you are not at peace.

Imagine, can you instruct your child when he or she is crying. The only instruction you give is to keep quiet and not cry again. You can't get God's instruction when you worry or cry, you have to be at peace and wait for His instruction. With His instruction, you will soar higher in life.

Your ear has to be opened!

Two people may listen to the same message but they won't hear the same thing. Why? It's not because they are not attentive. It is simply because God doesn't open their ear to hear the same thing. When you listen to a message, your ear will only hear

what God opened it to hear. Every time you hear God speaks to you, you must know that God is saying more than you heard. You will only hear what He opens your ear to hear.

Job 36:10 says “*He also opens their ear to Instruction...*” Do you see that? Technically, that tense is not correct. It should be written as “He also opens their **ears** to Instruction.” But, that’s not the way it’s written. The word ear there is singular because it refers to their spiritual ear. That’s the ear of their spirit. You see, your optical eyes are two but your inner eye is one. Your auditory ears are two but your inner ear is one.

The text reveals that God opens the ear of men to Instruction. In other words, before you can hear the instruction of God, your ear has to be opened by God Himself. You can’t hear what God is saying if He doesn’t open your ear. Every time you hear a word or instruction from the Spirit, you must bear in mind that you heard it because your ear was opened. There are too many people who are not receiving instruction. The reason for such is not because God isn’t willing to give them instruction but because they couldn’t hear.

Your focus should be that the Lord should open your ear that you may hear the instruction that the Lord gives. It can be very painful to see others receiving instruction but you are not. I have just shown you the real cause of it. Your ear has to be opened to receive the instruction of the Lord.

As believers, you don’t have to pray daily to God to open your ear to Him. All you need to as believers is to listen to Him. The believer that needs to pray to God to open his ear to Instruction is one who doesn’t commune with the Lord daily. The person who doesn’t speak to the Lord daily will have issues receiving instruction from Him. But a believer who fellowship with Him daily will always be open to His instruction when He speaks. I

pray that may your ear be opened regularly to hear Him.

Hold on to Instruction

Proverbs 4:13 says “Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; keep her, for she is your life.”

Whenever you receive an instruction, you must hold on to it. Letting go of your instruction is letting go of your miracle. I have learned that instructions are likely to be despised. I remember one time, the Lord instructed that we should go to a particular place, I delayed and procrastinated. It took a while for me to realize what has happened. I experienced certain setbacks and had difficulty trying to keep up with where we were. Why? This is because the moment the Lord told us to move to another place, He was no longer where we were, He has moved. It took a long time before I knew that letting go of instruction is letting go of God’s miracle in your life. That’s why those closer to me know that I cherish God’s instruction so much.

Instruction gives Knowledge.

Proverbs 12:1 says “*Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge.*” All instruction has knowledge. You become knowledgeable when you are instructed. You don’t know as you should know until you are instructed. Whenever God wants you to know how things work, He supplies you an instruction. You don’t know what to do because you are not instructed. I discover that God teaches us by instructing us. When you ask the Lord to guide you or teach you how to do something or go about a certain task, He will supply you an instruction. In the instruction is the knowledge that you

need is found.

Buy Instruction

Proverbs 23:23 says “Buy the truth and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding.”

To buy instruction is to give what it takes to get instruction. Spiritually, fasting and prayers are methods of buying instruction. When you starve your body of food, you open up your spirit man to receive instruction from the Lord. There are instructions you may not receive from the Lord until you separate yourself completely.

In the physical, paying some heavy sacrifices is one of the methods of buying instruction. When you travel to visit your spiritual father or mentor just to hear words and receive instruction from such, you are buying instruction. The money you spend on transportation, phone credit, and so on are what you use to buy instruction. When you buy books, you are simply buying instruction.

Hear the Instruction of your father

We are in a time that the instruction of fathers and elders are lightly despised. *Proverbs 1:8* says “*My son, hear the instruction of your father...*” Fathers are special gifts to us. Both our biological and spiritual fathers are gifts to you. You must never joke with the instruction of your father, especially, your father in faith. When you always regard the words of your father, you open the heart of such to you the more.

Fathers don't give counsel often, they give instruction. Coun-

selors give counsel. The way God design things is that a father should be able to give the right instruction to his children. Who is your father? Obey the voice of such.

The Spirit is given for Instructions

The Holy Scripture is for Instruction in righteousness. The scriptures are full of instruction. Also, the Holy Spirit gives us instructions. You can't be instructed and not exalted. *Nehemiah 9:20* says "You also gave your Spirit to instruct them..." This is referring to the children of Israel when they were in the wilderness before they entered the promise land. Do you remember how God took of the Spirit upon Moses and placed it upon the seventy elders? Nehemiah said God gave His Spirit to instruct them. The Holy Spirit was given to some of the Israelites to give them instruction.

All believers have the Spirit of God in them. One of the reasons you are given the Holy Spirit is to be instructed by Him. You are imparted with the Holy Spirit to instructed by Him. The Holy Spirit is not just for tongues. He is not just to give you power. The Holy Spirit is also to give you instructions. Thank God for tongues. Thank God for power. But also, we thank God for instructions.

What God gives is, His Spirit, and the Spirit in turn gives the instruction. When we are instructed by the Spirit, we are imparted by Him. You are instructed to be imparted. The instruction of the Spirit is an impartation of the Spirit. When you are instructed, all mountains become plain. Instruction is the linkage between your current level and your desired destination.

Get ready to be instructed

Psalm 32:8 says “I will instruct you and guide you in the way you should go; I will guide you with my eye.”

To be Instructed is to be prospered. God assured that He will instruct you in the way you should go. But He will not force you to go in that way. It is left to you to follow Him. When the Lord wants to reduce a journey of forty days to ten days, He will give an instruction. All divine Instructions are often shortcuts to the next level. Often times, you don't get to see the road clearly but because you trust His leading, you will continue to follow him till you get to your desired destination.

The Holy Spirit is given for instructions. So, get ready to be guided by Him regularly. When you are Instructed, you are guided. When you are confused and you seemed not to know the way to go, just receive His Instruction.

Blessed are you when you are Instructed!

Psalm 94:12 says “Blessed is the man whom You instruct O Lord...”

According to the Amplified Bible, to be blessed is to be happy, fortunate, and enviable. We can say fortunate is the man whom you instruct O Lord. Anyone that is Instructed by the Lord is fortunate. All blessed people are fortunate people. It is a privilege to be instructed by the Lord. It is a rare blessing to be Instructed by the Lord.

Every time you are Instructed and obedient to the Instruction, you will always have enviable success. Success is natural to

those who are instructed. And that's what makes them enviable. I learned from scripture that, that I am given instructions by the Lord is a sign of blessings. Have you been Instructed by the Lord before now? If yes, that shows you are a blessed person.

God's Instruction to you is proof of God's blessings. When God gives you an instruction, He has given you a blessing. It is your obedience that manifests the blessings. The fact is that Instruction not acted upon will not bless you. It is what you do with what you are Instructed that makes your blessings evident to others.

It is God's duty to instruct you, it is your duty to be obedient. I encourage you to be obedient to all the Instruction that the Holy Spirit gives and you shall be blessed.

