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Introduction

...Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Psalms 35:27

This is good news!

There is a source to which I want to introduce you to in this book. When you hit that source, you will stay refreshed the remaining days of your life.

I am also going to show you the way to that source. The moment you can appreciate and apply yourself to that way, life will deliver to you its maximum benefits.

Most killer diseases reside inside the body of their victims for a long time before they are discovered. Cancer for instance. Medical science tells us that it can be inside a man for eight years without any symptoms, then suddenly, when it has gained absolute dominion inside the victim, it begins to afflict him.

Friend, there is no stagnation without a reason. Whatever has been tying you down from enjoying the beauties of God in life, God is going to reveal it to you in this book. Your story must change this time around! Every tied down issue of your life your Family, your career, your business, must be released by this encounter!

Oh, I thank God for blessings; but God's ultimate is to make you a blessing. God wants to see you prosper! It gives Him great pleasure! God is excited when you prosper. What an encounter this will be for you!

One day, by such an encounter, God picked me out of my poverty, and threw me into the realms of prosperity. This will be that one day for you!

God will usher you into strange realms of prosperity; sorrow-free and God-given kingdom prosperity! Come with me, as I take you into the secret house of wealth.

Until you are able to lay hold on His commandments, you never become a commander. I make bold to say that I am a commander in the realm of wealth. I don't beg, I don't pray for money, I don't borrow. I only line up myself with His commandments, and it just keeps flowing!

Oh it's so sweet! I want you to come to that point where you come on line for heaven's supplies in all areas of life, so you can be a blessing to your generation.

The encounter you're going to have in this book will bring you amazing testimonies too, such as I have!

I want to provoke you to practical living! I'm not out to expound theories to you. John the Beloved said in the opening of his epistles: ...And our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. I John 1:1,3

Friend, the things I have handled and touched, they are the things I will be sharing with you in this book.

You have a very great future, an enviable one at that! All you need is to turn loose for Jesus!

You are not down because things are down. You are down because you don't have the light you need to be up.

They marvelled at Jesus "From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?" (Mark 6:2)

Mighty works answer to "this wisdom". When you locate God's Word on prosperity and you act on it, you're operating "this wisdom" in the realm of

prosperity, and mighty works of prosperity will be the result. It's not luck, it's not connection, it's not fortune!

Isaiah 60:1 says: Arise, shine; for thy light is come...

Until your light comes, you can work and work, and still won't shine!

Job said: As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;

When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me; When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil; Job 29:4-6

The secrets of God is the maker of the saints.

Job was saying here, "The secrets of God made me. My understanding of the secrets of God is the reason for the way I'm shining."

The secrets of God will make any man. I see God making you by His secrets that you will encounter in this book.

The end-time Church is programmed to prosper exceedingly! But then we need the blessings of God to make the promise a reality.

In Haggai 2:6-8, God said: For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;

And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.

And in Zechariah 1:17 He makes us understand that: ...My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad...

God wants to prosper His Kingdom through the prosperity of His people.

In Matthew 24:14, Jesus said, "This gospel must be preached in all the nations and then shall the end come." So if we're the generation that will preach the gospel to all nations, then we are the prosperous generation I'm talking about.

Please understand that we are out on a celebration lane!

God said: Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2

Friend, Jesus is out looking for who to pick; may He find you worthy! The end-time Church is a prosperous Church. So it's important for you to understand how to prosper in the kingdom, how to enjoy true prosperity. It's not, "God, just give me something to eat and to drink." No! He wants to make you a blessing, and all the people of the earth shall see it.

And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers to give thee. Deuteronomy 28:11

Aren't you excited about that? Now, I like this:

Deuteronomy 28:12-13: The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand, and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the

commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them,

So, God's commandments make you a commander.

God is going to raise commanders of such terrific wealth in the body of Christ! People who will change the destiny of multitudes! All you need do is to position yourself by laying hold on the covenant secrets He will be unveiling to you in this book, and things will begin to blossom in your life! Plenty is our heritage!

I'd like your heart to be open. I will be teaching you the fear of God—the things I've heard, the things I've seen, and the things that my hands have handled of the Word of life.

God takes pleasure in your plenty! No father is happy to see his children in lack. Why then do you think that your lack excites God? Which father is excited to see his children begging all around? Have you ever heard somebody

give a testimony, saying, "I thank God, two of my sons are beggars"? Your children's children will never beg!

I want you to know that the prosperity God has planned for you has nothing to do with your profession, your career or your Family background. No! It says, "If thou shalt hearken diligently, unto the voice of the Lord thy God..." Whether you are a carpenter, a firewood seller, water seller, a medical doctor, lawyer or engineer is irrelevant. Your covenant alignment is the issue.

I have no business set up anywhere in this world; no, I'm not selling anything. But I can't be poor! I announced sixteen years ago, "I cannot be poor!" because I encountered the truth that liberates from poverty. This is your chance too!

I would like you to understand this: God's Word is your access into the world of wealth. An encounter with the Word is what makes you a commander in the realm of wealth.

I curse every hold of poverty on your life, in the precious name of Jesus! There is no shortcut! It is the entrance of the Word that gives light and gives understanding to the simple (Ps. 119:130).

There is nothing called luck or fortune in the kingdom. Light is what makes the difference between the winning Christian and the losing one, between the poor Christian and the wealthy one. The difference is light; otherwise, we have a common destiny (Rom. 8:29-30).

You will encounter that light in this book! I have since entered into the realm of tens of millions in my giving to the kingdom, by reason of heaven's downpour! It's not luck, it's light!

I want the same heavens to open for you. All you need to do is come and take what He has given me, so you can see what I am seeing.

I've not traded in any other thing since He called me, and I've never begged, never appealed to anywhere or anyone for aid, and yet I've never been helpless at any time!

This is your hour!

It's not luck! Don't sit down in your corner and be wondering, "I wish I were as lucky."

Psalm 111:10 says: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, a good understanding have all they that do his commandments, his praise endureth for ever.

Can you see that? "A good understanding." And the Word of God tells us that:

Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.
Proverbs 13:15

Friend, good understanding commands blessings! Every blessing of God is transmitted through sound understanding. When you grasp it, it becomes yours.

God said to Abraham: ...Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. Genesis 13:14-15

And the Word of God also talks about "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened" in Ephesians 1:18. So the more you understand, the better you live.

It is your level of understanding that determines your level of possession. I see God giving you a very unique encounter in this book!

May I say this friend: I am not a preacher of prosperity, I am a prophet. God spoke specifically to me while I was away in America for a meeting, "Get down home and make My people rich!"

That is why the things I teach are not the regular prosperity preacher's syllabus. They are divine impartations to make you a celebrity on the earth.

Why? I am sent! Prosperity is one of the twelve-pillar messages of this Commission.

So, I would like your heart to be open and get set to line up yourself with the things I will be sharing in this book. This is the time you will have your own lifetime encounter, as I had it sixteen years ago reading a book like this.

I have seen God in the realm of prosperity since then, that's why He has sent me to go and turn the destinies of men around.

I am sent not only to teach it, but to effect it, so that when you hear what God is saying through me, and you apply yourself to it, there is no way you won't be free. Because, "by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved." God is set to see your destiny preserved!

Now listen to me: between being the lender and being the borrower, which do you want? Between begging and giving, which do you want?

The Bible says your heavenly Father knows that you need these things (Matt. 6:32). So for you to say or pretend you don't need what God says you need is to be a hypocrite!

Our opening scripture says, " Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause, yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant." (Ps. 35:27)

Joshua 1:8 establishes the fact that each man's prosperity is made by him. It says, "You shall make your way prosperous, and you shall have good success."

Say with me, "Teach me Lord, how to make it this time around."

It is my prayer that God will by this book give you a lifetime encounter with His Word of prosperity! The Word of God is our covenant platform for prosperity.

God will take you to the very fundamentals of His plan and purpose for your life and for the Church in general.

Two years ago, John Osteen was led by the Spirit of God and he started a teaching session on prosperity in his church and poverty was swallowed up in victory in that assembly! God's people flourished, the kingdom of God progressed and amazing things happened! The same will happen for you too!

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

I am redeemed to be enriched! So I will be an abuse to redemption if I don't actualise that dimension of my redemption. Jesus came down to lift me up. When He came down, we were raised up, not pressed down. We were raised up together with Him, and made to sit together with Him in heavenly places. High

flyers! That's what redemption makes of saints. That should enter your spirit man.

I'd like you to say and believe this: "I am saved to display His wealth! I am on the right side! I am not a goat! So wealth is my heritage, abundance is my birthright."

Friend, you are saved to display His wealth on the earth! To clothe the naked, feed the hungry and attend to the sick! That's what you're sent to do! (Matt. 25:34-40)

It's time you knew you're not here on earth as a beggar. It's time you know that! God can't tell you to feed the hungry if He hasn't ensured that there's food in your house. He won't tell you to clothe the naked if you are naked. You are sent to minister to the needy, you're not a needy!

Poverty-mentality is satanic slavery! Be free from it! Prosperity does not create enmity with God. Abraham was a super-prosperous man, yet the Bible described him as "the Friend of God" (James 2: 23).

It is the secrets of God that make stars in the kingdom. May God provide you a supernatural access into His secrets concerning kingdom prosperity, in Jesus name!

Prosperity is our identity. If you don't demonstrate it, then you are a misfit in the kingdom.

Prosperity is not the availability of cash, but encounter with light! From now on, money will respect you!

Get set as we take an adventure into the realms of plenty. I am going to be taking you through a four-part teaching on prosperity the foundation for prosperity, why God prospers, our covenant platform for prosperity and how God prospers.

When you have a grasp of the Word of prosperity, you just prosper, you live in a state of no lack. A state of no lack is what is called prosperity. It's not a state of cash, it's a state of light!

When money is in your hand and it is not enough, it is because the light in you is not enough. May you encounter that light, in Jesus name!

It's time to get on the line with God. We're not in a game, we are in a covenant. And an understanding of that covenant makes the difference.

This day will mark the breaking forth of heaven's light and favour in your life! May you experience the touch of God in a new way.

Supernatural supplies is a reality. I'd like you to appreciate this fact. The Bible is full of proofs establishing this.

Prosperity is not just having money, it's a state of well-being which you enter into through the covenant of abundance. You will find it! God will give you a supernatural escape from every discomfort of life, in Jesus name!

So come with me, as I take you through this outstanding teaching, packaged and delivered for your flourishing. I have enough proofs to make you listen to me!

This is the hour of your prosperity! Your struggle must end this day! This is going to be the most explosive and most fulfilling time of your life! God sent me to enrich His people, not by tricks but by truth!

I'd like you to make this confession:

"This is my hour of prosperity. The way to it is the Word of God. I am set for the Word of God. I am set for encounters in the Word of God. I am not going to live my life as a beggar. I am going to be a blessing to my generation. I am not going to be an abuse to creation. Lord, I'm ready. I'm not looking anywhere else, not even to myself. I'm looking up to You.

Help me Lord! In Jesus name!"

I see the mighty hand of God picking and making a mighty man out of you. It shall be so for you in the precious name of Jesus!

Chapter 1

Covenant Dimension Of Prosperity

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God, for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

Prosperity in the kingdom doesn't answer to fasting, nor does it answer to prayer, or prayer of agreement! It only answers to your understanding and practice of covenant details!

What you are selling or the business you're involved in is not what determines your prosperity. No! It is the light under which you are operating that determines the results you get. Let's stop wishing, let's step out and walk in the light!

...it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant...

The power for wealth is released on the platform of the covenant. When you step into the covenant, you encounter the power to get wealth. That was one thing I saw that brought me out of poverty into the abundance that I now enjoy in God.

Prosperity is not a promise you claim in prayers or with fastings and confessions. No! It's a covenant you practise. That means, God has set a stage, understand your part of it, and then the power to realise the promise will be delivered to you.

