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RANKS OF DEMONIC SPIRITS: EXPLORING THE OPERATIONS OF PRINCIPALITIES

Ephesians 6:12 says, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

You don't fight against anything that has flesh and blood (human). Your fight is against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this age and spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. The things you are fighting against are in plural forms. The above scripture reveals the ranks of demonic spirits. The body of Christ assumed that praying, fasting, shouting and yelling deal with all the ranks of demonic spirits. One of the reasons challenges linger in the lives of people is that they are applying the wrong weapons in battles.

Understanding Principalities

2 Corinthians 12:2 reads, “...God knows—such a one was

caught up to the third heaven.” Apostle Paul revealed the experience of a man who was caught up to the third heaven. This truth reveals that there is a first and second heaven. The first heaven is the earth. There are beings on earth and beneath the earth. The second heaven is the place where spirits dwell. Daniel 10:12-13 declares, “...But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.” The second heaven is another kingdom. There is neither day nor night in the second heaven. The prince of the kingdom of Persia dwelt in the second heaven. Part of the kingdom Satan showed Jesus Christ was the kingdom of Persia. The kingdoms in the second heaven are headed by principalities. A prince of Persia is a principality over the kingdom of Persia. A prince of Greece is a principality over the kingdom of Greece.

There are demonic principalities and godly principalities. The demonic principalities are found in the kingdom of darkness while the godly principalities are found in the kingdom of God and heaven where God dwells. Angel Michael was a prince. Angel Michael was a principality. God had principalities and principles at hand. Daniel 10:20 says, “Then he said, Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come.” The angel who appeared to Daniel returned to fight with the prince of Persia for another access to the third heaven. Wrestling is not for spiritual babes but spiritual adults.

Who are Principalities?

1. **They are the creators of religion:** Apostle Paul fought with the creators of religion in his time. When they are conquered

they will submit to Jesus Christ.

2. **They are the formulators of policies and laws:** They influence the human mind to formulate certain principles and laws that affect humanity.

3. **They are the brains behind the formulation of cultures and customs:** They formulate traditions and norms that guide human actions. Principalities are behind culture. The evil people practice in culture is spearheaded by principalities. There are invisible forces that influence the minds of people. Some people believe that taking highly exotic drinks births inspiration in them but this kind of mindset is sponsored by principalities. The principalities are intelligent. They are the force behind the thinking and actions of men. God will raise men as principalities that will bring emancipation to men from evil culture and tradition.

4. They affect the behavior, mannerisms, and practices of a group of people in a family, city, and state.

5. **They affect the influence and progress of a family, city and nation:** They influence people within a family, city and nation to do things that will be contrary to what they should do to have progress. The people do wrong things that will not make them have progress and advancement in life.

6. **They resist the entrance of new things, influence and angels into a family, city and nation:** The focus of a principality is towards attacking a family, group of people, community, city and state. Some of your prayers are unanswered because a Prince withstood the prayers in the second heaven.

7. **They affect the elements of powers in a state:** They affect the economic flow and political sphere in a state. They also affect other sectors like the education sector, and entertainment sector to decide how things should be done in these sectors. The

Principalities in the second heaven affect the economic, political and educational sector of a nation. They affect the minds of people for information. They impoverish the minds of people within a nation. If your economic flow will not be affected, you must operate with superior intelligence.

8. They are in control of people and natural elements in a city or country: They are in control of the weather conditions in a nation. They influence the way people behave and act. They ensure that people who will carry out their agenda are in positions of power. They work through governments, corporations, institutions, and organizations. Anything that will make people not to believe in Jesus Christ is the work of the principalities. I desire the Lord to make you a new Prince on earth.

How to Deal with Principalities over Cities and Nations?

1. We must preach Jesus Christ: The body of Christ should fight principalities through the preaching of Jesus Christ. You must step out to preach. Fight with preaching. Every time you preach about Jesus Christ you are fighting. Through the preaching of Jesus Christ you want to cast down the ideology that has held men down. You also want to shift their perspectives to the way of Jesus Christ. You preach to people so they can disbelieve the things they believed that held them down. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Don't be ashamed to preach the gospel. You must be radical in your preaching about Jesus Christ. You must desire a strong evangelistic grace. The Lord can make you bold to preach about Jesus Christ anywhere. Don't be intimidated that you are a Christian. Don't be shy in preaching Jesus Christ. When you are on a transit preach Jesus Christ. There are people around you that need to be delivered through

the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is not raising senior pastors. He is raising witnesses for Himself. People who will not be ashamed of the gospel. You have to go beyond the church activities and regularly bring joy to heaven. I know you pray for souls in your privacy. It's time to preach Jesus Christ on the street. Be a radical preacher on the street. Don't be cold in preaching the gospel. Apostle Paul preached the gospel with uncommon grace.