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A PRECISE PERSPECTIVE ABOUT GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

What Instruction Is Not

1. **Instruction is not an idea:** an idea is what your mind produces, but an instruction is what your spirit receives. Anytime, you receive an idea, it is coming from your spirit to your mind, not from God. What God gives is instruction. Your spirit man is intelligent enough to produce an idea. You will never see where it is stated in the bible that God gives someone an idea. The originators of ideas are your spirit and mind.
2. **Instruction is not information:** Information is knowledge. God doesn't give instructions to inform you. God gives information. The information He gives is what we know as divine information. Divine information comes through revelation. But much more, God gives instruction.
3. **Instruction is not a suggestion:** God doesn't suggest things, He commands things. Men can give you suggestions, but

God doesn't. God will not give you instructions to suggest to you.

4. **Instruction is not an opinion:** Have you heard someone asked for your opinion? God can make His opinion about a matter known. But instruction is never an opinion. When God gives an instruction, He is not sharing an opinion with you.
5. **Instruction is not a counsel:** There is the counsel of God. But the Instruction of God is never a counsel. You must identify when God gives an instruction from when He gives counsel.

What is Instruction?

It is essential to clarify it for what it is. Let's view it from three hemispheres:

Instruction is a Command or Order.

A command is an order given to a person. It is an authoritative dictate that must be enforced or carried out without any suggestion or opinion. A command given you doesn't need the contribution of your intelligence or creativity. You are expected to carry out the command just as you are given. You don't add to it or remove from it.

It takes a superior authority to give an order. When you fail to adhere to that order, you will definitely face the punishment. In the military, a general doesn't give counsel or suggestions, he gives commands and all the officers under him must comply. An instruction doesn't have to be comfortable for you to carry it out. It has to be carried out because of the authority that declared it. You don't argue with the authority or tell him what you wish to

do.

God in relating to the Israelites didn't give them counsel or suggestions. He gave them commandments. Whether an instruction is given by God or man, it must be received as a command. Instructions are not optional, they are final.

Just as God moved Moses to give commandment to the Israelites, God through Paul told Timothy to command those who are rich in this present age... 1 Tim. 6:17. Definitely, Timothy wasn't told to counsel the rich but to command them. As a minister of the gospel, I learned this early that there are things you counsel believers on but there are matters and areas you have to command them. So you can see that a man can give commands to another man.

When you read through the gospel books, you will see specific instructions that Jesus gave. Those instructions were not received as mere words but as command. Jesus told the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). To preach the gospel is not counsel or suggestions, it's a command. The amazing thing about a command is that it is not concerned about your wish or plans, whether you desire or not, you just have to obey the command.

Jesus while on earth before His final departure commanded the disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they are endued with Power from on high (Luke 24:49). Eventually, the disciples received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the upper room in Jerusalem. He further instructed Peter "Feed my lamb" (John 21:15), "Tend my sheep" (21:16), "Feed my sheep" (21:17).

It's needed to accept that instructions are not for deliberation. You can pray against a prophecy to change but you can't pray against God's instruction to change. Yes, I know there are times that God can change His mind concerning an instruction. You

remember God told Abraham to go sacrifice Isaac only for him to be instructed again not to slaughter Isaac. The fact is that God will always use an instruction to cancel an instruction. If He doesn't want you to do something He instructed you to do, He will give a new instruction.

God instructed Abraham to go sacrifice his son, he immediately yielded and obeyed. That's a man that knew instructions are not for deliberation. Abraham could have said, Lord, 'don't let me kill my son, let me kill a ram'. But no! He knew that you can negotiate prophecies but not instruction. It has to be carried out. Abraham gladly obeyed God and later saw the miracle.

The emphasis now is that you have to know that you don't modify or adjust instructions. They are what it is, resist the temptation to adjust or embellish it for such will cost you.

Instruction is a Direction

A direction is a position a person or thing points towards. Too many people have vision but lack direction. While vision shows you where you are going, direction shows you the way there. You are where you are today because you lack direction. If you see someone who keep doing the same thing but has no result, such a person lacks direction. Direction is the way to breakthrough.

Prov. 3:5-6 says "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path."

Definitely, one of the things the Lord does for His children is to direct their path. God is not just a way maker but a way-shower.

You've got to know God will direct your path. The scriptures reveal that God led the children of Israel around by the way of the wilderness of the Red sea. He didn't lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. Why did He do that? He said lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt (Exodus 13:17-18). This shows that it was God who directed the path of the Israelites to the way of the Red Sea. You know He parted the Red Sea. God will show you the way and will make the way out of difficulty.

How does God direct? He directs by giving instructions. This is what makes an instruction to be different from information. It's not all information that carries direction. Instruction on the other hand will tell you what to do and how to do it. Definitely, God instructed Moses to lead the people by the way of the Red Sea. When Jesus came across Peter who had toiled all night, He didn't ask him what the problem was for He already knew it. He just instructed him to launch into the deep and let down his net for a catch (Luke 5:4). Sure, you know Peter caught more than enough that he had to call his neighbors to bring their boat. Peter toiled all night and caught nothing but one instruction created a miracle within a few minutes. Yes, there are principles that lead to abundance, but the fastest way to get abundance is to get instruction. Instruction will make you work at the pace of God. It facilitates speed to your results. You must never permit your intelligence and human skill to interfere or rebel against divine instruction. Everything God will tell you will always contradict what you know or skilled at doing. But there's nothing He tells you to do that you cannot do. As I study, I realized that the fish were always in the river even all through the night that Peter toiled and caught nothing. The only problem was that Peter was in the wrong direction. He invested his skill and energy in the

wrong direction. Like Peter, too many people are doing the right things but in the wrong place. It will take just one instruction to redirect you to the right place and path. The fish were not just created at the moment Jesus spoke, they were only revealed out of their hiding. One instruction will reveal where your provision is hiding. You've got to stop complaining like Peter saying I have toiled all night and start listening for an instruction. You don't lack a miracle, you only lack an instruction. You can see that the instruction Jesus gave Peter directed him to where the fish were hidden.

The next direction for your life is hidden in an instruction. Missing an instruction is missing a direction. Remember, we walk by knowledge, we run by principles but we fly by instruction. That's why those who train pilots are not called lecturers but instructors.

Instruction is Impartation of Wisdom

There are things we do by principles and things we do by instruction. Every instruction received from God is an expression of divine wisdom. So, one of the ways that divine wisdom is imparted is through instruction. To disobey God's instruction is to despise God's wisdom. The scripture is full of instructions and the diligence to execute those instructions will make you wiser among men.

In every circle or community of men, one of the ways that God produce a leader is to give instruction to someone. The man or woman with the instruction from God is the leader for with him or her is the wisdom for execution. If you can get instructions from God about what to be done in a particular situation, you will be considered a leader. God gives vision,

knowledge, and wisdom to leaders, but more than these, He gives them instructions. To be realistic, you need to know that instructions are seasonal. What He will tell you to do this season may be different from what He will tell you to do next season. Your ability to know consistently and regularly what He wants you to do seasonally will distinguish you from others. Instructions for the season is actually the wisdom for the season. You miss the instruction, you miss the wisdom. God is the divine Instructor and He gives instruction to men to make them wise. He has given instruction in the scriptures, so, reading the word is seeking to know what He has instructed. Beyond this, He also put His Spirit in every believer so they can receive specific instructions from Him concerning their lives. The reason many don't know what to do is that they lack instruction and as such, they couldn't get the wisdom needed for them to advance their course in life.