Now, if you look at Hebrews 9, the Bible talks about the Holiest of all, where we have the tables of the covenant. Among the tables of the covenant is the

covenant of prosperity—the one that brings you into an encounter with the power to get wealth.

A covenant as it were, is like a contract. So it involves two or more people. In this case, it involves just you and God. God is the covenantor and you are the covenantee—you are the beneficiary of the deal. All you need then is a good understanding of what the covenant entails, and you'll be up in abundance.

Look at Psalm 89:34, that will help to establish your confidence in the covenant. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. God is a covenant keeper. His side of every covenant is forever secured, it is our side that is variable. But when we lay hold on the terms that relate to us, and apply ourselves to it, God is committed.

And once you locate the covenant and you enter into it, your struggles all come to an end! Since that day in March 1981 when I saw the covenant of prosperity, I entered into my rest.

You don't pray or fast for a covenant, you just enter into it.

And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; ... and the Lord gave them rest round about.
2 Chronicles 15:12,15

They didn't cry into the covenant, "*they entered* " into it. People enter into it, you sign in for it, you don't confess it.

If you care to sign in for the covenant, your Christianity will take on brighter colours, because the power to get wealth is released on the platform of the covenant of prosperity. You need this understanding.

Let me tell you what triggered off in my spirit and brought me to the point where I shouted, "I found it!" It's Jeremiah 33:20-21: Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

Friend, God's covenant with us is as eternal as the day and the night! Until you can stop the day and the night, you can't stop the covenant! God is saying

therefore, that as long as human life exists on this earth, His covenant with us is intact!

Also verses 25-26 tell us: Thus saith the Lord; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

God is committed to cause our prosperity to return and to have mercy on us, by the immutability of His covenant. Let's get set therefore and discover what that covenant is, and when we enter into it, our case is settled.

...His covenant which he sware unto thy fathers...

What did God say to Noah? While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. Genesis 8: 22

It is also important to note this: ... His covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

It is a present tense covenant. It works for every generation, so it's working presently in our generation now. It will work for you! People have spent so much time in prayer and fasting for increase. No, it doesn't answer to all that.

Can you imagine somebody who has a farm and he goes there and lifts up his hand and prays prevailing prayers; after which he goes home to announce to his wife, "We have the heaviest yam harvest coming this harvest season!"

That's a loser's mentality, because yam won't come out of that ground until yam has gone into the earth! Harvest only answers to seedtime.

The Covenant Will Always Prevail.

When God told Abraham: ...Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee, And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing. Genesis 12:1-2

He moved as he was commanded, yet he met famine there. And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land. Genesis 12:9-10

But in spite of that famine, Abraham prevailed! And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. Genesis 13:2

The Bible also records that Isaac prevailed in famine: And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. Genesis 26:1,12

Friend, the covenant is stronger than any climate! In spite of the famine, God blessed Isaac: And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. Genesis 12:13-14

There is no economic dearth or crisis that can break the efficacy of the covenant!

Abraham prevailed! Isaac prevailed! Because *in all labour there is profit!* Whether in famine or in the absence of famine, in season or out of season, every giver provokes divine blessings; and when he works, he takes delivery of those blessings.

In Jacob's time also: And the famine was sore in the land. Genesis 43:1

But in spite of this, Jacob still had more than enough. In verse 12, he told his sons: And take double money in your hand...

In verse 11, he sent presents with his sons to the man from whom they bought food.

...Take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds:

All this was in the midst of "sore" famine! Jacob still had access to double money and could afford to import food from a foreign country!

So famine is not your problem, ignorance of the covenant is your problem.

God said in Hosea 4:6: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...

Not for famine, not for economic crisis of money failure. He said, *"because thou hath rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee..."*

If famine could not stop our covenant fathers, famine can't stop us. The economy of your nation has no bearing on your covenant walk. They are two separate laws. The law of the spirit of life (under which we operate) is always able to cheaply handle the law of sin and death (Rom. 8:2). Natural laws are subject to spiritual laws, for whatever is from above is above all. So when we walk after the spirit, we dominate the law of sin and death.

It is not luck, it is light! And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John 1:5,9

So, "when men shall say there is a casting down", because you are walking in the light, then you shall say, "there is a lifting up." (Job 22:29)

Many Christians are lost in the natural environment where they find themselves, because they lack the required light to dominate that environment. Isaiah 60:1-3 says:

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

It goes on further all the way to verse 20 to paint a picture of the efficacy of light, the dominion of light over darkness.

So you're not down because things are down, you are down because you don't have the light to be up. The covenant will produce anywhere, anytime, anyday!

God's Word says: Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. Acts 10:34

There is no place on earth for instance, where there are no lenders and borrowers. Yet, they all live in the same environment. Now, where did the lender get his excess from? From the same land that the borrower can't see! They all live in the same place; yet one is up and the other down. Who is to be blamed? You will never be down in your life!

Stop looking at the shadows, there's no substance in it! The Bible says God controls all things by the Word of His power; not by the edicts or policies of the government of your nation. You will never lose control any more in your life!

Look at Psalm 37:18: The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever.

Because they are doing things right, in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

For the upright, things never go wrong. If you will be upright in the covenant, things will keep on being right for you, no matter what's going on where you are. For it is the blessings of God that make rich and adds no sorrow with it (Prov. 10:22).

My hope is not in the budget of my country, my hope is not in the national economy, nor in the global economy; my hope is built on nothing else but Jesus Christ and His precious blood!

For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. Ecclesiastes 9:4

Friend, look up! I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. Psalm 121:1

Look up! Stop looking around at the physical. Give us help from trouble; for vain is the help of man Psalm 60:11

Look up! Every environment is conducive for the covenant. Please understand this fact: those who look around don't go far. Those who look up are the ones that go up. I see help coming down for you now!

I want you to know that there is no condition that can make the covenant of no effect. That should reinforce your confidence. You can stake your life on the covenant. As long as day and night are exchanging positions, the covenant is still in force!

God said: And the Gentiles shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isaiah 60:3

The world has had its turn, it's now our turn. Government has changed hands. It's now our turn! The covenant is taking over, no matter how wicked the wicked are! There's a very clear line of demarcation recorded in the Bible that will excite you:

And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for the money faileth. Genesis 47:13,15

Every time money fails, the covenant prevails!

When that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money is spent; my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not ought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands, Genesis 47:18

It was a national crisis! Yet, in the midst of all that, see verse 27:

And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

Oh, what a paradox! The covenant is simply powerful! Some fellows were offering themselves for sale, and in the same land, some others were multiplying exceedingly! Friend, the covenant provides the strongest covering in the midst of crisis! That's why covenant-keepers are great winners!

While the famine prevailed over the Egyptians, the covenant prevailed for the covenant people. I have been announcing for a long time now that there's coming a conversion of the wealth of the Gentiles to the covenant-keeping saints of God; and it's on already!

The smartness of the Egyptians could not handle the famine, but the covenant was able to handle it without sweat. Let me say this to you: not everyone is suffering, I'm not! Not everyone is giving bribe, I have never given any! Not everyone is using connections, I have only one connection, and it's upward. Upward only!

Covenant! That's what makes cheap stars in the world. Just stay under it. It may be slow, but it's sure. I would rather go for what is slow and sure than for what is fast and has no future. Oh yes!

Say with me, "Lord, help me to stand strong under Your covenant covering all the days of my life."

Hear this: Africans, Europeans, Americans or whoever, may be offering themselves for sale, but under the covenant, I will always prevail! Every condition is conducive for the covenant. I am saying this so you can possess a tireless spirit, a tireless approach to what the Lord is taking us into. Oh it's amazing!

Many have escaped to Europe or America because things are hard at home, only to become slaves there. Just for money! There is no nation on the earth where there is no poverty, and there is no nation on the earth where there is no wealth. There is no nation on the earth where there are no wealthy people and at the same time homeless people.

Brace up, friend! If it won't work for you where you are, it may never work for you anywhere else. Brace up! I see a new day for you!

Yes, God can send you to any nation of the earth. Why not? He is the Lord of all the earth. But there is no escape in any nation. Without a covenant covering, you remain a victim wherever you go. The covenant is it!

Say to Him, "Lord, help me to stand strong under this covenant covering as a lifestyle. That I will give to it all of the time the things it demands of me."

If you're a giver and a thinker-worker (i.e a creative worker) things must always work for you; you will be satisfied in famine.

Friend, I would like you to embrace and appreciate the validity and infallibility of the covenant.

If God can't break the covenant, let no man attempt to break it. If His covenant is tied to day and night, it is foolishness for anyone to attempt to break it!

I see the covenant prevail for you in your time! May everything that is against you bow to the power of this covenant! Enter thou into the joy of thy God, in Jesus precious name!

Chapter 2

Consecration

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Isaiah 3:10

God, without any doubt, is taking us somewhere—to a place of honour, a place of glory and a place of beauty. You will surely get there!

When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. Psalm 102:16

What is this saying?

That is, God will come when Zion has taken her full and rightful position. Jesus will be here after Zion has fully taken her position in destiny—after she has taken over on the earth, according to God's Word. Then all nations shall flow unto her (Isa. 2: 2) That of course is talking about the Church.

God is preparing for that ultimate, so that the sons of God will take over the affairs of life on this earth. You won't miss your place in it! Every plan of God has a foundation. If you don't understand the foundation, you will suffer frustration. That's what Psalm 11:3 makes us understand. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

So every plan and purpose of God has its foundation, and as we embark on this adventure into the realms of kingdom prosperity, it is necessary for us to properly examine the foundation for the Jesus-kind of prosperity, so we won't be building on sand.

See what 2 Timothy 2:19 tells us:

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

We need to understand that every one of God's provision for man has this as its foundation—"*...depart from iniquity.*"

I am going to show you a few more things from the scriptures, that will help you to appreciate this fact, so that the subsequent teachings can produce for you. Many people have the teachings, but they don't have the results. Why? The foundation is not in place. Many are operating the principles, but lack the foundation, so the principles appear untrue; their foundation is faulty.

Let me quickly say this: the Word of God provides a four-dimensional ministry to us.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16

If it is out of place, the principles will not work, adjustments will not produce either. But when the foundation is in place, every other thing keeps working. The foundation is crucial to every structure. So as we proceed to build a strong, lasting prosperity structure, in this book, we need a good understanding of the foundation.

The Mother Of Poverty

And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. Genesis 3:9-10

Man was put in the garden. And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Genesis 2:15-17

But he messed up! And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. Genesis 3:6-7

The immediate effect of man's fall was nakedness! He was stripped of honour and dignity as a result of sin. So sin is the mother of poverty! Sin stripped Adam naked! Adam lost his beauty to sin! Poverty arrived upon man right there in Eden, at the invitation of sin. Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out

the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.
Genesis 3: 23-24

This is where all of man's struggle began. God sent man out of plenty into lack. He drove him out of comfort into the wilderness of want. Sin sent man out of plenty, into lack. Sin sent man out of the garden into the wilderness. The foundation of human depravity is sin! It wasn't the serpent that sent Adam out of the garden, it was sin. It wasn't the fruit (the fruit had always been there), it was sin! As long as sin remains, poverty won't go!

Give Up Sin!

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 2 Timothy 2:19

Until you step out of sin, you cannot step into plenty. This is the sure foundation for every kingdom benefit. It hasn't changed and it will never change; because God never changes. Kingdom prosperity answers to iniquity-free candidates.

If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. Job 22:23-24

When you return to the Almighty and separate yourself from sin, then you become a candidate for prosperity; the law begins to deliver and produce for you. In Malachi 3:10, God commands us to give so that the windows of heaven can open for us. But before then, verses 3 and 4 tell us: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

Only when He has purged you can you then give offerings in righteousness. Then and only then will He accept it.