2. We must have representation of God's people everywhere:

The representatives of God must start something new and be part of something new. They are to seek how to replace the things that have been in existence. These representatives must be in various sectors. Every time a godly person occupies a position of influence, it represents the presence of a Prince.

3. We must have high spiritual authorities whose words carry weight: These spiritual authorities can be a reverend, bishop, apostle and prophet. They can decree over a nation and the principalities over the nation disappear.

4. We must display high wisdom to reign and decree justice: Wisdom is the principal thing on earth. The spirit of wisdom enables you to know how to displace any principalities reigning in a family, city and country. The spirit of wisdom helps you to deal with principalities.

5. We must reach out to God in prayers: The purpose of reaching out to God in prayers is to send His Angels to a family, city and nation so as to subdue the influence of principalities in these places. When some angels visit the earth, they come to subdue

the principalities at work in a place.

6. We fight them with influence and affluence: These principalities exist in government and institutions. Acts 19:30–31 says, “And when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples would not allow him. Then some of the officials of Asia, who were his friends, sent to him pleading that he would not venture into the theater.” The officials of Asia are the people in government. Apostle Paul knew how to befriend the people in government. He was a friend to officials in government. Be intentional to build your influence as a believer. The kingdom of darkness sponsored their agenda with money. Believers must be ready to sponsor the agenda of God on earth with their resources. It took a man of influence and affluence to request the body of Jesus Christ. Believers need influence and affluence to represent the kingdom agenda on earth.

7. We must reach out to God to put wisdom in our heart: When God wants us to deal with a principality, He will grant us access to His wisdom. All principalities in human flesh have wisdom in them. Wisdom is a principal thing to possess so as to deal with principalities in the spirit and in the human flesh. Proverbs 4:7 reads, “Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.” Proverbs 8:15–16 says, “By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice; By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth.” The operation of the spirit of wisdom in you is a force to deal with principalities. The spirit of wisdom at work in you will help you to conquer principalities. I desire that every principality resisting blessings, God’s angels, answers to prayers, success, and progress will leave you now.

God Raises a Kingmaker and Prince-Maker in a City or Nation

Psalms 45:16 says, “Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, Whom You shall make princes in all the earth.” There are people who are kingmakers while there are people who are prince-makers on earth. God can make you a prince so as to nullify the work of a principality. God can also make you a producer or maker of princes over a territory, city and nation. Princes are decision makers and authority figures. God can decide to make you a prince or raise princes through you. It takes kingmakers to produce kings. Kingmakers are people without whom nobody rises. They are in a position to lift men. It takes a prince-maker to produce princes.

UNDERSTANDING THE OPERATIONS OF POWERS

Ephesians 6:12 states, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers..."

God Created Powers

God created powers that are in the form of angels. The angels of God can be sent to men and work with men. Also, they can be deployed to a family, city and country. They are regarded as ministering spirits.

God has power

Anytime man wants to operate in power, he either functions by the Spirit of God or by angels that are powers. God has power. He can give men power to function in different areas of life. You can have the power to witness, prosper and get wealth. God's power is multi-dimensional in nature. God can give a dimension of His power without assigning an angel.

The devil (Satan) organizes powers in ranks in his kingdom

God created different powers in the heavens. He organized them in ranks. One of the beings created was Lucifer. Ezekiel 28:14-17 says, “You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones...” Lucifer was not an angel; he was a cherub. He mobilized one third of the angels and they fell. When one-third of the angels fell, the leader organized them into ranks. The demonic spiritual ranks are—powers, principalities, rulers of darkness and spiritual hosts of wickedness. Principalities deal with families, cities and nations. Powers deal with families and a person. Power don’t respect your grammar. Power don’t respect your eloquence. You need to be high in your spirit and provoke in your heart to deal with powers.

