

Every Time You Obey, Something Comes to Pass

The Essence of Obedience

NIYI MAKINDE

NIYI MAKINDE

The Essence of Obedience



NIYI MAKINDE

First published by Power Publishing House 2022

Copyright © 2022 by Niyi Makinde

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, scanning, or otherwise without written permission from the publisher. It is illegal to copy this book, post it to a website, or distribute it by any other means without permission.

Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are taken from the New King James Version, © 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984 by Thomas Nelson, Inc.

www.rebirthglobal.org / www.niyimakinde.com

First edition

*Cover art by Kehinde Otesile
Typesetting by Korede Makinde*

*This book was professionally typeset on Reedsy.
Find out more at reedsy.com*

Contents

1	The Superiority of Divine Instructions	1
2	Understanding Obedience	30
3	Obedience Gallery	41
4	Rewards of Obedience	46
	<i>About the Author</i>	58
	<i>Also by Niyi Makinde</i>	60

The Superiority of Divine Instructions

Divine Instruction is a sign of divine intervention. Whenever God wants to show His power heavily in your life, He will give instructions. Every Instruction is God's action in words. If you like to receive prophecies more than you receive instructions, you can't go far. Prophecies is God's word to you about what will happen in future or years ahead while Instruction is God's word to you on what you should do today. I see prophecies as the destination that God has in mind for a person or place. Instruction on the other hand should be seen as your transportation to your destination.

There are things we do by knowledge and there are things we do by Instruction. Execution of divine Instruction makes you a supernatural being in human form. Whatever Instruction you receive

concerning a matter is what God would do if He was the one in the situation. Divine Instruction is a display of the supernatural hand of God doing things that violate natural order. Jesus told the servants at the wedding at Cana to fill the water pots to the brim. Afterward, He Instructed them to draw from it and send to the master of the feast. The servants follow the instructions precisely. Elisha told the wise of the servants of the prophets to go borrow empty pots and pour oil into each pot. The woman did as commanded and received the miracle of increased oil. All these are not product of human knowledge or intelligence but divine Instructions.

One Instruction from the Lord is enough to change the history of your life. One Instruction is enough to get you out of any mess you might found yourself. The superiority of Instruction is that it will tell you what, where, and how. God often leaves the when (time) for you to decide. But He expects you that you should make a move the moment you received the Instruction. The proof that the hand of the Lord is on you is that an instruction is sent to your heart. God's hand on your head will manifest as an instruction in your heart.

Whatever God instruct you on is what He has completed from His end. The sign of completion of a thing in the spirit realm is that God supplies an instruction. If the Lord tells you to move to a place,

you must know that God is already in that place waiting for you before He gave you the Instruction.

Instruction is superior to reasoning and knowledge because it doesn't bring try and error. God cannot tell you to do what He knows will not be successful. Every time you receive divine Instruction on a matter, you should know that there is a success already concerning that matter in the invisible world, it is your action on earth that brings to physical manifestation on earth. Every divine Instruction is divine strategy.

God's mercy is shown to you through the Instruction you received. When you pray to God to show you His mercy in a difficult situation, then expect an instruction. Three things God will send to you to show you His mercy are: Vision, instruction and people. Over the years, we have emphasized vision and people but God is calling our attention to His Instruction. You can advance beyond your expectations but can't advance beyond your obedience to divine Instructions.

The superiority of Instruction is that whoever God gives the Instruction will end up becoming the superior. When God wants to lift up the head of a person, He will give such an instruction. The psalmist says, "you anoint my head with oil, my cup runs over" Psalm 23:5. Two things that characterize the oil on your head are: Inspiration and Instruction.

When God sends an instruction to you, He has just anointed your head with oil. Psalms 92:10 says "... I have been anointed with fresh oil." What does that mean? It simply means that you have received new Instruction. New Instruction are fresh oil. Every time you receive new Instruction, you just received fresh oil.

A new Instruction or call it fresh oil is the sign that you have entered the new season of your life. God doesn't want you to do things the way you did in the last season. So, He will give you new Instruction that will show that you have new anointing upon you. New Instruction is the revelation of new anointing. Until you obey the Instruction, the anointing will not manifest. When you pray to God to anoint you with fresh oil, you are simply asking for new instruction. Here is it, when God put a kingly anointing upon a person, He will give that person an instruction to do things that only kings do. This is what determine the rising of men. It should be noted that to be Instructed is to be anointed. The proof that you are anointed freshly is that you are Instructed. To despise an instruction is to despise the anointing God puts on your life. The manifestation of God's anointing on you for the season is dependent on your obedience. When you are obedient to do what you are Instructed, the anointing will definitely manifest.

If truly divine Instruction represent the anointing, then, the anointing is superior to all physical element.

The Dignity of Receiving Divine Instructions

Divine Instruction is the release of divine wisdom upon a person. You can't be wise and not dignified. Dignity is honor. And honor is in the left hand of wisdom (Proverbs 3:16). The dignity of receiving divine Instruction is that it brings dignity to your life. Remember that to be Instructed is to be exalted. And when you are exalted, you are dignified.

Every time you receive divine Instruction, you have received the wisdom of God. When you receive Instruction from a man, you've received human wisdom. Instruction will make you think at the frequency of God. This I have learned by experience - all divine Instruction will always tell you to do what is impossible naturally. Oftentimes, you can't figure out the outcome until the end. If you claim to receive an instruction and you already figure out how the whole process and outcome will be, then, I can tell you that you haven't received divine Instruction.

Divine instruction is a walk of faith. When we are working out divine Instruction, then we are just walking by faith. Obedience to divine Instruction is the real walk of faith. Obedience to divine Instruc-

tion is the way to doing the impossible. Any time you are confronted with an impossible challenge, you only need to receive an instruction. One Instruction is enough to overpower all impossibility. You can't know how powerful you are until you obey divine Instruction.

I have learned that if you cannot be instructed, you cannot be assisted; if you cannot be instructed, you cannot be protected. Instruction simply means detailed information on how something should be done. It is instruction that prevents destruction and eliminates failure in life and destiny. At times, people fail examination not necessarily because they did not know the answer but because they did not follow the examination's instructions. In the same manner, many people have died for the failure to obey an instruction or direction.

When you receive an instruction from God, that authenticate you an instructor to men. When God gives you an Instruction, He makes you an instructor to others. You must position yourself appropriately to receive Instructions from God regularly. Obedience to divine Instruction is a signal that you permit God to rule over your life. And anyone that permits God to rule over his or her life will eventually rule in life. God cannot rule over your life and you will not rule in life. Those who receive Instructions are those who receive

dominion.

Facts about Divine Instructions

1. Divine Instructions Are Not Open for Discussion

You don't discuss it with God about the instruction He gave you, you simply obey. God doesn't need your discussion, comment or suggestion when He instructs you, He simply need your obedience.

2. Divine Instructions Are Not for Negotiation

You don't attempt to negotiate with God. instructions are not for negotiation, they are for execution.

