



A LEADER THAT CANNOT RULE CANNOT GOVERN!

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EXPLORING THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOD'S UNIVERSE

God: A Sovereign Ruler

You cannot understand rulership or the subject of ruling if you don't have the understanding of who God is. God is a sovereign ruler. He rules over all. God is not just a creator and a Father. He is a Ruler. He exercised His rule anytime, any day, anywhere and with anyone. This dimension of God will transfer the understanding of rulership to your mind.

Psalms 66:7 says, "He rules by His power forever..."

God created power Himself and rules by this power forever. God gives power to His creation. God has no one to give Him power. Other creations have created power. The power God possessed was uncreated power (unlimited power). You are to rule by power as a creature of God.

Psalms 22:28 reads, "For the kingdom is the Lord's, And He rules over the nations."

God also rules over the nations.

Psalms 103:19 says, "The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all."

God's kingdom rules over all.

The Four Universes of God

These give understanding on how to exercise rulership in certain geographical areas. The four universes of God include:

1. A Place Far Above the Heavens

There is a place known as far above the heavens. Many people knew about heaven. Only a few know about the far above the heavens.

Ephesians 4:10 says, *“He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.”*

There is a place beyond the heaven where the angels, living creatures and elders dwell. The place far above the heaven cannot be accessed by any angel at the moment. The only entities that can access the place is Christ and everyone in Him. Remember, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature. Christ and everyone in Him are in a place far above the heavens.

Isaiah 66:1 reads, *“Thus says the Lord: Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?”*

The throne of God is in heaven. Therefore, there's a place that is far above the heavens. This is the first universe of God. Let me just share this insight. That place that is far above the heavens is where will later become the new heaven and new earth because this current heaven and earth will go away at the return of Christ.

2. Heaven

This is the second universe of God. The heaven is identified by some people to be upward and far above the earth.

2 Corinthians 12:2 says, *“I know a man in Christ who fourteen*

years ago...such a one was caught up to the third heaven.”

Apostle Paul identified the third heaven in his writing to the church at Corinth. This gave the foundation for the first and second heaven.

Genesis 1:1 says, *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*

God created the heavens in the beginning. The word heavens within the context of the Scripture is pluralized. The place where the fallen angels dwell is the second heaven. The kingdoms in the invisible world are the place Satan showed Jesus Christ. The first heaven is above the sky, the second heaven is where Satan and his cohort dwell and the third heaven is where God dwells. The second heaven Satan claimed belonged to him and was created by God. It was after the fall of Satan and one-third of angels moved to the second heaven.

Revelation 12:7-9 says, *“And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought...”*

Those creatures who dwell in the throne of God see anything below the place they dwell as earth. Satan was cast out from heaven (where God dwells) to the place known as the second heaven. They have the opportunity to come to the earth.

3. The Earth

This is the third part of the universe. It comprises the north, south, west and east. It includes the sea and part of the sky downward.

Genesis 1:9-10 says, *“Then God said...let the dry land appear and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas...”*

The whole earth was covered with water.

Genesis 1:2 says, *“The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”*

It was at the re-creation of the earth that formed the dry lands. The dry land was called earth. The seasons are still part of the earth. The dry land is a place where men dwell, animals live and plants are planted.

4. Beneath the Earth

This is the fourth part of the universe. It is a place we saw through Apostle Paul when he gave prominence to the name of Jesus.

Philippians 2:9-10 declares, *“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.”*

Ephesians 4:9 says, *“Now this, He ascended—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?”*

This is a place some Theologians called the underworld. Jesus descended to the lower part of the earth (beneath the earth). Beneath the earth is comprised of Abraham’s bosom, hell and paradise. The place where spirits and souls of men can travel is beneath the earth. The dead that will rise at the coming of Jesus Christ are the spirits of the saints that will come out from the lower part of the earth (beneath the earth). They will receive new bodies to ascend with Jesus Christ.

Man Is Destined to Rule

Man is created with an inbuilt desire and ability to rule. The weakest of all men have the ability to rule. Man was commanded to have dominion. There is something in man that will make

him to rule. Man is destined to rule because that was God's desire for him at creation. God rules over people, places, powers, time, sicknesses, death and darkness. He created man with the ability to rule like Him. Man is made to rule over other rulers.

Psalms 136:8-9 says, *"The sun to rule by day, For His mercy endures forever; The moon and stars to rule by night, For His mercy endures forever."*

The sun rules over the day while the moon and stars rule by night. The sun, moon and stars are rulers. In the animal kingdom, among the birds the eagle is a ruler. Among the beasts, the lion is a ruler. However, man has been made to rule over all rulers on earth.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEADING AND RULING

There is a difference between leading and ruling. You lead people when they follow you of their own free will. When people give you the non-verbal or verbal permission to guide, control or lead them, you are on a path of leadership. You lead people who are willing to follow you. When God has made you a leader and the people are not willing to follow you, it is an avenue to exercise rulership. God doesn't want you to rule over your fellow humans rather He wants you to lead.

However, when you are made a leader in a sphere of influence without any form of manipulation and backed by election or lifting hand of God but the people are not willing to follow you to execute the will of God where you are established, you will need to rule. When you rule, you make decisions that will go against human feelings and desires so as to be obedient to God. You should only rule when you want to execute the will of God but the people are against God's will to flourish. Leadership is very essential in life. You lead by means of relationships. If

there are five people gathered in a place, there will be someone who will emerge as a leader among them. We lead in life by the means of relationship, service, position, modeling and spiritual fatherhood. All these are the channels in which leading is made possible. If all you see about yourself is leading, you cannot function maximally in dominion.

Dominion has ruling as part of its formation. It is a combination of “**ruling and leading**” that makes up dominion. If God put dominion over your life, you will lead and rule on earth. Dominion must lead and when leading is not accepted, supported, followed or embraced by people; dominion must rule.

If you are going to execute the will of God on earth, you must lead and rule simultaneously. The subject of ruling is not directed to people principally but towards individuals, things, situations and an area of life. When God puts dominion on your life, you will be a leader and ruler. When God told man to have dominion over everything on earth, it connotes leadership and rulership on earth. When a man comes against a lion or snake, you don't make attempts to lead such; at such moments you have to rule over the lion and snake. You rule by means of capturing or killing the beasts you came across.

You must bear in mind that there are people and places you can't lead; you have to rule such. You can't lead such because they won't submit willingly to you. It is either there is willingness or forcefulness. When a territory assigned to you failed to submit to your leadership willingly, you will have to step in forcefully – and that force will only be applied when you decide to rule. Ruling compels a territory assigned to you to submit to you out of their wish or desire. The language of leadership is influence but the language of ruling is compliance.

Well, there is a good and bad side of ruling. The good side of ruling enforces dominion but the bad side of ruling enforces dominance. In leading people, you need emotional quotients but in ruling people, you need a forceful quotient. Governing a nation is more of ruling than leading. The reason for such is because of the mixed multitude of citizens. Anywhere there are mixed multitudes, you must be assured that there will be mixed opinions, perspectives, ideologies and philosophies. It is certain that some of the citizens won't agree with every decision of whoever is in power. In that situation, whoever is in power will have to go ahead to execute what he considers right without being emotional or partial. When a leader goes ahead to execute a policy as against the wish of some citizens, he has ruled.

When you are leading in a place and the people around you don't agree with the execution of God's will, you have to rule. Ruling always go against feelings and emotions of persons. Ruling is needed in situations where people we are accountable to are not willing to follow God's purpose. You guide or lead people only when they are willing to agree and follow you. In ruling you don't ask for people's permission and opinion. Those who truly exercise dominion on earth know when to rule from when to lead. You must see the people you are leading as your responsibility. When the people you are leading are not willing to follow God's will, you must also see them as your responsibility. Ruling is not coercion or force. Ruling is ensuring the things that needed to be done are executed.

Anytime you encounter resistance in leadership, you need to rule. When you don't rule in the presence of resistance, the authority and anointing upon your life will be diminished and the dominion spirit upon you will become weak. Dominion will help you to lead when you should lead and rule when you should

rule. It is needed that you understand the time to lead from the time to rule. It is God that trains children. However, as parents, you must be able to rule so as to raise godly children. It takes rulership to train a child in the path he should go. There is the scenario of foolishness in the heart of children that makes them rebel against the truth. To conquer this act of foolishness, leading, casual correction and beating may not be the solution but the application of rulership.

1 Timothy 3:5 says, *“For if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?”*

The Scripture is not against ruling. God is not against ruling. The governing of the people is the combination of leadership and rulership. There is a certain will of God that will be executed on earth only when we rule. Leading will always consider emotions, reactions and feelings while ruling is after doing the right things, facing reality, being strict in decision-making and establishing the truth always. It is God's will for you to lead and rule on earth.

Understanding This Facts

Rulers are leaders. Leaders should be rulers. You must know when to lead and when to rule. A ruler should demonstrate the quality of a leader. It is not every time you should rule. Sometimes you must be flexible. There are situations that require you to display rulership.

Who is a Ruler?

These definitions will be gleaned from the individual perspectives.

1. A Ruler Is a Person Who Has the Power to Control His Activities and Affairs:

He can decide and follow through how things should happen in his or her life. When you demonstrate the power to control your personal activities, you are ruling. When you refuse to be affected by trends, words from friends and associations, tossed to and fro, you are exercising rulership. Rulership will compel you to follow through the things you decided to achieve daily, weekly, monthly and yearly.

2. A Person Who Has Achieved a High Level of Success and Influence

When you are successful and influential you become a ruler. You must trust God to help you to be a high achieving individual. You can be an unequaled, accomplishing personality.

3. A Person Who Has Become an Authority in His Sphere of Influence or Professional Life

Can you be regarded as an authority in your sphere of influence. In your profession can you be regarded as an expert? You must be highly knowledgeable in your sphere of influence.

4. An Individual Who Has His Way and Say

You should be such an individual that has his way and say among men.

5. A Ruler Is a Leader in an Organization or Institution

You are a potential ruler when you lead an institution or an organization. You must seek to lead in the organization you are established. However, you are expected to rule so as to establish the will of God.

Who Is a Ruler from God's Perspective?

A ruler is an individual who has been given authority and responsibilities by God over people

These individuals are kings, leaders of a nation, spiritual leaders. When you occupy the office of the president, governor and local government chairman you are a ruler. God will make you an effective leader and ruler. You have the responsibility to lead effectively when you should lead and rule effectively when you should lead. Rulers are known for authority, power and influence.

The Foundation for Ruling: Rule Yourself

A ruler must first rule over himself. He who will govern others must be able to govern himself. He that will lead others must be able to lead himself. He who will rule others must be able to rule himself.

Proverbs 6:6-8 says, *“Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which having no captain, Overseer or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest.”*

The ant as a tiny creation doesn't need a ruler or overseer to do the right things. There are people who are full of age and educated who know the right things to be done but will not do. If you need to be supervised, monitored and controlled to do the right things you are not a ruler. Be such an individual who does the right things always and carry out tasks successfully without being supervised or checked upon. Ruling starts with you. One of the attributes you must imbibe as a ruler is successful accomplishments of tasks or responsibilities without being supervised or monitored. Don't be among the category of men who accomplish tasks until you are checked upon. When you make up your mind to carry out some assignments and refuse

to accomplish such things you need to learn from the ants. Stop seeking for who to rule; rule yourself. Always control yourself to do the right thing every day and every time. Those who truly rule themselves are men who end up in the status and position of leading and ruling over others.

Ten Things you must Rule Over

1. You Must Rule over Sin

There is a sin leading to death. There is a sin not leading to death. Sin is missing the mark. Sin is also doing anything that is not right. Be such an individual that will rule over sin.

