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Preface

A call to ministry or service in ministry requires grace and knowledge. God said “My people perish for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). Many people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. While vision is important, knowledge is also important. Ignorance is as powerful as Satan. Whatever Satan can do to you, ignorance can do to you.

If Satan can tie a person down, ignorance can tie you down. If Satan can bring delay, ignorance can also bring delay. If Satan can make you ineffective, ignorance can also make you ineffective. Whatever Satan can do to you, ignorance can also do.

You must know that you don’t cast out ignorance in the name of Jesus. You cast out ignorance through knowledge. When knowledge comes forth, everything that needs to leave shall leave. Anything that needs to vanish will definitely vanish with the application of the right knowledge.

Knowledge simply right information. You have to sit to learn in order to cast out the ignorance in you. Just like you don’t need to cast out darkness

by saying darkness disappear, all you need to send darkness is the appearance of light. When light appears, darkness will definitely leave. There are many things people are praying for today in ministry which are not matter of prayer points. They are things that require knowledge.

You must consistently get knowledge. One of the things you must not joke with is sharpening. Solomon said iron sharpens irons, so you need to be sharpened always as a minister of the gospel. If you are not sharpened, you will realize that you will be anointed, but limited in influence and impact. There are people heavily anointed but their impact is limited. Knowledge is what you acquire. Therefore, the place of knowledge is very essential. Impact in ministry has nothing to do with age. You need to get grace and wisdom in order to effectively run ministry. You cannot have wisdom if you don't get knowledge first. Wisdom is the application of the knowledge you have acquired over time. In fact, wisdom is also the collection and combination of knowledge and experience. When some share wisdom with you, you are only getting processed knowledge.

I pray that your understanding will be enlightened as you read this book. May the Lord in His mercy opens you up to dimensions that logical minds cannot access. Be blessed as you read.

Laying the Foundation

There are some things that as a minister of God, you should be familiar with and know. If you are not familiar with such, you may realize subsequently that your effectiveness may not be broad. That is why as a minister, you must understand basic things. When you understand such, you will be able to see specifically the essence of ministry and the things expected of you in ministry. There are many things ministers are not familiar with which are elementary part of ministry. As a minister, you need to be very sound in knowledge.

There are many things done in ministry that many ministers don't know why such are done. When the purpose of a thing is not known, abuse is inevitable. Any minister who doesn't find out why things are done may end up doing things he shouldn't do. In

other words, that some ministers in other ministries engaged in some activities doesn't mean you should engage in such too. The reason for doing such activities may not be applicable to you or your ministry. That's why you need to equip yourself with knowledge.

I want to share light on some basic fact. Let's begin.

WHY DID JESUS COME TO THE WORLD?

There are preachers who will tell you the way some people preach the gospel is not correct. So we have to clarify certain things. Why did Jesus come to the world?

Jesus did not come to the world on His own, He came to the world because He was sent. **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son”** (John 3:16a). So God gave His son by sending Him. Jesus was sent.

Some preachers in the marketplace preached that Jesus came to the world so that you will not be poor. They claimed that you will be rich if only you believe in Jesus. If you can believe in Jesus, you will become a billionaire, you will have cars, Jesus will give you a house and so on.

This kind of message creates questions in the mind of the intelligentsia. There are unbelievers in the world who don't believe in Jesus but have many

cars and houses without using charm. There are billionaires who don't even believe in Jesus Christ. In fact, as at the time of writing this book, we don't know the religion or faith of the first five billionaires in the world. One of them bears the name of one of the gospel writers - Mark. That means He was born in a Christian home. Yet, this same Mark claimed he was not a Christian.

Jesus came to the world for something. The book of **John 10:10** states the reason Jesus came to the world. The bible says **"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly"**.

The reason God sent Jesus to the world is not to make people billionaires or to make you wealthy. Jesus didn't come to make you wealthy. He came to the world that we may have life. He said **"I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly"**. The word abundantly there does not mean they will have plenty of life but have life in full (the fullness of God's life). That is, having the complete life of God. Evidently, Jesus came so we will have the complete life of God. There are many facts we must accept about the coming of Jesus into the world. Let's examine these facts:

a. Jesus didn't come so we can have church buildings

Jesus didn't come so we will have church buildings, because before Jesus came there were already synagogues. Even Jesus attended the synagogues, he was asked to read the book of Isaiah. Jesus didn't come so we can have church buildings, He came so we can have life and have it abundantly.

We have church buildings all around us. Church buildings are centers where believers are taught how to live and express the life of God which they have received. They are taught how to become all God wants them to become. Also, the church building is a place of prayer where believers gather to pray in oneness of spirit.

This doesn't mean we shouldn't have worship centers or build gigantic buildings. We must build and have nice places of worship. But we need to understand that Jesus came so men can have the life of God within them. A minister and ministry that really understand this will be more conscious of evangelism than gathering. While we should continue gathering weekly for believers' edification, we should bear in mind that we must continue reaching out to the lost so they can be saved.

b. Jesus didn't come so we can have money

Jesus didn't come so we can have money. People were already rich before Jesus came to the world. What shall I do to have eternal life? A young rich

ruler asked Him “**what shall I do to have eternal life?**” In other words, that man was already rich. The only thing was that he lacked eternal life and that’s what Jesus came for.

So people already had money before Jesus came to the world. Jesus Himself when He was on earth had money too. Some said Jesus didn’t have money because He had no money on him when Peter and him were told to pay tax collectors.

Who told you that Jesus was poor? Where did you read that from in the bible? The only thing that happened was that the treasurer was not with Him and as at then there was no online transfer or POS. So the money was always with the treasurer. I hope you know that Judas Iscariot was Jesus’ treasurer. So on that day, Judas Iscariot wasn’t present with Jesus, it was only Peter that was present with Him. Peter didn’t keep the money so you don’t expect him to be with the money box. Some will say that there was a time in Jesus’ life when He didn’t have money. Well, that is not true because Jesus had money but His money was with the treasurer of His ministry. Some forgot that He didn’t only have money but had the power to make money come out of unknown places (like Peter got money from the fish). I want you to know that Jesus did not come so you can have money, He came so you can have life -the God kind of life.

If you are the type of preacher that only preach that people should believe in Jesus so they can be rich or prosperous, I hope you know that your message will only reach the poor? What will you tell the rich that Jesus can do for him if you are to preach to such? The fact is that both the poor and rich need the life of God. And that life is only accessible when men believe on Jesus. This is not an attempt to criticize prosperity teaching or message. I teach prosperity too. But we need to understand that the reason Jesus came isn't to make people rich materially but to make them rich with the life of God. I don't believe a believer should be poor. I believe a believer can and should be rich. Abraham, the father of faith was rich when he was on earth. As ministers, while we teach people that God wants them to prosper, we must be intentional to get them to understand the main reason Jesus came which is to give them the life of God. You need to let them understand that they got that life of God right from the day that they got saved. If you don't let them know the reason Jesus came, when they have financial issues, they may think that Jesus isn't faithful to perform the reason for His coming to the earth on earth. Many people lost trust in God because they taught Jesus couldn't save them out of their financial crisis. The reason for such was because their pastor or the person who preached salvation to them presented

Jesus to them as one who would solve their financial problems. And they noticed that after they got saved, their financial issues were not solved immediately. Wrong message produces wrong thinking and belief. Pastors and ministers need to teach believers that they already got what Jesus brought into the world the moment they got saved.

c. Jesus didn't come so you can get to this current heaven

Jesus did not come so you can make heaven. Men like Abel, Abraham and other heroes of faith in the book of **Hebrews 11** already had the assurance of eternity before Jesus came. This current heaven will pass away with all in it at the coming of Jesus.

God's original goal isn't to get you into heaven but to get you into Christ. Christ Himself is in a place far above the heavens. As long as you are in Christ already, you are far above this current heaven. You are seated with Christ at the right hand of the Father. All new creations are already in Christ. If God's goal is to get us into Christ, then, Jesus didn't come so you can get to this current heaven. All believers are eagerly waiting for the new heaven and new earth.

The purpose of the coming of Jesus into the world is to give life

Jesus came so you can have life and have it more abundantly. The next time you want to get someone

saved, don't tell the person to believe in Jesus so he can be rich or have money. Don't say Jesus came to give you a husband or if you believe in Jesus, He will give you your wife. No! That is a wrong reason to believe in Jesus. People have wrong reasons for believing in Jesus because the wrong message was preached to them. You should believe in Jesus so you can have life. If you tell someone to believe in Jesus so he can get money or be rich, if that person after two years of believing Jesus didn't yet have the money or become rich, you know the person will doubt the authenticity of Jesus. Whereas, the moment the person believed and confessed the Lordship of Jesus, He already received eternal life which money cannot buy. Do you now understand that the wrong message preached will blind the person's eyes to the God kind of life (Zoe) which he has received?

As a minister, you must be sounding the word. Do not tell people to believe in Jesus because of what they want to get materially. Tell them to believe in Jesus because of the life that they will get. When you preach this, certain pressures that come upon people will not be there again because some people believe in Jesus because of the messages preached to them. When they now believe and they see that after two to three years, they have not become millionaires, their husband has not come among others, it will now

be as though there is a devil somewhere stronger than Jesus. However, they have not been told that you don't believe in Jesus for all of that, you believe in Jesus because of the life of God which you will receive.

Some were told if you believe in Jesus, your suffering will end. After they believed in Jesus, they realized that their conditions did not change. It is now as though Jesus is not enough to change their suffering. And those people are not taught that some of the apostles that preached the gospel to certain people in certain places suffered for the gospel they preached. Paul said to Timothy, **"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God" 2 Timothy 1:8.**

Some of the apostles that preached the Gospel were beheaded. If you tell some people to believe in Jesus, and tell them that many of the apostles were beheaded, they'll tell you they don't want to believe in that Jesus. That's why some began to come up with words to captivate the attention of people so they can believe in Jesus.

The scripture says **"And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15** When you preach to people, tell them that they should believe so they can receive

the life of God. That is the gospel. But what I have seen most of the time is that God permits some people to go through certain challenges so that when the gospel is preached to them and the power of God is introduced to them, they can believe in Him. So the reason people should believe in Jesus is because of the life of God they want to receive from Him.

After people get saved, they need to be taught and enlightened on how to deal with difficult situations of their lives. For those who need money, they need to be taught the principles and laws of success and prosperity. They must be encouraged to walk in the consciousness of God's blessings, work hard, save, invest and so on. Anyone that engage in any of these will definitely have money. So, rather than telling people to believe in Jesus so they can have money, then, tell them to believe for the life of God they will receive. And after they are saved, teach them about principles that makes do for prosperity.

What will you preach to a rich man about Jesus? What will you preach to an unbeliever who's already successful in his career? What is the core of your message about Jesus to an unbeliever who emerged the best student in his school? Definitely, you can't tell such to believe in Jesus so he can pass his exams or be the best at his studies. Will you tell an herbalist to believe in Jesus so he can get power? This can only happen if you display a superior power to his own.

There's something that everyone needs regardless of status or influence. The rich, poor, powerful, successful, professionals, business men, sick, healthy, scholars, illiterates and so on all need the same thing. They all need the life of God which Jesus came to the world for. The message of the gospel is needed by all and applicable to all. And the joy is that the moment a person gets saved, the life of God is given to such.

CLARITY ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

You know as a minister, you have to be equipped with sound knowledge about certain ministry matters. One of such is the matter of Sunday school.

In our world today, some churches do Sunday school while some churches don't do Sunday School. The churches that do Sunday school see those that don't do Sunday school as not being sound in doctrine. In fact, you hear some people ask members of other churches, does your church run a Sunday school program? If the response is no, they believe that such church is not sound in doctrine. Their assumption is that it is at Sunday school that the word of God is taught. Don't blame anyone who assumes such. Many believers believe Sunday school is the place where sound doctrine is taught because that was the orientation given to them.

Sometimes ago, I attended a wedding at a church

where I saw a wallpaper with an inscription that **“Your service is not complete without Sunday School.”** I checked the pamphlet of the wedding for the order of program and there was no Sunday school included, then I said this wedding is not complete, because they didn’t include Sunday school. Do you see it now? Anyway, the reason behind that wallpaper was to make every member of that church take Sunday school seriously. They don’t mean to do evil or manipulate, they just want people to take Sunday school seriously.