3. Divine Instructions Are Not for Analysis

Don't use your small brain to analyze God's Instruction. There is no reward in analyzing God's instruction, you only need to obey.

4. Divine Instructions Are Not Optional

It's either you do it or not. There is no substitute for it. God doesn't give options alongside His instruction. He expects you to do whatever He instruct.

5. Divine Instructions Are Not Canceled

God may change His mind later but He still needs to see your obedience before He change His mind. God canceled the instruction He gave Abraham to sacrificed Isaac, but Abraham obeyed first. Sometimes, God's focus is just to test your obedience and submission to Him.

6. Divine Instructions Are Specific and Personal

Two people may be in the same situation but God may not tell them to do the same thing to get out of the situation. That's why you don't copy the instruction of others, you should receive your own.

7. Divine Instructions Are for Specific Seasons

God will not tell you to do the same thing every season. Every season demands new direction and action. His Instruction to you will give you directions and set you on motion.

How to Receive Divine Instructions

God cannot be box into a particular mode of communication. It is imperative to find out how to receive divine Instruction. There are seven ways through which divine Instruction is received.

1. Through the Thoughts of Your Heart

You will hear the voice of God as a thought in your heart. When God speaks, you will receive thoughts. God's word to you will come as a thought to you. When God speaks, your heart thinks. You've got to be sensitive to the thought of your heart daily. Daily Instruction from the Lord are received as daily thoughts in your heart.

I remember the day I got breakthrough out of debt. I was in a church and wanted to give an offering of one hundred naira. Then, I heard the Lord spoke to me to give one thousand naira. I complied. As I dipped my hand into my pocket, I heard again, why don't you Increase it to two thousand naira? I said okay. Then, I removed that two thousand naira. That was the first time in my life that I gave two thousand naira as offering. That's many years back. After, I gave the offering, there was this joy in my heart that I obeyed God and that He would bless me more. The following days, somebody sent

me fifty thousand naira. That's how I settled the debt. That's why I don't think twice anytime I am Instructed to give certain amount. I know every time such happens, it's because God has a blessing somewhere that He wants to send to me. When you open your hands to give to the Lord, God will open the windows of heaven to give to you.

But the question is that how did I hear God that day when He Instructed me to give that money? It simply came as a thought in my heart. I have trained myself to recognize inspired thought of God. All inspired thoughts of God in your heart is God's speaking to you. That's why you should train your listening skill. I explain how to develop your listening skills in my book "Divine Instructions." You can get the book to learn this.

There are times that I hear the voice of God audibly but many times, I received his Instruction through thoughts. I am not referring to some spontaneous thought but but divinely inspired thoughts. When God communicates to you through thoughts, you will just know it. You can't doubt that you heard Him. The reason you doubt whether it is Him or not is because you haven't heard Him. When you hear God's voice, faith is imparted into your heart and you just know that you heard Him.

Let's carry out a practical:

Go to a quiet place. Take your pen and paper to

write notes.

Then, put your mind in a manual mode (that means, don't think on any thought). Then, says words like "God, I love you and I know that you love me too. Holy Spirit, I want you to tell me something about myself. Tell me what I don't know about myself."

Afterward, take your note and begin to write the thoughts that come to your mind. Write and write. I know He is always willing to talk to you. After writing all, take time to read what you wrote. Certainly, you will see that He has told you certain things you didn't know about yourself. The fact is that you can never doubt what He told you. Even if it's not in manifestation now, conviction and confidence will be formed in you that it will come to pass. That's it. So, the next time you want to hear God's Instruction, be sensitive to the thoughts of your heart.

2. Through Prayers

Many believers have a wrong concept for prayers. Prayers isn't just about telling God to solve your problem. It's more than that. The purpose of prayers is not just about getting things from God. Prayer is about intimacy.

The real concept of prayers is communion.

Prayers should not be a monologue but dialogue. It should be a communication flow between you and God. That is, when you speak, you've got to listen to what God also has to say to you. It's unfortunate that most people only do the talking but don't do the listening part. Just talking to Him without you listening to Him is a waste of time.

Most answers to prayers will come as Instruction. When you tell God to bless you, He will give you an instruction that will facilitate the blessing. Scripture says "Blessed is the man whom you instruct O Lord" Psalm 94:12. Obviously, Instruction is one of the ways God blesses a man. When God instruct you, He has blessed you. You have to be sensitive to answers that comes as Instruction.

Evidently, a person may get Instructions during prayers. We've established that divine Instruction could be seen as answers to prayers. And since our God answers prayer speedily, He can decide to give the answers (as Instruction) immediately on the prayer spot. You must always get into prayers with expectation that you will get your answers immediately. With this mindset, you will always watch out for divine Instructions when you pray.

3. Through Meditation

To meditate is to visualize the invisible and listen to the inaudible. It is in meditation that you consistently hear the voice of the Spirit loud and clear. Get this - the voice of the Lord is the voice of the Spirit. To listen to the Holy Spirit is to listen to God. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are inseparable. They are One. Therefore, to hear one of them is to hear the others. When the Spirit talks to you, the Father has talked to you. The voice of the Spirit is the voice of the Father.

Meditation is about silencing your mind to hear from the spirit realm. One day, a brother needed about twenty five million to execute a project. He went to church that same day. While the pastor was preaching, he had a statement the pastor made and his mind was focused on that point. Suddenly, his mind verge off the message and from the pastor's statement his mind was illuminated to call five people who would lend him five million naira each. He continued thinking on how to get across to them immediately after the service and how to communicate with them. Eventually, he spoke with the people and got the money. The secret is that the man could access those people because he meditated on the word.

When we focus our mind on a particular quote,

verse, word and so on, we are meditating. You've got to be sensitive to commands that comes to your mind when you meditate. There is something that is said from what you read or heard. It is in meditation that you unveil what is said.

4. Through Scripture-Reading

Scriptures are for Instruction in righteousness. All divine Instruction will never contradict the scripture. Those who are attentive as they read the scripture will always get divine Instruction. One time, we were planning for a meeting and we need money. Then, as I read the scripture, I came across the the verse where Elisha Instructed the wife of the dead prophet to go borrow vessels. I got Instruction from that verse that we should go borrow money for the program. We went and borrowed the money and was refunded later.

Afterward, we needed to execute a project and as I read the scripture, I came across the verse that says "you shall lend to many nations but you shall not borrow..." Having read this, I received the instruction that we should not borrow money again. Now, imagine, I can't stop laughing as I write this book. The same Bible from which I got an instruction that we should go borrow money is the same Bible that Instruct that we should not borrow

money. Jesus! Do you see that? That's how God works. That is how scripture talks and Instructs. Imagine if anytime we want to execute a project, I still run with the Instruction of go and borrow vessels. Do you know that such is total lost out of the will of God?

You should be updated with the current Instruction God is supplying you from the scriptures. Everything God can say to you He has said in scripture. All you need is to meditate to unravel it.