2. You Must Rule over the Earth

You must rule over your environment. You must know your space of influence and rule thereof. You must control how things should happen in your environment. You rule your environment by dictating how things should happen in such environment. This also starts with your house. You rule how things should go in your house. As a man you decide how things should go in the house. You decide the time for devotions and prayers within the house. In your work place you adhere to the lay down conduct of service and delivery. If you are an employer, dictate how things should be done in your organization. Create order in your environment.

3. You Must Rule over Sicknesses and Diseases

There are some sicknesses and diseases that come through the things that enter your body system through your mouth; some through your nostrils, and some through your skin. The world of medicine is the wisdom of God to bring healing and kill

some diseases. Also, your faith can bring healing and health to you. You must be conscious of the water you drink and the food you eat to avoid sicknesses and diseases.

4. You Must Rule over Satan and His Cohorts

Don't give space for the devil in your life. Rule over Satan and his cohorts. Exercise your authority to cast out devil through the name of Jesus Christ.

5. You Must Rule over Your Heart

You rule over your heart by avoiding negative thoughts and focus on good thoughts. You have the ability to control the things you think on. You don't have the ability to control the thoughts that come into your heart. Don't think about offences, the things people do to you and how they think about you. Don't think about immoral things. Don't think on everything that comes into your heart.

Proverbs 4:23 reads, *“Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.”*

Be intentional to keep your heart with all diligence. Your heart is the door way to your life. If you want something to leave your life, let such a thing leave your heart. Meditate on things that are pure and of good reports.

6. You Must Rule over Your Addictions

Addictions are fleshy passions, uncontrolled emotions and wrong imagination. Rule over the addiction of the things you take into your body system. Rule over your emotions. By the help of God you should stop some things you are addicted to. Conquer your addictions. Trust God to grant you victory over your addiction. Also, any time you have the thoughts of doing

such a wrong thing, make up your mind to do the right thing.

7. You Must Rule over Situations and Circumstances

Rule over situations that are challenging. You rule over barrenness. You rule over problems through prayers and actions. Rule over joblessness through prayers and actions. Rule over rejection by prayers and embracing the character of favor.

8. You Must Rule over Lack and Poverty

You need knowledge, wisdom, right relationships and favor to rule over lack and poverty. Those four elements make up economic power. Knowledge is a function of information. Wisdom will grant you insights into step by step approach to accomplish things. Relationships grant access to recommendations and privilege information. Favor will make your gift and service to be accepted.

9. You Must Rule over Death

There are three kinds of death according to the Holy Scripture. Firstly, there is spiritual death - this is separation from God. You conquer spiritual death by accepting the lordship of Jesus Christ into your life. You believe in Jesus Christ with your heart and you confess His lordship with your mouth that God raised Him from the dead. You are restored back to God through your confession of Jesus Christ and your spirit becomes alive unto God. Secondly, there is the physical death. This is when the spirit man walks out of the body. You must rule over this kind of death. People die because of certain reasons. People die because they have short life. There is a difference between short life and long life. When a person dies at the age of twenty, thirty and forty years, it is a symbol of short life. People die because they

have short life.

Psalms 91:16 says, *“With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.”*

God satisfies with long life. You should not die young. Desire the Lord to grant you long life and make you full of age. People die by the deliberate act of terminating their life. This involves committing suicide. People die when they become victims of natural unfavorable activities like genocide, earthquake, collapsed buildings, or by human activities like terrorism, war, and assassination. You must constantly pray to God to preserve you from evil. People die due to circumstances of life like accidents, drowning, sicknesses, and diseases. Many of the circumstances that claimed the life of people had the hand of Satan as the perpetrator. Trust God to make you escape any circumstances programmed against your life. You must be intentional to rule over death through prayers of preservation, safety and protection.

10. You Must Rule over Your Body

If you don't rule over your body you will be sleeping while you should be working.

Proverbs 6:9-11 says, *“How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep...”*

If you don't rule over your body you will be playing when you should be working; you will not fast when you should fast.

1 Corinthians 9:27 says, *“But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”*

You have to discipline your body. Don't permit your body to engage pleasure when it should be focused on the vision.

Discipline your body so you won't substitute vision with comfort and purpose with pleasure in your life.

Use Your Words to Rule

It is either you rule or you are ruled. Whatever is not permitted in heaven should not be permitted in your life. Cancer is not in heaven; it should not be permitted in your life. Diseases are not in heaven; they should not be permitted in your body. You have to stand your ground in faith and exercise authority through the name of Jesus Christ. If there is any part of your body that is deformed or in pain, you must rule over such. Don't go to sleep but rather rise up in faith and exercise authority in the name of Jesus Christ. Command the pain to die a natural death. Speak health to your body cells, tissues, organs and systems. Sickesses don't just leave. It is either you treat or command sicknesses to leave you. Every pain, diseases and sicknesses have an intelligence to hear. Your tongue is a most important part of your body. Your tongue can inject death and life into any form of disease or sickness. Use your tongue to inject life into your body. Use your tongue to inject death into the things that need to die within your body system. A pain and disease in your body must die. Don't endure pain; command it to leave. I don't forbid medications and treatment. I encourage you that after you have gone for treatment and taken your medication, use your tongue to inject life into your body. Words are for creations. Use your words to give instructions on the things you want to see in your body.

If there is any pain in your body right now, I want you to place your hand on the pain and command it to leave you in the name of Jesus Christ. If you forget things easily, place your hand on your head and command your memory to come alive.

If you constantly have chest pains, place your hand on your chest and command the pain to leave now! Use your tongue to declare that you are in health and a living stone. Stop tolerating and enduring pain in your body, use your mouth to conquer pain. Give directions to the things you want to see in your body. Command your legs to be energized and strengthened when you experience pain. You rebuke stroke in your life. You command you are healthy all the days of your life. Call your internal organs by name and decree life upon them. Push your body to pray and fast. Submit your body to spirit led fasting. Open your mouth to pray. Pray out loud. Pray in the spirit. When you feel a flow in your body, it is a pointer to the restoration and healing taking place in your body. Don't be moved when you get a medical report concerning certain diseases and sicknesses. Get to your privacy and thank God. Put scriptures concerning health in your mouth and give voice to the word of God. You can conquer a bad medical report and live in health all the days of your life. Stop taking a bad medical report as your report.

Declare upon yourself that the older you grow the fresher, healthier and stronger you become. Command freshness upon your body. Believe that these words are happening in your body immediately. Work in rulership over sicknesses and diseases. If you can tell people how you feel concerning your body, channel the same strength to inject life into your body system. When you are told you have kidney problem; command that your kidney is in health and works perfectly.

1 John 5:4 declares, *“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”*

Victory is in your mouth. It is a proof of your faith. You are an overcomer through your faith. You exercise your faith through

speaking. Don't permit your body to be anyhow from now. Don't just use your mouth to take medication; use your mouth to talk to your body. Give your body direction through your mouth. Stop living your life to chance. It is a new season for you. Only things in heaven are permitted in your body from now!

RULE ABROAD

The bible is full of persons who went abroad and ended in leadership. Abraham ended up becoming a prince among people in a strange land. Isaac became mightier – the richest and wealthiest – in another's country. Jacob traveled to another land and brought back wealth when he left. Mordecai rose to be the next to the king abroad. Remember, Mordecai rose from a gateman to the second to the king. What about Joseph? That is a popular story. I hope you remember Daniel and his friends also?

You can go abroad but don't just go there, also rule there. Rise into leadership everywhere you find yourself. The earth is the Lord and the fullness there of. Everywhere on earth belongs to God. And if you flow with the Lord, He can raise you into leadership position anywhere on earth.

The wisdom is for you to find out what is needed to rule. There is a level of required competence, certification and professionalism that may be required for you to rise into leadership abroad. Anywhere that is not your home country is abroad. So, as long as you are there, rise into leadership there.

WHAT RULES OVER YOUR LIFE?

You cannot rule over things such as systems and territories that are unknown to you. If you will rule over territories, you need to be knowledgeable about whatever is going on there. Who is the ruler over your life? Are you the one ruling over your life? Don't permit circumstances of life rule over you. Who rules your thoughts? For some people God rules over their thoughts while for others Satan rules over their thoughts. When you permit negative thoughts in your heart, you have permitted Satan to rule over your thoughts. God rules over your thoughts when you permit positive thoughts in your heart. Who rules over your body? You can rule over your body through the words that proceed from your mouth. You can either speak life or death to your body. You are instructed by the scripture to choose life. Sickness can rule over your body. You have to be in-charge of your body. Don't permit sickness to rule over your body. What rules over your finance? You can rule over your finance through diligence, hard work, covenant practices, blessings, relationship and generosity. Debt can rule over finance. There are people that debt has taken over their

finance. Don't give space for debt in your finance. You have to exercise rulership over your finance. You exercise rulership over your finances by deciding never to borrow and back it up with the discipline to do so.

Certain Areas You Must Exercise Rulership

1. You Must Rule over the Devil and His Kingdom

You cannot persuade the devil to be either good or bad. You can't influence the devil and his kingdom to do your wish, except you rule over them. It takes ruling over the devil and his kingdom for them to do your wish and leave your space. You don't negotiate with the devil. You command the devil to be in his space and never come near your life and things around your life. Ruling and subduing is the only option for the devil and his kingdom. If you will rule over Satan and his kingdom you must engage these things. Firstly, you must be able to enforce the will of God in prayers. The will of God is found in the word of God. You must be intentional to search out the will of God for all areas of your life. Secondly, never should you yield to his suggestions and temptations. The devil can suggest some things in your heart, you must subdue such things. You must be determined not to carry out the suggestions of the devil in your heart.

2. You Must Rule over Your Home

The husband is the head of the home.

Ephesians 5:23 says, *"For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body."*

As a man you must seek God direction for your family and exercise leadership by example. However, both parents must

teach the children. The father must discipline the children when they refuse to be obedient. Every father must lead and rule. Ruling is upon the family in a home. You lead the children when they are willing. You rule over the children when the children disregard and disrespect through their heart and actions. Don't just engage beating alone while enforcing discipline. Beating will only touch their body not their heart. It is through words you cast out the foolishness in their heart. The word is the rod of correction. In a home where the father is gentle, the mother can proceed to enforce discipline in the children. You must rule your home. Don't permit your children to ignore the standard of rightful living.

3. Ruling Within the Church

In leading people, you show unconditional love and make sacrifices. In leading people within the church, you will preach, teach, heal, pray and answer numerous questions from the people. However, in ruling, you will set certain orders, regulations and practices for people to follow. People must adhere to the code of conduct within the church. There should be avenue for law and order. Ruling is meant to restore and correct men when they are going out of order. Ruling within the church should not be viewed as punishment. As a pastor you should rule within the church when ruling is required and lead when leading is required. It takes ruling to enforce the right things within the fold. God is not a democratic but merciful in all His ways. You must be bold to exercise rulership within the church as a pastor. Whoever violates the laid down rules and regulations should face the disciplinary body and go through the punishment and discipline required. The goal of discipline is to instill corrections and maintain standards in the church.

4. You Must Rule over Your Enemies

Psalms 110:2 reads, *“The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies.”*

You are commanded by God to rule in the midst of your enemies. There are spiritual and human enemies. Your haters are your enemies. Some people hate you because of your progress and success. You rule to subdue your enemies. You also rule over human beings that have turned to evil plotters around you. You rule over human enemies through focus, discipline and continuous progress and success. You should be more focused on your tasks when you discover human enemies around your life. It is your works that silence the words of your human enemies. It is also your successful accomplishments that defeat the works of your human enemies against you. You must trust God to flood your eyes with light so as to constantly advance in life. It is through your successful works you will rule in the midst of your enemies. Let your hands be diligent. It is through your success and progress your enemies and haters become your allies. They may hate you but you will be too powerful to be related with. Never pay attention to the activities of human enemies around your life. The goal of the human enemies is to distract you. However, distraction always affects destinations.