Whenever God wants to add more wisdom to your life, He gives you instructions of what to do to access the wisdom. I remember one time, that I was instructed to get all the messages of Pastor Chris Oyakhilome to listen to Him. I went about asking everyone to get me his messages. I went on the internet to download some of his messages too. I listened to him so much that after a few times, my understanding of certain things in scripture advanced. I stopped praying some prayers and started praying some prayers. I heard things that really changed my belief about some doctrinal matters. About two years later, an angel of the Lord appeared to me in the appearance of a man and instructed me to go listen to the messages of Bishop David Oyedepo. I couldn't get his messages for months. My mind even went off it. It was after two years that I started listening to his messages. As I listened to him, my understanding was opened to know some

things I should have done two years ago. Definitely, God wanted me to do something that year the angel spoke to me and He knew the only way I could access that divine information is to listen to a man who has released such information to the earth. I hope you know that an angel couldn't preach the gospel to Cornelius but only gave the instructions to send for Peter. Do you know that if Cornelius didn't obey, the Salvation of the gentiles could be delayed? Here was what happened. I had prayed and fasted for long days asking God to give me some wisdom of how to go about some matters. God answered the prayers by instructing me to listen to Bishop David Oyedepo, but I delayed getting his message and as such, it was only after two years that I was able to access the wisdom God wanted to give me two years before. When you delay obeying instructions, you have delayed access to wisdom. Do you know that within those two years, I listened to other preachers and teachers and was blessed but the answer to my prayers was not in their lips. It was put in the mouth of a man and he has said it about twenty years ago.

One day, a young minister told me how God instructed him to only listen to my messages and read my books. So, he went in demand for my messages and books all over. He ensured he attend every meeting I went for. I wondered why He was commanded such, but one day, I got an understanding that God just want to save that young man from going through unnecessary stress of learning. God wants him to enter into the labor of others fast. I remember there was a year, I read a total number of one thousand two hundred and thirty one books, listened to hundreds of messages, and attended a few conferences. For more than three years of my life was indoor. I only attended a few programs and get back indoor. All I was doing those years was reading books, listening to messages

of other ministers, studying different topics and subjects in scriptures, and praying extensively both night and day. So, I got to understand that the reason God instructed that young man to only listen to me and read my books was because God knows that the ministers he could have listened to, I have listened to them. This is not trying to hype myself. So, when the case of that young man happened, I knew that it was just the same instruction that God gave me years back to listen to some ministers. You can listen to any minister and be blessed, but that doesn't mean you can get the wisdom or insight you need for the moment from every minister. God will always place what you need in the mouth of the voice you listen to regularly. Obedience to instruction will save you from unnecessary labour. It will save your time from doing meaningless tasks.

Also, there are instructions that come from men. Human beings are divine channels transmitting divine instruction as wisdom. Biological parents must see themselves as instructors to their children. The way a father transmit wisdom to his children is by giving instruction to them. As a parent, you should give instructions to your children at their early age and give counsel to them at their adult age. Masters and bosses give instructions to their servants and workers. Corporate organizations and companies give instructional guides to newly employed workers so they can know their tasks and boundaries.

The purpose of mentorship is for instructions. I am not talking about domineering and manipulative mentors but men who have gone through your stage and know what you need to do to advance your course in life. I once heard of a young man who attended a breakfast meeting with his mentor. The other mentees of the mentor were there. So, during the breakfast, other mentees were there to eat but the young man told his

mentor that he wouldn't join them to eat for they were having seven days fasting and prayers in their church. So, he went outside waiting for others to finish eating their food and for him to come inside. While they were eating, the mentor told the other mentees that he would say in seven minutes what the young man was praying to get in seven days. That's very funny! The greatest thing a mentor can invest is instruction. If a mentor wants to transfer knowledge to you, he gives you counsel but for him to transfer wisdom to you, he gives you instructions.

Mentors are instructors. They speak from their wealth of knowledge and experience. They save you years of labor and effort. Paul told the Corinthian church that "for though you may have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers..." (1 Cor. 4:15). Amazing, this scripture reveals two kinds of people here which are instructors and fathers. An instructor may not necessarily be your father but your father should be your instructor. An instructor is a mentor, teacher, trainer, coach, tutor. Just like your teachers, lecturers in school (both secondary and tertiary), they are not necessarily your parents but they gave you instructions. Instructions here refers to knowledge of what you should do. The first instructors every child should have are his parents. So, Paul said that in Christ Jesus, the believers have instructors and fathers. Every father is an instructor but not every instructor is a father. You should be able to separate your mentors, teachers, or instructors in Christ from your father in Christ. The mindset for you now is that you must have the desire to receive instruction from your mentors and fathers for in so doing, you will receive their wisdom.

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FACTS ABOUT INSTRUCTIONS

1. All spiritual blessing are received when you believed in Jesus but all seasonal blessings are received at obedience to instruction.
2. The difference between seasons are instruction
3. We walk by knowledge, we run by principles and we soar by instruction
4. Every instruction you receive either from God or man is in your capacity to obey. All you need is the memory to remember and the courage to execute.
5. You don't need to pray to God to help you obey what He has instructed you to do. The only help God should give He has given you the moment He instructed you. You only need courage to take the bold step to act.
6. The instruction you follow determines the future you create.
7. We see the future by vision but we transition into the future by instruction.

8. Divine guidance will come through an instruction
9. Instructions are not audible but silent thoughts showing the way.
10. The moment God gave instruction, He has moved, your obedience to the instruction moves you.
11. Instruction from God is superior to principles. Principles and laws are discovered, instructions are received. Anytime God wants to do a miracle in your life, He bypass principle to give instruction.
12. Every time you miss an instruction, you miss a miracle.
13. There are divine instruction you cannot get except by fasting and prayer.
14. Instruction is the seed for promotion and elevation. It is by obeying a divine instruction that you enter the season of elevation.
15. Whenever God wants to do a new thing, He gives promises and visions but whenever God wants you to do a new thing, He gives you instructions.
16. The only thing that can overthrow laws and principles is instruction. Only instruction can do what principle and process cannot do.
17. When God calls a person, He gives that person a vision. When He sends a person, He gives an instruction.
18. What saved the firstborn of the Israelites was an instruction and what parted the Red Sea was an instruction. Your safety and next breakthrough is an instruction.
19. What will make your last to be the first is an instruction. Obedience to an instruction will reposition you.
20. Principles makes us move step by step, instructions make us move in leaps and bound.
21. God will give you an instruction to do what He wants to

start and what He wants to do. You have to give Him your obedience to complete it.