The foundation has not changed. Departure from evil is a demand. It is what grants you access to prosperity. If you have not departed, you won't see God's

prosperity, no matter what method you use. Iniquity is the cheapest way to block your heavens. Until you step out of iniquity, you don't step into prosperity. The secrets of God are not for the general public.

And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables. Mark 4:11

If you enjoy sin, you can never come in touch with God's secrets. If sin has become your lifestyle, you are without—you can't have access to His secrets, for His secrets are with those who fear Him(Ps. 25:14).

There are two levels of people that are "without". Number one is the unbeliever. Nothing you say about God matters to him, because he is a dog and is "without". The preaching of the cross is foolishness to him. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14

There's yet another class of people "without". This is the believer who has no understanding of the things he is doing. To such a person for example, when he is giving, it is so that his church can prosper—"Well, if you want us to contribute, let's contribute." He is making contributions, he's not giving! He doesn't understand anything about giving. He is suffering from both mental and spiritual blindness, because he is born again but yet wallowing in sin!

Revelation 22:15 tells us: For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. *"For without are dogs."* If you join that to Mark 4:11, you'll find out that to be without means to be a dog. Who are dogs?

For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. 2 Peter 2:20,22

From this we see that dogs refer to those believers who, having been cleansed, return again to sin.

Friend, the secrets of God that make for kingdom prosperity are for the righteous. You must therefore endeavour to keep yourself pure, so you can enjoy the blessings of God's plan to prosper and bless your life. What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. Psalm 25:12

Who will God teach? The man who fears Him! That was what qualified Job for God's secrets and which made him the greatest man in the East. He was described as "*perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.*" (Job 1:1)

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant. Psalm 25:14

Who will God show His covenant? Those that fear Him, not those who just go to church! So the fear of God is what qualifies you for access into the secrets of God, which guarantees triumph in all areas of life. The secrets of God which Job had access to accounted for his shining. He said, "*... I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil*" (Job 29:6).

You need to eschew evil. You need to enjoy holiness. You need to love righteousness, you need to hate wickedness! Then will He show you His secrets. God's secrets are not free, they are limited to those who love righteousness. That's why everywhere you see wealth or prosperity in the kingdom, you discover that it is tied to righteousness. Why? Because the secrets that will lead you into that realm of pleasure, that realm of accomplishment, come only by practical righteousness.

In Proverbs 1:7, we have this powerful Word from heaven: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. The fear of the Lord is what gives you access to the revelations of God.

Say, "Help me Lord."

God's foundation has not changed until you step out of iniquity, you don't step into plenty. Look at this testimony that came in from Burkina Fasso:

*"When I came to the Seminar last month and heard the man of God say that God can turn our lives around if we are to read the book **Breaking Financial Hardship** by Bishop Oyedepo, I took it as a challenge. Even though I have very little understanding of English language, yet I believed the Holy Spirit will*

teach me the truth in the book, so I read the book in the Holy Ghost (so to say). And suddenly things began to happen in my life!

For almost three years I had been trying to sell some caterpillar parts I brought from France but could not get buyers and they were becoming rusty. But as I was reading this book, I got to page 109, where the Bishop was talking about "Compromising Your Integrity" and I began to receive fast understanding of my problem in selling these parts. Not only this. I got to page 112, and the Bishop said, "Right dealings do not reduce men's height, it promotes and sustains it", referring to Luke 16:10-11. I could not go any further, I was grounded in these truth and immediately I realised my past dirty dealings in business. I went on my knees and asked God to forgive me and vowed to avoid ungodly dealings in my business.

Few days later, I received a call from one of my friends, who told me that he had seen a man looking for caterpil

lar parts. I supplied these parts and even made double gain on it! God is indeed faithful! I give Him all the praise and glory for the inspiration given to the Bishop in writing this book"

Kouda Moussa (Burkina Fasso)

This man discovered his problem from the Word. He responded on the spot and came on course with God, and every curse of his life was lifted!

Psalm 1:1-3 has this to say: Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Why?

He has given up on sin, he has turned his back on iniquity; now he is face to face with plenty! *"Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."*

God sent man out of the garden because man sinned against Him. Until the sin question is solved, plenty is not in view! Jesus knew no sin, so He knew no lack. The Bible calls Him the second Adam. He lived in "Eden" while He was

here on earth in the realm of no lack and want. Because He knew no sin, He was not permitted to know lack.

No one shines in the kingdom with sin. Sin stinks! Sin is a reproach to any people! There are two kinds of pleasures in the Scriptures— the pleasure of sin and godly pleasure. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Hebrews 11:24-25

The pleasure of sin is always for a season. But there is also godly pleasure: Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Psalm 16:11

One is for a season, the other is for evermore! The pleasure of sin is for a season, but godly pleasure is for evermore. It transcends the temporal life into eternity. That's why we have "*durable riches and righteousness*" (Prov. 8:18).

Whatsoever the Lord doeth it shall be forever. As long as you are in your place, God will never shift His ground. Pleasures for evermore, and pleasures for a season—the choice is yours! I want you to look at any pleasure that sin brings and say, "I know you are temporal. I am not going for you. I have chosen eternal pleasures." Friend, detest any pleasure of sin, for sin stinks!

Get Back To Eden

If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver. Job 22:23-25

Disobedience took man out of Eden, only obedience can get him back there. The foundation of human depravity is sin; the escape therefore is righteousness. Each man now has to decide whether he wants to stay on in the wilderness of nakedness, penury, lack and want; or whether he wants to get back to Eden—the city of plenty, where God's favour flows freely.

Positive responses to every Word of God is the prelude to a return to Eden. Now, note that every blessing begins with your return home. The father couldn't reach the prodigal son outside, until he returned home. Likewise, your prosperity is at home; and until you're back home, poverty remains your lot! Until you're saved, you're not safe! Your prosperity begins with your salvation.

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2

Until you're saved, what you have is a dead soul! Do you carry gifts to the graveyard for a dead man? No matter how much you loved a dead relation, do you take food and gifts to him or her in the graveyard?

Let's look at some prophetic scriptures that point us to the way back to Eden. Redemption makes you and I citizens of Eden. But unfortunately, many, like Esau, have sold their birthrights.

For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Isaiah 51:3

God is saying here, *"Hearken unto me all you who follow after righteousness. I am taking you back to Eden. See what I did with Abraham! I am taking you back to Eden; that's why I am cleaning you up. You are the seed of the second Adam. It is your heritage to be back in Eden. Follow after righteousness, you will soon arrive there—the place of no lack, the place of no want."*

I see you walking back to Eden with dignity! You will not know the meaning of lack anymore in your life! Eden is your destination, and you're getting there. Henceforth, God's presence will make the difference in your career, your business, your home, your body and your mind, in Jesus name!

Now listen to me: as righteousness increases, favour increases to match. For if God be for us, who can be against us? I see that favour of God exploding forth on your life!

King Asa, we were told in 2 Chronicles 15, kept the covenant for twenty years. But when he shifted his ground, it was wilderness all over again for him! Say with me, "Lord, keep my feet in Your house!"

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. Psalm 92:12-15

I command the blessings in your coming in and your going out! I command blessings over your store house and your baskets! I command the rain of heaven over the works of your hands, in Jesus precious name!

Purity Begets Plenty!

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs 14:34

Remember we're examining the fundamentals for God's kind of prosperity. It has its roots in integrity. Kingdom purity is what gives birth to kingdom plenty. Listen to this: lack and want is not holiness! We have been told that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and wisdom is the mother of wealth (Prov. 3:13-16). It is God's wisdom that begets kingdom wealth, and the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. So your access to kingdom wealth begins with the fear of God.

Consecration is your first step into kingdom "colours"! God will give your life colour when you consecrate it to Him.

Joseph said, "I fear God", and we saw that even in prison, he prospered, because he was on the right frequency. Job too was a man that feared God, a perfect man, and he became the greatest man in all the east. Crookedness never earns anyone a future! Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.

Proverbs 13:11 God prospers those who follow after righteousness. In Isaiah 3:10, He said, *"Say to the righteous it shall be well with him..."*

A man I admire a lot in ministry is Billy Graham. He probably has never preached any message on prosperity, but he lives it. God prospers His people when they follow after righteousness. Billy Graham lives on a 126 acre land!

Friend, if you are saved and you walk in righteousness, if you carry God on your inside, the world must take notice of you. Righteousness is not synonymous with suffering. No! Righteousness is profitable.

It is the will of God that we live the edenic life here on earth. Eden is a place of fulfilment, abundance, rest and luxury! If pleasure is your choice therefore, His presence must be your goal—for in His presence is fulness of joy, and at His right hand are pleasures for evermore. Thus saith the Lord God; In the day that

I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. Ezekiel 36:33

There is a place of no want, a place of no lack, but access there becomes possible only after God has cleansed you from all your iniquity. Then will He rescue you from the wilderness where you had been banished to, and bring you back home to the garden of comfort.

People had thought that seed planting equals automatic prosperity. No! it's your walk with God! God prospered Abraham, yes! But He told him, "*Walk before me and be thou perfect.*" (Gen. 17:1)

Friend, the covenant is not a game, it is a walk! Enoch walked with God and was not, because God took him. And before he was translated, he had this testimony that he pleased God (Gen. 5:24, Heb. 11: 5). God took him, so he did not see death. So will God take you, that you will not see lack!

There's a place of no lack on this earth. When you become iniquity-free, you will enjoy plenty from God. Let's open up!

When you are tired of purity, you are tired of plenty. Let's open up! It's a lifetime adventure. If you must live in Eden, you must live free of iniquity.

Practise Holiness

But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. 1 Timothy 4:7

I call godliness "god-likeness". God's predominant nature is holiness "*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty*" (Rev. 4: 8). So there's no god-likeness without the practice of holiness.

He said, "*exercise yourself* ", so it's a thing you work out, it's not a thing you keep waiting for. You work it out by yourself.

Now, let's see what happens when you exercise yourself unto godliness: For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. 1 Timothy 4:8,15

Godliness is profitable unto all things, not only heavenly things— "*having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.*" Godliness gets you back to Eden, to give you access to the "grapes" of life. It gives you a taste of God's original plan for man, before taking you up to heaven to enjoy eternity with God.

Now look at the breakdown: Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

That is godliness! That means, be an example of the believer in your utterance and in your conduct. In the conduct of your business, the way you conduct yourself in your career—be an example of the believer in spirit, in faith, in purity. That is godliness!

So, it shows in what you say, in your conduct, in your exhibition of love. It shows in all areas of your life—in spirit, in faith, in purity. Godliness is profitable unto all things, so purity has earthly values! True prosperity follows your restoration back to Eden. It's not just money. No! It affords you things money cannot buy. You need to take definite steps towards your return back to Eden.

There is a place of no lack on this earth, and it is only guaranteed when you live a sin-free life. God is saying, "If I chased man out of Eden because of sin, no man will live in Eden while in sin. Only righteousness qualifies any man to be back in Eden. Until you are set for righteousness, Eden is not in view for you." 1 Timothy 6:6,11 says:

But godliness with contentment is great gain. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Great gain means great prosperity. Follow after righteousness, follow after godliness, follow after faith, love, patience and meekness, and you shall inherit the earth. Follow after all these and you will enjoy plenty, beyond what anybody can lay hold on with struggles and efforts.

Purity begets plenty! Iniquity begets penury! Financial iniquity begets financial scarcity (Lk. 16:11). If you're not financially straight, you will die in wretchedness! So awake unto righteousness, stop playing games and cheating people! It takes financial sanity to enjoy financial plenty. It takes financial integrity to enjoy financial plenty. Say with me, "Lord help me to live straight!"