The major problem is that the origin of Sunday school is not known to many ministers. Check churches that do Sunday school, it’s either they are missionary churches or orthodox churches. Churches pioneered by missionary from foreign nations are known for Sunday schools.

Understanding this concept isn’t a license to criticize churches who are into Sunday school systems. If you are a minister, do not go about sharing that Sunday school is not scriptural. It shows immaturity. Do not go about criticizing or scattering other people’s doctrines.

There was a time before the French revolution, the aristocrats were the only ones that had the privilege to send their children to school. So the church leaders sat down and thought that the children of the colonized people should be educated too.

They setup a school for them, though they knew the children would end up as slaves. In all, they decided to teach them. Since the aristocrats (masters and bosses) won't allow them go anywhere during week days except the church on Sunday, the church leaders then set up an education system in the church that can empower the mind of these people.

They setup a teaching program for people to get knowledge and made the Bible their teaching manual. The goal wasn't to teach about Bible lessons but Bible letters and words. The main focus of Sunday school was to teach uneducated believers how to read. Church leaders created a certain time on Sunday to teach the people how to read and write for about thirty minutes to one hour, because the states and countries that were colonized were not educated.

When missionaries came to African countries, they found out that the people were not educated and couldn't communicate with them, so they began to teach them how to read the bible in English. As at then, the Bible had not been translated to local languages. For this reasons, they setup Sunday school. Sunday school is best described as the school we go on Sunday. Sunday schools across different churches, especially in Africa are used for teaching Bible lessons, but the missionaries established Sunday schools to teach and train people

how to read and write.

Now, because of the expansion of the gospel, Sunday school is unable to hold in some churches today because of the multiple services. Also, most people are educated now and can read their bibles, all they just need is to be taught the word of God accurately and how to apply it. You should never criticize any church that still holds Sunday school weekly neither should you criticize any church that doesn't hold Sunday school. The goal for Sundays is that the word of God is taught, so, whatever channel any ministry consider best should be used.

CLARITY ON DOCTRINE

Doctrine is from the Greek word for 'didaskalia' which means teaching. When you hear the word doctrine, what should come to your mind is teaching. The doctrine of Christ simply means the teaching of Christ.

When you say the doctrines of demons, it means the teachings of demons. We see where Peter talks about the doctrine of Balaam meaning the teaching of Balaam. That is the teaching that brought immorality to the camp of the Israelites.

There is no place in the Bible you will see the doctrine of the church. Scripturally, the church has no doctrine. The doctrine of Christ should be the doctrine of every church. Every church should have

teachings but the teachings should be the teachings of Christ. The doctrine of Christ should be the doctrine of the church. Anything Christ did not teach that is now taught shouldn't be emphasized as doctrine. You must know that since He wasn't the one that taught it, it's not a doctrine but standard. Many things we refer to as church doctrine as simply church standards.

Standards are different from doctrine. Church founders or leaders create church standards. It's just that they often look for scriptures to back up their standard. There are moral standards, punctuality standard, financial standard, etc. The matter of earrings, bracelets and adornments restrictions are all standard of church leaders not doctrine of Christ. Yes, few apostles in Scripture like Paul and Peter talked about moderate adornments for women. But they never called that a doctrine.

In the book of Acts, you will see what is referred to as the apostles' doctrine. The doctrine of the apostles in Acts were simply what Christ taught them and the explanation of events in the Old Testament writings. No church should have a special doctrine today. Revelations can be preached but when it comes to doctrine, it has to be what is taught in scripture. And in teaching doctrine, you have to understand the differences in testament. You must be careful not to insert the practices of the

old testament as doctrine in the new testament days.

As a minister, if you want to refer to the principles that you really uphold in a local church or ministry, it is essential you say standards not doctrines. There are principles church leaders uphold not because scripture says so, but because of their views. It is a standard in some churches that male and female shouldn't sit beside each other during service. There are churches that embrace head covering for females, while some churches don't emphasize such. All these are church standards set by some leaders. Well, ministries and churches should have standards governing it, but we should be careful not to create standards out of our opinions or dislike for certain acts. It is best for church leaders to get scriptural understanding of why somethings are done by some churches before they copy such. You must be careful not to copy erroneous church standards out of your respect for the leaders of other churches. Most church leaders are seeking ways to correct the errors they made in the past now. It is essential for you to know that certain church standards were made not by revelation or instruction, but by decision out of certain situations.

Associate pastors need to yield to whatever standard created by their leaders. It may be essential for you to find out the revelation or instruction behind those standards. But even if you don't understand

the reason for such, as long as you are sure that God planted you in that ministry or church, you have to yield to the standard there. It is wrong for a worker or leader in a ministry or church to remain there when you know that what is done there doesn't agree with your belief. It is either you agree with the standard there or you find your way out. The reason is because as long as you don't agree with what is there and you remain there, you may (not will) end up in rebellion. The only exemption to this is when the Holy Spirit specifically instruct you to remain in the church or ministry. In this case, it could be that God will keep you there for a time until you rise into authority and have the opportunity to correct the error.

WHY DO WE GATHER ON SUNDAYS?

1. TO BE EQUIPPED

The reason is because there is nowhere in the Bible we are told not to gather. Even before Jesus came and the church started, people had been gathering in the synagogues. In the Old testament, God instructed Moses to tell the Israelites to always gather annually and at some specific time to have certain celebrations, feasts and festivals.

So, the church is not the first gathering. When it comes to the church, gathering will always be

needed, because it is through the gathering that the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers will be able to do their work effectively. In other words, we gather for equipping. When believers gather, they are equipped for the work of the ministry.

2. TO PRAY TOGETHER

We gather to pray together. There are people if they are to pray on their own, they can't pray for long because they have not grown their spirit, but when they are in the midst of the brethren, the intensity of prayer is stirred up within them. How do you want to tell a babe in Christ, someone who just got saved that He has to pray for long? When we pray together, there is an atmosphere that makes things happen.

Gathering together to pray creates a corporate flow. Spiritual breakthroughs become possible fast when believers gather together to pray. In fact, God said my house shall be call the house of prayers. We don't just gather in church to hear the word of God; we gather to pray.

3. THE HEAVEN OPENS AND THE MIRACULOUS BREAKS OUT

When we gather, there is that point that the heaven opens and the miraculous breaks out. Let me

give you an example, people gathered at Cornelius house. Jesus said "I will build my church and the gate of hell will not prevail." I hope you know that the church was birth on the day of resurrection of Christ. But also we must know that the church started on the day of Pentecost.

There was a gathering, the church started with a gathering of people on Pentecost. The people gathered and the outpouring of the Spirit came and the church started. The bible even says the disciples were in one accord. When the gospel wanted to reach the Gentiles, it was the man Cornelius that gathered His entire household. Even the church that started with the Gentiles started with the gathering of people. On the day of Pentecost, Peter did not preach from his house. At Cornelius house, Peter did not preach from where he stayed, he was sent to move to the Cornelius' house.

There is a need for people to gather. When we gather, we can never tell how things will break out from heaven. We were told to show brotherly love to one another. If we don't gather, how can we express that to the fullest? How can we meet, discuss, share things, etc.? It is just that the brotherly love has to be restored back to the body of Christ. Whether we like it or not, we will always need to gather as a body.

THE CONCEPT OF IMPARTATION

What you don't know is older than your knowledge and your experience. In other words, your ignorance is superior to you. There are many things we have trivialized in the body of Christ that we must trust God to restore back. One of such is impartation. I understand the reason some people have preached against it. There was a time some believers failed to use their mind neither did they visualize what God wants for them. The minds of those believers were not revolutionized. The fact is that you need to be imparted. Knowledge can be imparted.

Knowledge is imparted to you when you read, listen, watch or observe. Knowledge is not imparted by the laying of hands. Gifts and anointing can come by the laying on of hands but not knowledge. Wisdom is not imparted on you by the laying of hands. What is imparted is the spirit of wisdom. What was said about Joshua is that **“Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom for Moses had laid hands on him”**. Moses didn't impart wisdom by laying hands on Joshua. He imparted the spirit of wisdom through laying of hands. The way you impart wisdom to another is by talking or writing to them.

The joy is that when you have the spirit of wisdom, you will have wisdom. But it is possible to have wisdom and not have the spirit of wisdom. I will

prove it to you.

Jesus said a greater than Solomon is here because He had the spirit of wisdom. In fact, in the book of Revelation, He is referred to as the seven Spirits of God and Isaiah 11 talks about the spirit of God in multi –dimensional ways. Why Jesus said”a greater than Solomon is here” can be understood in two forms. The totality of God’s wisdom is inside of Him and He Himself is the wisdom of God. The second is that Solomon did not have the Spirit of wisdom, Solomon had wisdom.

The spirit of wisdom will not only make you wise, it can tell you the outcome of things before they happen. For you to know Solomon did not have the spirit of Wisdom, he needed to practice some things so he could know the outcome of things. After he enjoyed and experienced all of those things, He then began to say that everything is vanity upon vanity. He didn’t have the insight. The spirit of wisdom will show you the end but when you just have wisdom it will tell you to try different things. Let me tell you, if Solomon had the spirit of wisdom, he would not marry seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines. He did that to experiment. He didn’t have the spirit of wisdom. When you have the spirit of wisdom, you don’t need to experiment. However, the spirit of wisdom will give the insight of the outcome of the experiment. The point is this,

wisdom is important, but there are some things an individual must understand that doesn't come by reading. Even if you read, your spirit man has to be open to get the spirit of that word. When you read your Bible, there are times you read and the Bible is just dry. However, there are times you read the Bible and something opened up to you. The difference is that when something was opened to you, the Spirit was at work and when nothing opened, it was your mind that was at work.

In ministry, you can't joke with impartations. There are certain people who walk in certain things not because they know too much but because of the spirit pioneering that thing in their lives. There are certain dimensions of result you cannot produce in the kingdom if you don't have certain impartations in your life.

Years back, I was in a place and a man of God trivialized impartation. He said there are ministers who just go about laying hands. Actually, he said that as a result of envy. I know the person he was referring to, so I compared their impacts years after and saw that the people that person (who castigated laying of hands) has raised had no trace of maturity in their lives while the other has raised mature men. There are things you don't castigate because if you castigate it, you can never see the effect of it in your life or ministry.

When you are imparted, new angelic systems are added to your life and that is what brings rank among men. You can't fake authority. You may act as though you know, it is after we listen to you that we will know that you don't know. You can't act as though you have authority, you can't act it. If you don't have it, you don't have it. If you have it, you have it. The measure of authority on your life is known by the angelic systems that work with you. When they say mantle, it's not cloth but an angelic system that works with the person.

Don't joke with impartations in your life. I'm not saying everything is about impartations. I'm just trying to show you that it is a system of receiving what another has. Many 21st century believers don't know that. It should be accepted that impartation doesn't produce maturity but establishment. To be established is to be stabilize. We can say that impartation produces stability

Elisha followed Elijah and asked Him for the double portion of His anointing. Meaning, if I can get the way the spirit walks with you in two fold, I'm satisfied. When you say the spirit of men, you talk about the angels that are working around that man. When you say the spirit of a person is on another, what you are saying is that the angelic systems working with the person is working with the other.

Angels are spirits, that is why they are called ministering spirits. So, Elijah said if you can see me when I'm taken up, in other words, if you can see what I see, you will have what I have. The fact is that Elisha saw what Elijah saw. Remember, He was told by Elijah that if you see me taken up, you will see all that is working with me and be able to receive double portion as you desire.

In your relationship with your man of God or any vessel that God will use to impart you, your eyes are opened to see what is working with that person. Elijah said if you can see me when I'm taken away, you will have double of the anointing. What you see determines what you call. So as they were going, Elijah was taken up. And Elisha said "**my father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horse men**" because Elijah represents the spiritual authority over Israel. And the spiritual authority over that nation is what the angelic spirits over that territory work with. When He said "**the chariots of Israel and their horse men**", Elisha saw the angels that were working with Elijah.

Just as instructed by Elijah "**If you can see**", Elisha saw and because he acknowledged it, from that day, the sons of the Prophets in Jericho said "**the spirit of Elijah has rested upon him.**" The cloth that was with Him was not the mantle, it was just the representation of what he had received.

The only thing you have to do is remember what you have received. I have some mantles that were given to me and whenever I see them, I remember what I received.