Supernatural Insights into the Operations of Powers

Agents of Attacks

Powers are in-charge of attacks, oppression/afflictions and punishments in the lives of people. They operate through different agents. A few among the agents of attacks by powers include:

1. **Agents of attacks are called spiritual chameleons:** This spirit wears the image of people to perpetuate evil. Spiritual chameleons wear the image of someone you know and people close to you to attack you. Their operations are through dreams. Most of the images you saw in your dream are sponsored by powers. You must be spiritually discerning not to react negatively to the person you saw in your dream.
2. **Spiritual arresters:** Have you seen yourself while driving in a

dream arrested by some men in uniform? These men you saw in your dream are called spiritual arresters. They arrest people from making progress in life. Those who are wounded in their dreams are also victims of spiritual arresters.

3. **Spiritual robbers:** They steal valuable things from men in their dreams. They can steal the support systems around your life. This activity in the spirit realm will manifest in the lives of people as pains, debts, looting, and robbery.

4. **Spiritual feeders:** They feed people with food in their dreams. 1 Kings 19:5-8 says, "Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, Arise and eat...So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God." Elijah didn't eat in the dream. The angel of the Lord touched him to eat. The spiritual food he ate became supernatural strength within him. However, the food spiritual feeders gave men in their dreams often resulted in tiredness, weaknesses, sicknesses, diseases, laziness, sluggishness, heaviness, pain, deformity, and terminal illness. Some of these illnesses and diseases injected into their body result in death of the victims if not spiritually discerned and dealt with.

5. **Spiritual Manipulators:** They act as helpers in your dreams but have come to attack and get valuable things away from you.

6. **Spiritual Assassins:** They shoot gun, spear and arrow at people in the dream. The person shot in his dream can still be alive and live long. However, it was his destiny and advancement

in life that has been shot.

7. Witches and witchcrafts: They are real entities operating in the lives of men. There are witch doctors and herbalists. Witches and witchcraft cast spell on men to affect things around their lives on earth. Spells can have effect in families, businesses, careers, organizations, and health.

Objects of Attacks: Beasts

They are in the forms of cows, dogs, rams with horns, lions, snakes, birds, and cobwebs. These animals symbolize attacks, debt and loss around the lives of people. Amos 4:1 says, “Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, Who oppress the poor, Who crush the needy, Who say to your husbands, Bring wine, let us drink!” Scripture reveals the cows of Bashan. Cows are objects of attacks. When a dog bites a person in a dream, it represents the transfer of demonic poison. The poison injected manifests in the form of lust, uncontrolled sexual urge and immoralities. Rams with horns come to control some aspects of your life. Lions also represent a spirit that comes to stop you from doing things that will advance you in life. Snakes and birds are spirits that program evil in the life of people. Cobwebs are invisible. They are small demonic ropes before you to limit you and deter you from moving forward.

The Points/Base of Attacks

1. Altars: Powers operate because there is an existing altar somewhere.
2. Trees
3. Shrines
4. Coven

5. Graveyard

6. Sea

7. Coffins

How to Deal with Powers

You Engage Instant Prayers: You deal with attacks through prayers. You enforce your victory over attacks through prayers. The moment you see any demonic beasts and operations of powers around your life, call on God through prayers to defend and keep you. You tell God to show you His salvation (deliverance). God is able to deliver you when you call on Him. Don't wake up from your dream with any of the experience of powers and close your mouth. Open your mouth wide in prayers. Call on God for safety. Call the name of Jesus and rebuke the operations of powers around your life. Invoke the fire of God on the demonic beasts and operations of powers. When you are in your dream, the moment you woke up command such demonic poison to be flushed out of your body through the name of Jesus Christ and the blood of Jesus Christ. You declare that your body system be cleansed from every form of demonic pollution, contamination and corruption. Come against demonic images the powers use to attack you in your dream. The Lord will reveal to you every powers operating in the secret against your life. You are unstoppable and unmovable. You shall work in victory all the days of your life. Don't be timid, arise and fight against the powers operating around your life.

THE OPERATIONS OF THE RULERS OF DARKNESS OF THIS AGE

Ephesians 6:12 says, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but...against the rulers of the darkness of this age...”