Concentration is the victory over distraction. Stop paying attention to your haters; start concentrating on your tasks (works, assignments and responsibilities). Concentrate on the things you need to do to keep making progress and successful. It is through your works you will rule over your haters and enemies. You must be progress and success oriented in life. Use your mind to successfully think on human enemies. Don't focus on the evil expectations of men towards you. Channel your thoughts towards advancements in life. You rule over demonic spirit on

assignment against your advancement and progress in life by enforcing the word of God over your life. When a spiritual battle arises against you and you discern some of the effects in your health, family, finance, work, prayer life and work, you will need to engage strategic prayers. The Lord will release the rod of strength unto to you. The rod of strength is the revelation from the scripture that you will continue to enforce in prayers and over your life. The revelation of God's word will translate to victory and direction in your life. Don't permit the attacks of your enemies prevail over you. Don't permit the enemies to cut you off on the path of destiny. Don't give space for the operations of the enemies around your life.

5. Rule in Your Sphere of Influence

Rule in your workplace, industry, field, city, country, and continent. Your sphere of influence also refers to your association. Don't attempt to dominate people. Dominance is demonic. Learn to assist people. Be consistent in lifting others. Let other people be promoted through you. Learn to assist, support and help others. Be the leading example in your sphere of influence. Always come up with innovative ideas that will put you ahead in your field, profession and other areas of influence. Always ask yourself the things to engage that will move you from your current level to a higher level in your sphere of influence. To rule in your sphere, you must be able to identify the things that you need to engage now and the things that has not been done before in your sphere? You must be such individual who is flooded with light continuously. You must be able to identify the things to do differently that others have not been doing before in your sphere? Constantly find out the things you should be doing differently. Find out the things you need to introduce that will

distinguish and reposition you in your sphere of influence. You are going to rule in your sphere of influence now!

6. Rule from Your Position

You rule from your position by taking responsibility. Don't be an irresponsible individual. Don't be such an individual that will be supervised regularly before you know the things to be done. Be such person that knows his/her tasks and always get the tasks done without any supervision. You must not wait to be prompted to take actions in your tasks. You must stay inspired regularly to perform your task. One of the ways you draw inspiration is by praying in the spirit always. Build up yourself by praying in the spirit. When you pray in the spirit regularly you will not miss the thoughts of God in your heart and you will be alert, inspired and strengthened to perform your tasks.

7. Rule over Your Work

Your work must go in the direction you want. Never permit limitations and hindrances in your work. Constantly find out the things to do to advance your work. The successes of yesterday is not enough. Contend for new successes in your work. Be determined to break new grounds. This is your time of big beginnings in your work. Be intentional to rule over your work. Don't permit your work to rule over you, constantly know the new idea, innovation, vision, strategy, and insight to implement in your work. Don't come to the point that you don't know the things to be done concerning your work. You have to exercise rulership over your work.

WRONG REASONS TO GIVE AUTHORITY

As a leader it is essential that just as authority is given to you either by God or man you also should give authority to others. People should thrive and flourish under you as a leader. Anyone that has authority can give authority. There are wrong reasons to give authority. A few among the reasons include:

1. Giving Authority out of Love

You don't give authority to a person out of love. You can give gifts to the person you love, not authority. If you give authority out of love to a person that lacks self-control and possesses limited capacity, such authority will destroy the person. God doesn't give authority because He loves a person.

2. Giving Authority to a Person Because of Age Factor

You don't give authority to a person because he is old in age. Age is a wrong reason to give authority. Sometimes there are sixty-year-old boys. The behavior and character displayed by

such a person show that he is a baby in adult form.

3. Giving Authority out of Passion

You don't give authority to a person because he is passionate. Passion is not the reason to have authority. The person may be passionate and arrogant. Authority given to an arrogant person will destroy the person. Passion is not enough to get authority. God gives vision and blessings to a person that is passionate. God doesn't give authority to a passionate person. Passion is not a reason to have authority.

4. Giving Authority on the Basis of Gift

You don't give authority because a person is gifted. Gift is not a reason to give authority to a person.

5. Giving Authority on the Basis of Longevity

You don't give authority because a person is long in an organization, place, institution and ministry. That is why a leader must constantly encourage his people to work on their professional growth so they won't be irrelevant when the organizations demand some changes.

6. Giving Authority on the Basis of Education

You don't give authority because a person is educated. Education is not the basis to have authority. Education can be a requirement but should not be used as a yardstick for giving authority.

7. Giving Authority on the Basis of Exposure

You don't give authority because a person is exposed.

8. Giving Authority on the Basis of Generosity

You don't give authority because a person is a giver. Giving is a connectivity quotient.

9. Giving authority on the basis of connection

You don't give authority because a person is connected or has some levels of influence around his/her life. Such individual can affect and hurt you in the latter days.

10. Giving Authority on the Basis of Keeping the Person Within the Organization

You don't give authority because you want a person to remain in the organization. It's wrong to give position to a person because you want them to be around you, stay in an organization and be with you.

11. Giving Authority on the Basis of Intelligence and Competence

You don't give authority because a person is intelligent and competent. Intelligence may not be loyal to you or the organization.

12. Giving Authority to a Qualified but Non-Teachable Person

Never give authority to a person who is qualified but not teachable. Such individual will hurt you later. On earth everyone is a work in progress. Anyone that is not teachable cannot be a work in progress. The person will not learn and will always be intimidated by the rising of others. You have to watch out for people who are teachable. There are people who are rigid with their perspectives and opinions. Be watchful of these men. When you are not teachable you lose the power that activates

favor upon your life.

GOOD REASONS TO GIVE AUTHORITY

Understanding the Good Reasons to give Authority

Why should authority be given? The understanding will be gleaned from the perspective of God.

1. Giving Authority on the Basis of the Fear of God

You should give authority because the person fears God.

Proverbs 9:10 says, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...”*

The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom in the heart of a person. It is the reverence an individual has in his heart towards God.

2 Samuel 23:3 says, *“The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God.”*

The fear of God is the reverence for God in your heart for granting you the privilege to rule over men. The fear of God will help you to constantly think on the thought of God concerning the decisions to make when in the position of rulership. Considering God’s mind in the way you exercise leadership and rulership is a proof of the fear of God in your heart. As a leader you must imbibe the sense of value.

Ecclesiastes 10:5-7 reads, *“There is an evil I have seen under the sun, as an error proceeding from the ruler...I have seen servants on horses, While princes walk on the ground like servants.”*

It is possible for a ruler to make error. You must trust God to help you to lead and rule in the fear of God. A ruler who fails to identify the right reasons for giving authority will enter into

error. You have to be careful as a leader and ruler to avoid errors that will put your community, organization and institution into problems. Don't elevate an immature person to the position of authority.

2. Give Authority Because the Person Is Submitted to a Higher Authority

You must be careful never to give authority to whoever will not be submissive to authority. You should give authority because the person willingly submits to a higher authority. Submission cannot be faked. It is a reality of the heart and exhibited through actions. Whoever doesn't submit to a higher authority should not be given authority.

3. Giving Authority on the Basis of Humility

You should give authority to a person who is humble enough to relate with people below him or her. Whoever cannot relate with those below should not be given authority. If the person doesn't sustain this mindset, there is tendency of treating people below anyhow, without honor and harshly. Such person may think people below him are not qualified to be seen in his space and below his or her social status.

4. Giving Authority on the Basis of Loyalty

You give authority to the person that is loyal (faithful). Loyalty shouldn't be mistaken as respect. Be sensitive to know those who pay you lip service. Loyalty is when a person is committed and reliable. If you don't see commitment and reliability, the person is not loyal.

5. Give Authority Because the Person Is Qualified and Teach-

able

You should give authority to a person who is qualified and teachable. The person must be swift to receive corrections with a good heart. Teach people to sustain a teachable heart. Be teachable in life and never think in your heart that you know more than others. A sign that you are teachable is that you abide by the rules and regulations of the place you are established. Carry out the things you are instructed to do in your establishment and organization. Learn to be teachable. It will advance you in life. Be such an individual who learns fast.

6. Give Authority Because the Person Is Not Desperate for Position and Power

You give authority to the person who is not desperate for position and power. Those who see position and power as a privilege are the ones that God and men will give authority. Don't be desperate for position and power. Be faithful where you are serving. God will come in His time to lift you higher. Promotion comes from the Lord alone. Don't manipulate your way to promotion. It may lead to pain in the latter days of your life. Take life softly. Avoid desperation of any kind on the path of destiny. Be yourself always. Never be intimidated with the progress and advancement of others.

7. Give Authority Because the Person Will Give Authority to Others

Beware of the ability to raise trans-generational authority. You should give authority to the person who will be willing to give authority to others. There are people that want everything to be about them. They feel intimidated when others are rising and visible. Such individuals should not be given authority

because they will use the authority given to them to pull others down. Everyone must rise in life.

Be Strict with Your Decisions

In the realm of dominion, you must be conscious of the person you give authority. Don't give authority to anybody. Whoever you give authority are those you have vetted. You are confident of the things they will do and how they will take decisions at your absence.

Governing doesn't mean acting like a dictator. It requires great wisdom and self-control. There are two focuses of God in governing:

Firstly, it is execution of God's will.

Secondly, it is the good will of people.

You should seek the good will of people. As a ruler, you must know when to say "No" or "Yes." Adam failed to say no to Eve and he fell. Learn to say no to matters you should not accept. There are some things you should not accept. These things will affect your image and reputation. Learn to say "No" to the things that require your strict decisions.

NOTE:

a. Never give authority to someone who is qualified but not teachable.

b. When we have the responsibility for dominion, we must be cautious of whom we delegate authority. Authority given to the wrong person will surely lead to the loss of your authority.

RULING ELEMENTS

There are five ruling elements God gives people to rise into ruling among men. If God wants you to be a ruler, He will give you one or some of these five elements. And there are persons that God gives all of these. The elements include:

1. Power

Power is a ruling element, which can either be spiritual or political in nature. If you occupy any position you are a ruler manifesting a positional power.

Proverbs 29:26 says, *“Many seek the ruler’s favor, but justice for man comes from the Lord.”*

Power will give you access to a position that will compel men to pursue you to seek your favor. The word favor means preferences, support and love. People will seek your support when you are in a position of authority. You must not permit the honor and the respect people give to you enter your head so you won’t misbehave, equate yourself with God and ridicule people that seek your help. You must constantly know the power

is transient. Be careful that people don't affect your loyalty with their possessions. Don't permit men to bring manipulation to your life through the things given to you. God will grant you greater power by refining your character, and equipping you.

There are three activators of spiritual power - faith, special anointing and angels. Faith activates power that is at work in your life. Faith always sees from within and does the impossible. Faith rules over situations and circumstances of life. Every time you function by faith you are activating power. When you control a circumstance to go in the direction of your desire you are exercising faith. All believers can exercise faith. Special anointing symbolizes the authority placed on the ministers of the gospel. All believers have the anointing within them. However, God puts special anointing upon ministers of the gospel as authority to deal with affliction, oppression in the lives of others and rule over situations. When cases of affliction arise, this special anointing comes to rescue. The special anointing manifests as power. Special anointing serves as ruling element that manifests as spiritual power. When God wants to exercise rulership, He causes His angels to be sent. Angels excel in strength. They can be sent into a city, community and circumstances. When God wants to intervene in a situation, He sends His ruling angel. It was the ruling angel that killed all the first born in the land of Egypt. This single act led to the freedom of the Israelite from the hand of the Egyptian. God can assign angels to walk with you. These angels are sent to exercise rulership in your life.