Some people have received some impartation and their lives haven't shown it. I read the story of a pastor who said there is a pastor in Nigeria who gave some people mantles but their lives didn't show it. Yet, some people have received impartation from same ministers and their lives show it. It's about the angelic systems at work. I keep the mantles I receive with me so that I can remember and know what is working with me. They said, the spirit of Elijah is now resting on Elisha, what they mean is that the angelic systems that was at work with Elijah is now at work with Elisha in double fold. Evidently, impartation supplies the gifts and angelic systems.

UNDERSTANDING ANGELIC SYSTEM

The king of Syria sent an army to arrest Elisha. Elisha told his scared servant, don't worry, those who are with us are more than the king's army. The Bible then says Elisha said "Lord open His eyes that he may see." What did he see? He saw what Elisha saw with Elijah. The servant saw the place full of chariots of fire and horse men. In other words, what he saw was the angelic system working with Elisha. So, if you understand what impartation means, you'll

know that you need it for ministry. Impartation is more than gifts, it has to do with angelic systems.

What Elisha saw with his master Elijah was the same thing the servant of Elisha saw with his master. You should understand that when the angelic system working with a higher spiritual authority begins to work with you based on the impartation on your life, then, you will manifest authority at the level of an imparter

The fact is that we need more than the operations of gifts and grace in the church. We need the ministry of angels to be fully deployed into the church by understanding. Angels are ministering spirits, but you need the ability to be able to work with them and cooperate with them based on your understanding of laws guiding the world of angels.

Five Approaches to Ministry

There are five approaches to ministries and regardless of any approach that is peculiar to your ministry, the goal should always be to make impact. Let's examine each of the approach below:

1. MILITARY APPROACH

The church has to embrace the military system of God in order to train men. Just like people are conscripted into the army, leaders should conscript people into God's army – train them to fight, empower them to use their spiritual ammunition – weapons of different kinds. In military, their uniform is the same but their ranks are not the same. So also, in the body of Christ, we have equal identity as sons of God but different responsibilities and authorities. The church is a ground where the military system of God can be implemented. Be-

lievers are to be equipped by different ministry gifts to be able to carry out their functional assignment. **“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers” Ephesians 4:11.** All these ministry gifts are to carry out the duty of equipping the believers. All ministry gifts are spiritual military officers.

In military, there is ranking. A rank is about responsibility and authority. Ranking in the military suggest you don't have equal authority and responsibility. It should be accepted that amidst various ministry gifts, there is ranking. Over the time, some folks condemn ranking, saying there is no ranking among believers and when they say things like this, they are simply saying, there is equal responsibilities and authorities amidst believers.

Anyone that castigate ranks among ministers is not vast in the knowledge of the scriptures, in fact, that person only observe scripture at the surface level. The point is, there is ranking and ranking here suggest that believers don't have same responsibilities and authorities.

Just as the responsibilities of a General is different from the responsibilities of a sergeant, so also their authority differs. Years back, I heard a man of God said “there is ranking in the realm of the Spirit.” I thought about it for months, actually, that happened

because I was trained by sound bible teachers who believe we are all equal in Christ. On one hand, my mind would tell me we are all equal in Christ based on what I was taught while on the other hand, my mind would tell me we are not equal. One day, I heard another man of God said “we are equal in Christ but we are not equal in the anointing.”

What you don’t know, you don’t know. The fact is that we are all equal in Christ as God’s sons – salvation made this available – but we are not equal in grace, responsibilities and authorities. There are ministers I can’t compare myself to because of their higher responsibilities and authorities. There are ministers with great grace while there are others with exceeding grace. That is to show you that even in grace, we are not equal. At salvation, we are all equal but in kingdom service, we are not equal. God doesn’t give us the same responsibilities and authorities in service. Among God’s equippers, there are generals and majors, lieutenants and sergeants.

The whole point is that in military approach, there is order. In military, you can’t act and behave anyhow. Military approach is what teaches us about warfare. When we talk about spiritual warfare, that is, believers engaging in spiritual fight against the kingdom of darkness, we are simply engaging the military approach. There are some ministers, when you listen to them, you will know about warfare very

well. In other words, the messages and teachings of those ministers will always cause you to be on the offensive launching attacks against the kingdom of darkness regularly. I also need you to know that just as all men are not in the military, so also, all ministry equippers are not engaging the military approach. The grace God puts on each minister is what determines his line of assignment. As long as grace isn't the same, responsibility can never be the same. Remember that one was given five talents, another two talents and the last was given one talent. He gave them according to their ability, so there are some people that know about spiritual warfare very well. They can teach about spiritual warfare. When they teach on the subject of prayer even if you did not want to pray at all, you will find yourself praying eventually.

There are some people like that who can teach you how to fight the good fight of faith, fight against principalities and rulers. Actually, spiritual warfare isn't fighting for victory, it is fighting from victory. There are some ministers whose grace appear stronger whenever they are teaching about warfare – dealing with principalities and powers. Most of these ministers are those who go from city to city, state to state and country to country. They visit nations to deliver them from demonic oppression. They know how to cast out demons from people

and how to displace and replace principalities from places. We don't only need to cast out demons from people, sometimes, we need to displace demons in regions. We need the ability of the Spirit to displace and replace. We should displace demonic governing powers in regions and replaces them with the presence and power of God. We need to be intentional to empower men to fight. Any minister that can empower believers to fight knows about the military approach to ministry.

2. AGRICULTURAL APPROACH

The agricultural approach deals with clearing, seed sowing and other activities related to agriculture. This approach helps a minister engage clearing and sow of seeds just as farmers sow seeds. Jesus talked about the approach in Matthew 13:4 as thus **“And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and birds came and devoured them.”** After Jesus made this parable, His disciples came to him saying Jesus, what is the meaning of this parable. Jesus explained that the seed is the word of God and the way side is a kind of heart, the rock is also a kind of heart and so on.

The agricultural approach talks about the seed and the seed is the word of God while the land is a heart. Just as we have different sowing ground, we also have different kind of heart. The seed is the word

and just as the land needs clearing, your heart also need clearing.

An aspect of agricultural approach deals with shepherding where people are being shepherded. Jesus said I am the good shepherd - this kind of approach is an agricultural approach.

Now Jesus said to his disciples, go out, go cast out devils in my name – that is a military approach. But when He said, go preach the gospel to every creature, that is agricultural approach.

3. EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

This has to do with the way a ministry enlightens and educates their members. Different curricula are developed for various programs. You often hear about Sunday school manual, foundational class manual, pastoral care manual, cell meeting manual, and so on. All these are educational approach to ministry. Educational approach has different courses and different programs. In Rebirth church, we have Rebirth Leadership Conference (RLC), Rebirth school of ministry (RESOM), which are majorly for enlightening and educating.

There are lecturers and courses for the educational approach. In educational approach, we try to infuse knowledge and understanding that can produce effectiveness in the life of a believer through the word and when you receive this word into your

heart and apply them, you start experiencing a shift in your life. In educational approach, principles and insights are shared, you are told do's and don'ts – learning things God expects you to do and things He doesn't expect you to do.

4. MEDICAL APPROACH

The medical approach can be likened to a hospital where sick people - people with different kinds of problems, sicknesses and issues are treated. These people will always require being treated. When churches organize different kinds of program to attend to different needs of people, what they are trying to apply is the medical approach to ministry. Medical approach in ministry reveals that distresses and problems are being dealt with. So, when ministries want to deal with the problems of people, they are trying to administer a medical approach.

In ministry, healing school, healing service, deliverance service, special prayer meeting, business training session, etc. are all medical approach to ministry. When you understand this, you will know that programs are not just organized anyhow, there are reasons for organizing them.

5. FAMILY APPROACH

The church is a family. In a family approach, we don't view the church as a hospital where we deal

with problem, we view the church as a home. In a home, there is love, we relate, we see ourselves as brethren. Our gathering in church for service on Sundays is an expression of a family approach.

So, Sunday services brings about family approach. Healing services brings about medical approach. School of ministry or leadership training bring about educational approach. Sunday sermon brings about the agricultural approach. You know, the preacher comes to sow the word and members that come to listen are the land. Some are at the way side, some rocky, you have to do a lot of clearing, while some members' heart are good land. Prayers meetings are expression of a military approach where we deal with all kinds of issues and principalities. Another side of prayer meeting is that it is also a family approach where the son can talk with his father. In prayers, we talk with our heavenly Father and we also listen to Him. However, in family approach we marry, give birth, we celebrate, we sing and dance, praise and worship, we hold hands of each other, but in military approach, those we are fighting together are our neighbors while those we are fighting against are enemies. A church that grows and accommodate new people is a church that embrace family approach.

Ten Things a Minister Must Teach Believers

1. THE GOSPEL

The gospel is about the death, burial, resurrection, ascension and the exaltation of Jesus Christ. For God has highly exalted Him and given Him a name that is above every other name - that is the gospel.

You have to teach them that Jesus died and resurrected. There are some believers that don't know what the gospel is. If they are asked what the gospel really is, their response will be that the gospel is to believe in Jesus. Such people are the ones who tell people to receive Jesus so He can settle their problem. But the fact is that telling people to believe Jesus so He can settle their problem isn't a good reason to believe in Jesus.

The gospel simply means good news. That Jesus resurrected is good news. Somebody died for your

sin and came back to life and that person does not die again. The message is that if you believe in Jesus, you will live too. The gospel is simple; we have to be intentional to teach the people what the gospel is. Do you know that many people don't know that they are saved? If you ask some people, will you make heaven? They will say things like, they are not sure whether they will make heaven or not.

Why will a believer say he or she is not sure whether he or she will make heaven or not? It's not the fault of that believer, it's the fault of those who taught such, because they didn't teach him or her the gospel. Ministers of God need to be intentional to teach their sheep about the message of the gospel of salvation. All believers should know that Jesus died and resurrected and that they died and resurrected with Him.

2. WHO THEY ARE, WHAT THEY HAVE AND WHERE THEY ARE

Teach them who they are, what they have and where they are. What do I mean? You've got to teach them that they are children of God. Let them understand that they become God's children the moment they got saved. You've got to teach them that they have eternal life. The moment you believe in Jesus, eternal life come into you. Teach them that the Father is in them and that they are also in the

Father. We have emphasized to believers that they are in Christ but we failed to let them understand that to be in Christ is to be in the Father. You should also teach them that the Holy Spirit is in them. Teach them they have faith.

Everyone has something within him or her. Believers should be taught to identify their gifts. How can you walk in distinction when you don't know your gifts? Your gifts, abilities and graces are what you have. You should teach them that they are the son of God, the righteousness of God, the epistle of Christ, the light of the world, the salt of the earth, they are spiritual people, they are citizen of heaven and that they are the new creation in Christ. Scripture says **therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new (2 Cor.5:17)**. Believers should be taught that as long as they are in Christ, they are in the Spirit and the fact is that everyone in the Spirit is already in the Father. The Trinity is One. You cannot be in One and not be in another.

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT

As a minister, you've got teach them about the Person of the Holy Spirit. Teach them how to be led by the Spirit and how to walk in the Spirit. Teach them to live in the Spirit and teach them how to hear the voice of the Spirit. Teach them to respond

to Him and operate in the gifts of the Spirit. They should be taught about fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit and how to manifest the fruit of the Spirit. Teach them about the anointing of the Spirit and not to quench the Spirit. Remember Paul told the Thessalonians church not to quench the Spirit.

4. THE DOMINION OF CHRIST

The dominion of Christ is the Supreme authority of Christ. Teach them power in the name of Jesus that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow and that believer should speak with the authority of Christ.

Teach them their right to everything in life and teach how to cast out devils. Believers are the ones to cast out devils and heal the sick. They shall lay hand on the sick and they shall recover (**Mark 16:17**). Teach them to exercise their faith for health and for prosperous living. I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in good health (**3 John 1:2**).

5. MINISTRY

Teach them that all believers have ministry and that they have the ministry of reconciliation. Teach them that they can do something in the kingdom. They need to know their task in the local church. The purpose of your church is the purpose of your life. God will never move your feet to a church

that has something totally different from yours. Whatever is the vision of that church is the purpose of your life. If God has a special purpose for you, He will make it known to you without you stressing yourself.

There are many things we have confused in the body of Christ. God will always direct you to a church and there is a grace upon every church. The vision of a church, the mandate and message of that church reflect their grace. People pray for five or ten years to God to show them their purpose, that's a waste of time. The vision of the church you belong is connected to the purpose of your life.