Look at this poem I wrote:

"Nothing beautifies like holiness (*...In the beauty of holiness, in the womb of the morning: thou hath the dew of thy youth Ps. 110:3*)

Nothing dignifies like integrity (*The integrity of the upright shall preserve him Prov. 11:3*)

Nothing uplifts like uprightness (*His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed Ps. 112:2*)

Nothing causes to flourish like righteousness (*The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree, he shall grow up like the cedar in Lebanon Ps. 92:12*)

Nothing is as colourful as consecration (*The foundation of God standeth sure, if any purges himself of these things, he shall be a vessel unto honour— 2 Tim. 2:19-21*)

Nothing prospers like purity!"

It is satanic oppression to think purity equals poverty! The purest place in the whole universe is also the wealthiest place heaven! Heaven is the purest place in all of creation. The streets in heaven are paved with gold. So purity will never be equal to poverty, nor will poverty ever be a proof of purity. As a matter of fact, poverty is a proof of unrighteousness! The day man sinned, God took off his clothes, remember?

Sins strips naked, holiness makes beautiful!

Not For Fools!

The Bible says, *"The prosperity of fools shall destroy them"* (Prov. 1:32). Who is a fool? Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour. Proverbs 14:9

Fools mock sin "It doesn't matter", they say. And since God knows that prosperity will destroy them, so He doesn't allow them to move near it, He keeps it from them.

Fools in the kingdom don't prosper. And we have seen that fools are those who make a mockery at sin, those who sin doesn't move, those who are comfortable with it. But the righteous shall flourish, they shall enter into the realm of true prosperity.

It is cheap to connect purity with plenty. The Holiest of all is the wealthiest of all, even the Almighty Himself. He said, *"The silver is mine and the gold is mine."* And we have heard it said that, *"the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and all that dwell therein, the cattle upon a thousand hills."* All these belong to God, the Holiest of all!

So we really don't have to go far to understand that purity begets plenty. Personal purity guarantees personal plenty. Impurity is an enemy of plenty.

Many have preached prosperity, many can quote many scriptures on it, but very few experience it. Iniquity is one of the greatest reasons why it is so. Your heart and habits go a long way in your desire for prosperity. If you can put your heart in line with God, and your habit under covenant control, you've got it. If only you can let go of all that lying and cheating, all that unholy and ungodly scheming you're carrying on in your business, which are the reasons why you're going around in circles.

But there's victory for you today! You probably might have identified one area of weakness or the other, where the devil has been playing tricks on you; begin to use the blood of Jesus against it now. That anger, that fury, that vulgar language, begin to use the blood against them!

God is going to prosper His Church, but for Him to prosper you as a person, you must attain unto a level of consecration that will not let money bring you into corruption.

Friend, you can have money without money having you! It's possible! Many have proved it.

God is the lifter of the righteous! We saw that in Job. He was a perfect man, one that feared God and eschewed evil, and he was so blessed of God that he became the greatest man in the east. Job was a hater of iniquity and a lover of righteousness.

When sin goes, lack dies! Giving will never be equal to prosperity until the foundation is in place, you can give from now till you die and not see any returns!

The greatest men in the world will soon begin to emerge from the Church, not from the mosques, the shrines, nor from the occult. All those fellows are only occupying temporary positions. We understand this from God's Word, for He said after a while you look for them, but won't find them again (Ps.73:1-22).

Every prosperity is traceable to victory over iniquity. Your giving will never change your position until you return to God in truth and verity. Two great prosperity scriptures make this clear:

...Return unto me, and I will return unto you... Malachi 3:7

If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence, and thou shalt have plenty of silver. Job 22:23-25

So prosperity begins as we "return". After man sinned, God chased him away into the wilderness. The wilderness is the portion of sinners, because God is angry with the wicked everyday.

If only you will clean up, all your seed sown and which have been dying in the earth will come back to life.

Righteousness enthrones! It causes to flourish! It dignifies! It brings beauty! Joseph refused sin! If you don't refuse sin, you will soon become a refuse! Joseph would have become a life-time refuse in the house of Potiphar, but he refused sin. The fear of God lifted him, as we see in Genesis 41:38-44.

See how Daniel transcended all his persecutors and became their head, because an excellent spirit was in him. Everybody knew Daniel with his God. It's time for people to know you with your God too! I pray that you will not cut short your destiny with iniquity. I would rather be cheated than cheat my destiny.

Be awake! We are not serving a heavenly banker, but a heavenly Father. God is not in need of your money! I need to ring this truth into you very well. He said, *"My son, give Me your heart"* (Prov. 23:26). Did He say, "My son give Me your money?"

A departure from iniquity and a return home is the foundation for prosperity. As long as the prodigal son stayed away from home, he remained naked. But the day he returned home, he was clothed and he became a celebrity!

You will not suffer anymore! See your nakedness clothed this time. The God that prospered Joseph on the ground of righteousness, purity and integrity will clothe you also. The God that enthroned Joseph will enthrone you!

Sin is a destroyer, not a friend. Let's fight it with all our being! There is a future in righteousness. Job became the greatest because he lived the purest life in the land.

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him 2 Chronicles 16:9

God will look and find you this time and take you up to where you belong.

Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. Psalm 112:1-3

The true riches of God are for faithful stewards. Faithfulness means righteousness. Oh, I see the dawn of a new day! There's a future in purity. Let's go for it. Iniquity is a destroyer, let's destroy it! Depart from iniquity!

May the secrets of God that cause men to shine as stars be made available to you in this book.

"Nothing beautifies like holiness!

Nothing dignifies like integrity!

Nothing uplifts like uprightness!

Nothing is as colourful as consecration!

Nothing prospers like purity!

Nothing causes to flourish like righteousness!"

These are the missing links I believe, that has frustrated many prosperity practitioners. The scriptures cannot be broken, not even by your givings. Many givers may as well die in poverty, because there is more to prosperity than giving. Giving is only one of the too many aspects that make for your prosperity in the kingdom.

I see God taking you back to the garden, from the wilderness of lack and want where you have been tilling and toiling. From today you will not know lack anymore!

Chapter 3

Dedication

My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways. Proverbs 23:26

Note that God didn't say, "My son give Me your cash."

When it comes to kingdom prosperity, if your heart is not there, your cash is wasted! Talking about the Macedonian Church, they enjoyed so much grace in the realm of prosperity, because as Paul said of them:

And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.
2 Corinthians 8:5

They first gave their own selves, and then their prosperity became legendary.

In Psalm 51:16-19, David said:

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

When your heart is tuned unto God, your sacrifices become acceptable, otherwise they have no meaning to Him. People have made too many mistakes hitherto; what moves Him is your heart.

Dedication is getting connected to God and His pleasures. When you're separated from Him, you separate yourself unto suffering and troubles!

After consecration is dedication. Dedication is being there with Him at all times. It's being planted in the house of God.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;
Psalm 92:13-14

To "be planted" means to be committed. Do you find trees moving about? Wherever you find a tree today, that's where you'll meet it tomorrow. It's planted. *"Those who are planted..."* That word "planted" explains what dedication is all about.

Dedication is "deadly" commitment, being always there!

Dedication guarantees a glorious future. Dedication is the mystery behind distinction. How dedicated you are determines how distinguished you will ever become in the kingdom.

It's not activity I'm talking about. It's dedication—dedicated to God, being planted in the courts of our God, flourishing and still bringing forth fruits in old age!

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3

When you are planted you flourish. That makes all the difference. It says, *"Whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper."* Whatever he does, whether he is selling firewood or whatever, it must prosper.

Isaiah 61:3 says:

...that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

When you are planted in Him and by Him, that settles it! You will be glorified and God is glorified through you too.

So our yieldedness to God is what determines our results. Until our hearts are planted in God, our destinies are not secured.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. John 12:24-26

This approach is the way to greatness. It is the way to prosperity.

When you put a seed in the ground, it comes under some form of pressure. This pressure is required for it to become a fruit. So, the seed goes into the earth and dies in the earth. But later, life emerges from that same region of death! Two grains of corn were put in the ground, but they bring forth for you an average of six hundred grains on each cob! Sometimes you might have three cobs on one stem, just from two grains of corn that had to die!

That's how fruitful Christianity becomes when you become thoroughly dedicated to God.

Nothing multiplies until it is sown! So until your life becomes a seed, planted in the ground of the kingdom, it will not have the colour God has ordained for it. Dedication is what determines the flow of life from God to you. It is putting yourself inside the kingdom earth, for a fruitful destiny.

Jesus said, *"I am the vine, ye are the branches."* We have been grafted in and as long as we stay there, we'll keep on drawing life directly from the vine. Whatever obtains in the vine naturally becomes our own lot. *"For to him that is joined to all the living, there is hope..."* (Eccl. 9:4)

If the branch gets off the vine, there's no more hope for it. It may still look green, but it's only for a while, it will soon dry up.

Transformed!

Let's look at the transformation mystery of dedication in Romans 12:1:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Your transformation is sequel to your dedication. He said when you give yourself over to Him as *"a living sacrifice"*, you will be transformed.

Every dedicated seed ends up transformed into fruits. If you look at the yam seedling for instance, it looks very pitiable; and if while it's growing you try to check what is happening to it, it looks like some rotten faeces. But inside that rottenness is hid the life, beauty and colour of the yam tuber.

After a while, the old yam dies and the new whole tuber begins to develop and you end up with something about two feet long, heavy and breaking the ground around it! But it first had to die! That is how beautiful dedication can be. Dedication is the mother of distinction! *"My son, give Me your heart."*

I am not serving Him for things, no. I have chosen to offer myself to Him.

Somebody says God has called him to preach, and he doesn't pay his tithe. He is a liar! Someone who can't

pay tithe can't give his life. Nobody called him, he's simply looking for a means of livelihood.

There is no truly dedicated person that does not find joy in giving material and monetary offerings. If he has given his life, his material possessions have no more value in his sight.

On September 12, 1976, I made my life a seed: I did it personally, deliberately and consciously! So, I can't but be fruitful; because I am not just giving seeds, I'm a seed! I was not yet called into ministry then, but I knew that all my life will be lived pleasing Him and promoting His Kingdom.

I said, "Now I deliberately turn my back on everything. Henceforth, there is nothing that is mine anymore. You must be Lord of all or not Lord at all." I wrote this down and showed it to my wife (we weren't married then). "This is

what the Lord has told me. Do you still want to marry me?" She said, "Yes", and I said, "Now, sign", and she did.

Many have wondered, "What is Bishop Oyedepo's secret?" It's a long story! It's a whole lot of diverse encounters and "dangerous" decisions!

Friend, you must get to a point of desperate surrenderedness before your true colours can come out. I'm talking about total yieldedness to God. Then everything begins to respond to you.

Many have consecrated themselves, so as to secure a place in heaven; but your place on earth is impossible without dedication, as God will be careful to bless you if your dedication is out of place; He can't tell where you will be off to next, you may go off target.

Consecration guarantees you a place in heaven, but dedication is the mystery behind your distinction on the earth. No truly dedicated Christian loses colour.

They could not find anything against Daniel except against the law of his God. God! God! God! The Bible also tells us that in spite of all Job's sufferings, he did not sin against God; so his latter end was more colourful than his beginning.

You can't be sold out for God and not be marketable on the earth! Your colour will be so attractive that everybody will be looking for you!

Your transformation in life is tied to your reasonable service. When your life becomes a living sacrifice, your transformation in life is secured.

The late man of God, Lester Sumrall had just bought a new car when he got to know that two students were about to be sent out of the Bible School where he was a lecturer because they couldn't pay their fees. That car was like a new wife to him; he used to just sit in it, smiling to himself during his free periods. But when he heard about these two students, he said, "God says the labourers are few, who knows what place these ones have in God's central programme?" So he sold the car to pay up their fees.