There are also activators of political/positional power - transfer of kingdom and favor. The kingdom was transferred from the hand of Saul to David.

Daniel 4:17 says, *"This decision is by the decree of the watchers..."*

that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, Gives it to whomever He will, And sets over it the lowest of men.”

Everyone will turn to your direction when a kingdom is given to you. No authority gets into power without the awareness of God. As long as God is on earth His will always come to pass but men can go their way. God gave man the power of choice. There is nothing happening on earth without the consciousness of God. When God wants to give positional power to people, He transfers the kingdom. Also, favor unites the heart of men to endorse people for political position. When favor is at work in you, your enemies will misbehave and men will team up for your support. Favor is the activator of political power.

2. Wisdom

This is an element given by God to people to rule on earth. When you possess wisdom, you will rule. Wisdom can be seen as strategies; insights into the unseen so as to see possibility; steps to take to make things happen. Those who rule must possess wisdom.

Proverbs 8:12, 15-16 declares, *“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence... by me kings reign, And rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth.”*

Wisdom is a ruling element in life. When God wants you to rule, He will grant you access to wisdom.

Proverbs 17:2 says, *“A wise servant will rule over a son who causes shame, and will share an inheritance among the brothers.”*

The servant rules because he possesses wisdom. One of the things you must trust God to grant you in life is wisdom. Wisdom is the anointing of God (thought of God) on your mind. The wisdom of God is hidden in the thought of God. The release of wisdom is the impartation of the thought of God in your heart.

Wisdom will help you to set order that will cause you to be in-charge. It is a ruling element that puts you in control. If you want to be in control of the affairs of your life, get wisdom. If you want to be in control of the place you have been established to rule, get wisdom. You cannot possess wisdom in life and not rule. When wisdom is at work in your life you will not come to the point you don't know what to do to be in-charge in life. Wisdom puts you in instant victory in all areas of life. When you possess "**wisdom-power**" in life, you will become a ruler that cannot be subdued and defeated in life. Mountains and affliction bow under the influence of "**wisdom-power.**" The combination of wisdom and power will guide your mind and mouth to be in-charge always. You will not be a victim of wrong decisions. If you want to rule in life, be such an individual who prays and seeks wisdom. Those who seek wisdom will find it. You seek wisdom by asking questions, researching, reading books, and listening to messages.

3. Riches and Wealth

Riches mean possessing a lot of money. Wealth means having properties or products that can bring riches to you. Assets are known as wealth. Landed properties, companies, and products are aspects of wealth to possess.

Proverbs 22:7 says, "*The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.*"

God gives riches so as to rule on earth. The government of a state or an industry rules over the rich.

Proverbs 14:20 reads, "*The poor man is hated even by his own neighbor, But the rich has many friends.*"

If the government is behind a person, such an individual will be powerful. You need the support of people in government to

be powerful on earth. Be such an individual who has those in government as friends.

Proverbs 19:4 declares, *“Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend.”*

If you know how to channel riches and wealth you cannot lack friends. These two elements have a way of bringing powerful friends into your life. Be generous with your riches and wealth. Trust God to give you riches and wealth. Desire God blessings upon your life. When riches come into your life, be such an individual who practices covenant through tithing, seeds and offerings. God can give you riches and wealth. Be bold to ask Him in prayers. After you have prayed, engage meditative reading on books and messages on riches and wealth. Be ready to take actions on the wisdom shared in the books and messages. Also, pay attention to the idea that comes into your heart. Be diligent and hard working.

Proverbs 14:24 says, *“The crown of the wise is their riches, But the foolishness of fools is folly.”*

Riches is a crown upon your head. When you are rich, God has crowned your head. When God crowns your head with riches you rule over the poor. You must possess wisdom to use your riches to get wealth, get friends into your life and a tool of connectivity. Let the government in your industry be your allies through generosity. Don't be stingy and taker in life.

4. Influence

Influence is a ruling element. When God grants you influence; He has granted you a ruling element. People rule because of the influence they command in life. Influencers are rulers. Influence is a spiritual force through which you have effect on people, things, events, movement, decisions, behavior and lifestyles.

Everyone on earth has influence on earth and in the area of your expertise. You must be an expert of something in your life. Influence can come through speech, performance, deed, appearance, service, devotion, potential, insight, and skill. To be influential in life you must show love to people, be a person of integrity, be trustworthy, and given to generosity. People will permit you to influence them naturally when you care for them. People don't care the things you know; they are influenced by your care (love) towards them. Show love to people.

Matthew 5:13 says *"You are the salt of the earth..."*

Salt adds flavor and sweetness to things. Salt has the capacity to change the taste of things. You are meant to influence the world. Wherever you find yourself, you are meant to influence. God places influence on your life when He wants you to rule. Influence is spiritual. You cannot be influential when you are not spiritual. There is something spiritual behind that fuels influence. If you want to be influential as a Christian, you must take God seriously through fellowship. You must take prayers seriously especially praying in the spirit. Prayer will make your words different. Your presence will be affected through prayers.

Impartation also fuels influence in the kingdom. Force of influence comes when certain impartation comes upon your life. Saul encountered Samuel and he became a new man through impartation. There is an impartation that brings transformation. There is something that can transform you into another man through impartation of the spirit. Impartation makes your spirit heavier and weightier. Don't joke with impartation upon your life through His anointed vessels. There are men whose spirit is heavy weight. Always desire impartation through anointed men. When hands are laid on you, impartation comes into your life. Blessings trigger influence in the kingdom. When an anointed

vessel releases blessings upon your life you don't joke with such. When your biological and spiritual parents release blessings upon your life, you take such blessings seriously. Blessings also make your spirit man heavier.

You must be a person of integrity to be able to influence people. Let your "Yes" be "Yes" and your "No" be "No." Be straightforward with your lifestyle. You must be known for something good. Be such a person who can be trusted. Be sincere and honest in life. Also, don't joke with generosity in life. Possess a large heart that can give to people. When you are generous you can influence a system and government. You must be such an individual who spends money on the welfare and advancement of people. Be intentional to feed the hungry, grant scholarship to the less privileged, sponsor medical bill of those affected with diseases, and provide shelter to the homeless. However, the greatest way to influence is to solve problems. Those who solve problems will always have influence. Use the things you possess to solve problems for others. Be an expert at what you do. You cannot solve all problems in the lives of people. However, you should be an expert in solving a specific problem. Don't joke with innovation and exposure on the path of influence.

You must also learn to renew your influence. Find out the things you must do consistently to remain influential in life. Influence is not by accident. You must be intentional to pay the price. You must become prayerful regularly and consistently. When you are prayerful, influence will rise on the increase in your life. Rise to the point people can permit you to influence them voluntarily. They are convinced that you love and care for them. An influencer must not be a manipulator. Influence is helping people become the best version of themselves.

5. Success

Genesis 24:12 says, *“Then he said, “O Lord God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham.”*

Success is a ruling element. When you become successful, the way you are perceived and received by men changes. Success can reposition you from the back to the front. Success can make you a ruler. Success can change your status. God wants you to become successful in life. God delights in the successes of His people.

Proverbs 12:24 says, *“The hand of the diligent will rule, But the lazy man will be put to forced labor.”*

It is the diligence that ends with success that rules on earth. Let your diligence result into success. If your diligence doesn't end in success, you will not rule in life. Diligence means to be consistent, hardworking and committed. Therefore, work hard and become successful in life. Wisdom also makes you successful in life. Meditation is the doorway for success in life. The world celebrates success. Be such an individual who will not play with success in life. To be successful you must embrace diligence, wisdom, meditation, and treasure relationships. Those who are successful are seen as leaders and rulers among men. Consistently give yourself to diligence and hard work in life. I desire these elements be released upon your life and be included among those who will rule in life.

Genesis 1:28 says, *“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion...”* The Biblical word for success is fruitfulness. To be successful means to be productive. When you have success you have the right and reason to rule. You cannot inherit another man's success; you have to produce your success. You can only

inherit possession or property. God commanded man to be fruitful. Rulership starts with fruitfulness. Man is commanded to multiply his fruitfulness and productivity. Fill the earth with your fruitfulness. You will only subdue through your fruitfulness. When you have more productivity you will subdue (to bring under control). You can bring a sphere of influence, and industry under your control if you can fill that place with fruitfulness (productivity).

CAN AN EMPLOYEE RULE UNDER A BOSS?

The answer to this question is yes. An employee need to know early that he or she can rule in the same place he is employed. As an employee do things differently where you are serving. If you want to have success as a ruling element, you must desire and work towards being productive in life. Let me ask again, can an employee rule? I repeat, yes. An employee can rule where he is working. The employer can exercise rulership over the employee. However, there are certain things that can make the employee to rule. The first question to settle is this, how many youths are employable? Majority of the youth don't grow their work ethics. They complain about everything and always feel used where they are working. These are wrong mindsets that need to be erased. The availability of an employee in a work place transcends the money that will be paid to you. You have to realize that you have the opportunity to learn also. You are gathering knowledge and learning where you are working.

There is a clear difference between being employable and being valuable. There are some people that are employable. However, upon getting on the work for delivery it became clear that the person is not valuable. In other words, if you want to be employable you must know your work very well, be qualified

and teachable. If you want to be valuable in any system, you must be a great contributor to the system and be the reason progress is made. In other words, you must constantly come up with things you can share, and do that will contribute to the progress of the system, company and organization. Your relevance in an organization is dependent on your values. You have to go beyond knowing and doing your work. You must consistently come up with the idea of things that can be done that will lead to the progress of the place you are rendering your service. Be such an employee that will do things that will reduce stress and aid productivity in the place of your work. As long as you are valuable you will always rule. You may not be put in a position of rulership but you are called to join some meetings and be consulted before some decisions within the organization are taken. Wherever you find yourself be valuable. Come up with some things you can share that will increase the economic value and productivity of the company. Let your organization be a leading light through your contributions. Trust the Lord to constantly flood you with insight that will position you to be valuable in your sphere of influence.

To be valuable in life you don't joke with idea (productive thoughts). You must constantly come up with ideas if you want to rule. In any system where you are established, be sensitive to study the work environment. The leaders of your organization may want you to share some things with them in the private while they take the glory. Sometimes, you must permit those above you take the glory while they regard you in their heart as the brain behind the idea. Also, they may regard you privately but fail to honor you in the public. The moment you want to make yourself known you may end up in creating enemies for yourself. When the ruler values you, don't be moved by how

others treat you. Make yourself valuable.

THINGS THAT TRIGGER PRODUCTIVITY

There are three things that triggers productivity. Each of these has a main role to play in ensuring success is gotten.

1. Prayers

When it comes to the matter of productivity you can't underestimate prayers. There are roles of prayers in productivity.