Now, you may say well I know the purpose of my life and I know the vision of the church I attend. Check the purpose of your life and check the vision of your church, if that's the church God truly direct you to, you will see similarity between the two. So, as a believer or pastor in ministry, don't attempt to be seeking a different purpose or vision for your life. Just get the vision or the purpose of your church and make it your own.

6. CHARACTER

Teach them how to behave, don't just teach them to be successful, teach them about character. Teach them how to have inter-family relationship, (husband, wife and children). Teach them how to relate

with their in-laws. Teach them how to relate with everyone – believers and unbelievers.

No pastor should tell the members of their church not to relate with unbelievers. Teach them the biblical system for relating with authority, how to relate with masters. Teach them how to relate with the poor and widows. Teach them how to relate with orphans (motherless or fatherless), teach them how to rejoice with the needy, teach them how to relate with strangers, teach them how to relate with parents and children, teach them to pray for their friends, teach them to pray for their nation, teach them to be humble.

Don't be a pastor to proud people. Teach them to show honor to everybody. Teach them to cherish wisdom and to love wisdom because when they have wisdom, their character will be balanced.

7. GIVING

Teach them to support kingdom project, teach them to give to the poor, teach them to give to God what belongs to God. They should know that their tithe belongs to God. Teach them to give their tithe consistently. Jesus said you should give to God what belongs to God. Personally, I use to be scared of teaching this before – so that people won't say that the pastor or church need money but I realized that what you don't teach people, they won't know. We

have to teach them to give to God what belongs to God, teach them to pay their tax. They must not owe Government their taxes. As a pastor, if your church or ministry run a business too, your church might not pay tax but the business of the church must pay tax. If your church has a school, the school should pay tax to the government.

8. HOW TO REFLECT GOD'S GLORY

They should reflect God's glory in their speech, in their lives, in their home. No believer should dress anyhow. They should be taught to dress excellently and moderately regularly. You don't need to have many clothes before you dress well, you can maintain the ones you have. I remember there was a time in my life, I only had three trousers and three shirts and I maintained it that it lasted for about a year, if not more than that. You are not the first that has few clothes. Whatever you have, maintain it. Always appear nice, dress and appear well. Teach them to reflect God's glory in their body. They should eat balance diet to remain healthy.

9. HOW TO GROW

Teach them that they must grow. Teach them that they must have desire for growth. You can't grow, if you don't have desire and the way to grow is to know. Knowing is the key to growing. When you know,

you grow. Believers should grow in knowledge and grace. Teach them to grow their gift. How can they grow? They attend seminar, they read books and they attend conferences. Teach them to grow their faith. How do they grow their faith? You grow your faith by feeding on God's word and responding to the Holy Spirit. When you respond to the leading of the Spirit, you grow your faith.

10. THE COMING OF JESUS AGAIN

Teach them that Jesus is coming soon. There are churches known for the message of heaven. While some churches are known to only preach about the coming of Jesus, there are others who don't even preach about the coming of Jesus at all. Those churches will preach success, greatness, healing, miracles, prosperity but will not talk about the coming of Jesus. You have to be intentional about talking on the coming of Jesus. So, they will know that Jesus is coming again. The reason we are preaching the gospel to the unsaved is because Jesus is coming again. The reason He told us to preach the gospel to all creature is because Jesus is coming again. His death must not be in vain, we have to tell everyone that He died and we have to tell everyone that He rose again. There should be a Sunday in the month, if not every Sunday, that you preach the coming of our Lord Jesus. You encourage believer

to go and preach the gospel to people because Jesus is coming again.

What a joy to see our Lord again, what a joy to see our Jesus again. He was on earth for thirty-three and a half years - over two thousand years ago. You and I are not privileged to see him then but when He comes back again; we will see our Lord Jesus. When He comes back again, He will not leave us on earth but we will be with Him forever. When Christ return, we will be the bride of Christ.

Jesus is coming again. Our master is coming again. We are going to be with Him forever and ever. There is a heaven that has been prepared for us - not this heaven that we see. Our final abode is called a new heaven and a new earth. That is what we are praying and waiting for. In the new heaven and the new earth, there is no iniquity that has dwell there. No angel has been there before. You and I with the angels will be the ones there. By then, it is not this body that will be there, we will take on a new body.

The fact is that we will be metamorphosed and transfigured. Apostle Paul said, brethren we shall not die - not everybody will die. There are people Jesus will meet alive when He returns. We shall all be transformed at the return of Jesus. When Jesus return we will take on a new body. Our new body is a glorious body. Jesus is coming again! What a glorious thing that you will see Jesus.

PREPARE PEOPLE FOR THE COMING OF JESUS

The reason God put you in ministry is **so that you will prepare people for His coming**. The reason God put you in ministry is to equip the saints so more people can be won into the kingdom and be raptured with Christ when He comes back. God doesn't want people to perish, He want them to be saved. When was the last time you preach Jesus to someone? The reason many believers are not preaching Jesus is because the message we preach on Sundays are not reflecting that Jesus is coming again. There is joy in heaven over a soul that is saved.

It's high time we preached the gospel. It's time pastors moved their member to preach the gospel. Jesus didn't die so we can prosper, Jesus didn't die so we can be billionaires. Jesus died so that men can be saved and have eternal life.

God didn't send Jesus to the world so He could bring men out of poverty. God sent Jesus to the world so He could bring men out of darkness. God sent Jesus to the world so we can be translated in to the kingdom of His son. God really desired that His relationship with man be restored and that has happened already. All pastors should embark on mass soul winning now, tell people the reason you want them to believe in the Gospel is to have the life of God.

Teach these ten things and you will be amazed

how men will suddenly love God more, you will be amazed how you will have proof in your ministry.

Now, personally, I have done evaluation and I have identified some things. Get into the word of God to see how to teach character, how to teach humility, get scriptural passages that talk about honor. Get into scripture and find out how to teach about faith, how to teach about the coming of our Lord Jesus and as you do, you will have proof in your ministry.

Minister Matters

REVELATION IS THE FOUNDATION FOR MINISTRY

There are uncommon things in ministry but they are very insightful because they constitute the things ahead of you as a minister. The first thing about ministry matters is that, outside of God, there is no ministry. In other words, revelation is the foundation for ministry, when there is no revelation (the leading of God), then there is no ministry.

TWO WAYS TO GREATNESS IN MINISTRY: STARTING OR SERVING

There are two important facts you need to understand about greatness in ministry. The way you become great in ministry is through starting or serving.

You have to know your place because everybody

will not be called or sent to start a ministry. The other day, I sat down to evaluate how some people started ministry and shutdown the ministry. The reason for such was because they were gifted or zealous but not called to pioneer a ministry. Many want to start a ministry because they are passionate, but God can never finance what He didn't call you to start, that is not possible. If God truly call you, He will back you up, finance you and make everything you need to be available. It should be clearly established that everyone won't be called to start a ministry.

Now, if you are called to serve, you need to know where you are assigned to serve. You have to be highly committed wherever God has positioned you to serve because your greatness is tied to where you are serving. I have learned that many times, when you pray to God to make you great in the kingdom, He sends you to a ministry or church where you can serve, and the anointing in that house will rub on you and suddenly great things will start happening in your life.

It is essential you settle it early if you are designed to start or serve. There are people who may be moved to serve in a place but later moved to pioneer a new work. If you belong to this category, you have to be careful about your exit. You must never exit in a way that will affect the ministry where you belong.

You must be careful never to divide the congregation of the ministry that gave you the platform for growth and expression of your gifts. Whatever a man sow, He shall reap. If you divide a church in an attempt to start yours, the end of it is always regret as many people will do things that will become the harvest of the wrong seed you sowed.

RESPONSIBILITY IS A PRIZE FOR GREATNESS

In the kingdom, you either serve in a ministry or start a ministry. It is essential for believers who are undergraduates at tertiary institutions to settle early about their future in ministry. They should answer the question if they are to start a ministry or serve in a ministry. This is what you should resolve early, you should not wait till your final year before you answer this question. You should find out if you are to start or serve. This has been proven that 82% of believers are called to serve in a place, while 18 % are called to start. In order words, God will only assign few people to start and send many people to serve with the people He has called to start.

When you know your place, either to start or serve, the next thing is to be highly committed. Your effectiveness at duties and responsibilities is the prize for greatness. Jesus took responsibility seriously, there is no great prophet, minister or servant in the scripture that is not highly committed.

All of them are highly committed. I want you to know that since you have already known your place in ministry either to start or serve, you have to be such that is highly committed and ready to embrace responsibility any time and any day. If you are such that complains over responsibility too much, you cannot be useful in ministry.

It is your commitment that will make you impactful and effective. You cannot be committed and not be effective.

THE SECRET TO RELEVANCE AS A STARTER

If you are a starter, founder or pioneer, you need to understand that the secret to the effectiveness of Jesus' ministry was that, Jesus only did what He saw His Father do. Never attempt to do anything you don't see the Father doing in your ministry. Ministry is not about copying what is trending in other ministries. If you are a pioneer of a ministry or church, don't say because there is another ministry or church having prayer meeting and multitude are pressing in for their prayer meeting, you also want to start a prayer meeting, so you can attract multitude, that's wrong.

Don't say because some churches are having conferences, you also want to start having conferences so that people will know you are doing something. The fact is that certain things people do are simply

a waste of time. As a musician, don't attempt to do a concert when you don't see the Lord leading to you to hold a concert. If you attempt to do that, it's pressure that will kill you, this is not a curse. Ministry is about doing what the Lord shows you, whatever the Lord didn't show you, don't make attempt to do it.

You have to know that you have not been called to do everything. Ministry is about specialization, you have to know what you have been called to do and you have to be committed to see what the Lord is doing in your ministry.

MINISTRY: A WALK WITH GOD BEFORE IT IS A WORK FOR GOD

Another thing you have to understand is that ministry is a walk with God before it is a work for God. In other words, before you say you are working for God, you have to make sure you are walking with God. Walking with God suggest that you have to commune with God regularly. If you are not consistent with communing and fellowshiping with Lord, you can't go far in ministry. When you give yourself to communing and fellowshiping with the Lord, you will go far beyond your wildest imagination.

Ministry is about your walk with God before your work for God. Too many people work for God today

but only few are consistent in their communion and fellowship with Lord. It is only few people that practice the principle of consecration which is isolating yourself from the public for a while to hear from the Lord and to speak to the Lord. Jesus will often isolate Himself from the people and get into privacy early morning of the day just to speak to His Father. This can be said concerning your life too. You are to give yourself to walking with the Lord before you make attempt to work for the Lord.

AVOID THE TRICK OF ATTRACTING EVERYBODY INTO THE MINISTRY

I have also learned this that, if you are in ministry, whether you are serving or you are starting, you must avoid the trick of attracting everybody into the church or your ministry. God has some specific people that are meant for you. There are people God will send into other churches and ministries. God will not send everybody into your ministry, the only thing is that, most of the time, because we don't embark on mass evangelism, we don't often get the people God sends to us. If you want to get people God wants to send into your ministry, I encourage you to give yourself to massive soul winning and evangelism, and as you do that, you will see how God will bring you in contact with people that He has for your ministry or for your church.

People coming to church in multitude has to do with God's timing. Isaiah 60:22 says **"A little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation. I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time."** It doesn't matter whether you start little or small, you can be little in number as a church or ministry but powerful in impact. Whether the ministry has big impact or not, the concentration now is having large number of people. If you want multitude of men to come to the church or your ministry, you must rely on God's planning and timing. And this aspect is strictly directed to pioneers and founders. You have to understand what are God's timing and God's planning. God has his own planning for your church. He also has his own timing for your church or for your ministry. Well, God's planning for your church will always come through vision for programs, people and projects.

If you see some ministers growing, flourishing and increasing in number and yours is just growing or coming up, you should be grateful to God that you have people who still gather to listen to you. You have to know that there are ministries or churches who did not have up to the number of people you have in church or ministry now, and some people who do not have members at all. The central truth I want you to know is that if it is truly God's ministry,

people will come.

Why you expect that people will come, you should know that, your duty is to go out there and do soul winning. Your duty is to go out there and evangelize but you must not be in haste, because when you are in haste you will be so desperate for many things. When you are in haste, you will be tempted to do what God didn't send you to do. Ensure that you go out for soul winning, mobilize your members for soul winning and evangelism but never attempt to be desperate and in haste. God will make your little one a thousand and a strong nation in the right time He has assigned to it.