Who are the Rulers of Darkness of this Age?

The rulers of darkness are demonic forces that seek to control and obstruct anything capable of bringing light into a person's life. One of their major strategies is to hinder the flow of privileged and life-transforming information. When a person gains access to the right information, light breaks forth, bringing understanding, direction, and advancement. These forces work to prevent people from receiving the exposure and opportunities necessary for growth. Sometimes, there are places a person needs to visit or environments they need to encounter that could significantly advance their life and destiny. Yet, the rulers of darkness hinder such opportunities and restrict people from accessing experiences that would bring progress. They also influence various channels of information, including the internet, ensuring that what many people encounter does not add value

to their lives. Instead of engaging with resources that promote growth and development, many are drawn toward content that is unedifying and unproductive – such as pornography. In this way, the rulers of darkness seek to divert people from receiving the knowledge, exposure, and insight needed for advancement. Their influence can even extend across generations, affecting parents and grandparents in the process of nurturing, guiding, and building lasting legacies in the lives of their children and grandchildren.

The rulers of darkness often hinder people from establishing the right connections. They prevent individuals from meeting those who are destined to train, mentor, teach, and lift them to higher levels in life. In reality, every person you encounter has something valuable to teach you. However, even when people are divinely connected to the right individuals, the rulers of darkness may rob them of the benefits of such relationships through pride and overfamiliarity. These forces also influence the minds of people, causing them to lack clarity about the actions and steps they should take in the midst of life's situations and challenges. As a result, their operations are often reflected in discouraging and hopeless expressions such as:

- a. "I am tired of life."
- b. "I can't come and kill myself."
- c. "I am confused about everything."
- d. "I don't know what to do."
- e. "I don't know what to say."

These are indications of the oppression and confusion that the rulers of darkness seek to impose upon people's minds. Indeed, there are rulers of darkness with whom we wrestle. However, the battle against them is not fought merely through struggle or

human effort. Darkness does not need to be fought with noise; it disappears the moment light appears. When light is introduced, darkness automatically gives way. The rulers of darkness are dealt with through light. When the light of truth, revelation, and divine understanding shines, every form of darkness loses its hold.

Dealing with the Rulers of Darkness of This Age through the Power of Light

Receiving Light

Light, within this context, refers to *the images of possibilities formed in the mind (clarity), insight, understanding, revelation, and illumination* within the heart. Isaiah 60:1 declares, “Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.” When divine light comes, it awakens something within you that empowers you to arise and take action. The knowledge of what to do to advance in life often comes through light. Many of the things people continually ask God to do for them are actually responsibilities that require their own action once they receive understanding. Therefore, trust the Lord to send His light so that you may know what to do in every time and season. Psalm 43:3 says, “Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle.” When light comes, it brings divine direction and guidance. It is important to understand that the rulers of darkness of this age also operate with a form of light, which they use to program darkness around people’s lives. However, when the Lord releases His light, it exposes every form of darkness and empowers you to break free from the limitations placed around you. When light comes, you are empowered to arise and take decisive actions. Light enables you to see possibilities even in the

midst of challenges. It also brings visibility. Genesis 1:16 states, “Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night.” The greater light was created to rule the day. In the same way, there is a dimension of light that the Lord releases into your life that empowers you to shine and exercise dominion.

The Relationships between the Rulers of Darkness and Rulers of Light

Moving from Shinning to Ruling

There are rulers of darkness, but there are also rulers of light. When a person gains access to the light that empowers dominion, they become a ruler of light. A greater light will always suppress the influence and authority of the rulers of darkness. This greater light is not determined by age or physical stature, but by the depth of light operating within a person. God desires to raise people who function as rulers of light - individuals whose presence and understanding can liberate others from the grip of darkness. When such people speak, others receive clarity. They begin to understand the actions and steps to take, the words to speak, and the strategies to apply in the situations they face. When you become a ruler of light, the illumination within you becomes a source of freedom for others. As a minister of God, when you preach with ruling light, those who listen gain understanding of what they must do. Believers must move beyond merely shining to functioning at the level of ruling.

When we minister with ruling light, people begin to see God more clearly. They gain insight into how to use their time, resources, strength, and skills effectively. At the same time, they become aware of the operations of the enemy around their lives and learn how to confront and overcome those operations

through decisive action.