5. Through the Stories of People

God can supply you an instruction through the stories of those you have heard. If someone shares the stories of how He prayed at certain times before he or she breakthrough, the Spirit of God can instruct you to do the same.

6. Through the Successes or Progress of Others

One time, I was praying for certain things concerning our ministry. We were not yet a church then but a network. I was in fasting and prayers telling God to help out. Somehow, I got on social media (Facebook) and saw an esteemed man of God uploaded certain information about their ministry. I

read it and suddenly, I heard the whisper of the Holy Spirit that says to me “do what this man just did.” Immediately, the darkness in my mind vanished. I knew who to talk to among our leaders and who to carry out the task. It was from then, that I knew the Holy Spirit can Instruct you through the success and progress of others.

Some will see the successes and progress of others and be jealous but wise and hungry people will always receive Instructions from such. Do you know that some other people would see what I saw and would give commendation to that man of God for advancing the kingdom but when I looked at it, I commended the man but much more received an instruction. An exposure to the successes and progresses of others may be an instruction to replicate the same. When God wants to birth greatness in you, He will first expose you to the greatness and Instructs you to birth it.

7. Through Dreams and Visions

God is not mysterious any longer but He cannot be predicted. What some received through thoughts may be passed across to you through dreams. Joseph received Instruction on places to take Jesus to through dreams. Ananias was instructed in a vision to go meet Saul of Tarsus.

Don't box God. He can come for you in a dream or vision. During the global pandemic (COVID-19), there was lock-down everywhere. I turned to the Lord to pray. Then a man of God appeared to me in a dream and told me what I should be doing. I just wrote it somewhere but didn't make the move to act on the dream. After few weeks, God inspired me to do certain things. Then, I told the leadership of our church what to do. Two months after, I saw my dream note, saw what I was told in the dream. I realized that what we later did in the church was what I had been instructed in my dream.

8. Through Angels

Cornelius was instructed by an angel to send for Peter. There are times that God sends angels to give certain Instruction. The warning is that a believer should not be expecting an angel to appear to him or her to receive Instructions. As long as the Spirit of God is within you, you can be led and guided by the Spirit of God. Stop looking outside for the spectacular. The supernatural is already within you. But sometimes, angels are sent to deliver God's message and Instruction to men.

9. Through God's Servants

Ministers of God are set in place to give instructions to us. God set them in our lives to train us and He sometimes uses them to instruct us. Your man of God represent God to you. So, always be eager to receive Instructions from such.

How God Trains Men

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

The word scriptures means sacred writings. All sacred writings are products of God's breath (inspiration) and is profitable for Instruction in righteousness. Why? Scripture reveals that the man of God may be complete and equipped for every good work.

A man of God should profit by Instruction in scripture. Obviously, when you read the scripture, there are things that you will read there that will be viewed as revelation of what God has done through Christ but seen as specific instructions.

The word Instruction in the above passage doesn't refers to command or order. It simply refers to “nurture, training, and tutelage. In other words, Paul

didn't mean for "command or order in righteousness." No! He coded the truth that all scripture is for Instruction (nurture, training, tutelage) in righteousness. Sure, all believers are righteous for they have been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

Your belief in Christ made you righteous, but it's the scripture that will train and tutor you in righteousness. With a clear understanding of the testament and dispensation we are now, it should be illuminated that there are instruction for you as a believer that will empower your Christian living. Read the epistles of Romans through Thessalonians, you will see specific instructions given to the believers in Christ.

The books of Timothy and Titus were written for the nurturing and training of a men of God. Some verses in Timothy and Titus are not applicable to believers but ministers only. The books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are full of practical wisdom that can train and nurture you for effective living on earth. Other books of the Bible are full of lessons too. The scripture is full of applicable details that can train and equip us.

Pain is a great teacher. But why do you have to go through pain in life when the scripture is there to train and nurture you without taking you through any pain? You have to develop yourself

and be acquainted with reading the scripture to get the training you need for practical Christian living. Whatever Instruction you want God to give you, He has already said in His word. Just go read the scripture. Specific instructions that you need for your personal life will be supplied by the Spirit of God.

One day, I read in the scripture that anger rests in the bosom of fools (Ecclesiastes 7:9). I also read that you should make no friendship with an angry man (Proverbs 22:24). These two scriptures trained me not to be angry. Since I don't want to be a fool, I learned that anger makes a fool. I also learned that quality people will not stay in my life when I permit anger. Actually, I used to be an angry person, but God used these scripture to transform me. There is nothing anyone can do to me today that will make me react angrily. I learned that I have power over anger. Silence is the power over anger. It is either anger controls you or you control it. Anytime you are angry, just be silent. Silence breaks the backbone of anger.

I love the scriptures. It is written for our learning. You can't be addicted to reading the scriptures and not learn regularly. God trains us by opening our understanding to the Instructions of scripture. The easiest way to build good character in a person is to acquaint that person with the scripture. Stop telling

believers to change their character, start telling them to read the scripture. As they read the scripture, trust God to open their understanding and you will be amazed how their lives will change greatly.

How to Obey God

I have learned that we must avoid communicating in a vague manner. It is essential that how to obey God needs to be clearly stated. If you are told to obey God, the question that an inquisitive person will ask is that how do I obey God. The subject of obedience is principally essential to your advance in the journey of faith.

As I studied the scripture, I discovered that there are four ways through which you can obey God.

1. Obey God's Word

God and His word are inseparable. An attempt to separate God and the word will never be successful. Wherever the word is found, God is there. In fact, a clear way to recognize the presence of God in a place is through the audibility of the “now word.” John 1:1 says “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” Do you see that? And the Word was God. This reveals that to hear the word is to hear God. To obey the

word is to obey God.

In the Old Testament, they were commanded to obey the word of the Lord. But in the New Testament, believers are told to do the word. To do the word suggests that you carry out the actions stated in the word. The way a believer do the word is by obeying what the word ways. To do the word is to be obedient to whatever the word dictates.

To obey the word is to obey the Lord. When you do what the word says, you are simply doing what God says. Anything God wants to tell anyone or any generation, He has said it in His word already.

2. Obey God's Voice

God's people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey." Joshua 24:24. The word of the Lord is in your Bible but His voice is in your heart. As long as you have the Spirit of God within you, you are qualified to hear His voice. God's Instruction are communicated through God's voice. That's why you must train yourself to listen to His voice.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 says, "...if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God,... all these blessings shall come on thee..." So, obeying the voice of the Lord is a trigger for the blessing. The blessing travels in the direction of the obedient.

Abraham obeyed God and he was blessed.

Often times, when the Lord wants to give you an instruction, He will speak through the thought of your heart. It's not difficult to hear the voice of the Lord in your heart. The fact is that God will use your inner voice to talk to you. God will not use a strange voice to talk to you. He will use a familiar voice that you can easily recognize. God will use your inner voice of your heart to talk to you. In other words, you will hear the voice of the Lord through the voice of your heart. It then beholds on you to be diligent to listen to the voice of your heart. And after you heard the voice, trust it and believe it. What a joy to know that God will use the voice of your heart to give you an instruction. And when you receive it, simply obey.