You must know that people will come if truly it is God's ministry. I have learned that God will prepare you before He sends the people. God will prepare you before He promotes you. Sometimes, the reason the people haven't come is because the ministers hasn't grown to a level He can handle the people God wants to send.

As a pioneer, I have learned that the first people God sends to your ministry are the future leader of your ministry, it is now left to you to recognize them for who they are in the ministry. God actually wants the leader to raise leaders who will be able to teach and lead other people when the multitude comes to the church. If you don't take time to teach and train the few people you have now, you

are indirectly postponing the right timing of God. God will have you raise leaders before He sends multitude of members. Retention of multitude is implemented through the people you have raised. Your few members today are your future leaders.

Also, as a founder, if you are not seeing the multitude of people you really desire in your ministry now, and you know that you are doing what you should be doing like going out to win soul, but the multitude are not coming, you must know that God's timing has not yet ripened. When God's timing is ripe, the multitude will come.

You have to step out to do certain things so as to be able to get all the people God has for you and the kingdom. The mindset everyone must have is that the essence of ministry is people while the focus of ministry is God. As a man of God, either you are a founder or serving in a church, your focus should be God and you must know that the essence of ministry is to represent Him to the people. When you have this mindset, you will know that you are not in ministry because you are gifted but because God puts you there.

I know that there are overseers but all must bear in mind the position of a servant that strives to please the Master. When you understand this clearly, you will know that you are just privileged to be used of God because there are people who are better than

you, people who are more graced and gifted than you that God did put into ministry. It is just as a result of God's mercy upon your life, that you found yourself in ministry.

You must see yourself as a servant of God. Whether you are the general overseer or you are the least of all the pastors in your church, you are a servant of God. Both the founder and members are all servant of God. God will not reward you as a founder, He will reward you as a servant. The difference between the General overseer and all the other associates can be likened to the parable of the talent which is that the master gave the servants different number of talent. In other words, He gave us different responsibilities. He doesn't give us equal responsibilities; the responsibility determines the hierarchy. Some will always have more responsibility than others in the ministry.

FATHERHOOD AND MENTORING DIMENSIONS TO MINISTRY

Mentoring is different from fatherhood. A spiritual father can serve as your mentor but not all mentors are spiritual fathers. If you see yourself in ministry, it will favor you to have a father in ministry that you submit to. Mentors teach us while fathers bless and teach us. Many pastors felt because they are graced or gifted very well, they can do

things the way they like. Some thought ministry is about preaching, teaching and praying, they have neglected the place of fatherhood. God has assigned some people to be fathers, He has assign some people in the kingdom to be mentors. Mentors are teachers. They are the ones Paul referred to as ten thousand teachers in Christ. Their work is to guide, show the way appropriately among others. I want to you to trust the Lord to show you the person He has designed for you to be your spiritual father. Well, it should be noted that you don't go about seeking spiritual fathers, you only grow to discover who the person has been.

You only have one spiritual father, and you can have many people who will be your mentors. Here is the trick and trap every minister needs to avoid, when you become more relational with people, you have to be very careful not to call everybody your father in ministry. Fathers are investors of instruction, investors of impartation. The words **“my father in the Lord”** shouldn't be used for every minister you come across. You have to be very careful of who you call your father in faith, just like you cannot have two spiritual fathers. You have to clearly distinguish the person God has assigned you to, to be a father to you.

And when you identify who God wants you to submit to, as your father in the Lord, you have

to become more relational with that person and listen to the messages of that person regularly and consistently. The way you get the spirit of a man is by getting the teaching of that man. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. When you listen to the words, you catch the spirit and life. You may read the book I wrote on spiritual fatherhood.

There are some seasons it may seem as though you are not making progress and you tend to look down on yourself as though you are not making progress. I know certain thing I have done in the past, I know certain things the Lord has done with me but eventually, I come to the conclusion of the fact that those things are actually the things the Lord used to build capacity in my life. Putting this across to you now - you might be going through certain things, I want you to know that God is building capacity in your life, so be rest assured that the God is building capacity in your life.

Certain People Every Minister Needs

There are certain kinds of people that every ministry needs. Ministry within the context means a church, inter-denominational ministry or network. As long as it is a ministry that has to do with imparting lives, then you need these kinds of people.

1. VISIONARIES

Every ministry need visionaries. Remember Jesus said, whatsoever I see the Father do, that I do, that is vision. Vision here has to do with two parts. There is supernatural vision - which is seeing into the realm of the spirit and the mental vision - which is receiving guidance on what to do per time and per season. So, vision here suggests that there should be people who will always see ahead what to do to

move a department or unit in the ministry or church forward. If you are a pioneer or pastor I want you to do this, all your leader should be visionary. The general vision for the church or ministry should come from the leader, visions for various units and departments should always come from the head of those units. A ministry or church will be limited in growth if vision for all unit and department has to come from the overseer.

All the departments, all the units must be headed by visionaries. In other words, anyone that will be a leader of any church or department in a church must be a visionary. They must know how to see ahead, they should identify what to do weekly, monthly and annually. The first thing that distinguishes a leader from follower is not the gift, it is the vision.

The vision is a distinguisher that distinguishes the leader from the follower. If you are a leader and you can't see ahead per time and season, then, you are not a leader, you are a follower. The reason leadership training should be organized within a church is to move the people forward. When the people serving in the ministry move forward, the ministry will move forward.

Many ministers, especially the younger ones don't know that ministry is beyond having the anointing. Well, a minister need the grace of God so as to minister effectively but you need to understand that

ministry is about vision which is the ability to see where you are going. Vision enhances your ability to see what to do in the now. If a ministry will grow, that ministry should be filled with visionaries as head of departments.

A church that will grow faster should be able to combine visionaries with missionaries. In fact, all missionaries should be visionaries. Expansion cannot come into mission work when we lack visions. Visions open you up to reach new people and places. You will see God move miraculously when you possess visions.

2. PLANNERS OR STRATEGISTS

All ministries need planners. In other words, a planner is a strategist and when you talk about planning, we are talking about strategy. Every ministry and every church need planner. Often, the founder or the pioneer have the grace to plan, they have the skill of planning. There is such grace that makes people to plan. When we talk about grace, we are talking about the gift at work in them which has to do with the gift of administration in ministry.

The gift of administration is one of the gifts God set in the church. There are planners in ministry, in other words, you call them strategists. If you have vision and you don't have planners, the vision may not come to pass. It takes plan to bring a vision

to pass. If you are a visionary and you don't know how to plan; it is essential you trust God to send people your way who are effective planners and this is not just connected to ministry alone. This is connected to an organization. If you are a leader of an organization, while you are the visionary, you should also be the planner or you have a team of people that gather together to make plan. When you see the release of an annual calendar for the year in a church, that is the function of planners.

If you are believing God for church growth, you should develop a church growth plan. In fact, it takes effective planning to have continuity in a ministry. Effective planning give room for succession. It is planning that fix those in the ministry of helps in the right place. People cannot serve effectively in a ministry when you don't develop a plan that show them where to serve. You should be able to combine praying with planning. As you pray for growth, you should also plan for growth.

3. ORGANIZERS

You will always need organizer. The organizers often are the people who will always organize other people. If you are made leader of any unit, you should have vision for that unit. Don't be figure head. If you are a pastor and you want to come into city ministry, that have to do with organizing,

you have to learn how to organize people, how to delegate responsibility to people.

4. EXECUTORS

The fourth kind of people every ministry need are the executors. The executors are often the workers in the church, they are the people that take actions on the plan.

5. OVERSEERS

The fifth kind of people every ministry need are overseers. All branch pastors are overseer of their branch. All overseers oversee people not things. You oversee people in ministry but manage project. All overseers should have an overseer over them that they are accountable to.

Four Kinds of Things Every Minister Should Birth

If you are prayerful, learning and patient, you will have the capacity to be able to birth these four things I want to talk about and if don't birth these four things, I assure you, you cannot be highly impactful in ministry.

1. SEASON

You must know how to birth season for your personal life and for the ministry. If you are a leader of an organization, you must know how to birth season for your life and you must know how to birth new season for your organization.

Birthing season is highly important. It can be very painful, if you are a minister and in ministry you don't know how to birth season. If you don't know how to birth season, you cannot be seasonal.

Paul told Timothy to be instant in season. You birth season through revelation in prayers. The new season represent the move of God in your life. Season determines your relevance in ministry.

2. SHIFT

The second thing you must birth is shift in your life regularly. Shift means movement from one level to the other. It is possible to have ten particular shifts in life. Shift is about transitioning in ministry.

A season of your life may take five years, but you should not remain on one level for five years, you should move from one level to another and if you move from one level, it means that you birth shifting in your life and when you birth shifting in your life, the operation of your life will change.

When you birth shifting, the way you pray and your understanding of things will change. You cannot grow in understanding when you don't shift. The people in your life increase when you shift.

3. SYSTEM

The third thing you must birth is system. You must birth system and strategies. When I mean system, I am talking about the organizational structure of doing things. You have to birth them. Most of the time, you have to learn them, you can also seek the counsel of a father or elders who know more

than you or are running thing successfully, you seek their counsel and how to make things happen. The approach to birthing systems and strategies is that you give yourselves to learning and you try to organize things the way it should be done.

System is about the way we run things - how do we want to run our services? What are the units responsible for execution of tasks? How many departments do we need to have? Who are the leaders we want to appoint into position? All of these are systems. You've got to understand what system is, so as to have effective ministry. You must be diligent with prayers and learning to birth the system and the strategies you need for the advancement of the ministry per time and per season.

4. SONS AND DAUGHTERS

The fourth things you have to birth is that you must birth sons and daughters. Never say you are in ministry when you are not birthing sons and daughters.

You have people who are carriers of the seed, which is inside of you. If you call yourself a minister and you don't raise people that can be traced to your labor, then it means your ministry is not effective.

There are ministries that are not effective today because they concentrated more on programs rather

than on the people. Ministry is not about programs; but about people.

If you are the type that is always after the people, you just want them to grow, advance, know all you know, have the revelation you have, then you are such minister that will be highly effective and highly impactful.

You must birth sons and daughters. You must birth people that mirrors you. They don't have to talk like you, dress like you, but when people see them ministering, they should be able to trace them back to you. There are some people when you listen to them, it will be very easy for you to trace the church they attend, because of the content they deliver and what they say. They don't have to be pastor.

There are some churches their pastors speak in tongues but their church member cannot speak in a tongue. That is a ministry where sons and daughter are not birth because whatever the leader can do, they should be able to bring their members also to that level, so they can do the same thing. So, if you are a pastor and you are prayerful, you have to find a way you can sow the seed of impact into your members and how to put it in them is by the word you shared. Your word become the transmitter of the seed you carry. You birth sons and daughters by teaching people passionately.

You can't birth sons and daughters if you are not praying, it takes prayer to be able to birth sons and daughters. People think when someone says this is my father in the Lord, it is one title of honor. Well, fatherhood is a call to responsibilities. Responsibilities to train people, responsibilities to impact people with the whole of your life, etc. Don't go about seeking someone that will call you my pastor, my father, and my mentor, just impact them with what you know, gradually you will begin to see the end result of this.

If you are a minister under a ministry, I want you to know that your people will end up carrying what is in you. If you are prayerful, your people should be prayerful. If you are a cheerful giver, your member should be too. The best way to make members do what you do is not just by teaching them, but by doing what you do consistently. You are not permitted to be an authority over what you teach. God will only make you an authority over what you do. If you are not doing anything, you can't be in authority. God will only make you an authority over what you do. Do you want to be an authority over prayer? As a pastor or leader, be prayerful.

Do you want to be an authority over a particular subject or desire your members to be addicted to the word of God? then, study the word of God, meditate on the word of God. As a leader or pastor, do it first.

Paul told Timothy to be an example unto the believers in words and deeds. You have got to be an example to others and when you become an example to others, and you talk to them, your word will carry weight of power and they will start doing what you are doing.

Effective Ministers and Ministry

MINISTRY: THE DUO DIMENSIONS TO SERVICE

The first thing we need to understand is that the God we serve is the one that appoint a man into ministry. The word ministry is from the Greek word “*diakonia*” meaning service. Ministry is about service. Another word to be used for ministry is service. A minister is an official in service. You are not qualified to be called a minister if you don’t understand what is called service. However, this service can be divided into two - the service we have unto God and the service we have unto men. Every minister is first a minister to God before he is a minister to men. Your assignment as a minister is first to God before you have the assignment to men. The unfortunate part is that many people have taken it the other way round as assignment to men and

don't know that their first assignment is to God.