22. Don't fight battles by strength or human strategies, fight battles by receiving instructions. A king by instruction took musicians and trumpeters to battle and he won.
23. Every instruction from God will always discomfort you
24. Imagination is superior to knowledge while instruction is superior to imagination. Imagination is what you produce, instruction is what you receive.
25. Information precedes instruction. But the instructions reveal what to do with the information.
26. You can never be instructed divinely when you are not inspired. Every instruction is a product of inspiration.
27. The distance between your present and future is not time but an instruction.
28. Stagnation or regression is either a product of violation to principles or disobedience to instruction
29. Every instruction God gives you may sometimes look difficult but with courage you will execute it. God will never tell you to do what you cannot do and He hasn't finished.
30. When you receive instruction from the Holy Spirit, He makes you an instructor. Whoever receives instruction from Him is the leader and in charge.
31. Instruction is the principal key to elevation. If God has promised to elevate or promote you, be ready to receive an instruction and courageous to execute it.
32. Instruction has nothing to do with age but has to do with alignment.
33. Receiving divine instruction is not a proof of maturity but spirituality.
34. Every time you pray for a miracle, He gives you an instruc-

tions. Your miracle on earth is hidden in the instructions of your heart.

35. There is a part of money that is a reward for your work, yet there is a part that respond to obedience to an instruction. Ask Peter how he got money from the fish. Every God's provision will come through your work or obedience to an instruction
36. Stop seeking whatever is stolen or lost, start seeking an instruction. Instructions will show you the new God has provided.
37. For every prophecies you have received, you need an instruction. Instruction are divine plan for activation and fulfilment of prophecies.
38. You don't lack support, you lack strategies. Instructions are divine strategy that will draw support into your life.
39. Thinking produces ideas, listening produces instruction.
40. The reason you are not instructed is because you lacked understanding
41. You don't advise a child, you instruct a child. Stop advising your children, start instructing them.
42. Instruction is God working through man. To receive an instruction is a sign of blessing. God gives instruction to whoever He chose to bless.

THE FLOW OF INSTRUCTIONS

The flow of instruction suggests what instructions will accomplish in your life.

There is an instruction for Breakthrough

Moses at the Red Sea received the instruction to stretch the rod in his hand toward the sea and part it into two. Joshua received instruction to move round the wall of Jericho once daily for six days and seven times on the seventh day and that the people should shout on the seventh day. Difficult situations remain difficult because of the absence of one instruction. Instructions are the way maker and way shower to breakthrough. To come out of your difficult situation now, all you need is one instruction. Can you pray to God now to tell you what to do to come out of your difficult situation now! As you pray, be alert to the instructions He will bring your way.

Sometimes, you need to receive instruction from the stories

of people to find out what they did to get their breakthrough. If you can discover that, then, you have your breakthrough too. Whatever secret that produced success for others can be replicated in your field, space, and time to get a breakthrough too. Breakthrough responds to the application of principles. But I want to tell you that there are some people who have gotten breakthrough not by principles but by instruction. There are breakthroughs that no principle can produce. It's only an instruction that can produce it. For example, can you tell me the principle that can part the Red Sea into two?

You know I said you can receive instruction from what others have done. Elijah didn't teach Elisha how to part river Jordan. He only saw that Elijah his master took his mantle and use it to beat the river Jordan. So, after his master departed from him, all Elisha did was to do the same thing his master did. He also beat the river with the mantle and divide the water. Obviously, you see that Elisha didn't receive verbal instruction from God and Elijah. But he received the instructions from his Master's actions. Every of God's instructions must be turned to human actions. So, if you can see the action, you have received the instructions because the action is the visible manifestation of the invisible instruction.

Sometimes, God will not speak to you to give you an instruction. He will just open your eyes to see what someone has done. What you see that person did is actually his obedience to an instruction. Therefore, when God shows you what someone has done, He showed you His instruction to that person and the obedience of that person.

There is an instruction for promotion and elevation

God is the judge. He put down one and lift another. He is the lifter of men. Whenever God wants to lift a man up, He will instruct that man to do something. Instruction is a lifting strategy. Anytime God gives you an instruction, He has lifted you, it's your obedience that will cause the lifting to manifest. The presence of instruction from God to you is the presence of lifting. When God wanted to anoint David as king, He had to instruct Samuel to go anoint David.

Whenever God wants to promote you He will put something in your heart to do that will cause everyone to see you newly. Sometimes, what He will tell you to do might create hatred for you but you just have to do it. You are not ready for elevation if you want to please everybody.

Seven Instructions I got for Ministry when starting out

1. Learn to ignore criticism. Always act as if you didn't hear or know. What people say about you reveals who they are but what you say back reveals who you are. Joseph didn't tell his brothers' offence to Pharaoh.
2. When people say something false about you, don't talk about it. When you do, you are advertising it.
3. You need to be sensitive to people's reactions to your words, actions, decisions, corrections, and instruction. You know more about people through their reactions. Reaction reveals what discernment might not reveal. You can't discern everything but you can pick people's reactions.
4. Smiles are not the same. Some smile to control themselves,

some smile to mock or ridicule, some smile to rejoice while some smile to react. In all, you must learn to find out what people are saying through their smiles. You also need to train yourself to talk with smile.

5. What you don't know is superior to who and where you know. The most important thing in your life is not what you have but what you know. As long as you don't know beyond their level you can't grow beyond their level. You have what you don't know in you now, it is called ignorance.
6. What you don't know, you don't know and what you can't learn you can't know.
7. Do not correct a scoffer. If you want to help someone, correct him but if you want the pain to teach such, don't correct them. Pain is a teacher, it is just a painful teacher.

RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS MORE THAN YOU RECEIVE PROPHECIES

Great results in God's kingdom are not great because of prophecies received but for the obedience of men to the instruction received. I see that many Christian love to receive prophecies but failed to receive instruction. Prophecies show what God will do while instruction will show what you should do. The fact that you have received the promises doesn't mean that you will become it. It's your ability to do the needful that qualifies you become all God has said to you.

Sure, you need wisdom to go about doing things but the wisdom most often will come by an instruction. If you are told you will be a great man or woman, if you don't know what to do, you can't be great. I believe that what believers should go after is not prophecies but instructions. Always ensure that after you receive promises or prophecies, that you receive instruction. Prophecies and promises may show you the future but it's instructions that will take you into the future.

Across many African countries, the believers there love to receive new year prophecies but it's time they began to receive

new year instruction. You need instruction for the fulfillment of good prophecies, you need instruction for the cancellation of bad prophecies. When Jonah prophesied that the Ninevites will die in forty days, their king proclaimed a fast for everyone and they did, eventually God relented in His anger and didn't destroy them. If the king of Nineveh didn't give the instruction for a fast, they would have died according to the words of the prophet. So, you see how the instruction of a Gentile king countered the words of a Hebrew prominent prophet.

At a particular stage in my life, I read all God has said to me compared to what is really happening in my life. As I looked, I realized that I had received more prophecies and promises more than instruction. I had to make up my mind to begin to receive more instructions from God and men than prophecies. This is not trying to despise prophecies but just showing that you need instruction more than prophecies if you want to do exploits for God and advance your course in life.