3. Obey God's Servants

The servants of God are the ministers of God. There are God's servants among many sons. Jesus is both the Son of God and Servant of God. Peter referred to Jesus as the Servant of God (Acts 3:13). In the Old Testament, whenever God wants to warn His people, He would send them a prophet. And when they obey the words of the prophet, they are seen to have obeyed the Lord. Anyone that despise the words of God's servants has only despised the words

of the Lord.

Your pastor or prophet is God's servant to you. To obey the words of that person is to obey the words of the Lord. I am not referring to carnal people professing to be God's ministers who are highly immoral. I am talking about those who are anointed and appointed by the Lord to guide and guard His people. The Instruction from a man of God is the Instruction from the mouth of God. The man of God represent the mouth of God to you.

Some people said God no longer talks through men to men. Their claim is that He talks through the Holy Spirit directly to believers in the New Testament. While such statement is correct, it must be noted that it is not complete. In the New Testament, God talks through the Holy Spirit and Holy men. All believers are holy. But there are specific believers that God speaks through who are heavily anointed by the Lord. And such will often be used to give divine Instruction to believers. It will be assumed that whoever disobey their words has disobey God. I always tell believers, your man of God represent God to you. If you can doubt the words of the man of God you see, then, it's easy for you to doubt the God of the man you didn't see.

On the path of obedience, you must be eager to obey the words of whoever represent God's voice to you. You must obey the words of your man of

God. Whoever regards the command of a man of God has regarded the command of God. Many times, God told the children of Israel that they were rebellious and disobedient to Him. How? I questioned, how? When God wasn't there physically. The fact is that as long as they disobeyed the words of Moses, they have disobeyed the words of God. God spoke through Moses to the people. How did Saul disobey God? He disobeyed God by disobeying the words of Samuel. If you don't regard the words of a man of God, you don't regard the God of the man.

There are God's servants today. There are still genuine men of God who are recognized and endorsed by the Lord. When such men give instructions, you must eagerly and diligently obey. The next time you obey the Instruction of a man of God, you must bear in mind that you have obeyed the Instruction of the man.

4. Obey Visions

Paul said "therefore, king Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision" Acts 26:19. I remember my days in my final year at the University, for about five days, this scripture became so real to me and resonate with my heart. It was as though a voice echoed it in my heart regularly. I couldn't catch

the message immediately. It took years afterward before I understood the whole message. Actually, about two years before then, I had a dream where I saw myself standing before a large crowd preaching to them. The Lord spoke to me afterward that He has called me into the ministry. But because I wanted to just graduate from school and get into the business world to make money, the Lord brought this scripture into my heart and for days, it remained in my heart. It was later I understood that God doesn't want me to be disobedient to the Heavenly vision. He wanted me to make the move and get into the ministry to do what He has called me to do. Eventually, I yielded to the Lord.

Sometimes, God will give you an instruction through His words but sometimes, He gives Instruction through visions. Visions here refers to both dreams and open vision. Open vision refers to the vision you have when your eyes are opened and you are conscious. Dreams are night or day vision that you have when you sleep. There are times a person is Instructed to fast for days in the dream. I have discovered that Instruction that comes through visions may not be direct sometimes. That's why you need understanding of vision. Understanding of vision refers to interpretation of vision. Many couldn't execute Instruction not because they are disobedient but for their lack of understanding.

That's why you may need to pray to God to grant you understanding of vision. You may need Him to supply you the ability to interpret vision accurately. When you understand, you will be able to hear what He is saying. As you walk and grow in the Lord, you have to be sensitive to the Instructions He is supplying unto you through vision.

Proofs

Whether you like it or not, the fact remains that both instruction and obedience are proofs. It's possible to be instructed but not obedient. Many are instructed, but few obey. The instruction you received will not bless you, it is the ones you obey that will bless you. Just as emphasis has been laid on receiving divine instructions, so also, emphasis has to be laid on obeying the instructions.

Receiving instruction is a proof of something. Obeying it is also a proof of something. Receiving instruction is a proof of sensitivity while obedience is a proof of maturity. That you hear God doesn't mean you are mature. It only communicates that you are sensitive. That you now proceed to act on the Instruction is a sign of maturity. Maturity at what? Obedience is just a proof of maturity in execution. That you are obedient doesn't mean you are mature in character.

Obedience-Factor

If God is telling you to do something, do it cheerfully, without murmuring and do it promptly because delayed obedience is still disobedience. Anytime God gives you an instruction, it means He is set to bless you, just obey and do it. Some Christians have no devil hindering their blessing, their disobedience is their hindrance. And the fact is that you cannot bind disobedience.

Whatever can hinder you from obeying the Lord has rob you your blessing. The devil cannot hinder God from blessing you, but he can move you to disobey God. And if he can succeed at getting you to disobey God, you will miss the blessings. Your lack of blessing may be as a result of an instruction you ignored or as a result of something you stopped doing. Consistent and continuous obedience bring continuous flow of blessings. Stop asking God questions and just obey any instruction you receive from God. When God wants to do something He does it beyond human capability and comprehension. If you can obey Him, He will do what you can't do.

Do you remember how God told Abraham to go sacrifice Isaac? Thank God Abraham obeyed. Every time God give you an instruction, it's because He has something bigger to offer you. Anytime you come

under financial pressure there was an instruction you ignored. Most times, it is when you want to use the money for something that the instruction will come to test your faith in God. God's instructions may seem unrealistic at the moment but obedience to it births miracle. The next time God requires something big from you, ensure you diligently obey.

Disobedience Gallery

Disobedience will make you a wanderer in life (Hosea 9:17).

Start to obey God's instructions now. Delayed obedience is disobedience; adjusted obedience is disobedience; selective obedience is disobedience; partial obedience is disobedience and no obedience is also disobedience.

Understanding Obedience

The person who failed to obey an instruction is the same with the person who didn't receive an instruction. Think about that! The purpose of receiving instruction from God and man is to obey it. There is no point receiving an instruction when you know that you will not obey it. We have learned about divine instruction; it is time to learn about obedience. I already wrote a book on divine instruction. It is essential we learn about obedience too. Receiving an instruction is an opportunity to be blessed. It is obedience that facilitates the blessing. God will not commend you for receiving instructions, He will commend you for obeying it.

Obedience is a demonstration of faith. The faith that works is obedience driven faith. Faith people are obedient people. Your obedience gives motion to your faith. Engagement of obedience gives motion

to your faith. Your faith will be static until you begin to obey. In the school of faith, obedience is a subject that must be taught. The proof that you have faith in the word is that you obey the word. We don't know how far you have faith in God until we see how far you have obeyed Him. I learned that if you want to know the faith-level of a person, simply watch the obedient-level of that person.