You are not qualified to be seen as a minister when you don't have the mentality of service. Ministry is not about preaching, singing, doing some special activities. Ministry is about service. You are not a minister because you can sing. You are not in ministry to come and sing, preach or do one activity or the other. You are in ministry to serve.

The way God design ministry is that you serve Him by serving men. Remember Jesus said Matthew 25:42-45

[42]for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

[43]I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

[44]"Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'

[45]Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

From the above scripture, you can see that the way you render service unto God is that you render service unto men. Never think you are serving God if you are not serving men.

You must not assume that you are serving God

when you are not serving men. We serve the God we cannot see by serving the men we can see with our physical eyes.

A MINISTER: AN OFFICIAL IN SERVICE

The concept of ministry is service and a minister is not the one served but the one serving. A minister is not a preacher or pastor. A minister is such individual that sees himself as an official in service. The Greek word for minister is “*diakonia*,” the concept in English word refers to as deacons, deaconesses meaning minister. The concept of a minister is not someone that have a special title, grace but someone that run errands who is on assignment for others. Such individual is running errand for God. Ministers miss out because they desired to be treated differently but failed to understand that ministry is about serving. And we serve God by serving another. If you as a minister think you are different from others and must be treated specially, you will behave in a way that will misplace your priority.

If you are a minister, you must see yourself as an official in service. As a minister you are not to be served, you are to serve others. The mentality for every minister is that you are on errand, on assignment and on duty. If you are on duty you must be ready to perform your task. You are not a

senior man in ministry.

THE CONCEPT OF A MINISTER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The concept of ministry in the Old Testament is different from that of the New Testament. In the Old Testament, some people are the ministers. Some selected few are the ministers but in the New Testament the concept of a minister is broad.

Exodus 28:1 says **“Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron’s sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.”**

God instructed Moses to appoint ministers and they are Aaron and his sons. From God’s perspective, Aaron and his sons are the ministers God wanted. Prior to the time the Israelite got into the wilderness, there were some people that are ministers to God. Let’s identify them below:

1. NOAH: A MINISTER BEFORE THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Old Testament began after the Israelites left Egypt. Noah was a minister before the Old Testament began. He was a minister in the dispensation of the fathers. When God wanted to destroy the whole world, God found Noah and specifically instructed

Noah to preach to others and build an ark.

Genesis 6:3 **“And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”**

What God simply meant is that He will destroy the earth. It took one hundred and twenty years for Noah to preach to the people. He preached to the people to come into the ark he built for one hundred and twenty years. Noah preached for one hundred and twenty years and the people did not believe. So, Noah was a minister, he was known for preaching righteousness from place to place telling people to come into the ark he built.

2. ENOCH: MINISTER OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 5:24 says **“And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.”**

That statement does not show that Enoch was a minister of the gospel. However, you have to see that Enoch was a minister of the gospel. Genesis never show that he preached or prophesied.

Jude 1:14 says **“Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints.”**

There are many things Enoch said that are not

recorded in the gospel because there are other men who have said such. It takes insight to know and realize that Enoch was a minister. In the Old Testament, some selected few are appointed as minister. However, when we come into the New Testament the order changed.

NEW TESTAMENT MINISTER: ALL BELIEVERS

Let consider the New Testament minister. The first person is seen 2 Corinthians 5:18 “**Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**”

So all ministers have been given the ministry reconciliation. In the New Testament all believers have been made ministers.

Revelation 1:6 “**and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.**”

All believers have been made kings and priests unto God. In the New Testament, all believers are ministers and they have ministry. The fact that you believe in Jesus is an automatic licensed to be a minister.

NEW TESTAMENT MINISTER: THE SAINTS

Ephesians 4:11-12

[11]And He Himself gave some to be apostles,

some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

[12]for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

The Saints are the ones to do the work of ministry. However, the saints are the believers. If the Saints are the ones to do the work of the ministry, therefore, if you are a believer, you are a minister. Don't just say those who are ordained are ministers, those who are ordained are trainers to train the ministers.

A minister can either be male or female because the spirit of man has no gender. When we get to heaven you won't have husband and wife. When all of us be with Jesus, we shall be called bride. You are a man today but a bride of Jesus. At rapture, you won't have your wife as wife, all believers will become the bride of Christ.

HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE MINISTER

First, you minister to God

Exodus 28:1 says **“Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.”**

You cannot have effective ministry and cannot be an effective minister, if you don't minister to God. Your ministry is first to God before men. God didn't

bring you to minister to men. He brought you to minister to Him first. Your understanding that you are a minister to God will make you effective as a minister.

Acts 13:1-3

[1]Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

[2]As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

[3]Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

In the Old Testament, Aaron was a minister to God. In the New Testament that concept of ministering to God is still sustained. If the early church practiced the concept of ministering to God, it shows that you will be effective in ministry, if your ministry is first to God before men. In other words, you are to first minister to God before you minister to men. It is your ministering to God that makes your ministering to men effective. You can't have effective ministry when you don't minister to God before you minister to men.

REWARDS OF MINISTERING TO GOD

- God influences you. However, when you minister to men you influence them.
- When you minister to God, He imparts you and when you minister to men, you impart men.
- When you minister to God, He transforms you. However, when you minister to men, you transform men.
- You are not qualified to be heard by men when God hasn't heard from you.
- It brings about endorsement over your life. It is when you minister to the Lord that He place endorsement over your voice and you. Ministering to God is God's signature on your life. When you don't minister to God before you minister to men, you don't yet have divine approval and acceptance. The problem with many people is that they know what to say. However, the fact that you know what to say does not mean that you will be accepted. What makes you to be accepted is that you have God's signature over your life. No signature over your life, no endorsement over your life. So, the way you have effective ministry and become effective minister is by first ministering to God before you minister to men.

HOW DO YOU MINISTER TO GOD?

1. COMMUNING WITH THE LORD

You minister to God by communing with the Lord through worship. Worship is when you speak some good words to the Lord such as **“Father, I praise you ; You are my Lord; I love you so much; without you I am nobody; Thank you for loving me; thank you for sending your word to me.”**

True prayers at this level is not Lord, bless me. This is not an aspect of asking. The concept of prayers is kissing each other. It means mouth to mouth affairs. You speak to God and He speaks back to you. If you are praying and God is not speaking to you, it means you are interceding or asking. When you pray, you are talking to God and He is talking to you.

When Paul said pray without ceasing, he meant that you never permit that time that you won't be able to speak to God or for God to speak to you. A proof that you have prayed is that God speaks to you back.

2. THROUGH FASTING

You minister to God through fasting. Moses was on the mount with the Lord for forty days. He was there not to be tempted but prayed to God. He was there to hear what God has to say. In other words, it is in ministering to the Lord, you receive the songs to sing to men or the message to preach to men.

There are some musicians whose habit is singing the songs that can't move the people. The effect of their songs will be that the place will be dry. People cannot remember your message until you have God's signature over your life. The word can come with power, but for them to remember it after they have left takes God's signature over your life. You can only have that after you have ministered to the Lord. So, to have an effective ministry and to be an effective minister, you must be such that minister to the Lord.

If what you want to do is to read Bible passage(s), if you minister to the Lord and have God's signature over your life, as you read without much explanations, individuals will begin to get personal revelation from what you said. The things you don't say, they will receive it.

If you minister to the Lord and quote a Bible passage, as you explain it, some people within the congregation will get what the Spirit of God is saying to them as regards the passage you are making exposition on.

Until you have God signature upon your life, you cannot be an effective minister. God's signature happens when you first minister to God before you minister to men.

HOW TO KNOW AN EFFECTIVE MINISTER

AND MINISTRY?

1. MINISTRY IS ABOUT PEOPLE NOT YOU

You are called into ministry to serve God and impart people. You are a servant of God towards men. Don't develop ownership mentality.

2. YOU ARE MINISTER TO GOD FIRST BEFORE YOU MINISTER TO PEOPLE

You may not have too many revelations, songs, words. You may not even be skillful. When you minister to God before you minister to men, people will give attention to you. Have you been in a meeting where the minister will be ministering and while he was ministering the heart of the people traveled back home, remembering the conversation with someone? If you see such, just know that such minister does not have God's signature over his life for that day.

Don't joke with ministering to the Lord. Don't attempt to be a revelation preacher, skillful minister, musician. Be such that have God's signature over your life. All you need is to speak to the Lord. You can utter words such as, **"Lord, supply me utterance; Lord, I can't do this without you; I surrender to you, let your unction be upon my life; take my words and impress it in the Spirit of men; cause a mighty impartation to be released**

upon people as I speak the word.” As a Musician you pray as thus “Lord take my song, make it your song; never permit me to sing a song you are not singing this moment; as I go there, let it be an heavenly concert on earth; as I sing, let the heart of everyone be drawn to You and You alone, Lord help me.”

THE TRANSFORMATION IN THE LIFE OF PEOPLE

If the life of people is not transformed, your ministry is not effective and you are not an effective minister. If after people listen to you and they don't know what to do in their life, you are not an effective minister. If after listening to your song, they don't have the urge to continue singing, you are not an effective minister. You will know an effective minister, not by their tie, suit, and grammar but by the transformation that takes place in the life of people. If I can know the people around your life, people that listen to you regularly, you don't need to tell whether you are effective or your ministry is effective.

The people that listen to you are the proof of your effectiveness in ministry. Some may say those people are not serious, the reason they are not serious is because the minister is not serious. When you are effective, in the process of time, things will

happen. Effective ministry will always transform the life of people.

THE HUNGER YOU CREATE IN THE HEART OF PEOPLE

If people listen to you as a minister and there is no hunger in their heart, you are not effective. If your message cannot bring people out of mediocrity to desire greatness, you are not effective.

Your message should create hunger in the heart of people. Peter preached on the day of Pentecost and people asked what they can do? That is effective ministry.

When there is a hunger in the heart of men that something must change in their life, that is effective ministry and an effective minister. When hunger and desire arise in the heart of people who listen to you is a sign of effectiveness.

When an individual listen to you but does not desire to fast, pray or that God should use him, you are not an effective but a packaging minister, branded minister who speak grammar without power. Your ministry must transform the life of people. The people must not be the way they used to be after three months. There must be hunger in their heart. As a minister, make up your mind that anyone that encounter you should have increased hunger for God and the things of God.

Make up your mind that nobody will come to you and not have hunger. Your words must always create desires in the heart of people. That makes your ministry effective. Do you know a woman encounter Jesus at the well and forgot to continue with drawing water from the well? In fact, the woman left the water and went to do the work she was not sent. She went and gather multitude after she heard Jesus spoke.

TRANSCENDING THE DESIRES OF MEN INTO REALITY

Whatever, desire you create in the heart of men, show them how to the desire can be met. There are some desires that respond to reading, listening to messages, consciousness in the manner of communication or talking, becoming gentler, some require they follow someone to be trained, and some require exposure in form of seminar, conference, and summit. You must trust God to reveal what the people need to satisfy their desire.

The Church and the Angel of the Church

THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH

Revelation 2:1 says “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, “These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lamp-stands.” It seems as though Jesus was speaking through the Apostle to the angel of the church at Ephesus.

Revelation 2:8

“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, “These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life.”

Revelation 2:12

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, “These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword.”

Revelation 2:18

“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, “These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass.”

Revelation 3:1

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, “These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.”

Revelation 3:7

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, “These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens.”

Revelation 3:14

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, “These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God.”

The above scriptural passages shall be broken down for a deeper understanding. When Jesus spoke through Apostle John to the angel of the church at Ephesus, He was not referring to an angelic being. The angel of the church in the book of revelation refers to the **leader of the church**. So, when Jesus said to the angel of the church at Ephesus, He was referring to the leader of the church at Ephesus. The angel of the church can be substituted as the messenger or representative of the church.

The word angel within the context of the churches

in the book of Revelation represents ministers and leaders. The angel in charge of a church is the minister, messenger of that church. When God wants to send a message to a church, God doesn't need to send an angel to come from heaven. He has a man of God He will speak to, give the message to and the man of God has to deliver the message. However, when the man of God delivers the message, he becomes the messenger of God.

The angel of every church is the leader of that church. If you are a leader of a church, it means you are the messenger of that church. Any time the congregation wants to hear a message from God, they should hear it through the leader because the leader is the messenger God speaks to.