That wasn't a give and receive gimmick, that was dedication! Such that brings about your distinction in life.

I am never motivated by the returns I hope to get when I give. My heart has found a resting place in God. Others may be in it for money, but I'm in it for God! Anything about God just turns me on! The choice is yours!

Dedication makes your life fertile and fruitful. It makes you a reasonable worshipper, and your transformation is sure.

Jesus said, *"No one taketh it from Me (talking about His life). I lay it down on My own. I have power to lay it down and have power to take it up again."* (Jn. 10:18) That's dedication!

Say with me, "Lord help me to stay dedicated and stay planted in Your house. My life will no more lose colour. I know where to stand now for my colours in the covenant to come forth. I will stay consecrated. I will remain planted in the house of God, so I can keep bringing forth fruits the remaining days of my life."

May God give you an encounter with this kind of dedication. May you get to that point where your life becomes truly a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Plenty answers to dedication! Dedication is simply kingdom commitment, kingdom connection. Until you commit yourself to the kingdom ground, you cannot become fruitful.

Chapter 4

Affection

Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;

Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things, and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

Deuteronomy 28:47-48

The next issue we want to consider in foundation for prosperity is affection.

I define affection as delightful commitment—getting involved with excitement. There is this prophetic parable in Jeremiah 23:36-39:

And the burden of the Lord shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts our God.

Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the Lord answered thee? and, What hath the Lord spoken?

But since ye say, The burden of the Lord; therefore thus saith the Lord; Because ye say this word, The burden of the Lord, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the Lord;

Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence:

So you have to be delighted in God, you have to be excited! God loves a cheerful giver. That is, God doesn't love just the giver, but the one that gives cheerfully. Giving therefore without being cheerful is wasting your seed. It has no future.

When you do it as a burden and not as a delight, you end up in shame and reproach. When you don't obey God with delight, it's a curse.

God is not a taskmaster. He brought us out of the taskmaster's domain in Egypt, so we can enjoy His favours and blessings. God must not be seen as a burden, otherwise life remains a burden for you!

When you are not delighted in your service unto God, you suffer lack. You know why many people are in lack today? They give their tithes with complaints and murmuring! Any time you're not excited, please never drop an offering, it's a waste! Serve the Lord with gladness of heart!

There is nothing that has happened to you that is not common to man. But when you now make your own special, you become a special problem to God. Hear me: you don't have a special problem, only special ignorance!

You have a flat tyre, thank God you're not the one who went flat! All you do is get out of the car (if you're really going somewhere) and jump into the next bus that comes along and be about your job!

God is not a burden! There is no special problem in this world, don't create one for yourself! There's nothing around you that you cannot handle. There's a great tomorrow for you! It's not a burden serving the Lord, it's a privilege!

Affection is an expression of love. When that young ruler came to Jesus and asked, "*Which is the greatest commandment of the law?*", Jesus said:

...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Matthew 22:37

Your affection for God is crucial in your Christian adventure.

And Solomon loved the Lord... 1 Kings 3:3

That love was what opened him up to the realm of supernatural plenty that he enjoyed.

"Solomon loved the Lord", not, *"Solomon gave to the Lord."* Love drove him to offer to the Lord a thousand burnt offerings. He wasn't giving to get, his giving was just an expression of his affection for God.

Please understand what I'm talking about: giving on its own has no future.

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. James 4:3

So nothing happens when God is not the centre of your action.

And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. 1 Kings 3:4

The heavens was full of the smoke of his sacrifice! And God came down to him in the night and said, "*Ask what I shall give thee.*" And Solomon said, "Lord, I just love You, and I don't want to displease You, I don't want to hurt You. I want to appreciate You for the honour and glory You have placed on me. Just help me to stay pleasing You."

Giving to God without a heart-seated affection for Him will always lead to a lifetime of frustrations. The quality of your affection for God determines your future in the kingdom.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:3

So giving without affection cancels out the giving. Say with me, "Lord, help me to stay in love with You and in the affairs of Your kingdom."

It is the degree of your affection that determines the multiplication of grace you enjoy. If you don't have affection for Him, your giving is nothing but philanthropy. No man can outsmart the covenant! I carry God in my heart, that's why I'm shaking my earth. You need to get started now!

"Bodily exercise", Paul said, *"profiteth little"*, but giving without affection profits nothing. So there are many in church who are profiting nothing.

Someone defined prosperity in a way I love. He said, "Prosperity is making satisfactory progress." That agrees with Proverbs 4:18, which says:

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

When it's not more and more, the man is not just, something is out of place. Life is designed for continuous progress. If a child is not walking at age three, shouldn't the parents be bothered? People say, "Don't worry." No, you should worry! If you don't diagnose a case on time, it may kill you.

You may ask, "What if one is ignorant of this throughout his life?" Well, he will just go through life patching and managing!

Friend, it is the intensity of your love for God that determines the level of blessings you live to enjoy.

Jesus is asking you today, like He asked Peter, *"Lovest thou me?"* (Jn.21:15) Peter replied, *"Lord you know that I love you."* How many can say that with all sincerity today? Your transformation begins with your affection for God.

Paul the Apostle asked, "What shall separate us from the love of God?" That's what determines your height in the kingdom. When you become inseparable from the love of God, your destiny begins to shine forth.

Many in the charismatic circle are in crisis today. Why? There is no affection for God. They are seeking God for their own sakes. God is not the reason

they're serving in church, they're serving for bread and butter; so they keep going through crises! I see you come out of those crises now!

Develop a heart for God, and the earth will hear you! Without a heart for God, you don't make a mark on the earth. David kept celebrating his unique affection for God, so they called him a man after God's heart. You can't be a man after God's heart and not shake your world; no, it's impossible!

"Lord, give me a heart for You!"

You need a heart for God. Every bread and butter Christian ends up disappointed.

Somebody once asked me, "What do you do between the time you give and the time you receive?" I told him I had never given it a thought, because my reason for giving is different from his.

Love is the motive behind all my input in the kingdom. It drives me like wine! I can be careful about the shoes I wear, but I can never be careful about what goes out from me to the Kingdom, because that's where my heart is.

It is not luck, it's not fortune; it is light! When you have that light and you're walking in it, darkness will respect you! It's one thing to have the light, it's another thing to walk in it.

You can't be in love without knowing it. I have said before the Lord several times, "Lord, You know I love You!" Love gets you delightfully committed. You can be committed as a duty, but love makes it more

colourful. You count it a privilege, not a duty or a burden. You're just excited! Something is just tickling you for Him night and day!

Looking at all the scriptures on prosperity, you find the word "delight" recurring: But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. Psalm 1:2

Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Psalm 112:1-2

The word "delight" connotes affection, charity, a romantic word. It's one thing to be committed, it's another to be delightfully committed. That is, God is not a burden to you, you're just in love with Him.

I just love God so much, that's why I know He can't leave me alone. My entire being pants after Him, He's the only being that moves me.

It's not a gift, it's a choice! Just like your wife is not a gift, but your choice, love is also not a gift, but your choice. I have chosen Him as my central figure. Anybody else may choose cars and houses, but I choose Him. Anybody can choose name or fame, but He is my choice! Ask Him anytime, anywhere, and He will tell you that my heart has been with Him for years. I don't love money, yet I have it. Why? I know the rule of the game.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing. Psalm 34:10

There are many money-hunters in church, so they suffer lack and hunger. When you are consumed by God, your destiny can no longer be doomed! When God becomes your song, you never have tears!

Lasting prosperity is nothing but carrying divine presence: *"and in His presence there is joy and at His right hand are pleasures forevermore"* (Ps. 16:11).

The house of your friend is never far, is it? You have neighbours; but when you want to pour out your heart to someone, you go in search of your friend, no matter how far his house is from yours. You will never be alone when you get into a real love relationship with God.

David was that kind of man, and oh, how God blessed him! He said:

Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house.

1Chronicles 29:2-3

It is affection that moves you to the realm of "*over and above*" giving. David brought 3,000 talents of gold, which is equivalent to five hundred and seventy-six million dollars in today's value! He encountered all that by reason of affection.

Please get back and properly relocate your heart; put it on the correct covenant frequency and you will soon begin to shake your world!

All this, "Oh God, I need Mercedes Benz 230" is not Christianity! That's not what you need. Just get on the line with God, and "*all these things shall be added unto you*" (Matt. 6:33).

For a Christian not to sleep because he needs a television set is terrible! He has a problem, that's demonic oppression! He needs to be free. (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:32-33

I have never knocked at God's door for money, but He is committed to keep blessing me, because I am in the covenant. Just get God committed and you will be free for life.

I have committed Him by doing what He said I should do. I am doing it how He said it should be done. I am not doing it to get things, but in love, as He has commanded.

God called Abraham at 75, and made a name out of him. It's never late. Light will always generate life!

Love makes you a sweatless winner!

Listen to me: those things you concern yourself about are not the real issues of life. These things I'm talking about are the things that make living great.

Psalm 37:4 says:

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

You can't be in love with God and not enjoy plenty! When you're in love with Him, you're through with struggles.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. John 14:21

When the Father loves you, you're through! God so loved the world, He gave His best. When you win God's love, you become a star on the earth!

Friend, stay in love, and you will be fulfilled. Stay in love and your struggles will end. That's what *"and he shall grant you the desires of your heart"* means.

No one loves Him without being lifted. Everyone that stays in love with Him lives as a star on the earth. Say with me, "Lord help me to stand strong in the love covenant." When you win the Father's love, heaven's best becomes available to you. God can't love you without the world taking notice, because heaven's best comes naturally to you.

God has made a supernatural help available that will help us stay in love with Him. That help is the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5 tells us: ...Because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost who is given to us.

Pray intensely in the Spirit, for self to give way to God in your heart. Be baptised into delightful commitment, into affection and genuine love for Him this hour, in the name of Jesus!

I decree that your love for Him stays aflame forever, in Jesus name.

Chapter 5

Addiction

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Psalm 122:6

Now, I want to take you to a point of encounter with Jehovah Jireh. We will be looking at what I consider the fourth fundamental issue in kingdom prosperity addiction.

Who shall prosper? The above scripture says, "*they shall prosper that love thee*", not "that love to prosper." Those that shall prosper are those that love the peace of Jerusalem (God's kingdom), that want to see it advancing, progressing and established. That's addiction!

Verse 9 says: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

That's not a trade by barter life, but a life utterly dedicated and committed to the good of the house of God. David was simply addicted!

The formula is clear:

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33

There is what to seek first, so that you won't have any need to seek any other thing, as they would cheaply be added unto you!

I don't know where your heart is, but I must tell you that where your heart is determines where God places you.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God...

That is, you're moved by every kingdom issue; not just to be seen, but because that's where your heart is.

Many are in the kingdom for what they can get, so they always get disappointed. Many there are that are only moved by their own things, so their own things never work. But when the kingdom of God moves you as your own thing would, you're on your way to the topmost top in life. David can testify to this (1 Chron. 29:2-5).

Change Your Position

In the great prosperity passage in Job 22, one thing is very clear:

If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up... Job 22:23

So there is need for a relocation. You're not built up because you are giving, you are built up because you have relocated, you have aligned yourself with the terms of the covenant.

... Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts...
Malachi 3:7

So covenant alignment is the key to heaven's abundance; that is, relocating yourself to fall in line with the covenant demands for abundance. Until you change your position, your situation remains the same.

God said in Jeremiah 29:13:

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

And Psalm 16:11 makes us understand that:

... in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

How addicted you are to the advancement of the kingdom determines the level of abundance you enjoy.

This addiction I'm talking about is not in the volume of what you give. No! It's in the tenacity of your heart—how connected you are to God. David said:

I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, Until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob. Psalm 132:4-5

God has seen how much offerings you drop continually in church. Now, let Him see you drop your heart for Him, that's your reasonable service. Drop your heart! Where is your heart? Return!