The Instruction Giver

Holy Spirit - The Giver of Instructions

All believers have the Holy Spirit but not all of them really know Him personally. The Holy Spirit is the Person of God dwelling in your heart. When I mean heart, I refer to your human spirit. The Holy Spirit that moves on the face of the water in Genesis is now resident in you now. It's your duty to know Him experientially and contact Him daily.

The Holy Spirit doesn't only give you anointing, He gives instruction too. Anointing without instruction will frustrate you. Do you know the anointing function effectively on the strength of the instructions of the Holy Spirit? While you don't learn how

to receive the anointing for the Holy Spirit, you have to learn how to receive instruction from Him. You always and already have the anointing within you now as a believer in Christ, what you may not have now is instruction.

I love the Holy Spirit. When you are seeking direction for your life or about some things you want to do, the Holy Spirit won't give you an idea, He will give you an instruction. Instructions are superior to ideas. Let me tell you the truth. You don't need the Holy Spirit to receive an idea. As long as you have a mind and can think, you can generate an idea. I hope you know that unbelievers have ideas. Ideas are natural, instructions are supernatural. You don't need to pray to God to give you an idea. There are atheists who have ideas. When you contact the Holy Spirit, He gives instructions.

The issue is that many don't know how the Holy Spirit communicates. He speaks much in pictures and few in words. So, when He gives instruction, it may not come as words but as pictures or impressions in your heart. When He gives impressions, you must avoid referring to that as an idea but an instruction. You will never see a place where the Holy Spirit gives ideas in the Bible. He gives instructions. Could it be that what you call an idea is an instruction?

Naturally, you should always have ideas. I have too. Human imagination can produce a thousand ideas, options, and alternatives. Ideas are what you generate, instructions are what you receive. When you can engage your mind constructively, you will produce an idea. But don't seek to engage the Holy Spirit to get an idea. You should engage Him for vision and instruction.

You need to understand that instructions are seasonal, not always. Idea is what you get always when you engage your mind.

Develop Your Listening Skill

God is Spirit! You are a spirit too! It takes a spirit to listen to a spirit. God talks but you have to pick it up. God doesn't talk to your two pairs of ears, He speaks into your heart or human spirit. It's your duty to pick up what He is saying to you.

To hear the Holy Spirit, you must not assume that His voice is coming from above. You will hear Him from within you. The Spirit of God is within you and will speak to you from within you. What He speaks are not words but spirit. It is your mind that translates what you got from Him into words. The Holy Spirit can speak through you to others beyond your lexicon of words. Those are times you speak grammar whose meaning you don't know. But when He wants to speak to you, He will get through to you from the reservoir of your vocabularies so you can understand what He says to you.

One fact you must establish in your heart is that when He speaks to you, fear is not included. Whatever brings fear is not from God. His speaking will give peace, create clarity, and give directions to you.

You may ask, how does God speak? It's needful for you to know that God speaks through the thoughts of your heart. The loudest noise in heaven is the silent thought of your heart. When God speaks loudly to you, you will receive it as a thought in your heart. All thoughts are not from God for your heart can produce thoughts within you.

Listening to the Spirit of God is not a gift, it is a skill which you have to develop. The difference between great men of God who claims to hear God constantly from other believers who find it difficult to hear Him is the listening skill. You don't need to be a mature Christian to hear Him. Hearing God is not a proof of

maturity but a proof of sensitivity.

God's speaking are not organized but spontaneous. It's intuitive not instinct. When flashes of pictures suddenly get into your heart unexpectedly, it could be God communicating to you.

For a beginner, the easiest way to practice listening to the Holy Spirit is to be in a quiet or solitary place, worship God, pray in tongues, then, imagine that the Spirit of God is in you as a person and you want to talk with Him. Then, say something to Him expecting Him to say something back to you. Then, remain quiet and begin to listen to the thoughts of your heart. If you can practice this consistently, a time will come that you can discern His voice when He speaks in the midst of a loud crowd.

God's speaking to you is more internal than it is external. You have to train yourself to listen to the Holy thoughts in you. Any thought that is not sacred is definitely not from the Holy Spirit. Do you know that the Holy Spirit will use your voice to talk to you? He will use your inner voice to speak to you.

One of the ways to improve listening to the Holy Spirit is to acknowledge that you heard Him. You must say to yourself, I heard the Holy Spirit and I will do what He ask me to do. You must boldly tell people that you heard the Holy Spirit. Speaking this out will increase your convictions that you heard him and your faith to hear Him more. Do you want the Holy Spirit to talk to you? Then, talk to Him first and talk to Him more.

Like Abraham, Listen For The Latest Instruction

There are times that God instructs us to test our hearts, motives, and trust in Him. Abraham was such a man that I love so much. God instructed him to sacrifice his son and he yielded. Actually,

Gen. 22:1 reveals that God's purpose for the instruction to sacrifice Isaac was to test Abraham. Do you know when God told him to go sacrifice Isaac, He didn't tell him the plan was to test Abraham. He didn't say "Abraham, I want to test you now..." No! He just told him to go sacrifice Isaac and he yielded. After Abraham laid Isaac on the altar, upon the wood, he then went further to stretch out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. Then, an Angel of the Lord called to Abraham and instructed him not to slay Isaac. Thank God that Abraham obeyed and yielded. If he had only glued his heart to what God said and not diligently receive what God is saying, he would have killed Isaac thinking he was doing God's will or obeying God.

Thank God that you received what he said to you yesterday but do you know what He is saying to you now? Could it be that He wants you to stop what you used to do? I remember there was a time God told me it was time to leave the city of Ijebu Ode. Actually, I was in that city for about two years. So, I went to Ibadan to start the branch of the church there. Before I left Ijebu Ode, I had posted another pastor to start the Lagos branch of our church. So, I went to Ibadan thinking that's where God has for me and I even had peace in my heart to be in Ibadan. That's why it's needed for you to know that you may be outside of God's will and still have the peace of God and the peace from God in your heart. I was already in a twenty-one days fasting and prayers praying that the work in Ibadan will be successful. On the eighteenth day, the Spirit of God told me it was time for me to go to Lagos. I was shocked but had to yield. That's how I turned the remaining three days prayer out of the twenty-one to praying for the next move in Lagos. That's what it means to know what God is saying. If I had gone ahead, I would be in Ibadan thinking that's his will for me without knowing God has

moved.

Regardless of whatever you have invested or done, the instruction of today is more important. When the new instruction comes, God is no longer in the instructions of yesterday. Like Abraham, you must know when God says start and when he says stop. The instructions of yesterday may keep you where God has left. If you want to be where He is today, know what He is saying today.

I remember after all my struggles and challenges in Port Harcourt, the Lord granted me help that I was even taken to the deputy governor's house in Rivers state. I was in the ecstasy and joy of help from God when God told me it was time to get back to where I came from. I was shocked that God could send help to a man and tell that man to leave the help. I had to leave and get back to the Southwestern part of Nigeria where I came from. If I had stayed because of all the help and opportunities, it would mean that I stayed where God had left. I pray that may you not be where God has left.