THE ANGEL WORKING WITH THE LEADER OF THE CHURCH

Angels are ministers too. They are ministering spirit. Therefore, the angels of the churches in the book of revelation are the ministers of the churches. There is no angel working with a particular church. However, there could be an angel working with the leader of the church. The case study can be seen between Elisha and his servant. He prayed the Lord should open his eyes that he may see. The servant of the Prophet saw chariot of fire. What he saw was multitude of angels. There are some men of God

when they walk into a particular territory, entourage of angels will get into that territory.

There are certain men of God their presence commands the attention of angels. Wherever they move to, angels move there. This reality is for everybody, it is just a few that enjoyed this reality.

These individuals are men God has endowed with higher level of authority and are men of God's presence. Wherever they get to, God is there automatically. So, the angels can be walking with a man of God but there is no specific angel working with a church.

In respect to the angel working with a man of God, anyone that submits to the man of God will always have the command of the angel that works with the man of God. When a man of God says my spirit is working with you, what it means is that my angel is working with you.

GRACE: ONE OF THE THINGS GOD GIVES EACH CHURCH

There are things God gives each church. God does not assign angels rather He assigns men to be in charge of the church. What is that thing God put upon a church that makes it different from other churches in the body of Christ?

2 Corinthians 8:1 says "Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on

the churches of Macedonia.”

Apostle Paul is saying here that there is a grace bestowed upon the churches of Macedonia. That grace was not on some other churches but peculiar to the churches at Macedonia.

The grace was not on the church at Corinth. Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians Churches to open their eyes of understanding to the grace at work on the churches of Macedonia which was missing in the Corinthians churches. What God assigned to each church is not an angel, it is a leader. He positioned the leader in charge of the church. However, what God bestowed on each church is a grace. There is a grace and you will know the grace of each church by the vision, mandate God gives them.

The grace upon the Macedonian churches was the grace of giving, liberality and generosity. The churches at Corinth was bestowed with the grace for spirituality, gifts of the Spirit, that make do for the manifestation of the gift of the Spirit.

There are some churches with high manifestation of the Spirit - the supernatural is at work highly there. There are some churches where grace at work compel men to love God greatly, embark on soul winning massively (all churches should embark on soul winning but there are some churches that the grace for soul winning is upon them). There are

some churches with the grace for giving, walking in the gifts of the Spirit easily, influence (all members being influential), greatness (earthly relevant and heavenly conscious), prosperity, wealth, among others.

KNOWING THE GRACE UPON A CHURCH

- You will know the grace upon a church by the vision of that church.
- You will know the grace upon a church through the mandate of that church.
- You will know the grace on a church by the message of that church. If you want to know the message of a church, listen to the pastor. There are diversities to messages preached, some messages talk about holiness and righteousness, heaven, greatness, prosperity, among others. However, some people in the grace circle don't believe in this reality. All they believe is that we all have grace. If you believe that grace is grace, the question is, what did Noah find? The Bible reveals that Noah found grace in the sight of God. The grace Noah found is not salvation. The grace Noah found is **favor** in the sight of the Lord. The grace upon the churches of Macedonia was neither salvation nor unmerited favor. The grace upon the Macedonia churches

is an ability of God. There was a giving ability God supplied to churches at Macedonia that was not supplied to the churches at Corinth.

TRANSFERENCE OF GRACE: MACEDONIA CHURCHES TO THE CORINTHIANS CHURCHES

There was the way Apostle Paul moved the grace upon the Macedonia Churches to Corinth.

2 Corinthians 8:6 “So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.”

When Apostle Paul wanted the churches at Corinth to receive the ability God has supplied to churches at Macedonia, he did not pray for them. What he did was that he sent a man of God - Preacher that will teach them, so that the grace may be completed in them.

One of the things that must be clearly identified is this; the God we serve is the God that always wants to work abundance in His people. As a minister of God, you must be such individual that is full of grace - ability of God. You must be an individual full of the ability of God.

Apostle Paul was a man full of grace. When he perceived a church doesn't have a particular grace, he knows what to do for that grace to be at work

upon them. The teaching of a man will release the grace of that man. If you want to receive the grace of a man, receive the teaching of that man. As a minister, you must not joke with listening to teachings regularly.

God does not give any church a special angel from heaven. You as a minister is the angel of the church you pastor. As believers, when we gather, angels are compelled to gather to perform their function as ministering spirits. As soon as they are done with their function they return to where they come from.

There is something God can put in a church that will not be at work on another church. So, what God put upon churches that make them different from each other is ability.

HEMISPHERE OF GRACE

There is a grace upon a man of God and every believer. There is an ability in every believer which is individualistic. There is a grace God put upon each church in the body of Christ. When you understand the concept of grace upon churches, that is the point you will know the reason Pastors are not preaching the same message. If you understand the diversities of grace upon churches, you will know that one church cannot win everybody. Different people need different grace. So, what God does is that He directed the member of the church where his need

will be supplied. If there is an ability anyone need, he directs such person to the church where such ability will be supplied. The grace upon Rebirth Global Church produces leadership and ministry in lives of people who are connected in heart to the ministry. When you listen to the messages preached in Rebirth, you will have desires to be great, rule in life, influential, among others.

The grace at work on a church determines the impact that will be made on the lives of the people. It also determines what will be birth in the people. There are some churches when you go, you will not desire to be a minister rather you will desire to be rich.

You must ensure that you listen to the messages of whoever is the angel of your church. The angel of your church is the lead pastor, general overseer of your church. You must ensure you listen to such individual regularly. The grace at work upon that church function effectively through the messages preached. If you are an associate, lead pastor in a ministry, when you listen to the messages of your man of God you receive grace. Do you know Titus read some things from Apostle Paul through his writing to him so as to know what to do where he is leading? You must immerse yourself reading things and listening to the message of the church. As you do this the grace at work on the church increases in

your life.

BE CONNECTED TO THE SOURCE WHERE YOU SERVE

As a pastor or associate pastor, learn to connect yourself to the source so that anyone that come to listen to you will have grace flow from you to them. You must be connected to the source where you serve. The reason many ministers went into ministry and nothing is happening in their life is because God has not made them the source. Grace will flow in your life consistently until you are connected to a source.

When God wanted to move the grace upon the Macedonia church to the churches at Corinth, he did not send Luke, Epaphras (prayer warrior), all he was looking for was someone who read his writings regularly, someone that has immersed himself into his messages, such was the individual Paul sent to the churches at Corinth. Titus has become a conduit of grace. Wherever he enters grace has come.

It is a pride that makes some ministers lose their place in ministry. You cannot make yourself a source, God has to make you a source. The source of every church is God Himself, he appointed an angel (leader) over the church. Everyone that wants to transmit grace to other people must listen to the source. Apostle Paul did not use proximity,

closeness in sending a minister to Corinth. He looked for someone that has such grace that can transport it. It was not based on I know or I love you. If you don't have the grace, you cannot be sent. You can't fake grace, if you don't have it, you don't have it.

You have to know that ministry is spiritual. You can have all the knowledge but if you don't have the grace, you will just be talking and not make any impact because grace was lacking. The ability is the grace, as people listen to you, your ability is released to them and that is only by grace. If you are not connected to a source, you cannot be a dispenser of grace. This is a deeper side of ministry you have to understand. If you are truly connected, you will always dispense grace. When you listen to your man of God constantly, you become partaker of the grace upon the man of God.

Apostle Paul said in Philippians 1:7 as thus **“just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.”**

You must be diligent to listen to the messages of the source where you are connected. Just as Titus and Timothy were lead pastors of churches connected to Apostle Paul, so also, branch pastors

should develop the habit of listening to the messages of the overseer over their ministry.

Also, cultivate the habit of listening to new messages, words preached by your man of God because new messages bring new grace. As you listen consistently to the messages, you become partaker of the grace in the man of God.

AVOID MIXTURE TO GAIN IDENTITY

Some are doing mixture that is why they don't gain identity. If you want to be dispenser of the ministry you belong, you must ensure that you truly connect yourself to the source. Listen to the messages, read books from your source regularly, so as to command the result your man of God commands.

As a leader, pastor, associate pastor, if you listen to everybody, you will become nobody. You have to be such that know who to listen to and the books you read. Others may not see the need to listen to the messages. Wisdom demands that you immerse yourself into the messages of your source. You are not design to listen to everybody. God can use anybody to be a blessing to you, but for grace to keep flowing into you, you have to know who represent the source.

The fact that you are serving in a ministry does not determine your voice being heard, until you say what your man of God is saying, you are not qualified to be

heard. You can't be saying the same thing and not be heard. You have to immerse yourself into this truth - God want you to be a supplier of grace, dispenser of grace just as Titus was sent. You should be such to be sent if a grace is lacking somewhere because when you share the message with them, grace is supplied. The way to grow in grace is to listen to the source you are connected to regularly. If you know your spiritual father, you already know your source. God is the ultimate Source but He will always position someone in your life that will be a source.

EVERY WORD CARRIES A SPIRIT

Ezekiel 2:1-2

[1]And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you."

[2]Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me.

Every time you listen to your man of God (God's messenger), you are receiving the spirit within him. The words you hear are transferrers of spirits. Every word, message carries a spirit.

HOW TO IDENTITY YOUR SOURCE AS A YOUNG MINISTER

- Whoever is the founder, leader or spiritual head

of the ministry you belong is your source.

- Whoever you submit to as your spiritual father is your source.

It is the speaking that transfers the spirit to you. It is through listening that you receive the spirit. The grace is the ability; the spirit is the unction (anointing). Don't allow anyone to speak you out of this reality.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE GRACE AND SPIRIT OF A MAN

Apostle Paul told the church at Rome as thus, Romans 1:7 **"To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."**

Also, 2 Timothy 1:6 **"Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands."** Apostle Paul told Timothy to stir up the gift of God in him which he received through laying on of his hand. The grace of a man is the ability he has, the spirit of a man is the anointing and unction at work on that man - the power at work upon that man. That dimension can be birth in people. If you want the spirit of a man to enter you, get the words of that man. It is not only the grace that comes into you, the spirit also enters into you.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Many years ago, the Lord enlightened me not to only carry the Holy Spirit but also carry human spirits. Human spirits here refers to the anointing at work in the lives of various people. The spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha. That means, Elisha received the spirit of Elijah. You must understand the Holy Spirit and the human spirit to thrive in ministry and life. All believers have the Holy Spirit but why are all not working in miracle? The men of God working in this dimension function by spirit dimension at work in those men.

When you receive the spirit of man, what you have received is the spirit dimension of that is upon that man. There is a spirit dimension on every man. You cannot receive certain things if you are not following in heart. Remember Elisha followed Elijah. You cannot receive certain things if you don't understand followership.

FOLLOWERSHIP AS THE KEY TO RECEIVING THE SPIRIT OF A MAN

You must follow with all your heart. You are not stupid if you are following. Followership is the key to spiritual leadership. You cannot be an effective leader if you don't understand followership.

Joshua succeeded Moses. It is essential to know

that when Moses was on the mount for forty days, Joshua was with him. Joshua was sitting down below the mountain waiting for him. God cannot permit you to have the spirit of a man you have not followed. You cannot be a partaker of the anointing of a man you have not followed. So, we have the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. There are things God put upon men, when you receive it, you do ministry easily.

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

If you are following a man, you don't have to tell people you are following that man. Something should come upon you that will make you to do things that will cause men to know you connected to this person.

Apostle Paul told the Corinthians Church that Titus and I work in the same spirit which means the spirit at work in him was at work in Titus. You are not just a carrier of the grace; you should also carry the spirit. When you listen to the words, read books, you are not just receiving knowledge and insight. You are receiving grace (ability) and spirits (anointing). The combination of grace and power make things happen in your life. There is a

dimension of grace that knowledge cannot explain. Such is an impartation of the spirit.

Be full of the Holy Spirit. Also, carry human spirit that birth ministry dimension in men. Be such that know how to get the grace upon your church and man of God. You will struggle to impart lives if you don't understand the dimension of human spirit.

GOD PUT SPIRIT UPON MEN

John 6:63

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”

Jesus spoke spirits in the above scripture. When you carry the spirit of a man, you can do what that man is doing. You can talk with boldness like that man. Jesus was not speaking mere words but words that are spirit and life.