Don't let the offerings you give deceive you. Until your body becomes a living sacrifice, you're not in reasonable service yet.

Say with me, "Lord, I will seek the good of Your house with all my heart. My giving is secondary. My heart is the primary issue. Help me, Lord!"

The Word says, "*Rend your heart, not your garments.*" (Joel 2:13) It is your heart that connects with God. Let that heart be truly connected, and then you will begin to see your rain of blessings, you'll begin to make progress. At the end of the day, you won't have anymore requests, because while you were busy seeking "*the peace of Jerusalem*", He was busy bestowing on you His own

peace; while you're seeking the prosperity of His kingdom, He was busy adding to you *"all these things"*.

Seeking the good of God's people commands good to follow you. David was an example of true Biblical addiction which led to earthly distinctions for him. If every businessman has a kingdom dream, his business will definitely flourish.

Now let's have a look at Abraham's addiction to God.

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.
Genesis 22:1-4

Abraham had ample time to change his mind, but he didn't; neither did he consult with anybody. I have looked at this account very carefully and have come to appreciate the fact that this was not just dedication. No! Neither is it just affection. It's addiction!

Abraham was a God-addict! A kingdom addict! Just like you have people addicted to drugs, cigarettes, adultery, or one vice or the other, Abraham was addicted to God. See what became of Him:

And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. Genesis 13:2

And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. Genesis 24:1

Friend, kingdom addiction is the highway to supernatural additions!

And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.
Genesis 22:9-10

This was no pretence! He went three days, climbed up the mountain, built the altar himself (he didn't send anyone to do it for him), all at his age!

And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. Genesis 22:11-12

That means the sacrifice was concluded, Abraham had concluded slaying his son Isaac. But we were not told anywhere that it was done in tears. Drunkards don't weep for lack in their homes, because they are addicted to their drinks. When his wife tells him, "There is no food in the house", all he replies is, "Go to blazes!"

Abraham was lost in his obedience to God's demand. There was nothing more inside him but God! You must also get to that point in your life. That is the point of eternal triumph. You will just keep flying! May God help you to get to this point and stay there, in Jesus name!

May you tap into that Abrahamic grace today, and step into the realm of kingdom addiction, so you can enjoy endless provisions the remaining days of your life. God swore an eternal blessing to Abraham (Gen.22:16-18).

God said, *"Draw near to me, and I will draw near to you."* And in another place He said, *"He that honours me, I will honour."* He is in other words saying, "If you are addicted to Me, I will be addicted to you."

Abraham took in his hand what could be regarded as his greatest testimony, and without questioning God, he was set to go and slay him. And he encountered God! He encountered Jehovah Jireh!

His emotions, his attitude, his thinking, everything was God-controlled, just like every drug addict is drug-controlled. When he hasn't taken it, his whole body begins to shiver; he can do anything, sell anything to get a fresh supply of his drugs. The same way God controlled the whole of Abraham. We were not told anywhere that he discussed the matter with even his wife Sarah.

When you come under such control, you become a controller on the earth. Say with me, "Oh God, help me! I want to see the Abrahamic order of faith at work in my life. I want to obey You absolutely on every issue, no matter what it costs me."

Daniel was another God-addict!

Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. Daniel 6:5

There was no trap that could catch this man Daniel. All around him knew Daniel was addicted to his God. It's time for people around you to know where you belong.

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime Daniel 6:10

Daniel was addicted to his God, and it led to supernatural liftings for him.

So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian. Daniel 6:28

When you become addicted to the law of your God, you have set the pace for the supernatural additions of His blessings.

Let's also look at the three Hebrew boys Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? Daniel 3:14

And they answered him: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Daniel 3:16-18

That's the language of one that is drunk with his God! Remember that they were captives, they didn't even need to commit any offence to be killed. But yet they despised the fiery furnace! See what that earned them:

Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon. Daniel 3:30

Friend, if you're addicted to God, He will be addicted to you! Daniel prospered; Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were promoted—all on the ticket of kingdom addiction!

Addiction is your way to mount Moriah, where you encounter Jehovah Jireh.

Addiction — when God takes hold of the whole of you; when emotionally, psychologically, physiologically, you are all wrapped up in God, completely tied up to Him; when nothing moves you like Him, nothing stirs you on the inside like Him; when He's all you're living for!

When you get to that realm, no matter how many forces are against you, you just keep going up. I'm sure that with the examples of Abraham, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, you have a clearer understanding of what I mean by kingdom addiction. It is unreserved obedience, the cost notwithstanding.

It is absolute yieldedness, when God becomes the central focus of your life. It is when all His Words have become law to you. It is when you rise up in the morning and all you celebrate is God; you go to bed at night, and all you celebrate is God.

There is no way you won't prosper this way. Just get addicted to God, and you will be free. When He becomes the controller of the affairs of your life, everything will go in your favour.

So, you see now that prosperity goes far beyond giving. You will notice that we haven't mentioned giving so far, because it is not the only crucial issue in prosperity.

If the foundation we have considered is not in place, you can have all the theory, till Jesus comes, and still not see God's good and great finger in your life.

I would like you to say this prayer:

"Lord, get me drunk with You like Abraham, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were drunk. Get me drunk with You, Lord, in Jesus name."

Chapter 6

You Can Be A Blessing

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
Genesis 12:2

There's nothing God does without a reason. He said in Jeremiah 29:11, *"I alone know the plans I have for you..."* (Good News Bible).

God is a planner. So, what's His plan or reason for blessing us? Why does God prosper?

...and thou shalt be a blessing.

That's not a title, but the reason why God blesses. That's the only way that the blessing He will bless you with won't kill or destroy you. Until you understand the secret of being a blessing, you'll never enjoy God's blessings.

The level to which you're prepared to be a blessing is the level to which you will be blessed. God will never bless you beyond the level to which you are ready to be a blessing.

We often sing, "Abraham's blessings are mine." Wonderful! But this is the condition—if you're not ready to be a blessing, neither will God be ready to bless you.

No matter how delicious a meal is for instance, if you're not ready to "bless" the earth with the waste, you're likely to die with it. No matter how much you love any dish or how much you enjoy it, you still need to pass the waste out, otherwise, you'll be a dead man very soon!

The reason many are financially dead is because they stopped "going to toilet" financially, i.e. they stopped being blessings unto others. So, they are going about as financial corpses.

When somebody hasn't passed out faeces for about three days, do you ask him, "What food would you like to eat?" No! He wouldn't like any food at that time, because there's one inside him that has become poisonous.

If you eat all your food and drink all your water alone, it will soon dry up! But let it flow out to others and you'll stay refreshed. Stagnant water stinks, you know?

"...And thou shalt be a blessing." This is a commandment that has long been forgotten in the Church when we talk about prosperity.

Every blessing must flow out to others to enjoy, if you don't want it to stop. Abraham reached out to be a blessing to tired travellers.

And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts... Genesis 18:2-5

He was inviting blessings unawares! Many people have allowed blessings to pass them by, because they are tight-fisted; if you touch their money, you have touched their soul!

You want Abraham's blessings? Then you need Abraham's lifestyle! That's the way he got the blessings. Abraham lived practically as a blessing. He was an addicted giver.

Giving leads to blessings, and blessings in turn leads to giving, and the cycle continues like that.

Everytime God talks of blessings, He also talks of you being a blessing (Gen. 22:15-18). God blesses you so you can bless others.

Every genuine giver is more excited at giving than at receiving. Covenant people are not opportunists. They are not schemers. They are people who have

the love and the affection of the people in their hearts. In Genesis 23, Abraham needed a piece of land on which to bury his wife Sarah. Though the people wanted to give it to him free, he, however, insisted on paying for it.

Somebody once gave me a piece of land, which I fenced round, put two gates there and gave it back to the person. Another person also gave me a property (a building), located in a good place I was told (I never saw it). I said, "Call this person, let me bless her." I said to her, "It's in your heart to give this gift, but I seed it back to you as Abraham's Isaac on the altar, that will not be killed. Receive it back in Jesus name."

Covenant people are more eager to bless, because Jesus said:

...It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

One day, I got to the church and I saw my precious people, the sancturay keepers, working so hard at keeping the whole place clean. As I looked at them, I felt in my heart that some of them had some needs. So I called their leader and asked him to let me have the details of such needs. At the end of the day, I gave out over seven hundred thousand naira, to take care of those needs. Why? Because, it's more blessed to give than to receive! God doesn't bless people for the fun of it. He blesses them so that they can become a blessing.

"Abraham's blessings are mine" is more than a mere song. It's a lifestyle. Stop dancing around people's possessions! Stop praying prayers that will make them give you something! No!

Covenant people are not opportunists. They are givers, and are excited at giving.

Everybody who lifts up his hand to the Lord will never lack. You are blessed to be a blessing; when you stop being a blessing, you stop being blessed.

If your income is five hundred naira, don't eat it all, it's not safe! You might be eating up your future unknowingly. The only way to step into Abrahamic blessings is to live the Abrahamic lifestyle.

When God was talking about giving, He said:

...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment. Matthew 22:37-38

So, your giving goes first to God, and then to men around you. God's love is a giving love. When you are not a giver, you are not in love. God so loved the world, He gave His best to the world, to prove His love His Son Jesus.

So God's love is a giving love. And everyone that loves Him, He said He will love; and when God loves you, He will give to you. When you are in the practice of the love of God therefore, you don't stop receiving.

Don't ever give any man what you won't give to God! That's not correct. Somebody wants to give me a car. Wonderful! But I find out first, "Has he ever given such a thing to God?" If I'm not sure, he should take his car back and give it to God directly, not through me. It's God first, anybody else next!

I will never give my wife what I don't give God. God forbid! It will never happen! I'm wiser than that. I have vowed I will never take to my mouth anything near what I give to the Lord. I won't wear what I won't put on God. No! God first!

God's love is a giving love. God blessed Abraham and Abraham responded by giving back to Him (Gen.14). He gave, he didn't pray! He gave to say, "I saw the blessing, here is my giving."

Giving is living! You won't be blessed until you are ready to be a blessing. Don't shut your door and eat all the food, and drink all the water, while somebody is dying next door to you.

Demonstrate your love for God in church—give! Galatians 6:10 tells us:

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Also:

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 1 John 3:17

I could pray for you from now till eternity, but the scriptures cannot be broken—God blesses, only to make men sources of blessing.

Friend, if you want to be blessed, open up! Say with me, *"Lord, help me to become a blessing. I have found out that it's the only way to be blessed. Help me Lord."*

Chapter 7

For His Kingdom's Sake

And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty:

But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

Exodus 3:21-22

Later in Exodus 25:2&8, we got to know why:

Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

God blesses primarily for His kingdom's sake.

The children of Israel were just about to take up their redemption in God, they were just about escaping the slavery of Egypt; and God said to them, *"You shall not go empty. I will make sure I bless you."*

And so He transferred the wealth of the Egyptians to them, He blessed them with the wealth of the Gentiles. He gave them gold, silver and brass. He brought them out of bondage with plenty. But in Exodus 35: 4-5. He called for the gold:

And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying,

Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass, "Take", not "Go and look for." He had already blessed them, and out of that blessing, He was calling for offerings from a willing heart, for the building of the tabernacle.

He said to them as it were, "Take it, I need it now. It's Me who gave it to you. You were in rags in Egypt, then I gave you loads of gold and silver to carry. Now take it, bring it here." And so they responded:

And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the Lord.

And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought them.
Exodus 35:22-23

Please understand this: God blesses for His kingdom's sake. When we entrench this into our lifestyle, we keep the taps of His blessings permanently open.

So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

Therefore thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the Lord of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad... Zechariah 1:14-17

Why was God turning their captivity? So He could spread His city abroad. God is out to bless us, so we can in turn become avenues of blessing to His kingdom.