Our obedience should be both to God and men with higher spiritual authority. God is the believer's ultimate leader but because He has His set structure and protocols, He assigned certain individuals in position of authority to be able to guide other believers through instruction. These human-spiritual authorities that God put in place are those He (God) has proven to be attentive to the Chief Shepherd Himself. In every spiritual community, there will always be the spiritual head like Samuel that God will put in place of authority that even kings and those in powers are compelled by the Lord to listen to. Disobedient to the spiritual authority that God has set over us is disobedient to God. How did Saul disobey God? He disobeyed God by disregarding the instruction of Samuel. If you find it hard to obey the instruction of the man you can see, how will you find it easy to regard the instruction of the God you can't see with your optical eyes!

Obedience may be costly but the end result is

incomparable. Until you are obedient to divine instruction, you may not know how much cares God has for you. God will always hide your blessings on the other side of instruction. The other side of instruction is obedience. Your blessings are hidden in your obedience. You are small today because of your disobedient to a past instruction. I have discovered that something always come to pass when you obey. A promise or prophecy of God to you will always come into manifestation when you obey. Often, you are where you are today because you despised a divine instruction in the past.

The connector between the word of faith and miracle of faith is obedience. Obedience is doing what you are instructed in spite of all impossible suggestion. The more you obey, the more miracles you see. Miracles are not consistent because obedience is not consistent. Jesus told the servants at the wedding at Cana of Galilee to fill the water pot which they did. He later told them to draw and send part of it to the governor of the feast which they also did. That was how water turned into wine. In all we could trace the obedience of those servants to the words of Jesus. We miss miracles not because we don't receive instructions, but because we failed to act on it. Instruction sends the miracles, obedience receives it. Every time you obey divine instruction, you just receive a miracle. Obedience is

the beginning of miracles.

You can't come into what God has for you tomorrow until you obey Him today. In the school of obedience, you have to depart from something to enter into something. Obedience to divine instruction will always move you to do what you have never done before. When God is ready to change your level and status, He will instruct you to do what you have never done before. It is your obedience to such instruction that will get you to the next level. You must be ready always to obey your way to the next level.

The fact is that answers to prayers are contained in obedience. When you tell God to bless you, He will send you an instruction. Your obedience to His instruction will move you into the blessing you pray for. When you tell God to lift you up, He will send an instruction that represent your lifting. Your diligence to carry out the instruction is what will manifest your lifting. May I ask you what you have requested from the Lord? Then, my next question is to ask you what He has instructed you to do? Whatever He tells you to do, do it.

You cannot be obedient and be stagnated. You can be instructed and still be in the same position. Why? This is because God will not force you to move. Instruction will not get you out of stagnation, it will only show you how to get out. Your obedience

to the instruction received is what will get you out of stagnation. Your business, ministry and organization is at where it is today because you have not obeyed an instruction. Sometimes, righteousness syndrome affects many. This is when they think they have done all they need to do. Those who always justify themselves may not see the effect of their disobedience.

Do you know that obedience is full expression of faith? If you are not obeying God, you are believing God. How can we know that you truly fear God? We will know by how you respond to His instructions and word. Obedience is a proof of reverence for God. Those who regularly obey God are those who walk in the realm of impossibility. God will never tell you to do something He knows you are not capable of obeying. He is a just God. He already ascertains that you are capable of obeying His instruction before He sends it to you. God will give you His instruction, you should give Him your obedience.

What Is Obedience?

- Obedience is strict adherence to instruction.
- Obedience is submission to superior authority.
- Obedience is compliance with order and laws.
- Obedience is trust.
- Obedience is to listen to God's word or voice

and act accordingly.

- Obedience is absolute compliance with God's instruction.
- Obedience is to step out and be on the move at God's command.
- Obedience is total surrender of your will power.
- Obedience is doing the instructed even though it is not popular.
- Obedience is executing God's command even though it is not convenient.
- Obedience is doing what God says at the expense of your comfort.
- Obedience is trusting the voice of God even when you are not sure of what will happen next.
- Obedience is doing what He says the way He wants even though you already have a method of doing it or have a particular way you want to do it.
- Obedience is making the move to do what He instructed you first, even though you are not sure of what to do next.

Ten Instructions from Scripture

The scripture is filled with many instruction and it is essential that you obey them. These instructions found in scriptures are not for knowing but for executing. God didn't want you to know His

instructions, He wants you to obey them. One day, as I studied the scripture, I was moved to write out certain things out of scriptures that are direct instructions.

It is essential you understand that there are lots of instructions in scriptures, but I just wrote these ten out for the purpose of learning.

1. Owe no one nothing – Romans 13:8, Psalm 37:21
2. Esteem others better than yourself – Philippians 2:3
3. Don't lie to one another – Colossians 3:9
4. Give appropriately – Romans 13:7, Mark 12:13-17
5. Look out for the interest of others – Philippians 2:4
6. Render no evil with evil – 1 Thessalonians 5:15
7. Give honor to all and double honor to spiritual leaders – 1 Peter 2:17, Romans 12:10, 1 Timothy 5:17
8. Serve God (in serving God, you serve men) – Philippians 2:22, Romans 20:25-28, Hebrew 12:28, Romans 12:11
9. Flee Sexual immorality – James 4:17, 1 Cor. 5:9-13; 6:18-20
10. Don't quench the Spirit – Ephesians 4:30, 1 Thessalonians 5:19

11. Pray without ceasing – 1 Thessalonians 5:17
12. Go into all the world and preach the gospel –
Mark 16:15

Be Obedient

Obedience has capacity to set any donkey above all the nations of the earth. Obedience to God through His Word can set any tiny believer to a global citizen, that's how much is loaded in obedience and that it is your choice makes it the cheapest thing to engage with. It's your choice.

God said "I will set you on high" I, not the system, not your connection, will set you on high above all nations of the earth and God is no respecter of persons. You don't obey Him; you can't access it. God said "All these blessings will come to you", in other words, you won't be going after them. Obedience commands blessings to follow you and overtake you, you can't escape from them.

Obedience may be costly but the end result is priceless. Instruction is cheaper to obey than corrections particularly when it is gone to the public, than rebukes. God loves to give instruction more than correction. Correction comes because you were not obedient at some point. God does not supply for your plan; He supplies for His plan. When His plan is delivered and followed, then resources begin to

flow without prayer. God will not fund your plan; He funds only His plan.

Every one need to know that God will not instruct the disobedient (2 Kings 3:14). The last time He instructed you was the last time you obeyed Him. You have to obey what is written in scripture so you can receive the instructions that follows.

Fresh Insight

Some people will say, "I've been praying and fasting, what is happening?" You may be thinking you're doing the right thing. If you don't obey you will end up useless.

Clarity into Obedience

From the whole mass illustrative dictionary, Obedience is defined as the ability to hear God's Word and act accordingly. It means to hear, trust, submit and surrender to God and His Word. That's what obedience means.

Simply put, obedience is willingness to submit one's self to the Word of God and putting God's Word into effect correctly and timely. Adjusted obedience is disobedience. Partial obedience is disobedience. Delayed obedience is disobedience. Half obedience is disobedience.