THE PARAMETERS OF INSTRUCTIONS

1) **The Instructions from God:** This comes through three media which are -

a) The Holy Spirit: He will speak to your heart

b) The Holy Scripture: You understand what He commands from His words.

c) The Man of God: When a man of God speaks under the anointing or inspiration of God to you. When a man of God speaks to you, take His voice as God's voice to you.

2) **Instructions from People:** This comprises of Parents, elders, leaders, mentors, and teachers, sibling, boss, etc.

3) **Instruction from Things:**

a) The seed for tomatoes is an instruction to reproduce more tomatoes.

b) Profit from your capital is an instruction for reinvestment.

4) Instructions from events or happenings:

- a) Hunger is an instruction to be hardworking.
- b) Dishonor is an instruction to disconnect.
- c) Boasting is an instruction to forget the past.
- d) Talebearing is an instruction for selection.
- e) Lack is an instruction to be creative.
- f) Inconsistency is an instruction for change.

The Benefit Of Divine Instruction

We have established that there are instructions that come from God and those that come from men. Divine instructions are what you received from God. This is divine.

1) Divine Instruction is a sign of divine intervention:

Whenever God wants to show His power heavily in your life, He gives divine instruction. Every instruction is God's action in words. If you are strong at receiving prophecies but weak at receiving instructions, you can't go far. Prophecies are God's word to you about what will happen in the future or years ahead while divine instructions are words from God to you about what you should do today. I see prophecies as your destination and instructions as your transportation into your destination.

There are things we do by knowledge and there are things we do by instruction. Whatever you do by instruction is a display of the Supernatural hand of God on you to do things that don't tally with natural procedures and formula. Jesus told the servants to fill the water pots to the brim and draw from it to give to the master for the feast. The servant followed the instructions precisely and saw the miracle of water turning to wine. Elisha

told the widow of the son of the prophet in debt to go borrow empty vessels and pour oil into each and fill the pots. That is creative power. Do you realize that all these are not products of human knowledge and intelligence? It takes one instruction to see that miracle you desire. When you pray concerning a matter and you receive an instruction concerning it, that is a sign that God has intervened.

2) Divine Instruction is the key to divine Provision:

The connection between you and the provision you need is one instruction. God's provisions are hidden in unknown people and places. When you miss the instruction, you will miss the person and place of provision. Elijah was instructed to go to the brook of Cherith. When it dried up, he was instructed to go to the widow of Zarephath. I remember the first time I went to Port Harcourt, I said to God when I got there, "where is my house?" He said to me, "go to an Anglican Church." Then, I asked, which Anglican Church of many Anglican Church everywhere? I asked where is the Anglican Church located? Then, He said to me "go straight and you will see the place!" I went and after about ten minutes that I didn't get the place, I stopped and said "but God, you said I should go straight. I have been going straight and I didn't see any Anglican Church." Do you know God didn't say anything to me again? So, I decided to still go straight as He said. After about twenty minutes, I was able to locate an Anglican Church. I remember, when I got there, I told the security men that I came from a state in the southwestern part of Nigeria that I want to see the Reverend. They told me it's not possible for me to see the reverend and that I should go to a police station to report myself. They closed the gate, and tears roll down my eyes. In tears, I said, "God, it's already night and you told me

to come to an Anglican Church that my accommodation is here, now, there is no accommodation here and they told me to go to a Police Station. Is this what you brought me to Porthacourt to do? To come and suffer! Okay, I will go to a police station and sleep there, and by tomorrow morning, I will travel back to where I came from.” With all I said, God didn’t say anything to me. I took my traveling bag and made the move to the police station. Then, the Holy Spirit spoke to me, “don’t go to the police station, return back, and stay here.” I was astonished, so, I moved back and stayed there. I sat on a rocky stone there for close to an hour. Suddenly, one of the security men came to me and said, “young man, are you still here?” I said, “yes and that I am not going to the station.” The man looked at me and said, can you follow me so I can take you to a place to stay. I replied, “yes”. That’s how I got the provision for my stay in that state for months. It was during this time that I knew the power of instruction.

A prophet friend of mine told the story of how he met a bank manager. He narrated how he desperately needed money to get a hall for their church. He has prayed and just went out one day. While passing before a bank, the Spirit of God told him to enter into the bank and tell them he needed money for his church. I couldn’t stop laughing when I heard it. He entered, told them and they rejected that banks don’t do such. As he was leaving the bank, the manager came out and asked the customer care officer what my friend wanted. He told him he’s one of those pastors who just needed money from banks. The manager called my friend and rendered the help to him. Today, the church is standing. That’s the benefit of instructions. By instruction, he was able to get the money God has provided for him in the bank.

The end of your prayers should not be “amen”. You should

always listen for instruction because until you receive it, you haven't received your provision. For what you are praying for, who has God assigned to you to bless you? You must be bold enough to go to the places he shows you for your provision.

3) Divine Instruction grants you access to your divinely sent blessings:

Whenever God wants to send you a prepared blessing, He will give you an instruction. Jesus instructed the disciples to bring the loaves and fish to Him. One day, an evangelist visited me at home. As he came in, the Spirit of God instructed me to give him certain amount of money. I had the huge cash with me at home that day. The man said he visited me to appreciate me for all I have done for him and the support, teaching, and impact over his life. I told him we should give the glory to God. After a few minutes, I went into my room to package the money. So, I called him into my room and brought out the money to present to him, then, he also brought out an envelope to present to me. He said, he came to give the envelope to me by instruction. Actually, the purpose of coming to visit me that day was to give that money to me. So, his obedience that day granted him access to the blessing he got from me. In order words, God kept his money in my house but it was his obedience that made him get the money. What I have him that day was far more than the money he brought to me. How I wish you know the amount he gave me and what I gave him, then, you will know the huge difference. That day, I learned another lesson on obedience. So, if he had disobeyed and kept back what he was told to give, he wouldn't have access to that blessing he got.

One day in church, the Spirit of God told me that someone disobeyed him, and as such, the person hindered his access

to what God has prepared for him. Actually, the person was instructed by the Holy Spirit to give an amount as his offering that day in church, but because he has a configured amount, he didn't yield. So, I told the church, someone, here you disobeyed. After the service, a young man came to me that he was the one and that he prayed to God and the Lord instructed him to give me all the money in his pocket. So, I asked, "how will you get home, he said he would trek." I said in my heart, God forbid that I collect such money. Immediately, the Spirit of God told me, "collect it from him!" I said yes Lord! He said, "I want him to give what is in his pocket so I can move you to give what is in your pocket." I was astonished. Immediately, he brought out the money and I brought out the money in my pocket. He was surprised to see how God works miraculously. The money I gave him that day was more than the money he gave. That taught him a lesson that every time God instructed you to give, He has more to give you than you imagined.

4) Divine Instruction is the key to Victory:

The strong fight by strength, the stronger fight by wisdom, the strongest fight by instruction. When people are contending with you, just receive an instruction of what to do to defeat them. You can fight a wise man with wisdom and conquer him but to fight an instructed man, you need to get an instruction. God instructed Gideon and his men to go to the battlefield with trumpets. It's doesn't make sense to men. Rather than fight, get instructions, and do it. Obedience to instructions is the doorway to victory. Obedient people are victorious people.