Rulers of light operate through their words. Whenever people hear them speak, light breaks into their hearts. The sick hear them and find healing. The poor hear them and receive insights that transform their condition. Singles hear them and gain the wisdom that brings change to their lives. If you are a preacher, do not settle for preaching merely to shine. Go beyond shining and begin to rule, so that at the sound of your voice light is manifested in the hearts of men. Let people listen to you and experience sudden transformation in different areas of their lives. Light must be evident in your words. When people hear you speak, illumination should come to them. You must become a dispenser of light.

How to Contend for Light that Transforms Lives?

1. Increase your Study Level

You must increase your level of study if you desire to contend for light. Listening to short audio or video clips when you have access to them is helpful, but you must go beyond that and give yourself to deliberate study. In the Scripture, believers are instructed to “study to show themselves approved.” True understanding and revelation often come through consistent and intentional study. Commit yourself to studying the Word of God. Do not be lazy in this discipline. Cultivate the habit of reading and become an ardent student of truth. If you do not enjoy reading hard-copy materials, you can load your mobile device with e-books and read from there. Read the Scriptures and sound spiritual books so that your mind and heart may continually be filled with light. When you function as a ruler of light, you will know what to do in different situations, and

those who listen to you will also gain clarity about the steps they should take in their own lives. If you desire to rise above limitations, become a committed reader and student of truth. Study the Scriptures alongside the writings of proven spiritual authors to gain deeper understanding. At times, God will supply light directly through the Scriptures. At other times, He may send light through the insights found in proven spiritual books. What may appear to be an ordinary verse of Scripture to one person can become a powerful source of light and revelation to another. Every time you meditate on the Scriptures, you are putting on light within your spirit. If you desire to walk in healing, prosperity, miracles, signs, and wonders, fill your heart with the light of the Scriptures concerning these spiritual realities. As the light of God's Word fills your heart, you will begin to influence and control situations and circumstances through the power of divine illumination.

2. Through Listening

You must be intentional about listening to those who carry light. Within the body of Christ, there are many voices and many teachings. This is a time of a great plurality of messages. However, you must learn to listen carefully to those whose teachings dispense greater light and bring true understanding. Be cautious of messages that darken counsel rather than bring clarity. Allow the Spirit of God to guide you in discerning whom you listen to, because there are voices that unknowingly promote confusion and darkness. When God intends to bring light into your life, He often directs you to those who function as rulers of light - individuals whose words and teachings carry illumination. Some rulers of light do not operate primarily through preaching or teaching but through the works they

produce. By observing their lives, their decisions, and the excellence of what they do, you can gain valuable insight. Even without spoken instruction, their works communicate wisdom and understanding. Light can also be received through careful observation. When you study the works and patterns of those who carry light, you begin to understand the actions to take and the paths that lead to progress.

3. Through Fasting

Isaiah 58:6, 8 declares, “Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens... Then your light shall break forth like the morning.” This Scriptural passage reveals that certain dimensions of light only break forth through the discipline of fasting. Therefore, possess your light in this season through fasting. At times, you may need to set aside specific days to seek God through fasting and prayer in order to receive greater clarity and revelation. Fasting is a spiritual exercise that positions you for breakthrough into greater light. Through the light that God releases within you, you will gain the capacity to rule over poverty, death, disappointment, shame, limitation, sickness, ridicule, and failure. When you fast, also create time to study the Scriptures. Fasting combined with meditation on the Word of God opens the heart to divine illumination. This is the time to contend for light.

INSIGHT INTO SPIRITUAL HOSTS OF WICKEDNESS IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES

Ephesians 6:12 says, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but...against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

Spiritual Hosts of Wickedness

They are the most dangerous and wicked of all the demonic spiritual ranks. They don't come to the earth. They are in the heavenly places and expressed through their works on earth. A man can be wicked because the act of wickedness lies in his heart. There are wicked cities and nations. However, a wicked man and a city can be dealt with. There are hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places, cities, and nations. Battles will not stop, but must have a day of end in my life. Battles must have a day of end in your life. Battles ended in heaven in one day. On earth, you must not use your whole life to fight battles. It is tragic to use your whole life to fight battles. There are people using their life for impacting, building, and achieving something great. You

can't enjoy what you labor for when you use your life to fight battles. God gives us richly all things to enjoy. However, if you face battles all through your life you will not enjoy the benefits of God. You will only be enduring life situations.