So obedience is the strongest force of all Biblical virtues.

Consistent obedience to God gives you a place of unending fellowship and communion with the Holy Spirit because He's the one with us on the earth. It makes you to enjoy a relationship with Him that makes you become stronger and enjoy blessings on a constant basis

Obedience gave Abraham a place with God on the earth, turned him to a transgenerational envy and gave him a seat in paradise, that Jesus referred to him as "father Abraham."

Obedience may be momentarily painful but ultimately gainful. Obedience is doing anything God commands you to do irrespective of how you feel. Mary preached a wonderful message in John 2:5 that "whatever he says to you, do it."

It is a major thing God will require of you, every time you ask God for a miracle: He will always give you an instruction. And I pray the next instruction coming your way, as you obey, you will enjoy distinctions on the name of Jesus.

Each miracle is linked to an act of obedience. The instructions of God are never unreasonable. They said they wanted wine and Jesus said you want wine? Go down, fill the pots with water. That may look stupid in the natural. It doesn't make sense. We say we want wine; you're telling us to put water but

they obeyed. We all know the story. They ended up having the best of wine.

They said, “Master, they have come to ask for tax.” Jesus said, “Peter go to the water, cast the hook, open the mouth of the fish.” How can you obey such instruction in the natural?

You would say: well we are looking for money, you are now saying “go to the water.”

Every time God gives you an instruction, refuse to analyze it with your mental system. You may look stupid but His ways are not our ways. You can’t succeed ignoring God’s instructions. Your obedience is a proof that you truly believe His instructions to you. Nothing will ever replace the act of obedience that would be accepted by God.

The greatest quality of Jesus Christ was His obedience to the will of His Father. Jesus, the Word of God is also the pillow of obedience. Obedience guarantees your access to promotion. God promoted Jesus on the platform of obedience. The good is in the promised land, you need to obey to eat the good in that land. Obedience to God will produce seasons of blessing. God’s instructions may not appear logical to your natural mind, but it is powerful.

Obedience Gallery

On the gallery, there are entities that should be obeyed. Let's clearly examine these –

1. Obey God

You will never enjoy the benefits of divine instruction until you have obeyed. The blessings aren't hidden in the instruction but in your obedience. Instructions will always show you how to get what God has for you, it is your obedience that will get it for you.

God will give you instructions through three ways:

1. Through the voice of the Spirit (Joshua 24:24):
The voice of the Spirit will always be heard in your heart. God will always use the voice of your heart to talk to you. That voice will always

talk to you through the silent thoughts of your heart. Your inner voice is your inner prophet.

2. Through the words in scriptures (2 Thessalonians 3:14): Instructions of God are hidden behind the words of scriptures.
3. Through His servants (1 Kings 13:26, 1 Samuel 8:19, Isaiah 50:10, Jeremiah 7:25-26): To obey a man of God is to obey the God of the man. Those who despise the words through a man of God have despised the words of the God of the man. It is unfortunate that we have many false people parading themselves as God's servants. You have to be watchful so you don't fall into the hand of the wrong person.

2. Obey Spiritual Leaders

Hebrews 13:17 reveals you should obey those who rule over you. Those referred to here are your spiritual leaders. Christians should be intentional to obey their pastors for in so doing, they are obeying God.

3. Obey Your Parents

Colossians 3:20 says "Children, obey your parents in all things for this is well pleasing to God."

Every time you obey your parents, you have

pleased the Lord. This is not an attempt to approve your obedience to parents in doing what is against God's will.

4. Obey Your Bosses (Colossians 3:22, Ephesians 6:5)

Workers should learn to obey their bosses, leaders or employers. This is not saying you should obey a boss that attempt to lure you into evil activities. No! You should be diligent to obey your boss or employer. There is no point working under an employer you can't obey.

5. Obey Your Husband (1 Peter 3:6, Titus 2:5)

Husbands are commanded in scriptures to love and respect their wives. But wives are commanded to obey their husbands. Peter reveals that Sarah obeyed her husband Abraham and called him lord. While you should love, honor, respect your husbands, you should also obey him. You are not just told to love your husband; you should obey him. To disobey your husband is to disobey what God instructed and by so doing, you have disobeyed God.

6. Obey Governments (Titus 3:1, Romans 13:1)

It is amazing to know that Romans 13 isn't talking about spiritual authorities but governing authorities. God instructed in His word that you should obey government. If the government of your state or nation declare curfew, you are expected to obey and remain indoor. You should avoid disregarding the command of governing authorities or else, you will pay for it.

You should be very careful never to obey any government that push you against God. Remember the three Hebrews, they obeyed the king in everything but in the worship of an idol, they never obeyed the king. I hope you also remember that many conspired Daniel by manipulating the king to declare that men shouldn't pray to God, but Daniel didn't obey such. Any decree or instruction that oppose the supremacy and authority of God shouldn't be obeyed.

Obey and Obey

Sometimes, it is not what you desire and pray for that you get. This is what defeats many - you desire things and pray, yet you get no results. Your desires and prayers only become effective as they harmonize or you receive the thoughts that will lead to actions in your life. In other words, the purpose of prayer

is first to bring you to a place of obedience on the inside and the second is to produce this obedience on the outside.

Many are talking about obedience on the outside when they are not yet obedient on the inside. When you have a desire, take those desires up to God and ask him for thoughts and when God gives you thoughts, meditate on them. In answer to your prayers, God will bring you people, books and scriptures that contain the thoughts you need and should get mindful of so that you begin to have manifestation and materialization. When you are mindful of those things, it will create the opportunities for your desires and opportunities lead to actions.

Rewards of Obedience

There are many rewarding benefits in obeying divine instruction. Every time you are instructed, you are assisted. It is your obedience that get you the assistance. To reject instruction is to receive destruction.

Ten Rewards of Obedience

1. Obedience brings blessings to your descendants – Genesis 22:18, 26:5
2. Obedience makes you a special treasure to God – Exodus 19:5
3. Obedience make God become an enemy to your enemy – Exodus 23:22
4. Obedience makes God fulfill His promises to you – Deuteronomy 15:5-6
5. Obedience brings elevation – Deuteronomy

28:1, 13

6. Obedience brings you into abundant blessings – Deuteronomy 28:2
7. Obedience brings prosperity – Job 36:11
8. Obedience will make you abundant – Deuteronomy 30:9-10
9. Obedience brings progress – Jeremiah 7:24
10. Obedience brings longevity – Ephesians 6:1-3

Reasons Why Some People Don't Obey

1. They don't trust in the character of God – Numbers 23:19: Obedience is the proof of your faith in God.
2. They don't have personal revelation of the Word of God – 2 Timothy 2:15

Consequences of Disobedience

1. Stagnation and demotion (Jeremiah 7:23-24)
2. Rejection (1 Samuel 15:26)
3. Major reason for unanswered prayers (2 Corinthians 10:6)

Effects of Obedience

1. You become a friend of God – John 15:14
2. You enjoy promotion – Jesus was promoted on the platform of obedience. Philippians 2:8-9. If God tells you anything, obey. There lies your promotion.
3. Deuteronomy 28:1-13. Abundance, access to inheritance, divine preservation and protection, victory in battle, distinction plus excellence.