Proverbs 16:3 says, "*Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established.*"

You must learn to commit your ways and work to the Lord. Lean and depend on God while you do your activities on earth. Don't be carried away by the ways other people make productivity happen. Highly productive people had their spiritual foundation intact that fuels their productivity. Prayers help you achieve productivity with ease. Anyone that rule has a spiritual foundation. Seven things prayers will do in affecting your productivity:

a. Prayer Grants You Access to Insights That Will Make You Productive: Prayers grant you practical wisdom (insight) for productivity. Through insights you will come to the knowledge of things to be done that will make you productive. Prayer grants you access to the things that will make you productive.

b. Prayer Releases Favor on Your Words and Work: When you pray concerning your work, there is favor that is released on your work and words. When you talk to anyone about the things you do, favor amplifies your work. Favor will make you preferred and accepted by men. Your presentation and proposal will be

accepted. Favor is an invisible but forceful marketer for your life and works. The fame of your work spreads through favor.

c. Prayer Clears Barriers That Are Against Your Productivity:

Prayers clear off every opposition and barriers that rise against your success, productivity and work.

d. Prayer Releases Angelic Operations over Your Work: Angels are whispered to the heart of men concerning your life and work. They carry out some tasks on your behalf. Angelic operations make some things happen for your work.

e. Prayer Brings You and Your Work in Contact with the Right, New and More People: When you pray, you come in contact with new people effortlessly. Prayer makes your work visible to the right and new people. More people will come in contact with your work through prayers.

f. Prayer Causes the Help and Resources Needed to Come Unhindered: Pray concerning your work so that you will be productive. The help and resources needed to advance your work come unhindered through prayers.

g. Prayer Gives You Advantage Against Competitors and Oppositions: You rule in the midst of competitors and oppositions through prayers. When you pray about your task, success, vision, and productivity you will be ahead of your competitors through grace. Grace is an advantage against all opposition and competitors in life and in your sphere of influence. Talk to God about your current assignments and projects in your life. Stop comparing yourself with people you don't have knowledge

of their private life. They consistently engage the spiritual but don't make it known to the public. Focus on your life by praying about your work. Your personal recognition system is heightened when you pray. You will be aware of the move to take to become fruitful. Stop comparing yourself with others, focus on your life and take prayers seriously.

2. Hard work

There is the role of hard work in productivity. Hard work shows your own responsibility towards productivity. Hard work is non-negotiable on the path of productivity. It is beyond engaging physical muscles towards productivity. It is doing all the things needed to be done to make productivity (fruitfulness) and success happen. Hard work is getting on the task in the midst of challenges and situations of life. Don't permit resistance to stop you from doing the needful in life. Things don't work on their own, someone must get them done. Diligence means consistency of work. Be such an individual who is consistent in doing the things that are required for productivity to happen. Hard work thrives when things are convenient and the moment things aren't convenient. It is always independent of emotional switch. Hard work doesn't give up on task until completion. Hard work doesn't give up when the unforeseen circumstances happen. It doesn't relate with lazy people. It always gets to work. The hand of the diligent shall rule over resistances, problems and challenges. Hard work makes you unstoppable in the midst of the resistance; it doesn't stop until there is productivity. Those who are hardworking always task their mind to get better ways of doing things.

If you are a leader anywhere and truly want to be productive and successful you must model hard work. Let people know

you are hardworking through your fruitfulness. Don't be part of people that will say, "By the grace of God this task shall be done without doing anything." Combine your grace with high work ethics, and you will rule and take over in life. As an undergraduate learn the path of hard work and prayers. Don't join the association of men who give excuses for their lack of job. If you are unemployed; find something to do. Task your mind to find out something to do. Get into volunteering. Take your work seriously now! Hard work doesn't kill people; it's wrong work that kills people. Before you give yourself to hard work; find out the authenticity of the things you want to engage. Don't permit your body to tie you down. Always rise up to work. Hard work is a call of destiny you must embrace. Success comes through hard work. When you are productive you will be in control. Don't permit sluggishness in your task. Be swift to work and deliver at your duty post.

3. Growth

When you grow in your mind, the things that come to you and the results that come from you will grow. When someone says he or she has grown, there are things that must be evident. It is expedient to find out the access to privilege information; exposure (things you have seen in other places); expansion of relationship network (the people you know and the people that know you) and the influence of your team. The success of an organization cannot be separated from the growth of people in the organization. The role of growth matters in productivity. Don't joke with growth. Consistently expose your mind for growth. Stretch your mind to access new knowledge and information. Don't permit redundancy in your sphere of influence. Be updated now so you won't be outdated in your

productivity and success.

RULING IN THE SPIRIT REALM

As a believer you are meant to rule from the spirit realm. God has put several things in place that will enhance your rulership. Dominion cannot fully manifest until rulership is introduced. You exercise leadership on earth while rulership is exercised in the spirit realm. You are expected to rule from the spirit realm while on earth.

Understanding Human Enemies from Different Perspectives

Micah 7:6 says, “...*A man’s enemies are the men of his own household.*”

There are people who will be envious of your achievement and progress. Those that are closer to you have a tendency to be your enemies. People that are closer to you can turn out to be your enemies. Your allies can become your enemies also. When your enemies are men from your household, you will have to rule in their midst. If you don’t rule over them, they will pull you down and their expectations over you may come to pass. You must avoid being distracted. You don’t use words to reply your enemies, you rule from the spirit realm over them. Sometimes,

having more progress and success will not silence your enemies. However, behind human actions are operations of the spirit. Your enemies are under the influence of spirit. However, spirits don't give up easily. When people hate you without any wrong, it is the influence of Satan on them. When people who should support you seek your downfall; it is the influence of Satan on them. People with unrenewed hearts can turn themselves into enemies in your life. When a person has insecurity in his/her heart, without the work of Satan the person can turn into your enemy. The works of the flesh can make a person become your enemy. You need to deal with the spirit influencing the heart of men against you in the spirit realm.

It is time to move from the earth realm to the spirit realm where real spiritual activities are carried out. In other words, activities go on in the invisible world. Several activities transpire in the invisible realm. You must not be ignorant of the devices of the enemies. Some things that manifest on earth are the effects of activities in the invisible realm. You can switch from the earth to the spirit realm through the working of the Holy Spirit within you. The realm of spirit lies in the realm of your understanding. You can get to the spirit realm through the understanding that the Holy Spirit will supply unto you. Some enemies will not be handled through your success and progress but through your prayers. Don't get to the place of prayer and call the names of people to die. The person you saw in your dream was manipulated to distract you. Deal with the spirit behind the operation of men against your life. Get into prayers to address the invisible beings working through the visible beings that you know. Resist and command an end to their operations around your life to be terminated through the name of Jesus Christ. Pray against spirit or power influencing the heart of men

against you.

Understanding the Prayer of Inquiry

You engage the prayer of inquiry to find out the operations of spirit against your life. This prayer is real. Engage this kind of prayer when things are not going the way you envisioned. This prayer helps you to know the things to deal within your life. Don't put God under timeframe to reveal some things to you. If God doesn't make some things known to you after you have prayed, you need to exercise patience and continue to walk in victory. God will communicate the answer to your inquiry at the right time. Effective prayer of inquiry comes from your heart.

Praying in the spirit (in tongues) till you get to the Realm of Knowing

The second tool to engage to change the course of things around your life is praying in the spirit. All believers have the ability to pray in tongues so as to gain clarity on the operation of the enemies around their lives. When you pray in tongues you may be addressing activities of the devil around your life. Praying in the spirit brings you to the realm of understanding. Also, Holy Spirit will grant you utterances when you pray long in the spirit. Rule in the spirit realm by praying in other tongues. Address the spirit of lack through your prayers in the spirit. Rule over powers, principalities, rulers of darkness and spiritual hosts of wickedness that want to walk against you through praying in the spirit. Rise in the place of prayers through tongues and let God grants you utterances to deal with demonic spirits in their ranks. Don't engage tongues and interpretation while praying. Let the Lord supply you with forceful words that you will utter to deal with demonic manipulations around your

life. Pray in tongues for long so you can arise to the realm of illumination, knowing, wisdom and light. The things you utter in the realm of knowing are established for you. Pray till you get to the realm of knowing where you will know the things affecting your life.

Look at the situations around your life that you need to address for the glory of God to be revealed. Deal with the delay, barrenness, lack, sickness, shame, and ridicule around your life in the place of prayers. Don't be satisfied with being single. Permit God to settle you martially in the place of prayers. The Lord will stir you up to call first either your husband or wife to your life in the realm of knowing. The knowing comes through the thought in your heart or utterances supplied to your heart.

Sometimes, when you experience delays in getting married, it may be the result of a lack of favor programmed around your life. When you discover this around your life don't be moved. Don't try to refine your beauty for appearance but rebuke the spirit causing lack of favor around your life. When you pray in tongues the Holy Spirit will reveal unto you the things to pray about. When some things are happening it is not the influence of human being. The real enemies are invisible things. You pray in the spirit to the point you know the things to address. The things the Lord reveals to you in prayers must be enforced by you. Don't just be aware of the speaking of God, you are commanded to enforce His revealed words in the place of prayers. Decide to be consistent with praying in tongues from now! This is a call to rise in prayers till you get to the realm of knowing.

Quit Complaining and See the Intent of God in the midst of the Challenges

Whenever God promotes you to a higher level, you should be

aware that certain attacks and battles may arise to challenge you. Often, such attacks are signs of divine promotion. When you go through difficult and seemingly unbearable challenges in life, God's intention is to empower you to overcome and rule over those challenges. For instance, ministers or believers who carry a strong healing grace may have passed through seasons of sickness in their own lives. In the process of overcoming their personal struggles, God releases the grace of healing upon them. This grace then qualifies them to bring healing to others who are afflicted. Many of the special anointing seen in the lives of some ministers, which may not be present in others, are part of God's purpose for them - to exercise spiritual authority over specific challenges that confront humanity. Therefore, whatever challenges you may be facing in life, be prepared for God to use them to place a great anointing upon your life through which you will bring solutions to many people. God desires that you grow in capacity for the people whose lives He will entrust to you.

Ways to Rule in the Spirit Realm

1. Ruling Through the Name of Jesus Christ

Believers rule through the name of Jesus Christ. Issues revolving around Satan and his cohort, sicknesses, and demonic operations bow to the name of Jesus Christ. All believers have the right to use the authority vested in the name of Jesus Christ. Whenever you call the name of Jesus Christ, you have put on the identity and authority in the name. Whenever you pronounce the name of Jesus Christ, you must come to the place of understanding that Jesus is the one speaking. You have the right to use the name of Jesus Christ to address spirit and issues. As long as you are saved and the life of God is within you, the

authority vested in the name of Jesus Christ can be exercised through you.

Mark 16:17-18 says, *“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons...”*

You can cast out demons in the name of Jesus Christ. Rule over demons by calling the name of Jesus. The knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the reality that transpired after resurrection will empower your use of the name of Jesus Christ from the point of performance. When Jesus Christ resurrected He ascended to the Father and was made to sit at the right side of the Father.

Philippians 2:9-10 reads, *“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name...”*

Jesus Christ was exalted to seat at the right hand of the Father. The right hand of the Father is in a place that is far above the heavens. When Jesus Christ ascended, He went to the place that is far above the heavens.

Matthew 28:18 says, *“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”*

Jesus Christ had authority over the universe of God. All spirits bow at the mentioning of the name of Jesus Christ. The name of Jesus Christ can cast out demons and devil through the name of Jesus Christ. You cannot cast out angels and human spirit through the name of Jesus Christ.

Luke 10:17, 20 reads, *“Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name...”*

Devil is in the form of spirit. You can rule over demons, spirits and forces from the kingdom of hell through the name of Jesus Christ. Every time you want to cast out devils, just proclaim the name of Jesus Christ and think in your heart that Jesus Christ is the one giving the command. Devil cannot be in your spirit but

can affect your mind. Command demons, spirits and forces of darkness to leave your space and life. As long as you are in Jesus Christ, the Father acknowledges your presence. Rule through the name of Jesus. Every church should train her members to be able to use the name of Jesus Christ.

2. Ruling Through the Blood of Jesus

Revelation 12:11 says, *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”*

When dealing with matters of family patterns, evil covenant that ancestors have initiated, patterns, altar, and accusations (the devil is the accuser of the brethren) require the engagement of the blood of Jesus Christ. The blood of Jesus Christ enforced the new covenant (New Testament) in your life and didn't just cleanse your sin away. When you got saved it was your spirit that was saved. Your body is the product of the birth through your parents. Pattern, evil covenant, and altar that affects people only come from their family. The blood that runs within a family creates the pattern and the evil covenant. One of the ways you nullify the influence of altars over your life is through the blood of Jesus Christ. Evil covenant can also be nullified through the blood of Jesus Christ. This blood can be introduced to forces of darkness so that the victory of Jesus Christ can be established over your life.