Some parents fought battles all their lives but didn't conquer. Their descendants will continue such battle because it's spiritual. Battles are real in life. For your life, battles have to end quickly. You can be highly skillful and have knowledge of the Bible yet battles will still linger in your life. You can be the most brilliant but afflicted. You can be highly creative but afflicted. Battles of life don't respect smartness. The principalities, powers and rulers of darkness are messengers of the hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Wickedness is any wrong that causes you pain. The hosts of wickedness are the *strategia* in Latin. The English translation is a Strategist or Planner. They give plans to the principalities, powers and rulers of darkness to execute. Any light shown to you must be put to work so you won't be conquered.

How to Deal with Spiritual Hosts of Wickedness

How will you deal with whatever plans at work in your life that are upholding battles around your life? Every battle that continues in your life has its root or things responsible for its occurrence. If you are on the path of influence, spiritual hosts of wickedness will come after you. They will empower principalities, powers and rulers of darkness against you. How to deal with hosts of wickedness:

1. Be Righteous

The opposite of righteousness is wickedness. It is either you are righteous or wicked. When you are righteous it will

be difficult for the hosts of wickedness to prevail in your life. You become the righteousness of God when you are saved. As a believer you must continuously do the things that are right. Stop doing things that are wrong. Proverbs 12:3 says, "A man is not established by wickedness, But the root of the righteous cannot be moved." You shall not be moved by the plans of the hosts of wickedness when you are righteous (doing the right things). Doing the things that are right disempower the hosts of wickedness operation around your life. Satan will be powerful in your life when you are wicked (take the wrong decisions and actions).

2. Through God's Judgment

Proverbs 21:12 says, "The righteous God wisely considers the house of the wicked, Overthrowing the wicked for their wickedness." God can execute a judgment over the wicked. You must consistently desire the Lord for His judgment upon wicked.

3. Engage Covenant

Psalms 89:22 reads, "The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him." The messengers of the hosts of wickedness shall not afflict you when you are in covenant with God. God can make a covenant directly with you when you have passed a test. Genesis 22:1 declares, "Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham..." For God to make a covenant with you, there are tests you must pass. God had covenant with Abraham because he passed the test from God. Also, when you are connected with the person God made covenant with. God made covenant with the father in the faith. When you have a spiritual father over your life, you come into covenant. You belong to a place of covenant so as

to enjoy covenant. There are churches enjoying grace while other churches had their foundation on covenant. When you are a partaker of the church with covenant, you will enjoy the covenant also. Find your way into covenant. Connect with a person of covenant or being in a place of covenant.

4. Pray against Spiritual Hosts of Wickedness

This kind of prayer is specific in nature. It is directed to God on the things you want to see happen in your life. You pray with understanding to deal with any form of wickedness around your life. Any evil that causes you pain consistently must be opened to God in prayers. Psalms 7:9 says, "Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, But establish the just; For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds." Any area of wickedness around your life, you mention it and pray against it in the place of prayers. Some wickedness will not stop until when you put an end to such in the place of prayers. Identify things that must not continue in your life.

5. Through Fasting

Isaiah 58:6 says, "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?" There is a kind of fasting that is specialized to end wickedness in your life. There are yokes that break through fasting. There are chosen, appointed fasts to end some unbearable things in life. This kind of fasting comes by divine instructions or is directed by a spiritual authority. Let your ear be opened to hear appointed days of fasting for your life. The wickedness of the wicked must come to an end in your life. Be ready to engage a chosen, appointed fast for your advancements and breakthrough in life.

WE WRESTLE: UNDERSTANDING THE DYNAMICS

Rachel Wrestle for Fruitfulness

Genesis 30:8 reads, “Then Rachel said, “With great wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and indeed I have prevailed.” So she called his name Naphtali.” The result of the wrestling is to produce a son. She didn’t fight with her hands. She didn’t beat anyone. Rachel needed to fight her way out of barrenness so she could have a baby. She wrestled with her sister by a strong determination that if she couldn’t give birth to a child there should be someone around her who could give birth to a child. Rachel thought within her that her sister had been winning by birthing children. She affirmed that she had prevailed when her maid gave birth. The concept of wrestling within this context of the scripture is beyond the use of hands, hitting something and physical confrontation.