5) Divine Instruction create Change:

Peter toiled all night but caught nothing. His companion

didn't catch anything too. Their time and effort that night was wasted. But I saw something there that amazes me. Do you realize that Jesus was in the boat of Peter, yet, Peter didn't catch anything? Jesus was present in the boat of Peter, yet, the fish didn't come to the direction where Peter was. Jesus preached from the boat of Peter, yet, Peter didn't catch any fish. That clearly shows that the presence of Jesus in your life will not change anything. Just like Jesus was in the boat of Peter, so Christ Jesus is in the life of every Christian today. In fact, Jesus is not only in the life of believers, He has become their life. What I want you to know is that the fact that Jesus is within you doesn't mean things will change when difficulty comes.

The change you desire now will not happen because of the presence of Jesus but because of the instruction that Jesus gives. While Jesus was in the boat of Peter, Peter caught nothing. But the moment Jesus gave the instruction to Peter to launch into the deep, there was a catch. Get this, toiling will not change anything in your life. But at one instruction that you receive from the Lord, things will change. Have you been laboring but didn't get the desired result? then, listen for an instruction from the Lord. All Peter needed to catch abundance was one instruction from the Lord. One instruction was all He needed to forget all his fruitless night. The change you desire will come because you listen to an instruction. You've got to be obedient because divine instructions are always simple. They are likely to be despised. If Peter had belittled the words of Jesus, he would have missed the miracle. An instruction will always direct you to where your blessings are hidden.

Stop locating your blessings in the physical, start receiving instructions. One instruction will direct you to the location of your blessings. To be instructed is to be directed. You've got

to be sensitive because the instruction you will receive may tell you to do again what you have done in the past but didn't work. Peter would have directed the net into the same place Jesus told him to launch into.

6) Divine Instruction create Favor:

Receiving divine instruction is proof that you have favor with God. No man can be instructed by God when such lacks favor with God. Most times, God gives instructions to people to create favor. Any time you need favor in the sight of a person, listen for divine instructions on what to do. Obedient people are favored people. Whoever you obey will always love you and show you kindness. There are things you can only get by favor. It is needful to know that instruction is one of the ways we activate favor.

7) Divine Instruction creates Speed:

Instruction creates acceleration. Whatever you do by instruction will always move at the speed of God. It takes nine months for a woman to give birth to a baby but took God less than one day to form an adult man. Two things that create things faster at the speed of God are – prophetic words and instructions. By prophetic words, Elisha said by this time tomorrow. And by instruction, Moses was told to strike the rock for water to gush out. You cannot be instructed and not accelerated. Instruction is the key to acceleration.

There are progress that comes step by step, but there are progress that comes in leaps and bounds. Whenever God wants you to command unusual results that will break all protocols, He gives you an instruction that will often be contrary to the wind and trends of things.

8) Divine Instruction Birth Healing and Miracles:

Elisha told Naaman to dip himself into the river of Jordan seven times. If he only dipped himself into the river six times, nothing would happen. Jesus told Peter to come to Him on water. When you obey divine instruction, the impossible happens. Many don't experience miracles daily because their obedience is not daily.

One day, I was very weak, and having some pains in my body. Suddenly, I heard the Holy Spirit spoke to me to stand up from the bed and continued with some productive activities. Naturally, the pain suggested that I should not rise but take time to rest. But having learned the power of obedience to instruction, I stood up and continued doing some activities. Today, the rest is history. That was how the pain and potential sickness left. The next time you have some pains or need a miracle, ensure you find out what the Lord will need you to do.

9) Divine Instruction brings Restoration:

When the people of Ai defeated the Israelites, God instructed Joshua to fish out the wicked one among them. Eventually, they got Achan. After Achan was killed, God instructed Joshua to set up the warrior team and set an ambush. Do you see that? God gave all these instructions because He wanted the people to be restored. And greatly Joshua followed the instructions in detail. There is an instruction that will get you the things you have lost.

10) Divine Instruction release Divine Wisdom to your heart:

You cannot be instructed and not be wise. All instruction you receive is the wisdom of God. So, when God gives you an instruction, He has only given you His wisdom.

The Power Of Details

Details are facts and information about something. One detail omitted or missed is equal to disobedience. If you are told to do seven things and you did six, the one you didn't do has automatically nullified the other six you did. Sometimes, disobedience doesn't mean you didn't do anything, it may mean you didn't do everything. Failure to do everything has cost many their destiny.

2 Kings 5:10 reveals how Elisha sent a messenger to Naaman to go wash himself seven times in the Jordan to be made whole. If he had wash once or six times, nothing would have happened. 1 Sam. 15:20-23 reveals how Saul carried out half assignment without following the whole details which later cost him his kingdom.

If you will go far with God, you have to follow details. I remember one year, the Lord instructed me to go anoint a young man. I called a few people to join me. After the prayer, I anointed this person with the oil and while there, the Spirit of God told me to lay hand on him immediately but I didn't lay the hands because I thought since he has been anointed, that's enough. We began to sing praises and in less than two minutes, the power of God came upon a young brother who was already asleep and dozing off and the brother stood up by God's power and he went straight towards the man I just anointed and laid his hands on him. Instantly, the man fell under the power of God. That day, I learned to always keep attention to details.

FIFTY INSTRUCTIONS I RECEIVED THROUGH MEDITATION

1. Never share vision with those who don't have the revelation of you.
2. Matthias succeeded Judas. Jesus trained and kept Matthias around him even though He never included him among the twelve. Just like Jesus, don't just train successors, train replacement. As you train your leaders, train their successors silently.
3. As a leader, you must know how to connect and disconnect. Like Jesus, you must disconnect Philip from Matthew and connect Philip with Andrew (John 12:22). You must disconnect Peter from Andrew and disconnect John from James. You should connect Peter with John (Mark 11:1-3; Acts 3:1). You don't connect James with anyone. Let James be alone. James was a major influence over John for negative actions. It was James who told John, let's ask the master if we should call down fire on the people. It's James who told John they should go tell their mother to speak to

Jesus to permit them sit on His left and right respectively in the Kingdom.