Obedience Speaks Louder than Voice

There are too many things you suffer today that obeying God on a consistent basis will make you to escape them all. For example, most people' poverty is not due to satan, it is just disobedience, traceable to disobedience of the law of sowing and reaping. But if you go to people like that: "In my family, we are poor. Nobody makes it in my family. Things are just like that. My brother is this, my sister is this." Let me tell you: where you excuse yourself, you are already accusing yourself. Why not choose to be different by obeying what God has said. Most people struggling is traceable to disobedience.

There are people God told to remain in their country, yet they left for another country. God told

them “This is where to abide, this is your location” – He says, “I am travelling to USA.” Whatever He asks you to do, do it: it will terminate your frustration. It will turn around every frustration to glorious manifestation.

The God you don’t obey will not show up in your case. We are not serving a God that is a far off, but the God that is with us. Your obedience particularly as a lifestyle is what keeps God around you. You want God to show up, just obey Him in whatever He instructs you to do. There are people that prays and still praying and nothing is happening. As it is written, He is not far from us, we are His offspring. We move in Him. As we live, we live in Him and live with Him. We are His offspring, we are His duplicates, we are His ambassador, that is what obedience can do. All children of God are custom built for obedience. Anything disobedient in you is contrary to your make up and you will suffer it, nobody else. Whatever is suggesting disobedience to you wants to take you out of God’s plans for you.

When you walk in disobedience, you will suffer it. It’s like buying a piece of equipment, there is an operation manual on how to operate it. Somebody gave a man a wristwatch, but it was not working. So the man kept on looking at it but could not use it. He saw something written on the plastic label and he read it. It says, ‘take away this plastic cover’ and

as he removed it without effort, removed the hook, the wristwatch began to work.

Total obedience of the Bible is what makes living profitable. At the end of time we are now, Satan will sponsor disobedience. The Bible is a universal book. He has made enough provision to cover you in any circumstances. If you don't know what is written in the book, go and meet your pastor.

One obedience can transform your destiny. One disobedience can bring your destiny down. It is better to be consistent and to be tenacious when it comes to the issue of obedience. Be ready and smart to obey. Abraham's obedience to sacrifice Isaac brought him transgenerational blessings which is still speaking. Don't use your small brain to rationalize what He is asking you to do.

Scriptural Examples of Expression of Obedience

1. Abraham. Genesis 12:1-4, Genesis 17. You don't claim his promises without doing what Abraham did. Genesis 21, Genesis 22:8, John 8:39.
2. Isaac. Genesis 26:1-5, 12-14. God told him to remain in the land. Obedience lifted him, he became an envy.
3. Apostle Paul. Acts 26:19.

4. Peter. Luke 5:1-10. Obedience is so powerful if you want to get your place. If you are connected to a source and you are not producing, check your level of obedience
5. The widow of Zarephath. 1 Kings. 17:9.
6. The wife of a son of the prophet. 2 Kings 4:1-3. I have discovered that all that God asks us to do is simple. In fact, most of the time, it is too simple to be true. I want to let you know that He is truer than the truth, just take it. The simplicity of the gospel is what the devil cannot understand till now.
7. Naaman - 2 Kings 5:9-14. "Go and wash in Jordan seven times." That is to a big man, Naaman. He must have thought, "Don't I have a swimming pool in my house. There are other bigger rivers. I can't go to that stinking Jordan." As long as he wouldn't obey, he remained in leprosy. Let me tell you, whatever He asks you to do, if you don't do it, you will remain in your problem, in your sickness, in your poverty, in your struggle. But the moment you begin to obey, you begin to see things change automatically.

When we walk in full obedience, impossible doors open to us on their own accord. The mentality that I must work for everything to get everything: you

must drop it. It is God at work that makes things to work but that God is endeared to you as you obey whatever He asks you to do. When God takes over, it is over and He won't take over until you humble yourself to do whatever He has commanded.

Enemies of Obedience

1. Forgetfulness - James 1:21-25

Many received instruction but failed to capture it in writing. Whatever God instruct you to do, you may need to write it down so you don't forget. If you want to regularly walk in obedience, refuse to forget. He said, a forgetful hearer will not be blessed. Go and begin to be a doer. Whatever you have heard, whatever you have observed, whatever inspiration you have received, whatever revelation you have received, go and take action; the Lord of Host will be with you.

2. Indiscipline

Wisdom teaches you what to do, but it is discipline that coordinates you to do them. Every trace of indiscipline. Discipline is one of the fruit of the Spirit: temperance, self-control.

Obedience Is Works, Not Words

In Matthew 21:28-30, the Bible tells the parable of a certain man who had two sons; and he came to the first, and said “Son, go work today in my vineyard”, he answered and said “I will not”, but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second and said the same thing and he answered and said, “I go, sir” and went not. The Bible asked a very pungent question “Which one of these two did the will of his father. The first or the second?”

It is important we recognize that our verbal affirmation holds very little to God, what matters is our commitment to implementation of any divine instruction. Vocalizing your agreement does not commit God’s response, it is actualizing your commitment by taking practical steps that speaks volume to God. There are many men of words in the kingdom, but God rewards works in the kingdom. It is not what you say that matters but what you do with what God says (Deuteronomy 28:1-2). What you say is only as valuable as what you do. That is why we live in a kingdom where our actions speak louder than our words. There are many that are experts in verbal affirmations, they speak and speak and speak of their commitment. They speak of what they will do but God does not measure intention, he measures action. In James 1:25, the Bible tells us

that God doesn't bless intention, God blesses action. The Bible tells us that God is a God of knowledge by whom actions are weighed. Until there is an action, it lacks weight.

God measures our actions, that is why we must ensure that we are taking steps not just those that are speaking words. Actualizing the intention not just vocalizing it. I pray that the grace to take steps regularly rests upon your life.

It is important that we take note of this: no one knows what is in obedience until he has obeyed. The value of your obedience can only be experienced not explained. The Bible says in the book of Genesis 12:1-4 concerning Abraham, how God asked Abraham to go from his father's house and in verse 4, Abraham departed. It looked like a very simple statement but when we begin to look through various chapters of the Bible and you see it that the volume of what that blessing meant can only be experienced not explained. No one knows what is in obedience until he has obeyed. By Chapter 13:1, the Bible says that Abraham was very rich in silver and gold and in cattle and all of these things, blessings on every side. The Lord's blessing can only be experienced; you cannot explain it. So, no one knows what is in obedience until he has obeyed.