Jacob Wrestled for Greatness and Blessings

Genesis 32:28 says, “And He said, Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and

with men, and have prevailed.” The angel affirmed that Jacob had wrestled with God and men, and had prevailed. The proof of his prevailing was that a blessing was proclaimed upon Jacob and his name changed to Israel. He wrestled by holding the angel down to do something in his life. He desired to be blessed and his request was granted. Genesis 32:24-27 says, “Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day... But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me...” Jacob held down the angel with his hands and prevailed.

It Takes Maturity in Christ to Wrestle

1 Corinthians 3:1 reads, “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.” The carnal and babes in Christ cannot wrestle successfully. Carnal person is an individual whose mind has not been renewed. Carnal people don’t live by the laws of the scripture and dictates of Jesus Christ. The carnal person is also a fornicator. If you will come to the level of wrestling, you must embrace growth. Your age in the spirit is according to the knowledge of God’s Word in your heart. Your ability to handle and apply the word of God qualifies you for wrestling. Your maturity in Christ helps you to put on the name of Jesus Christ, humility, grace and kindness. Maturity in Christ controls the way you think and act. You don’t need to become a Pastor, Apostle and Prophet to wrestle. You need to attain growth in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

God Trains People for Warfare

Psalms 144:1 says, “Blessed be the Lord my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle.” Training people for war is not for the masses. Gideon gathered 30,000 men but only 3,000 men were qualified for the war. You must be sensitive

to the things the Lord is sending your way. The Lord may be training you for warfare. God trained David for warfare. The way God raises people is that He trains them. God is training you on how to represent Him on earth. You wrestle against principality, princes and principles (ideology, theory, and perspective). Are you ready to be trained by the Lord for spiritual warfare? Accept His training now for you are precious and chosen for His agenda on earth. You don't wrestle with prayer alone. Prayer is not only the weapon for fighting. You need to be trained by God to wrestle.

DISCERNING THE MIND OF GOD IN EVERY SEASON OF LIFE

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, “To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven.”

Be Conscious of your Spiritual Advancements

Acts 19:8-10 says, “... reasoning daily in the school of Tyran-nus. And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.” You must develop the appetite for the truth of God’s word. It’s time to get back to the study of the Bible. It’s time to immerse yourself into the truth of God’s word. Short video clips of the word of God cannot replace your personal devotion. You must develop the appetite to be with God in your privacy for at least one hour. You use this time to meditate in the word of God, sing praises to the Lord and listen to the voice of God in your heart. No pastor will speak before God on your behalf like you will speak to God about yourself. No pastor should hear God for you like you should hear God for yourself. God can speak concerning you to a man of God. However, when was the last time you heard

God for yourself? The Spirit of God within you can teach you all things if you humble yourself to be taught. Your heart should be consecrated to serve the Lord. Don't be a celebrity believer. Don't be moved with popularity. Be ready to get the truth of God's Word. Truth is developed by the knowledge of the word of God. John 8:32 says, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." You must move from receiving *Rhema* (the now word) from the Lord to receiving the truth of His word. The truth shall make you free anywhere, anytime, any day and in any situations. Every truth you receive is added to your life. It will manifest in your life effortlessly. Don't joke with teaching and meditation in your life. They are the gateways to understand the truth of God's word and any area of your life.

Be Intentional to Teach Others Now

Matthew 28:18-20 declares, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen." God wants you to have disciples. You can't raise disciples across various spheres of influence when you don't teach and train. Disciples are born through teaching and training. The question you should ask yourself is: "who am I teaching?" As you are fed God's Word, create time to feed others also. Don't be timid to preach. Don't be timid to teach. Be a man that will reproduce yourself in others. Pour yourself into others. Have at least three people you are teaching. Be intentional to raise followers. Teach the things you read in the Bible, things you were taught by others, and insights you got from a book. I trust the Lord to bring you in contact with the people you will teach. Be intentional to pour out the word of God within you to others. If you are teaching the word of God

consistently to people, you will have desire to receive the word of God more and more. God will not see the need to add more grace to your life, when the grace He has given lies dormant within you. You have to express the grace of God upon your life. More grace comes when you use the grace you possess now. Proverbs 11:9 says, "...But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered." Every time you teach, you bring deliverance unto people. The things you share with others bring deliverance unto them. Don't grow stale; preach to others. It is through knowledge the righteous will be delivered. As a pastor let your teaching go beyond the pulpit. Raise followers across all spheres of influence. Don't give an excuse, rather make the impact from where you are. The things you know, deposit in others.