4. Jesus knew who would betray Him and succeed Him. You have to recognize these two kinds of people as a leader.
5. As a leader, you should relate with your leaders based on two points: Based on the office of each of them and based on your knowledge of each of them.
6. There is something in you that will make you known to the world, recognize it. There's someone that will make you known to the world, identify him or her. There's something you will do that will make you known to the world, do it!
7. To help others, write a book. To help yourself, read a book. You need to help yourself before you help others and in helping others, you are helping yourself.
8. Absalom wants your palace, not your mentorship. Don't mentor Absalom.
9. When others are working their way to the top, serve your way to the top. Service is a lifting strategy.
10. Pain will make you a great decision-maker. Your pain will pay you one day. Don't abuse your pain.
11. Jesus called the twelve but smart women had enough sense to follow Him. Ensure you follow who you perceive God has made the leader.
12. Answers to prayers don't come from looking out for changes in environment. Pray and read your answer in the scriptures. The picture you see in scripture is your answer.
13. God's will is found in the scriptures and your spirit. Stop looking for a sign and start looking for a verse. Stop looking for reasons and start looking for peace in your heart.
14. You need three people to move to the next level: YOU, FRIENDS, ENEMIES. The reason you haven't moved was

- because you had you and friends all your life. You need enemies to move to your next level.
15. A talebearer must not be an armour bearer. Never share secrets with whoever cannot keep secrets. You can never be saved in the hand of whoever cannot keep secrets.
 16. To recognize the future, don't try to find out what is ahead. Just find out what is in your head. Your future is in your head now. The picture in your head is your future on earth. If you haven't seen the picture, you haven't seen the future.
 17. You need a picture for your new future. God will first present a picture of how He sees you before He blesses you. You see the blessing as a picture before you experience the reality.
 18. Whatever you don't want to learn through the Holy Spirit and people, you will learn through pain. Don't be a know-it-all figure but be a learn-it-all figure.
 19. If you want to hear from God audibly, read the Bible out loud. You need to give your voice to the word of God for you to hear His voice.
 20. When God says "I will do a new thing," He doesn't re-brand the old. He creates a new Get ready to do new things this season.
 21. When you don't move at the point of instruction, you will struggle with provision.
 22. Men are representative of God. The way you serve God is that you serve His men. You seem God by serving men. To serve God, serve men.
 23. You either make a noise with your speech or success. Work hard in silence, let your success make the noise.
 24. He was cutting down the tree, then, got tired and fell asleep under it shades. Never be in haste to destroy what may be

- useful to you in future. Think before you act!
25. You must treat men the way you will treat God. If you can't deceive God, don't deceive men. God is not just in heaven but in men. Whatever you do to men, you are indirectly doing to God.
 26. As you grow in rank, your work is not to do things yourself, but ability to mobilize people and unite their heart to a particular purpose and task.
 27. It takes humility to sustain authority. It takes the humility of the lamb to sustain the authority of the lion. You are not too big to crash by pride. The more higher you go, the more humble you must be.
 28. You need to receive patience alongside the promises. Patience will make you grow into the promises.
 29. You can't break into supernatural when you can't hear Him. Ensure you listen to Him After you pray. Never end your prayers with 'amen', end it with a word you receive from Him.
 30. People need to be more reminded more than they are instructed. Always remind your people the instruction you gave.
 31. God puts desires in your heart, He doesn't put decisions there. He expects you to regularly make the right decision. You need to make a decision for your desire to come to pass.
 32. The steps of the righteous are ordered by God. God ordains your steps but you need to move your feet. Until you take actions, you can't move in any steps.
 33. God's duty is to supply faith and grace. Faith comes by hearing the word while grace comes by faith and multiplies by knowledge. Your duty is to make decisions, plans, and take actions.

34. It is one thing to be filled with the Holy Spirit and it's another to be filled with knowledge. While you pray, worship to be filled with the Holy Spirit, you read and listen to be filled with knowledge. Ensure you pray and worship daily to be filled with the Spirit and read scriptures, books and listen to messages to be filled with knowledge.
35. You want to soar like an eagle but you don't want to start out like an eagle. Starting comes before soaring. Until you start out, you cannot soar high. Start your dreams now!
36. You don't have to tour locally to go global. But you have to start locally before you spread globally. While you start locally, you should think and plan globally.
37. Men stay poor because they have never used what God deposited in them. Tap into your divine deposit. Ask yourself, what do I know that others don't know. Teach it! What can I do that others can't do, do it!
38. God loves you for who you are but will bless you for what you do. The blessing of the Lord that makes rich comes to you when you do what you are led to do. You've got to yield to the inspiration you have.
39. Everything you don't have is in the hand of someone close to you. Identify those God has used to bless you. Identify who God has appointed to create a financial stream into your life. Identify who will stream wisdom and favor into your life. Find out, who's investing time, correction, money, mentorship in you and what has been your return.
40. Always ask yourself, what should I be doing differently? You need information daily. Ask yourself, if I have one hundred million now, what will I do with it?
41. Stubbornness and unwillingness to change is the energy of fools. To reject change is to reject progress. Always accept

- change.
42. Indecision cannot kill you but can kill your destiny. Always make decisions.
 43. Courage is not a gift, you don't pray for it. You develop it. Be courageous today!
 44. If you mind the opposition, you will miss your position. There's no great task without opposition. Face your opposition with strategy.
 45. When you pray to God to help you, He will send someone to represent Him. Always be alert to who God sends your way to represent Him.
 46. God created you differently from others. It's your duty to distinguish yourself. Distinguish yourself.
 47. Anytime you want a change, put pressure on yourself. You have to make change in what you do before you see change in what you have.
 48. You cannot overtake sitting, closing your legs. Like Elijah, you have to be on move and something will come on you to overtake when you are on the move. Always let people see your results.
 49. To change your circumstances, you must first change your thinking. Stop thinking what you are thinking. Start thinking God's promises to you. The purpose of prophecies is to bring you to a higher thoughts of God. Think your prophecies!
 50. The things you think are the things you possess. Stop imaging evil. Stop imagining small dreams. Start imaging big things. Whatever you see in your inner pictures is what God has given you.

Conclusion

If God is telling you to do something, do it cheerfully, without murmuring and do it promptly because delayed obedience is still disobedience. Anytime God gives you an instruction, it means He is set to bless you, just obey and do it. Some Christians have no devil worrying them; do not allow disobedience, lack of faith and trust in God to stop your blessings.

Your lack of seasonal blessing may be as a result of an instruction you ignored or as a result of something you stopped doing. Consistent and continuous obedience brings a continuous flow of blessings.

Stop asking God questions and just obey any instruction you receive from God. When God wants to do something He does it beyond human capability and comprehension. There was a need for wine at the wedding at Cana of Galilee. When Jesus was informed, He asked His disciples to fetch water according to John 2:3-9. It was their obedience to Jesus' instruction that birthed the miracle. Always follow God's instructions and you will receive your blessings.

CONCLUSION

John 2:5 – His mother saith unto the servants, whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

Anytime you come under financial pressure, that could mean you broke a principle or ignored an instruction. Most times, it is when you want to use the money for something that the instruction will come to test your faith in God. Any time you got an instruction to give, that's an opportunity to be blessed more by the Lord.

God's instructions may seem unrealistic at the moment but obedience to it births miracle.



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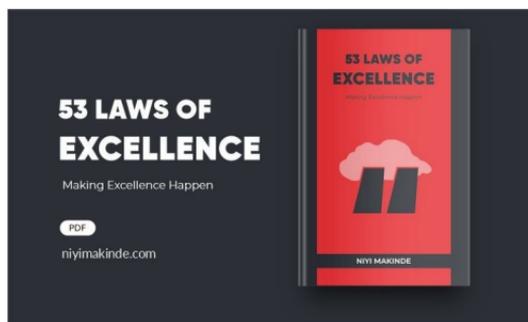
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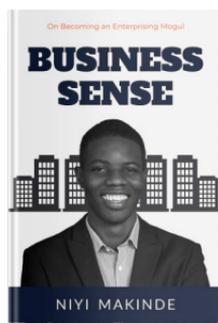
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