Every gold you keep away from God will take you away from Him. You either worship God with your gold or you worship your gold. Make your choice.

There are two great contestants for your worship God and gold. And Jesus said, *"Ye cannot serve God and mammon (money)."*

You are either serving God with your means, or you'll end up worshipping your means. Because the children of Israel would not worship God with their gold, they became worshippers of gold. Remember the golden calf? (Ex. 32:1-6)

So it's a risk when you lack the opportunity to give like they did (God had not called for any offering, so they used it to build the golden calf). But when the opportunity came to give for the building of the tabernacle, they kept giving, until Moses had to tell them to stop giving (Ex. 36:6-7).

God blesses primarily for His kingdom's sake. When you're a kingdom-seeker, you'll never lack any good thing in life. Seek the kingdom of God; seek its expansion, seek its beauty, seek its glory, *"And all these things shall be added unto you"* (Matt. 6:33).

Without a heart for God, you can't make a mark on the earth! If everything God is saying doesn't move you, there's nothing you will ever say that will move Him.

The reason why God is always running after my things tirelessly is because I run after His things tirelessly. I can't watch His work die. All my being and my thoughts is after the progress and expansion of His kingdom.

Twenty years ago, I was a student-worker in a remote village. When I arrived there, there was no single church there! I said, "Lord, I must not leave this place the way I met it. So, help me in whichever way You will." I then got a young man who speaks the language of the place and said to him, "you will interpret for me. Work is to start here now!"

I first got him to accept Christ, then we began. And in forty days, we didn't only have a church in place, but had also put up a church structure. Yes, it was a grass structure, but God saw me when I was climbing the palm trees and cutting down palm fronds. He also saw me when I left that village with less than I went in with, because I gave out all my shoes and clothes to the boys who were my co-labourers.

The day I was leaving that village, the village chief came to church for the first time in his life! He said, "We have been told that anywhere church gets to, civilisation gets there too. Thank you for bringing civilisation to our village."

Meanwhile, we had converts of all kinds in church. I wasn't yet called into ministry then, I just had a heart for God.

The eldest man in the village, on behalf of the whole village, presented a bush lamp to me, saying, "The light you brought into our village, let it shine round the whole world." I believe that I earned this ministry I now have from that village.

Where is your heart? If your heart is not with Him, don't expect His hand to be on you for blessings. Without a heart for God, you don't make a mark on the earth.

If you're in church only to collect, you will never stop being disappointed. But if you're in church to be part of the lifting, promotion and progress of the kingdom, give it time; all your mockers will soon see you right on top.

Why does God bless? He blesses so we can bless His kingdom, so we can be part of lifting His kingdom. Whatever gold He gives you, when He calls for it, may you not keep it. Solomon said:

There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.
Ecclesiastes 5:13

When you keep your riches away from God, it is to your own hurt. God is not eyeing your money! There's nothing in your pocket that didn't come from Him in the first place. God is not looking for your money, He's looking for your heart!

You know why you do not give consistently to the kingdom? Your heart is not there! If your heart is there, you won't need any encouragement. I've never needed encouragement from anyone in this world to serve Him! By the weight of my givings (which is now in millions), God is not afraid to give me billions, because He knows what I will do with it. You know He testified concerning Abraham, "*For I know him...*" (Gen. 18:19).

Hear this again: God won't bless you more than how far you are set to promote His kingdom! It's not the prayer of any man that will change your position, it's your positioning yourself in the covenant that will bring a turn-around for you.

God is a lifter! He said, "Honour Me and I will honour you, lift Me and I will lift you, promote Me and I will promote you." It is wisdom to put God first.

Oh yes, I'm involved in ministering to the poor and the needy; but there's nobody I will minister to in this world with things near what I minister to God. *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart..."*, that's the first and the great commandment. You don't go to the second when you have not done the first.

God so loved the world, He gave. If you love the Lord your God with all your heart, you will give to Him with all your heart as well. God is not your heavenly banker, He's your heavenly Father. He responds to love more than to anything else.

"I just love you Lord, I can't help myself!" When that becomes your song, you're on your way to the topmost top.

God blesses for His kingdom's sake. When you allow these blessings to fulfill the purpose for which He has blessed you, He keeps blessing you the more.

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. Matthew 19:29

So when you allow the purpose for which He blessed you to be fulfilled, then He blesses you more and more. Don't give for the sake of receiving; that's a wrong type of giving!

And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. Mark 10:29-30

Luke 18:29-30 is in the same vein:

And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Look at Psalm 102:13-14 as well:

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof.

All you need to do is to favour His kingdom and you will encounter kingdom wealth without sweat. Favour the very dust of His kingdom. When the children of Israel didn't give their gold, they suffered; but when they gave it, He kept blessing them, and they kept bringing, until Moses announced that it was enough. Listen to me: when God says, "I will bless you", never mind the climate. It's irrelevant, as He would surely favour you. But the time to favour you doesn't come until you begin to display your favour for His kingdom. When everything about the kingdom moves you, then you'll begin to move Him to bless you. I see you going up, in Jesus precious name.

Chapter 8

You Can Bless the Poor

For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matthew 25:35-40

The poor around you are God-given assets for your increase in life. So celebrate every opportunity with excitement. There's always somebody in need just around the corner. For ye have the poor always with you... Matthew 26:11

Deuteronomy 15:11 also adds:

For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

When you open up your bowels, heaven's windows also opens in your direction.

One of the reasons God blesses us is so that we can bless the poor around us, to open our hands wide towards the poor and rescue them from the jaws and plague of poverty. Until your arms are open wide to the needy, God's window stays shut over you.

If you eat all your food and drink your water alone, it will soon run dry. There's an opportunity around you there, grab it!

You may say, "There was somebody I helped the other day, and he did this, he did that", recounting some negative experiences you had in the past. No! Just keep reaching out to the poor and needy. Don't say, "When I have a big house..." It's a big heart you need, not a big house!

He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth his ways shall die. He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again. Proverbs 19:16-17

Giving to the poor is a commandment. Verse 16 established it as a commandment and verse 17 gives us an understanding of that commandment.

Having pity on the poor is lending unto the Lord; and you by so doing commit God to give it back to you. And of course, when you lend to a man bigger than you, when he's repaying you, it's always with a bonus. When you lend to a man bigger than you, you're securing extraordinary favours in your direction.

God said, "Owe no man anything." So there's nothing that you lend to Him that is lost. If He says, "He that gives to the poor lendeth to the Lord," then you're through, because you are sure He will repay you.

It's a privilege to lend to the Lord by giving to the poor. You have a guarantee of returns.

He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor. Proverbs 14:31

So, when you have mercy on the poor, you're honouring God. Now, join this with 1 Samuel 2:30:

... for them that honour me I will honour...

When you're meeting the needs of the poor according to the grace of God on your life, you are securing honour from heaven.

Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker... Proverbs 17:5

Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard. Proverbs 21:13

May you respond with godly fear every time the poor knocks at your door!

He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth his substance, he shall gather it for him that will pity the poor. Proverbs 28:8

God will always favour the one that pities the poor.

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. Proverbs 28:27

One of the reasons God blesses is so that you can clothe the naked, feed the hungry and help the helpless. That way, you're on your way to the top. On my birthday in 1996, God laid it in my heart to give two separate cheques of one million naira each, for scholarship to indigent students in the church and the other to service the needs of the people.

Friend, giving is living! It's just like breathing. When a man stops breathing, that's the end, he's regarded as a dead man! Since he's tired of breathing, he's tired of living!

Accumulators of money don't get kingdom wealth; it is distributors of money that are blessed with it.

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. Proverbs 11:24

Anyone who gives to the poor can never lack. You remember Job? One secret that accounted for his greatness he told us, was giving to the poor. He said:

I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out. And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth. Job 29:15-17

So he came out as a mighty prince in his community, the greatest man in all the east! 1 John 3:17 tells us:

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

God's love is only given expression by giving. Friend, God is not blessing you to give you more clothes, more cars, etc. Those ones do come along, but they are not the issue. He blesses you to bless your generation in everyway that they need a blessing.

Then He blesses you for His kingdom's sake. So when you begin to give for His kingdom's sake, you open the windows of heaven in your direction, for ceaseless and continuous supplies. And then, He blesses you to bless the poor.

Watch everyman that is prosperous in the kingdom, He is one that has a large heart: one towards God and towards men that are around him. So God blesses us to make us a blessing. When you're tired of being a blessing, God also will be tired of blessing you.

Chapter 9

Scriptural Proofs

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. Jeremiah 6:16

Examples are the most effective ways of teaching. Let's find out how the men who have trodden the old path made it.

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.
Genesis 14:18-20

ABRAHAM had victory, he had blessings, and he gave, to fulfill the purpose for which he was blessed. According to Hebrews, Melchizedek was Jesus in a figure. So when God blesses you, you respond by blessing Him. Abraham gave the tithes of all, laying an example for us to follow.

God blessed Abraham with a son called Isaac at the age of 100 years. And in Genesis 22, God called for Isaac as an offering! Then Abraham went three days' journey, looking for a mountain where he would sacrifice his son!

God blesses us so we can bless Him in return. Abraham understood this, so he took his son up to mount Moriah, to offer him to God. God was sure he would do it when He saw him bind the lad and lift up the knife to kill him. And then God responded, *"By myself have I sworn, that in blessing, I will bless thee."*

When you fulfill the purpose for the blessing, you keep the blessing flowing! Abraham could bless God with anything God had blessed him with, so the blessings kept flowing. When you know the reason for which God has blessed you, and you're standing on it, He will never stop blessing you. That's how God operates.

Let's look at the nation **ISRAEL**.

And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: Exodus 3:21

And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.
Exodus 12:36

God gave them such favours that transferred the wealth of Egypt unto them. But why did God do so?

And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass, Exodus 35:4-5

And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning.

And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;
Exodus 36:3-4

Mysteriously, even though they were still in the wilderness, as they were giving the gold and the silver, it kept multiplying back to them. So they kept bringing and bringing. I have discovered that whenever God makes a proclamation requesting for something, it's an opportunity to open your heavens to you.

God's blessing has nothing to do with the size of what you give, but with your heart and readiness to serve Him. The Word of God in 2 Corinthians 9:7 says:

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

DAVID said:

Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold...

Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, 1
Chronicles 29:2-3

How many in church can say that today? When you join the "over and above" company, you're on your way to the top. The larger your heart for God, the greater you'll become on the earth.

God told David, "I won't let you build a house for Me because of your blood-stained hands." Shouldn't he go and rest then? David should have just rejoiced and gone ahead to start building all manner of houses for himself. But no, he wouldn't do that! He said, "God, You don't know me. I'm an addict! I will prepare everything before I die!"

Friend, God blesses to make you a blessing! David has proved that God's blessings can be unlimited.

Until you're a blessing to the kingdom of God, you don't become blessed on the earth. So get started on time.

Lord, remember David, and all his afflictions: How he swore unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob; Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed; I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, Until I find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob. Psalm 132:1-5

That's the kind of person God blesses.

Job was an extraordinary blessing to the needy in his community, so God also blessed him extraordinarily. He knew the secret to God's blessings. This is the secret behind kingdom prosperity.

Friend, God is out to bless His people, you won't be the odd one out! You are blessed to be a blessing. So if you're not prepared to be a blessing, don't expect His blessings. When you're committed to being a blessing, you have committed God to blessing you.

So, you better start working now, while others are working; otherwise, while they are eating, you will be begging.

You will not suffer, in Jesus name!

Chapter 10

The Seed Is The Word

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1:8

Now we're going to begin to explore how God blesses. Some people have thought that God blesses you financially when you give financial seed. Well, that's not the whole truth.