Signs of Promotion by God

1. New things will happen in your life.
2. New support systems will be evident in your life.
3. New directions will be evident in your life.
4. New assignments will be opened up to you.
5. New status will be achieved.

What Should Be Your Focus Now?

1. This is the time to be more focused.
2. This is the time to give more attention to learning and training.
3. This is the time for more works (tasks and responsibilities).
4. This is the time you need more inspiration.
5. This is the time and season to engage in intense prayer and fasting.
6. This is the time to take personal devotion seriously.
7. This is the time to teach others the things you have learned

from the scripture, things you have read in books, and things you were taught by men.

8. This is the time to raise followers across all spheres of influence.

9. This is the time you hear God for yourself.

10. This is the time you talk to God about yourself.

11. This is the season of daily help.

12. This is the season of angelic visitation for God's people on earth. It is a time to embrace the ministry of the angel of favor in your life. As such, you must remain spiritually sensitive and discerning in this season. Genesis 28:12 says, "Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it." This Scriptural passage reveals the active ministry of angels between heaven and earth. Some angels regularly come to the earth on divine assignments, while others have yet to manifest their operations here. The release or appearance of such angels can bring about significant shifts and divine interventions on the earth. Encounters with angels are real, and God permits such manifestations in certain seasons according to His divine purpose.

13. Joel 2:7–8 states, "They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like men of war... They do not push one another; every one marches in his own column." Gleaning from the truth of this Scripture, this is a season in which God is elevating people to new levels and causing them to walk in dominion. It is not merely human effort that brings about this change; rather, God Himself is the One bringing about the transformation. In this season, individuals are not striving on their own to change their levels – God is the One orchestrating the shift and establishing them in their appointed places.

Effect of the Season

1. In this season, you will witness unusual natural gifts manifesting in the lives of many. These abilities will emerge effortlessly, as people begin to operate in capacities that were once hidden within them.

2. Many people have been positioned by God to become helpers to others. Therefore, do not be insensitive to the changes and blessings that God is bringing into your life. God releases such blessings so that you can, in turn, become a blessing to others. Those who were once ridiculed or looked down upon will emerge as helpers to many. Do not despise yourself or underestimate what God can do through you. Gideon once looked down on himself, saying that his tribe was the least, yet the angel declared him to be a mighty man of valor. Through his encounter with the angel, Gideon experienced a supernatural shift in his life. Genesis 12:2 states, "I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing." This promise reveals God's intention not only to bless His people but also to make them channels of blessing to others. You must be firmly convinced that God has positioned you to be a helper and a blessing to many.

3. There shall be a rising of many new counsellors - individuals whom kings and prominent personalities will seek out for guidance and counsel. These men will operate through the Spirit of wisdom and counsel, enabling them to provide direction and insight in critical matters. Wisdom and sound counsel have the power to position a person among kings. Indeed, it is counsel that grants one access to sit and deliberate with those in positions of authority.

4. Romans 12:6-8 says: "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them... he who gives,

with liberality.” This Scriptural passage reveals that giving is a grace and a gift that God bestows upon His people. In this season, new givers (**kingdom financiers**) will be raised within the body of Christ. Men and women will become passionate and committed to supporting the spread of the gospel through their resources. It is my prayer that you will be counted among such people, and that God will also bring such individuals into your life and ministry. May the Lord bless you abundantly, so that you will become a generous giver (a kingdom financier) supporting the advancement of the gospel and bringing relief and blessing to the lives of many.

5. God is raising a new generation of gospel musicians and artists. At the same time, He will bring elevation and greater influence to those who are already serving within the body of Christ. In this season, both emerging and established gospel ministers will experience divine lifting as God uses their gifts to advance His kingdom and bless many lives.

6. Creative wisdom will be awakened in the lives of many. Through this divine enablement, they will create, build, and design works that demonstrate outstanding excellence.



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