The Minister's Anointing

THE ANOINTING

It is very much possible you have knowledge, more insight but the anointing not on a higher measure. You cannot confront the devil with knowledge. The only knowledge you can use to confront the devil is the insight you have from the scripture. Apostle Paul said "And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." 1 Corinthians 2:4

The devil does not understand grammar but power. Power is a language. You can be very knowledgeable, wise but if you don't have power as an individual you don't have it. You cannot fake certain things. Power aspect must not be joked with if God called you into ministry. The assignment in ministry is for certain individuals. So, God will

always put certain things on your life not one thing to help the people.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ANOINTED

- It means to be set apart. When you are anointed, you are set apart.
- To be protected. The Bible says touch not my anointed and do my prophet no harm. When you understand this dimension, you will not be afraid that when you heal the sick, such sickness will come to you. When you cast out devils, it may suggest it wants to come to you. However, with the anointing, you are protected.
- It means to be empowered. When you are anointed, you are empowered. Never preach to people when you are not empowered to do such. Go and preach to people because you are empowered as regards what to say and how to say. When you minister with the anointing, it will take your word and impress it in the heart of people. The anointing will explain to people far more than you have explained.
- It means to smear. Anointing literally implies to “smear” something on someone for instance, if you apply perfume to your body, you realize that everywhere you go, people will not smell you but the perfume you put on. When the anointing

is released on you, there will be something people will contact from you. When anointing comes upon your body, you are empowered to carry out kingdom service. Also, by the anointing, everything responds to you. People see something fresh, new, different flowing out of your life.

- Anointing means to rub. Another definition of anointing is to rub something. When something is rub on you. When God anoints you, He rubs Himself on you because the anointing is the Holy Spirit. God rubs the Holy Spirit on your body. When that happens, you will do what the Holy Spirit can do.

THINGS GOD PUT ON YOUR LIFE TO HELP PEOPLE

1. GIFT

God will put a gift in you to help the people. Gift that are natural and gift that are supernatural. Supernatural gifts are the gift of the Spirit. However, the gifts of the Spirit are more than nine. The gifts of the Spirit are given so you can help the people.

2. GRACE

Gift is different from grace. Apostle Paul said

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” 1 Corinthians 15:10.

Grace is something God put on your life that empowers you to carry out divine assignment. There is a grace that is unmerited favor but there is a grace that is not unmerited favor but divine enabling. There's a part of grace that is unmerited which brought salvation. There is another which is divine enabling, supplying you the ability of God to do what only God can do. That is the reason Apostle Peter prayed for believers that grace and peace be multiplied unto the church. The unmerited favor cannot multiply but divine enabling can definitely multiply. The Bible bears witness that great grace was upon the Apostles. The great grace upon them empowers them for service. The grace for service is the grace with which you minister. God gave more grace to the humble. However, for ministry he gives more grace.

You need more divine enabling that will cause you to do certain things. When more grace comes upon your life, you will be able to do more than preaching. When people come for guidance, you will be able to guide. Also, you will by divine enabling proffer wisdom to some issues of life.

There are some preachers when you are con-

fronted with some issues of life, they just quote scriptures to you but are unable to tell you what you can do. You must trust God for greater grace upon your life. All of these are essential in our work with the Lord. If you want God to use you beyond your skill and capacity, you must trust God for more grace.

3. KNOWLEDGE

The Bible says Proverbs 2:6 “For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

Knowledge means fact, information. There is the natural knowledge of things. However, there is the knowledge that comes from the mouth of God through which you make things happen and share with people to advance their life.

4. WISDOM

Wisdom is the principal thing in life. You can preach to people without wisdom. You can build without wisdom. Wisdom is what God supplies you to be able to build the people. Apostle Paul was a wise master builder. The Bible is not just full of the word of God; it is also full of the wisdom of God.

Many people are praying to God to give them wisdom and their conception about wisdom is that it will fall from heaven to them. They are not told

that the scriptures are full of wisdom. Stop seeking the wisdom of God from heaven. Start seeking the wisdom of God from the scripture. Your Bible is full of the wisdom of God. There are people full of revelation but are very proud. They don't understand some basic elementary matters. The reason for such is lack of wisdom.

The way you get the wisdom of God is by reading what God has said. You read the Bible and come across the wisdom of God. Also, you read books of people and listen to the wise.

5. RESOURCES

The Lord makes provision for money. He gives properties. All of these are resources. Money is financial resources. You cannot have a crusade that will be filled with excellence without quality sound and light. All of these are items that cost a lot. God supplies resources in ministry to be more effective.

6. ANOINTING

The anointing is something you can get from God directly and through men. Most people are in ministry, they know about grace but the anointing for service is not strong in their lives.

To have the impact of your ministry to be immortalized in the heart of men is dependent on the release of the anointing upon your life. Your

ministry and work for God need the anointing. Anointing is not meant for preaching alone in the kingdom. Ensure that whatever you do, make sure you do with the anointing.

If you are a musician, you should have the anointing upon your life. As a musician, build your skill, train yourself but much more, get anointing. Anointing does not come by training. Anointing comes by impartation either directly from God or through men. God can use a man to release an anointing upon your life.

If you are a preacher or teacher, you need the anointing. I write books. I don't write book because of knowledge. I write with the anointing of God. You cannot read the book I write and will not get something that will influence your decision and action. I said this with utmost humility. Grace empowers to write. The anointing will empower you to do things effectively and impact life. The anointing empowers what I write to be impressed in your spirit to impact something in you.

Regardless of whatever you do, there should be a flow of anointing that gush out. If you are an administrator the anointing of God can rest upon your life. You will be able to advance the work and the unit you monitor by the anointing.

ALL BELIEVERS HAVE BEEN ANOINTED

2 Corinthians 1:21 says “Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God.”

Apostle Paul reveals that God has anointed us. He was talking about all believers. All believers have been anointed. What are we anointed to do? The anointing is the Spirit of God that abides in you. 1 John 2:27 says “But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

The Bible reveals that the oil was poured upon David and through this, the Spirit of God comes upon him. The purpose of the anointing is the coming the spirit of God. The anointing is not the oil. The oil is just a channel to bring about the anointing. In the Old Testament, the oil is the symbol of the anointing. The oil is not the anointing, it only represent the anointing.

Acts 13:1-3

[1]Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

[2]As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and

Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

[3]Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

The above scripture reveals that the people fasted and prayed. They laid hand on Paul and Barnabas, they were released into the Apostleship.

THE ANOINTING AND OIL

Luke 9:10 says “And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.”

He gave the disciples power while Mark reveals that the disciples went everywhere anointing the people with oil. The disciples took the oil all along with themselves when they were sent. Don’t despise the use of the oil. James encouraged that the sick should be anointed with oil. The oil is a channel for the anointing.

In the New Testament our work is the work of faith. Without the oil, the Spirit can come upon people. On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God came upon men over one hundred and twenty people. The Spirit of God came upon them that heard the word on the house of Cornelius. Apostle Peter didn’t apply any oil.

The anointing is the Holy Spirit. Acts 10:38 says “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy

Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” God will always need to anoint people Himself. He anoints with the Holy Spirit and Power. We need that today in our world. When the Holy Spirit comes, power is available. Acts 1:8 says “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” The key to receiving power in the New Testament is to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes into your life with His power.

The presence of the Holy Spirit is to receive Power. The Holy Spirit is the anointing which is inside of you. The anointing teaches you. As a minister of the gospel, you will always need the anointing to carry out certain function.

There is the anointing within us. Also, there is the anointing that comes upon us to empower us. There are two parts of man - inward man and the outward man.

THE INWARD MAN

The inward man is your spirit, the part of you that appears in your dream. The outward man is your body. Your body is a man. Your spirit is a man. It is the outward man that was formed. The spirit was created but the outward man was formed. The spirit

was made after the image and likeness of God.

The anointing within you is resident on your inward man. There is the anointing that your outward man carries. The anointing resident on your spirit man is always there. It functions like a teacher - the Holy Spirit.

There is the anointing that flow from your spirit man to your flesh. When that anointing comes, you will feel it. You will feel some sensation around your body. That anointing you feel is an empowerment to carry out an assignment. The power of the Holy Spirit is often felt in your outward man.

The anointing within you is a teacher, the reminder, a counselor. The anointing upon you is not to come and teach nor counsel but to empower you to do something that only God can do. When you minister to God, He releases an anointing on you.

The anointing in your spirit does not leave. When you sleep, eat, that anointing is there. The anointing you feel on your body is not always there every time, it comes upon you to carry out a function. When you finish the work the anointing can lift. The anointing does not lift immediately; it can be upon you for some days.

THE ANOINTING IS NOT A FEELING

The anointing is not a feeling. Don't relate the

anointing to feelings. Sometimes, you may not feel the anointing. God permit you to feel something on your body so you can know the supernatural is at work. However, you must not seek such all times. God may not permit you feel anything. Don't build your life around feeling. He permits you to feel some sensation so you can pick the signal.

THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES NOT LEAVE

The Anointing of the Holy Spirit does not leave. The anointing upon you could be for healing, prophetic, apostolic and miraculous among others. There is the unction to teach. It helps to communicate knowledge. There is an anointing that must drop upon your life when you minister to the Lord through it men feel the presence and power of God in a gathering. The anointing will teach the listener what the speaker does not say.

As a minister you must not joke with the anointing. Age is not a barrier to the anointing. The young and the old can carry the anointing.

FRESH ANOINTING

You will always need fresh anointing. If you want to minister today, you will need fresh anointing. If you want to minister tomorrow, you need fresh anointing. You have to go to God and let Him anoint

you afresh. It means let God stir up something out of your inward man and let Him rub something on your outward man.

In other words, it implies that God stirs up something within you and let your body carry something. When your body carries something, you will not be the way you used to be.

Acts 6:15 says “And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.”

There is something that has come upon Stephen that changes his appearance. When the anointing comes upon your body, it becomes a channel to dispense God’s blessing to people.

Psalms 92:10 says “But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.”

It is David speaking here. David was not anointed one time. He was anointed three times.

1 Samuel 16:13 says “Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.”

The scripture reveals the first time he was anointed by Samuel as replacement for King Saul.

2 Samuel 2:4 “Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, “The men of

Jabesh Gilead were the ones who buried Saul.”

David was anointed to be that King of Juda and lasted for seven years.

2 Samuel 5:3 says “Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord. And they anointed David king over Israel.”

During his anointing at the third time, he was anointed king over the whole land of Israel. The above Psalms was said after David was anointed the third time. The word horn represents authority, government, power and influence.

The anointing can be fresh. Every time you must trust God to put fresh anointing on you. When the Lord put fresh anointing on you, He will empower you to do something new.

HOW TO RECEIVE FRESH ANOINTING

1. BY RECEIVING THE TOUCH FROM THE LORD

You must create time to be with the Lord. Have time for fellowship with the Lord. When you create time to fellowship with the Lord, the anointing will definitely come upon you.

2. COMBINING FASTING AND PRAYERS TOGETHER

If you are not addicted to fasting and prayers, you cannot work in higher anointing. Most people despise what raise them. They criticize what God use to empower them. Fast and pray to receive and maintain your anointing. When you are fasting, ensure you meditate, read the scripture. Don't do hunger fast. The reason you are fasting is because you want to concentrate on your spirit. You get strength into your spirit through fasting. When you fast and pray nothing can stop your advancement, growth in the universe.

3. GIVE YOURSELF TO PRAYING IN TONGUES REGULARLY

If you do this, your spirit man will be active, your inner eyes will be opened. You will see faster and hear faster. When you start praying in tongues, your sensitivity is built. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 14:4 "He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church." You have to build yourself. Ensure you pray in tongues and listen to messages of your source regularly. Be high mentally, high in the spirit. It is through tongues you are high in the spirit and your eyes become sharp.

4. BEWARE OF THE SPECTACULAR UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE ANOINTING

You must not seek that people should fall. The

most important is that people should be blessed. What people receive in their heart furnish understanding in them and enhance their growth. You have to listen to what the Holy Spirit is telling you to do. The fact that people don't fall does not show that you are anointed. In fact, that they fall doesn't show that you are anointed. People fall sometime because of the desire in their heart.

Some people's desires reach out to God, and He decided to do something great in their life.

HOW DO YOU USE THE FRESH ANOINTING?

You must be sensitive to listen whatever the Holy Spirit tells you to do. Through faith, you do. Stop forcing spiritual things. When anointing comes, spiritual things happen easily. Fresh anointing must be upon you all the time.



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