Consistently use your mouth to acknowledge what the blood of Jesus Christ has done for you. Evil altar has no right to afflict you because you belong to the blood line of Jesus Christ. The blood of Jesus Christ is at work in your life to exempt you from evil patterns and altar. The evil that happened to others in your lineage should not happen to you because of the blood of Jesus

Christ. Evil altars are powerful because of the speaking of the blood upon them. However, the blood of Jesus Christ speaks better things than the blood speaking on the altar. The blood of Jesus Christ has singled you out of evil covenant. Learn to use the blood of Jesus Christ to shut down evil covenant in your family, home and lineage. Use the word of your testimony that is based on the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed on the cross of Calvary to subdue evil covenant, pattern, and altars in your lineage. No altar has the right to come against you. It is only the new covenant that is permitted to rule over your life. You belong to Jesus Christ and only the things that are found in Jesus Christ are permitted in your life. Don't allow your understanding limit the power of the blood of Jesus Christ in your life. You experience liberation through the blood of Jesus Christ. Stop every accusation against your life through the blood of Jesus Christ.

3. Ruling Through Prayers

Acts 12:5 says, *“Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church.”*

The church ruled over the arrest of Peter through prayer. Any form of affliction must leave your life through prayer. It's time to rule over demonic forces in the place of prayer. When you pray angels are sent as ministering spirit to work with you and for you. You exercise rulership over issues of life through constant prayer. Rise up to engage constant prayers against the operations of Satan in your life.

4. Ruling by Enforcing the Word of God

You enforce the word of God written in the Scripture. Angels run with the word of God spoken.

Job 22:28 says, *“You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.”*

Every time you declare the things written in the word of God you are ruling. Always enforce a revelation till it becomes a manifestation in your life. Continue to declare the word of God upon your life. Whatever has been revealed to you concerning your destiny; be consistent in declaring such words over your life. Declaration is a way of enforcing the word of God. When you speak the things revealed to you by God, the angels of God enforce those words for performance in your life. Enforce the word of God through declaration. God speaks to your heart so as to enforce it on earth through declaration.

5 .Ruling Through the Anointing

Isaiah 10:27 says, *“It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.”*

God gives special anointing that destroys yoke. Special anointing given by God is to rule. Healing anointing is to rule over any forms of sicknesses and diseases. Prospering anointing is to rule over poverty. Be intentional to trust God for special anointing upon your life

6. Ruling through Praises

If you are sick but knows how to praise God, you will rule. Every time you praise God you have turned the battle to Him. You await the power of God over situations when you engage praises.

Psalms 18:3 says, *“I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.”*

One of the ways you are saved from the hand of the enemies is through praises. The strength of God is displayed in your life through praises.

Psalms 34:1 says, *“I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”*

Don't be casual with your praises to God. Be intentional and consistent with praises to God. When you come to the point that you don't feel like praying and doing your work; move into praises. When you don't understand the things around your life, praise God.

7 .Ruling by Obedience to Divine Instructions

Every time you obey God you rule. Obedience is better than sacrifice. You rule by divine instructions. Be sensitive to the things God is speaking to your heart and be swift to obey.

8. Ruling by Beholding

You rule by beholding the words God has spoken to you.

2 Corinthians 3:18 says, *“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord...”*

The more you behold you will be transformed. Every time you meditate on your revelation you are ruling. When you continue to meditate on the words He has spoken to your heart you will rule. Also, you engage declaration of the words as you meditate. You will know the move to take for the manifestation of the things shown to you through meditation. Don't lose the revelation of God in your heart. Continue to behold the truth spoken to you through the Scripture and the ministry of the Holy Spirit that indwells you. I desire that as you keep beholding the word of God, you will not fail in life.

RULING SENSE

Proverbs 6:6-9 says *“Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which having no captain, overseer or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest.”*

The ant has no guide, overseer or ruler, yet, its govern itself. The ant has a ruling sense. It is not size that determines ruling but sense. The ant is not with big body but with great sense. The strength of your reign on earth is not by your body but sense.

I learned many years ago that ruling effectively among people is achieved through influence, trust and service rather than mere command. In fact, I learned early that ruling among people is more about your emotional quotient (EQ) than your intelligent quotient (IQ).

There is no rise without a price and without motion, there can't be change of position.

The lion isn't the king of the jungle by size or roar, it is by sense. When it roars, everyone hears. But it is not the body size or roaring of the lion that made it a king. It is the instinct of the lion that distinguish it from other animals. The lion understands

formation, attack, defense strategy, etc.

It is not might that made man ruler of the earth but his mind. Mind is might. Mentality and authority go together. Your mentality gives you the sense of your responsibility so you can become an authority.

Your royalty, dignity, prosperity, authority, popularity, etc. are all function of your mentality. You can't have the sense for something and not end up having the results for it over time.

Until you have a ruling sense, you won't know what to do in order to reign in life. Ruling sense also impart you with the insight of what you shouldn't do so as to reign in life.

You don't need time to rule in life, you need sense. If you have a ruling sense, you will start ruling at your current level. Nobody wait doing nothing and expects to reign in life. Your reigning in life is dependent on what you are doing now. What are you doing now?

Within every man is a ruling spirit but why every man can't rule is because everyone don't have a ruling sense. Your human spirit is where your dominion resides but until you are able to bring substance from your spirit into your mind, you can't recognize the steps to take to enter into your ruling realm.

PROOF OF YOUR RULING SENSE

To rule in life, your mind must possess certain things. You need to know the forces of ruling which are:

1. DISCOVERY

There are three things to discover:

- a. Discover yourself... what interest you easily, what you enjoy

doing, what you see yourself becoming. You can't rule when you don't know who you are. It is always discovery of personality before manifestation of authority.

b. Discover your path... identify your industry, field, profession. Also, identify the level you want to reach in that space or sphere. Capture your destination early as you move on your path.

c. Discover your task... identify Your vision and responsibility. Know what you should be doing daily to move towards your destination. Forget having a future when you don't know your daily responsibility.

You are designed for something and you have your path in life. During my secondary school days, I wanted to be an accountant but the reason for such was because my mother used to call me accountant. So, I went straight to commercial department. By the time I got to SSS3, I lost passion for accounting, so I concluded I would go for law. The reason I chose law was because I used to represent my school in debate competition and we never lost. So, I thought it would be good I study law since I didn't lose any debate. I felt if I could win debate, I would win cases in court. I told my daddy but he discouraged me from studying law. He said he didn't see that about me. So, I decided I would study mass communication because I felt I am eloquent. Eventually, I met a mentor who told me to go pray and ask God what he wants for my life. I eventually prayed and all that came into my heart was teaching. So, I concluded I would be a teacher but the mentor directed me to someone who counseled me to focus on becoming a university lecturer. That was why I studied English language at the university as a major.

One day, I was in the bathroom and a thought came to my heart, you are not going to lecture English at the university,

you are going to teach my word. I forgot to mention to you that from my first year at the university, I decided I was going to be a professor. I began reading a lot and was ahead of my colleagues in the department to a point that they were all calling me “professor Niyi”. I was already reading materials of master’s student at my first year at the university. But I eventually found myself in ministry after a discovery of myself and my place. It was many years after that I knew that the teaching that I received I was going to do wasn’t lecturing at university but teaching God’s word. As I am, I can lecture at a university but I know that’s not my main assignment in life. You see, your main assignment is the reason for which you are created.

God didn’t design you for everywhere, He designed you for a place. You have to locate that place - that field, industry, profession - that will give expression to your creation. Many are bothered about what they are created to be rather than what they are created to do. You see, doing what you are created to do is what makes you become who you are created to be. You are only guaranteed to get the best results in what you are created to be.

Can you find out your inner drive and pursue it? A reverend in our church studied pharmacology in school but I remember in his final year that he told me he has desire and dive to get into product management. Think ability the margins. The man pursued his desires and today he is accomplished and making progress in his field as a project manager. It became obvious that he studied a science course because of his parent compelled him to do so. But thanks to God that he discovered himself.

You see, if anywhere or everywhere is your destination, you are heading for nowhere.

HOW TO DISCOVER THE THREE ABOVE?

If you will discover yourself, your path and your task, you need to engage the following which are:

- a. Pray for it
- b. Pay attention to the thoughts and desires of your heart
- c. Pay attention to understudy who you desire to be like
- d. Pay attention to the revelation in your dreams
- e. Pay attention to guidance of men that is at peace with your heart

2. INFORMATION

Intercession cannot substitute for information. What's information? It's any piece of news that influences your thoughts and propels you to action.

There are two kinds of information. They are

1. Acquired information
2. Revealed information

You need to keep acquiring relevant information for yourself in any area or sphere you desire to rule. The most informed will rule over the less informed. The person who is more informed will lead the less informed person. There is always a connection between the information you have at hand and the destination you are heading to. The information you have access to will always give you an edge ahead of others. One of the reason an entity will outdo or outperform his competitor is because of the information he has access to. Having a great vision without getting relevant information on how to get into execution is just a waste of time.

Being informed is not about knowing something but acquiring the working knowledge that makes it work. Until you know how to apply what you know, you don't yet have a working knowledge, you only have theoretical knowledge. Theoretical knowledge makes people have knowledge without proofs. I always counsel people that if they want to get into any sphere, they should always find a way to learn firsthand practical knowledge from those already there. Gathering relevant applicable information is one of the ways the blessing of God will manifest in your life. Sometimes, when you tell God to bless you, you are simply saying you want him to give you access to quality and relevant information. You see, there are certain information that can't come your way until a force – a spiritual one – either guide you to where you will get it or move the information to come to your direction. Sometimes, the distance between where you are now and your throne is what you don't yet know. One relevant working information can move you from your current level to your throne.

Your speed in life is determined by the quality of information at your disposal and the level of insight you are operating with. The brighter you see, the faster you go. The more informed you are, the greater the results you command.

You must cherish valuable information. You must also be a hunter of relevant working information. A smart person knows that he or she must have a circle of friends that can constantly supply information that can add to him or her. You must be disciplined to avoid relating with gossips. There are friends I used to relate with that we no longer talk, even on phone. It is not that they offended me or that we had any fracas – no. I just had to make a decision to end such friendship because after evaluations, I discovered that they don't feed me

relevant information neither do they add anything spiritual or intellectual to me. I noticed some of those friendships only supplied gossips, criticism and idle chat. Since I know I don't have two lifetime but this one lifetime, I had to cut off such friendship so I can focus on my assignment and also invest in my growth.

KEEP LEARNING

Your performance of today is a product of the information of yesterday. If you make move, you'll make news and those who make news make wave. But you can't make move in the first place if you haven't gathered the required information.

Most people stop learning the day they graduated from school. It is learning that makes you wiser than yesterday. We live in a changing world so you must be updated with current information in any sphere you desire to rule. What makes many smarter is not because of their abilities but for the information they have access to. Most people praying that God should take them to the next level don't know that they are at that current level because of something they don't know. Someone once said, "if you know more than you know, you will be more than who you are." I found that statement to be true. You can't know more than you know and remain at the level you are for long. Everyone will always grow to the level of what he or she knows.

The fact is that If you are behind in information, your position may likely be behind except by the mercy of God. Henry Ford said "anyone who stops learning is old., either at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young." Your body may be growing older, but your mind must be younger. The more informed your mind is, the younger your mind is.