In Genesis 22:1-5, The Lord told Abraham to take his only son to a place where He would show him

and offer his son as a burnt sacrifice and Abraham arose and began to go on journey. Three days later, he saw the place afar off. It was just a commandment he didn't know what the outcome will be. By verse 16 to 18, the Lord began to speak. Look at what God said there and look at the practical expression of what we see in the world. You look at the blessing of Abraham and see how explosive it is. The Jewish nation which is the natural lineage of Abraham, look at the blessing they are to the world today. Everywhere today you see a touch of that nation because in there shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. You see them possessing the gates of their enemies, surrounded by their enemies but cannot be destroyed because of the blessing spoken over Abraham. No one knows what is in obedience until he has obeyed. You never know how high you can go, you really don't know how far you can go until you have obeyed God. It is obedience to God that exposes you to the reality of the blessings of God. I like us to understand therefore that when it comes to the reality of the blessings of obedience, only the obedient can explain it because it is by experience.

The Bible shows us in Joshua 6:1-20 how that simple obedience to the instructions of God brought down the mighty walls of Jericho. We are told that the wall of Jericho was so thick that six chariots could run upon it. Houses were built on the wall, the

house of Rahab was built on the wall of Jericho. The wall of Jericho was the foundation of Rahab's house. It was not a normal fence; we are talking about a wall that is thick enough to make the foundation of a house on top of it. Yet, God gave a simple instruction "Go round this wall for six days in silence, one time each day. On the seventh day go round the wall seven times and on the seventh time give a shout. When you shout the wall will come down". Simple instruction that does not have any logical connection to the destruction of a wall but that is the commandment.

Sometimes the commandment of God does not make sense, but it commands proofs. The Bible says they did that and the walls of Jericho came down flat. The ground swallowed the wall because they obeyed a simple instruction. You may ask, what is the connection between my desire and what God is saying I should do? There is no connection required except that it is an instruction. If God says this is what to do, do it.

Take note of this: no key looks like a door, but it is the key that opens the door. You can't say the door is square so the key must be square too. The key doesn't need to look like the door to open the door. In the same way, the instruction does not need to look like your desire, the instruction is the key to your desire. Obedience to God is the key.

Every act of obedience opens a new chapter to our lives. It is actually our obedience that determines what becomes of it. There is no glass ceiling to how far you can go, it is your obedience that puts a ceiling to how far you can go. So new chapters are opened on the platform of obedience. Abraham obeyed God in Genesis Chapter 12, and then a chapter opened to his life. He obeyed God again in Genesis Chapter 17 and another chapter opened to his life. He obeyed God in Genesis 22 and another chapter opened to his life. Every act of obedience opened a new chapter in the life of Abraham. In chapter 12 he entered into wealth, in chapter 17 he entered into the realm of having his own seed come to him and in chapter 22 there was a generational blessing that came upon him that is speaking till forever.

The truth is this: there are various chapters in your life and destiny and God is saying that the opening of each chapter is at the mercy of your obedience, every chapter that opens is a chapter of glory. (2 Corinthians 3:18) Every chapter is a new dimension of glory.

I pray that you receive grace not just to be vocalizing intentions but to take steps in obedience, receive grace for obedience.



About the Author

Niyi Makinde is a leadership expert, quotient coach, consultant, author and a Christian minister with an apostolic calling. His passion is to raise Christian ministers and leaders like himself, as well as to help organizations and businesses maximize their potentials.

Apostle Niyi Makinde has been in Christian ministry for over 15 years. He is the President of Rebirth Global Church, a network of churches across the globe on a mission to empower believers to fulfill their God-given tasks on earth. He is an apostolic oversight and covering for many other ministries, networks and churches.

Niyi Makinde has written many books that are fast spreading across places. His books are always

flooded with rich content and great wisdom.

You can connect with me on:

🌐 <https://www.niyimakinde.com>

Also by Niyi Makinde

Apostle Niyi Makinde has written many other insightful and powerful books, among which are:

1. Divine Instructions
2. 12 Laws of Divine Instructions
3. Breaking Life Code
4. The Revolutionary Apostle
5. The Power to Prosper
6. The Power to Become
7. 53 Laws of Excellence
8. Church Shift
9. Business Sense
10. Dealing with Human Enemies
11. Wisdom for All-Round
12. Wisdom Power
13. Prayer Force (1)
14. Multiply
15. Tithing
16. You Are Different
17. Phronesis for Dating
18. Dating, Marriage and Sex
19. Managing Divine People
20. The Power to Get Wealth
21. Spiritual Fatherhood
22. Managing Divine People
23. Understanding Honor

24. Flourish And Grow (1)
25. Faith Dimension (1)
26. Ministry Laws (1)
27. Secrets to Supernatural (Financial) Abundance
28. Running like the Deer
29. Prayer Force (2)
30. Making Things Happen
31. You Are a Seer
32. 79 Insights Into Favor
33. New Creation
34. Prayer Education
35. 20 Facts about the Human Spirit
36. Supernatural Visions
37. Understanding Church Systems
38. 11 Facts about the Human Mind
39. The Holy Spirit
40. Dominion in the Realm of Abundance
41. Soul Winning Manual
42. Maintaining Sound Health
43. Faith for Abundance
44. New Levels
45. Wisdom for Abundance
46. The Power of Meditation
47. Understanding Supernatural Dreams
48. Stop Multiplying in Affliction
49. Communication Ethics in Ministry
50. Ministry Ethics (1)
51. Warfare for Honor

52. Wave of Increase
53. Praise for Favor
54. Ministers Training Manual
55. Breaking Joy Code
56. The Power of His Name
57. You Are a wonder
58. Roar and Soar
59. The Minister and the Ministry
60. Grace Factor
61. Subdue and Dominate
62. Flourish and Grow (2)
63. Overtake
64. Victory over Afflictions
65. The Power of Patience
66. Stand out
67. Shining like the Sun
68. 30 Channels of Wealth
69. Breaking into Laughter
70. The Power to Dominate
71. Enjoying Health
72. Stronger than the stronger
73. Battle for Wealth
74. Wealth Transfer
75. Maximum Protection
76. The Power to Be on Time
77. Power Activators
78. The Essence of Obedience
79. The Power of words

80. Planting a Branch Church
81. Power Dimensions (1)
82. The Power to Live Long
83. The Power to Deliver
84. The Power to Bless
85. Raising the Dead
86. The Power to Heal
87. The Power to Separate
88. The Power of Diligence
89. Financial Prosperity
90. Business Success
91. On Top
92. How to Live Long
93. Warfare for Long Life
94. The Hand of God
95. On Pornography
96. 11 Streams of Healing
97. Fresh Insight
98. Money Sense
99. The Power of Prophecies
100. High-Flyers
101. Be Creative
102. No Limit
103. Understanding
104. Dealing with Impossibility
105. Highly Favored
106. You Can Prophecy
107. Expand

- 108. Entering into Fullness
- 109. 8 Kinds of Men
- 110. The Headship Anointing
- 111. God is with You
- 112. Church Formation
- 113. Ministers' Personal Development
- 114. Time-Planning
- 115. Manifesting Excellence
- 116. Your Reality Today (Yoreto)