There was this CEO who was considered the fastest thinker by some business coach. He was asked to share the secret to his fast ability to think and here is what he said – “I learned from my father when I was eleven years old that if I want to upgrade my thinking everyday, I should learn new words every day. The man said ‘a day will never go without learning new words.’” The old man made the statement at the age of eighty-four (84). Think about it, the man had been learning master and use one new word daily since age eleven. That shows he had done that for seventy-three (73) years of his life. How do you expect such a man not to be vast and versatile?

You see, you keep your mind young by keeping it opened to new information and new insight. Information won't jump on you until you search for it. Nobody is responsible for where you are but you.

No matter the industry you find yourself in, without relevant information, you don't have a future. Those who learn are the ones that will always see ahead and be ahead. You can't lead anyone if you don't see ahead. Gathering information helps you see ahead. Dedicated leaders are committed readers. Committed readers are info hunters.

RUB MINDS WITH OTHER RULING MINDS

Any area you want to rule, there are those who have ruled or currently ruling there. It's your duty to search out those people either physically or through their materials to rub minds with them. Everyone aiming at outstanding future must be committed to rubbing his little mind with greater minds, thereby becoming sharper and sharper daily.

You must desire every increasing insight in your field and this happens when you get the same thing in the mind of the rulers

in your field or life into your mind.

A thought came to my heart one day, it says “it’s either you are studious or stupid, choose one.” For me, I chose to be studious.

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION CARRIERS

You can’t know all and you don’t have all the time to find out what is changing. It is your ability to sustain relationships with certain individuals who are updated about the changing information in your sphere that will grant you access to updated information.

In your field, you must build relationships with friends, allies and mentors who can freely share things with you. In life, it is either you are updated or outdated. You can’t be the two but one. And the fact is that the two leads to each other. If you don’t want to be outdated, just be updated. And if you want to be outdated, don’t be updated.

You see, you are not behind in life, it is what is not in your mind that has kept you behind. The day you update your mind with relevant working information, you will leave behind to step into your desired position.

SILENTLY FOLLOW UP ON THE WORK OF OTHERS IN YOUR FIELD

You may not know what is changing until you find out what others are doing. This is not following trends but keeping abreast what’s going on in your field.

The law is, know the rulers in your field and keep your eyes on them. You don’t have to do what they do, but you will be alert to changes taking place by keeping your eyes on them. The rulers are those who are ahead in life.

Two things you must not permit in relation to those ahead of you: don't be pressured by their success or progress and don't copy them. If you are pressured, you are comparing another's future to your present. They are in their future while you are in your present. You should rather keep your eyes on their works, observe and study the needful and keep your focus on your task. Sooner, the time will change and your season will open.

The reason you must not copy them is because you lose insight into your uniqueness the moment you copy another man. You are created to be unique not a copy of another. Rather than copy, simply adapt. The principle of adapting other people's work into yours is that you study what they have done, take the part you want to apply to yours, then, add your own to it. That way, your work will be unique. When you do that, you don't copy, you simply adapt.

3. DISCIPLINE

Anyone with a ruling sense always have a discipline sense. You need a sense of discipline so you can rule in life.

What is discipline?

- Discipline is doing what is required to get what is desired.
- Discipline is doing what is necessary not what is convenient.
- Discipline is doing what is demanded at the time expected not at the time convenient.
- Discipline is taking responsibility for every outcome in your pursuit.
- Discipline is doing what is needed without anyone supervising you.

You can't be disciplined and not be distinguished in life. You can't be disciplined and not end in dignity. Distinction and relevance is the possession of a disciplined person.

Two Things Discipline Requires

a. Being consistent

It takes discipline to be consistent, especially when you have nobody to monitor or supervise you.

b. Making changes

In life affairs, only those who makes changes end up being in charge. Stubbornness and unwillingness to change is the energy of fools. You must strive to become the change you want to see.

Anyone who will move the world must first move himself. So, anyone who will rule a place, system or the world must first rule himself. It's only changed men that becomes world changers.

4. PLANNING

Planning is a step by step design towards the accomplishment of a given task. The quality of your planning determines the speed at which you accomplish a goal. You rule over disorder by planning. Planning sets order and anywhere there is order, there will be progress.

All rulers are planners. A ruling sense is a planning mind. God has His plans for your life but God will not help you to make plans about your day and task. It is every person's responsibility to plan how his day and task should go.

Planners Are Thinkers

Thinking is the secret to planning. You can't make plans about something you didn't think about. Wealth is a product of man's

thinking.

Those who think on paper think better. To have a ruling sense requires that you have a planning sense.

Thinking makes Ideas Clearer

Ideas are compound thoughts that stimulates moves. Ideas are only accessible to thinkers. An inspired idea can turn any man to the envy of the world. The fact is that understanding doesn't just drop on people. It comes through conscious process of meditation. That is staying mentally focused on an issue until insight are unfolding.

There is a separation required for illumination. Having separated himself from, a wise man begins to seek and reason out a solution.

Planning Rules over Scarcity

One day, a mentor told me that what you have is enough for you if you can think through and plan well. I never understood that point until there was a time we were planning for an event. The committee brought the plans to me and I saw their huge budget. I knew that we couldn't afford that money, yet we had to do the program. What did I do? I sat down with the leader of the committee to go through the plans. We identify the priorities and eliminated what we can do away with. Do you know that in the end, we had a wonderful program and also had left over?

You see, sometimes, you already have all you need, it is planning that you lack. I learned few years ago that high flyers are great planners. If you won't pay the discipline of planning, you will pay the discipline of regrets.

5.FOCUS

Focus is concentration on your work or task against all distractions that comes against you. If you won't focus on your work, you won't reign in life. No matter the promise of God to you, if you won't work the work, the promise won't come to pass.

Focus on your work keep your body away from sickness and weakness. You can't be focused and not be creative. When you are focused, ideas start flowing to enhance your approach to your task.

Those who focus on their task or work, end up being the leading figures in their spheres. You can't be focused and not be followed. Focus helps you starve your distraction of your attention.

One day, during a meditation session I had, I got this word, "you have to fight the battle for focus." I was shocked. In fact, I preached a message few years ago titled "the battle of focus". It is obvious that you can't claim you have a ruling sense but lack a sense of focus. The battle for focus is the battle for success. The devil won't fight your success; all he needs to do is to fight your focus. If your focus can be defeated, your success has been defeated. To lose focus is to lose success. In fact, to lose focus is to lose greatness. Do you know that losing focus can also mean losing money? If you will go far in life and rule, you must protect your focus.

Can I tell you this insight? Many people don't know this I want to share with you. In fact, I got this by inspiration one day while writing a book. The insight is that distraction is as powerful as the devil himself. Think about it! Whatever the devil can do to you, distraction can do to you. The devil attack people's focus by directing captivating distractions their way.

Distraction is a tool of captivity. When the devil wants to make a person captive, he just sends distraction to the way of that person. Can I tell you this? Your distraction is your bondage. When you are a lawful captive, you will not be powerful enough to resist distractions. But the moment you are delivered as a lawful captive, you become powerful enough to resist all distractions sent your way.

Take ownership of your life, choices and actions. Avoid blaming others or making excuses. Focus on finding solutions and learning from mistakes. If you can win with focus, you have won already. Do you want to truly rule? You want to be in control? If yes, then, control your focus.

Reasons for Lack of Focus

1. Lack of goals
2. Lack of evaluation
3. Lack of daily plans
4. Lack of routine actions

Set High Goal for Yourself

Goal setting is one of the secrets to focus. You never stop until the goal is accomplished. You never stop because of barriers. Distraction can make you lose your crown but focus helps you take your crown.

You have to be skilled at setting high goals for yourself. Yes, there are people who see setting high goals as unrealistic approach to getting things done, but the fact is that setting high goals helps you to rise above the limitations ordinary people face in life.

6. SKILLS

Your skills will always separate you from others and as such, you'll rule over the less skilled. You must be an expert at something. And expertise is a product of training and personal development.

Skill is a function of the tactics you employ and the strategies you deployed. Knowledge is not marketable; it is skill that is marketable. No matter where you are, your skill will always announce you. It is skill that turns a hard worker to a creative worker.

KEEP MAKING MOVES

Everyone need training to enhance his worth in his field. It is not a function of strength as many mighty don't make mark in their field. You need to acquire up-to-date skills in order to maintain a leading position. Build on your expertise and the world will respect you for it.

7. RIGHT ATTITUDE

You need the right attitude in five areas

- a. Right attitude towards God
- b. Right attitude towards people
- c. Right attitude towards your work
- d. Right attitude towards money
- e. Right attitude towards situations

You see, anyone can fail, fall, have setbacks but only few bounce back from setbacks, failures and challenges. If you will go far in life, you must avoid self-pity and pity party.

If you will keep going higher, you must practice gratitude.

Gratitude affects altitudes.

8. SELF CONTROL

Proverbs 25:28 reveals that whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down without wall.

Proverbs 16:32 reveals that he who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

Self-control is the ability to control behaviors in order to avoid temptations and to achieve goals. Self-control is part of will power. Self-control is synonymous to self-discipline or self-restraint.

If you don't know how to apply self-control to yourself daily, you don't have ruling sense.

I learned many years ago that you don't make a promise when you are happy and you don't make a decision when you are angry. If you are going to do that, you will apply self-control.

RULING IN YOUR INDUSTRY

Everywhere Joseph got to, he always rose to leadership. Even in prison, he ruled. You may attribute that to the favor of God on Joseph but much more, it was more of the wisdom at work in him. It can be said that Joseph had industry competence to handle tasks committed to him.

I believe that regardless of the sphere or industry you find yourself, you can surely rule there. Below are the insights to apply so you can rule in your industry.

1. Incontestable Expertise

Have deep understanding of your industry - know the history, current trends and future direction. Stay updated on the changes taking place in your industry. Identify the best acceptable practices in your industry. Know about your field than others.

1. Build a unique brand

The insight here is to be different from others. Until you are

different, you can't be leading. Specialize in a specific area within your field. Know your niche. This will help you stand out and establish your authority. Publish your work in reputable industry publications and get featured in interviews and media outlets.

1. Draw others to learn from you.

Organize conferences and seminars for others. Try to add value to others. Let others in your industry know that you also have interest in their success. Make videos, podcasts to showcase your expertise and share insights that can help others to scale heights. This singles you out from competition. When you draw others to learn from you, you position yourself as one others should catch up with and see as model rather than being a competitor to them. Engage media in doing this. Have a strict online presence. Share your expertise through public speaking, presentations and webinars. This will build your reputation in the industry and draw the attention of everyone in the industry to you. All may not apply what you teach but they will all listen to you. When you do this, you are indirectly telling them you aren't their equals but above them. This establish your superiority even though there are other superiors in the industry. Make yourself the superior by doing this and stop waiting to be conferred the title of superiority.

1. Build a network of super powers in your industry

Connect with other experts and influencers in your field. Attend industry events, join professional organizations or associations in your industry. Be a friend to leading figures in your field.

Collaborate with leading figures in your industry to expand your reach. Build credibility by supporting others. Let others know you aren't selfish. Be there for them always. You'll rule your industry when other leaders and rulers in the industry respect and regards you. Go for them before they can submit to you. Earn the respect of others through achievements, character and contribution.

1. Become the game changer

This is game of number and control. Be better, more advanced and more accomplished than others. Outperform others, set new pace. Pioneer new ideas and methods leaving others to catch up with. Redefine what success means in your industry through your success. Become the one others are copying, don't be the one copying others. You must have a broad perspective, seeing things from a higher vantage points. You must be superior in abilities, achievements and status. Meet challenges ahead of others. Become the creator of change in your industry. Influence what others do in their company by what you do in your company.

1. Form Ally with government

Let the government of your industry and country know you. Go for whoever rule your state or country. Befriend such, toast such and marry such. To marry such doesn't mean marriage in that sense. You marry those in government by creating a strong bond with them. You do this by not suggesting to them that you need their help. No! Look for something you can do that will improve their government and impress their heart. Do it and let them

know what you are doing. Never shadow your gesture. Shout it using media outlet but you strategically ensure the name of the person in government is mentioned alongside with yours. Offer to help government. Well, you must be rich to approach government.

1. Keep expanding

Have larger scope. Ruling requires expanding. Something about you must be expanding to different places. You must constantly seek ways to keep expanding. You don't stop. You must keep expanding.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THINKING AND DOING

The difference between people who achieve results and those who dream or think about it is actually the amount of time it takes for them between making a decision and taking action on that decision. So many people think they have decided only for them to know later that they haven't decided. Delay is also a decision. Delay is a decision not to make a decision or take an action. Many often wait till the timing gets right and as such they don't make a decision in the now. The people that are most successful have a very small gap between deciding and acting. They make a decision and act on it instantly. And by the time other people who are delaying or waiting are taking their first action, they already have taken ten to twelve actions. Be swift with making decision and taking actions.

Most people wait to feel confident and ready before they take actions. They hesitate, avoid, over think and delay. And because they don't act, their brain never get the evidence to reinforce

and give them the confidence to take actions. Your brain builds confidence in different areas of your life both personally and professionally. But it's done through actions. Actions give you more evidence to take more actions. When you take no actions, then, there is no evidence and no confidence.

WISDOM FOR YOU

If nobody sees you as an enemy, it means you are not important.

If nobody talks behind your back, you are not relevant.

If someone tries to take advantage of you, it means you have value.

If someone tries to pull you down, it means you are already above them. Hate only comes from below, never above.

If they criticize you, it means they admire you. Criticism is admiration in disguise. Your haters are your biggest fans, they don't just know how to clap yet.

If they are talking trash behind your back, that means you are ahead. They have to talk about you because when they talk about themselves, nobody listens. The only people who spread rumors with intentions of decreasing your value are those who are so intimidated about you.

BE VISIBLE

You are broke not because you are bad but because you are invisible. It doesn't matter how good your product is or how long you worked on it, if they don't know you, they can't pay you. If you are invisible, you're not building a business, you are building a secret. You see, they don't know your name, what you are about and what you stand for because you are still overthinking and procrastinating. You've got to step out and make

everyone know you with your product or service. If you want to stay paid, you must stay visible.

AVOID BEING THE PERFECTIONIST TRAP

Perfectionism holds people back. It's often seems like a good thing but in reality, it is a big distraction. It's actually fear of not good enough for most people. Perfection may be the enemy of progress. You don't have to be perfect to start, you start to get better. Instead of aiming for perfection, aim for progress. Success is progress. When you face setbacks, don't see it as failure, see setbacks as feedbacks. The only real failure is giving up. Make up your mind never to wait for perfection before you set out. Set out and keep improving as you move on.

STOP COMPETING, START DOMINATING YOUR NICHE

Develop a reputation of being the best in the world at what you do and then deliver. Deliver every time. What should you do? Do what's better than everyone else in your niche in your part of the world - in your city, neighborhood, industry, country. How can you be the best in the world? Identify the this and this you will do that will create momentum and lead you to the best.

Train yourself to be different. Don't do what others are doing. Know what you should be doing and be the best at it.

CONTROL MONEY TO COME YOUR WAY

Money doesn't reward intelligence, it rewards speed. Most people were never programmed to understand this truth about wealth. The faster you move; the more money you make. Speed creates momentum and momentum compound. The faster you act on an idea, the faster you learn, adapt and capitalize on the opportunity. Hesitation is where poverty sneaks in. Hesitation

lives in waiting, over thinking, missed chances. Indecision feeds poor outcome. Speed mean execution with urgency. Make up your mind to work faster so money can come to you faster.

BEAT THE PAST VERSION OF YOURSELF

You should beat the past version of yourself. The past you is the one who quit when it's uncomfortable. The one who said I will do it tomorrow but keep procrastinating. You outwork that version of you by doing the hard thing today that you kept avoiding yesterday.

The new version of you must embrace focus. Focus is the real key to success. You must be careful about the attraction of distraction. Distraction doesn't just slow you down, it guarantees failure. Distraction is addictive. And once you are addicted to it, you can't focus. And if you can't focus, you can't compete with someone who can. Your day is distracted when you permit scrolling, checking, switching, reacting, etc. Distraction makes you busy but not effective. The fact is that you don't rise to your potential, you fall to your level of focus. The moment you take controlling your attention and resisting distraction, everything changes because focus is not just a skill, it is a decision. Stop leaking energy to emotions, distractions and the wrong people.

FEED WELL

Your diet daily is not only what you eat, it's also what you watch, listen to, read, observe and the people you spend your time with. Pay attention to what you feed your soul not just your stomach.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING

1. If your customers buy once, you make a sale. If they come back, you build a trust but if they tell others, you build a brand.
2. The moment your name becomes a solution, you've won. Build your personal brand to a point that your name becomes the first that comes to mind when a solution is needed.
3. Build something so strong that people feel it before they see it.
4. Support and visibility are not the same. People may not like, comment or follow you, but they are watching. Don't confuse silence for absence. Your audience are bigger than your engagement. Keep building because people are watching you.
5. Always be ready to survive alone. Some people suddenly change. Today you are important to them and tomorrow you are nothing. Loyalty is rare. People swear they will stay but when the storm comes, they disappear. Remember the only persons that will never leave you is the Holy Spirit and you.

HOW TO BUILD SUCCESS DAILY?

1. Preferably, a night to the new day, decide your biggest priority or outcome for the next day. Identify that top priority that you need to accomplish the next day. Write or type it down and commit to it.

2. Scheduling. This blocks the time for the real things to happen in your life. Prioritize and put at least thirty minutes where you will take the time that if you get nothing else accomplished, this top priority is non-negotiable.

3. Give something up to go up. Start eliminating distractions. Figure out how you can eliminate one distraction that can derail you from the focus and the success that you desire.

TAKE YOUR APPEARANCE SERIOUSLY

Dressing well isn't about fashion, it's about power. Everyone in history who changed the world looked apart before he ever played the part. Clothes don't just cover you, they introduce you. Your outfit translate your life story without saying a single word. Wrinkle, dirty and careless show chaos. But sharp, clean and intentional read discipline, leadership and control. You may not believe in first impression but that impression is what people believe about you. Clothes don't make a man great but they reveal whether he respects himself. A man who respect himself doesn't leave the house sloppy. People you speak with, shake hands or even open your mouth to address already decided who you are the moment they see your appearance.

Dressing well is psychological warfare. People treat you differently, speak softer and watch their words, hesitate before crossing you. Why? It's because appearance create authority. Not fake authority but assumed authority. Caring about small details means you care about the big ones too. Put on a good outfit and watch your whole existence upgrade. The world is a mirror and it only reflects what you present to it. Dress like you don't care and they will treat you the same way. Dress like your life matters and the world will agree. It's not who am I trying to impress, it's how much am I really worth to myself. Your appearance expresses your aura. Dress in a way that your appearance announces your presence as an authority.

FIVE THINGS YOU MUST NEVER DO

True wisdom is not only in what you say but also in what you choose not to say.

1. Wise people don't correct others in front of others, even when they know the person is wrong or even be right.

They wait and speak in private with respect because they understand that correcting someone in public doesn't teach, it humiliates. And humiliation doesn't create learning, it creates resentment.

1. Wise people don't show off what they have

Money, achievements, possessions - none of these becomes a topic in the mouth of someone who is wise. They live well in silence because they know their showing off attracts two things:

- i. The envy of those who do not have.
- ii. The judgement of those who do not understand. And none of them is worth it.

1. Wise people don't reveal their next step to the public

They have learned that an exposed plan becomes a target. They may reveal their next step to their mentors but not to the public. They speak after they have done it. They show after they have achieved it because they know that silence protect what is still being built.

1. Wise people don't react when someone provoke them.

Someone speaks or provokes them but they remain silent not because they have no answer but they know that reacting to every provocation is giving power to someone who doesn't deserve it. The best response to someone who provokes you is your indifference.

1. Wise people don't expose their pain.

They go through heavy things that nobody knows not because they are hiding but because they have learned that it's not every pain that need to become a topic, not every tear need witness. Some battles are won in silence and it's precisely this silence that makes them stronger. Wisdom is knowing what to keep to yourself.

BE BOLD

The bold will rule over the nice. When you lack competence, put on confidence. Even the bible says "Do not cast away your confidence which has great reward." When you don't have the competence for something, don't say it. Put on confidence as though you are an expert at it. After showing confidence, you quickly find a way to figure out how to get the competence that you lack.

You can desire to be ruling but timid. You have to deal with your fears by stepping out to speak or act boldly. Everyone has his fear but those wiser enough to step out boldly in spite of their fears end up ruling over situations and spheres. Even if you are brilliant but not bold, you will be ruled over. The bold

will always rule over the brilliant.

You may have a bold face but a light heart. It is not about having a bold face but making a bold move such that your moves even scare your fears. Remember the hand of the diligent shall rule. If you have the hand of the diligent but lack the move of the bold, you will miss out and another will take your place. All heroes of something were bold people, therefore be bold!

REMAIN CONNECTED TO YOUR INNER CIRCLE

Let me teach you this, learn to cherish your inner circle. Never keep an inner circle of people with stunted growth. A principle I apply to my life is never to relate with people because of the cash they have but for the mind they have. The mind is powerful than the cash. Look into your inner circle now, you'll discover that the rich you are looking for are already there, you just need to give them time. You also need to develop yourself so you can be spotted as a rich person. You can't be rich accidentally.

This generation don't want to be patient. If you're not patient, you will get into relationships that will hurt your future. Don't be a slave of money in your mind. Life is turn by turn. What you don't yet have today will be your turn one day as long as you're not lazy and are patient. Few years ago, when I practically had nothing, I could have orchestrated certain relationship into my life because of the money they had, but I didn't. I kept working on myself and adopted patience. The rest is past today.

If you're selling something, reach the rich. They have the money to buy what you sell. But, when it comes to building destiny relationship, you'll need to learn this. Sometimes, when your heart pants after supposedly rich people attempting to build relationship with them, it is because you are covetous and

lack patience. In the end, you will get into a relationship that will never meet your need only to discover that you have lost certain relationship God placed in your life in an attempt to connect with supposedly rich people.

If you are not yet rich, be patient and be hardworking. God will bless you when your time comes. Refuse to be a slave in your mind. Stop attempting to get into destiny relationship with people because of monetary benefits, it will hurt you later. Shift! Change your thinking. Rather than seeking one useless relationship with the rich because you feel they will pump money to you when you need it, why don't you become the person the rich will want to relate with. You see, if you are not yet rich and you're running after the rich, you'll run after them till you die. That's the truth. The time you'll use to run after the rich for relationship or hang around them, why don't you use it in developing yourself and seeking better opportunities?

A long age friend abroad phoned me recently and during the conversation, he said "I noticed this person is trying to get closer to me now. He'll call me to check up on me and send messages. He even requested to schedule a visit when he's around." I asked the person's opinion and he said, "he's just playing along but will soon serve him a red card because he knows he's after his money." My friend said, they knew each other in the past and weren't closer, how come he didn't get close when he had nothing?" Let me warn you, never get into relationship with people because your mind tells you they can give you money when you need it. That's a sign that poverty is in your mind.

How will you know a potentially rich person? Look for someone who has:

- i. A demanded 21st century skill that can be paid for when employed or deployed.

- ii. A company (business) that can offer services or sell something.
- iii. A product that can be sold continually.



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