Prosperity in the kingdom is on the platform of encounters with *"this book"* the Bible. The Word of God is God's highway to the world of wealth.

Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee. Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles. Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust, and the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. Job 22:21-24

God's kind of prosperity begins with receiving the law and laying up His Words in your heart, because God's Word is what leads to the world of wealth. It is God's gateway to heavenly blessings.

Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. Psalm 112:1-3

It is your encounter with God's commandments that makes you a commander. I command sickness at will, because I've encountered the Word of healing. Concerning supernatural supplies, I once said to God, "Won't You even wait for someone to pray before You answer?" He said, "No. There's a company of people who before they call on Me I answer them, and while they are yet speaking, I perform."

That's the Word company! When you become a Word-operator, you become an automatic commander. It is your encounters with His commandments that makes you a commander. It's your gateway to heaven's blessings, amazing, unmistakable and undeniable blessings!

In Deuteronomy 28:1-14, we see where God opens up, showing us the pathway to His everlasting blessings. It begins with:

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently to the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments... Verse 1

And He goes on to list out the blessings:

...The Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth... Blessed shall thou be in the city and blessed shalt thou be in the field...And the Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods... The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure...

Look at all of that! Friend, the Word is the way to wealth. God has packaged it so. His ways are higher than our ways, there's nothing we can do about it.

"This Book" is the gateway to wealth. It is the answer book for prosperity! Anything that can help your understanding of "this book" is an asset to your destiny, so grab it!

Until you're able to lay hold on His commandments, you never become a commander. In Isaiah 60:1, He says:

Arise, shine; for thy light is come...

When do you shine? When your light comes. Nothing shines without light. And what is that light?

The entrance of thy word giveth light... Psalm 119:130

That light refers to scriptural illuminations that help your appreciation of divine truth.

When does light come? When the Word enters. Not when you hear it, but when it enters. And all the way down to verse 22 of Isaiah 60, it goes on to list all that that light carries in form of blessings and distinction.

The Word of God is God's gateway to heaven's blessings. It's our covenant platform for kingdom prosperity. No short cuts! It is the Word that creates wealth.

Declaring His mission in Luke 4:18, Jesus said:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor...

What do you do to the poor? You preach the gospel. And what is good news to the poor? Prosperity! What is good news to the hungry? Prosperity! What is good news to the naked? Prosperity! What is good news to the homeless? Prosperity!

Prosperity is preached, you don't pray it. You don't fast for it, you preach it. The encounters come by the Word, not by the rigours of religious exercise.

Speaking to John's disciples in Matthew 11:4-5, Jesus said: ...Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

So it is the Word that delivers men from poverty. You therefore need an encounter with the Word, an eye-

opening insight, that will deliver you from all the things holding you down. The true riches of God are only available through the Word of God.

My son, eat thou honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:

So shall the knowledge of wisdom be unto thy soul: when thou hast found it, then there shall be a reward, and thy expectation shall not be cut off. Proverbs 24:13-14

You can't find it without knowing it. So many people know the law, very few understand the ways. The law will only prosper by the understanding of the ways of God.

A prominent man of God used to be very poor. But one day he encountered one little book written by Kenneth Hagin, titled, *"Redeemed From Sickness, Poverty and Death."* And from the insight he contacted from that book, poverty fled!

Another man of God also used to be poor. but one day, he got a load of Kenneth Hagin's tapes, locked himself up in a room and began to listen to them. Light came and his star rose! He began to shine, and poverty had to flee!

For every man with an outstanding breakthrough, such breakthroughs are traceable to a definite light they encountered from God's Word.

My own personal encounter: In March, 1981, I went on a three-day adventure into the Word of God. I sat down with my Bible and Gloria Copeland's book, *God's Will Is Prosperity*. And on the third day, while reading, I found it! Light dawned from heaven like a lightening! I stood up and began to spin around in the room in the excitement of my discovery! I came out and announced to every one, at the top of my voice, "I can never be poor!" It was a verdict

backed-up by light from heaven! Poverty ended in my life that day. Yours too will end today. One thing I will never be called till Jesus comes is, "Needy". No! I will never mistakenly be called "Needy" by any man.

I was in America some time ago, and a man, having enjoyed my ministration, walked up to me and asked, "What needs do you have in your ministry?" I said to him, with absolute conviction, "Our ministry has no needs, we only meet needs!" Till date, we don't receive a dime as aid from any country in the world, nor have we ever solicited for it!

Friend, it's no luck, it's not chance; it's light!

The Prosperity Of Your Soul First

The prosperity of your soul determines your overall prosperity in life. And the Word is what prospers the soul. Until your soul prospers by the Word of God, your life can't taste prosperity.

Every man that was released from the bondage of poverty encountered certain words that brought about their release. It's not the practice, it's first and foremost the Word. The prosperity of your soul by the Word is what results in your outward prosperity in life.

"This Book" is the key. It shall not depart from your mouth, you shall meditate therein day and night. Then shall you make your way prosperous by encounters with the Word and by the operation of the revelations released to you.

It is your soul that prospers first before your life begins to prosper.

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2

The prosperity of the soul is nothing but the revelation of the Word of God. Please understand that there is nothing called luck; you are down because you lack light. When you encounter appropriate light in the area where you're walking in darkness, you will shine as a star! Men triumph by truth, not by tricks. In that testimony from Burkina Fasso, Kouda Moussa did not get his breakthrough until he encountered the light on integrity. Nothing shines without light. Until your light comes, your struggles continue.

There is this testimony from a precious brother in the church. He said:

"I've been privileged by the grace of the Lord, to be in contact with this ministry since 1988. I desired to go to school, but couldn't, because I come from a broken home.

*In 1990, I listened to one of the Bishop's tapes, where he preached on **Possessing The Land With Money**. He said, 'If you are educated and you don't have money, pressmen will not come to your birthday party. But if you have money and you're not educated, pressmen will come to your birthday.' I caught that word and I went out to take up a job. The Lord blessed me tremendously, that within three years of doing that job, I was able to put up a three-bedroom flat!*

After that, I was transferred to another site. After I received my Christmas bonus in January, I gave my pastor the whole package (minus my tithe) and asked him to buy me all the Bishop's books and as many tapes as the money I gave him could purchase. He bought them for me and in March I listened to one of those tapes.

It was that of the December Pastor's meeting. The Bishop said, 'This is your peak and if you miss your peak, you'll end up in a pit. This is your time and you must take time to make it count.' So, I sacrificed the month of April to come for the WOFBI course. I wasn't paid for that month, because if you don't work, you won't be paid. When I got back to the office after the course, there was

a letter waiting for me, that I should report at our head office in Lagos, to fill out the workers' evaluation sheet.

*Meanwhile, on Tuesday, the Bishop had told us to pray that God would single us out for a blessing. And yesterday while in the office, I got a radio-phone message, saying, 'Bro. Nath, what is happening? I discovered that we are owing you 300 tonnes of granite. What do you want us to do?' And my reply was, 'Please dispose of them immediately and send me the money.' And in less than three hours, my Project Manager brought 300,000 naira to me! He also went on to say, 'I discovered we didn't pay you in April' and I said, 'Yes Sir.' And he said, 'I will pay you your salary from my pocket.' And he did exactly that!" **Adebisi, N. B.***

If you don't love the truth, you will never be free from trials. Psalm 45:3-4 says:

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

It is your wonderful insight, contacted from the Word of God, that make you a wonder in the kingdom. Supernatural supplies don't answer to prayer. It answers to insight! Friend, if only you can have light from heaven! Oh, if you can locate yourself in this dramatic access to heaven's source, you will be free for life!

The adventure into the realm of supernatural wealth requires your sitting down to prosper your soul first, so that your life can prosper along. That's all it takes.

And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Matthew 13:54

Every mighty work that people talk about today in the kingdom answers directly to *"this wisdom"*; which is the correct application of the revelations of life, as contained in *"this book"*.

When you walk in the wisdom of financial prosperity, you will end up in mighty finances. When you walk in the wisdom of divine health, you will live in mighty health, and when you walk in the wisdom of the marriage covenant, you will have mighty peace in your home.

It is not luck, it is not chance, nor is it connection! It is light! And when you walk in that light, you enforce the miraculous.

It's Not Money

The Word seed is what controls all forms of increases in our human endeavours in the kingdom, not your money. Abraham only heard the Word of God, acted upon it, and prospered by it! There was no monetary transaction involved, but money came out of that obedience.

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
Genesis 12:1-2

And the Bible says:

So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

And Genesis 13:2 records:

And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

Just for acting on the Word of God! He received the Word, he applied himself to it, and he prospered! No one should be confused about God's basis for prospering His people. The Word, not money, is the platform upon which we prosper in the kingdom. Every time you talk about prosperity and God's blessings, you talk about the Word of God that is applied to produce it.

In Deuteronomy 28, God said, *"And it shall come to pass, if thou shall diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God..."* Not, "And it shall come to pass if you shall diligently give offerings..." He goes on to say:

...These blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee... You shall be blessed in the city, you shall be blessed outside the city; you shall lend always, and shall never borrow; you shall be the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, you shall never be beneath...

All that for doing what? For diligently hearkening to His Word, and putting it to work! So, God's Word is our covenant platform for prosperity. It is Word encounter that guarantees access into kingdom wealth.

Everywhere you see God talk about prosperity, the Word of God is the basis. It is the all controlling seed. Luke 8:11 tells us:

Now...the seed is the word of God.

"Now, the Lord God had said unto Abram... So Abram departed..." Did you see where it said, "And Abraham gave offerings?" Jesus said:

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: Matthew 7:24

Your unreserved response to God's Word is your highway to kingdom prosperity. What did Abraham do? He received the seed, and the seed prospered in the ground of his heart.

Everywhere you see God talk about prosperity, the Word of God is the foundation. And when you respond with excitement to every demand of scripture, whatsoever you do, *"it shall prosper."*

We can then say, "Now the parable of prosperity is this, the seed is the Word of God."

When the seed of the Word of God (on prosperity, such as you're encountering in this book) falls on the good ground of your heart, and you respond appropriately to it, you explode in kingdom prosperity without sweat!

The Word of God is God's eternal seed that controls all forms of increases in all realms of life. For your health to prosper, you have to prosper in revelations on health. For your home to be peaceful, harmonious and pleasant, you have to prosper in revelations of the Word of God on marriage. For finances to multiply and increase in your hand, you have to prosper in revelations of the Word concerning finances. This is because, *"He upholds all things by the Word of his power."*
(Heb. 1:3)

Every increase in your life answers to the quality of the seed in your heart! So prosperity is Word-seed determined, not money-seed determined. It is Word-born, not cash-created.

People have forgotten "the seed" and are dancing around with seeds. It is "the seed" that controls the overall increase of any man in every area of life. The seed is not your money! *"Now...the seed is the Word of God"*.

I didn't see money written anywhere in Deuteronomy 28. Neither in Job 22:21:

Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

Did it say, "Give Him now your money, and thereby good shall come unto thee"? Many are in a trade by barter worship with God! Every outstanding scripture on prosperity doesn't dwell on money. God does not prosper you on the grounds of cash. He prospers you on the grounds of the light in which you are walking. *"Receive, I pray thee, the law..."* (Job 22:22), *"This book of the law..."* (Jos. 1:8).

When I found the Word on prosperity that destroyed poverty in my life, I didn't have a dime in any account anywhere! But that was the day I knew I couldn't

ever be poor, and I announced it to all around. "I can never be poor!" And every demon heard me!

Everyone preaching against prosperity gives offering, but have never seen any financial miracle in their lives. This is because what causes your money seed to produce is the Word seed that is operational in you.

Locate The "Sent"

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Romans 10:14-15

The cheapest way to prosperity is to seek out people who are sent with that message, people who have proofs that it works. Locate the "sent", and camp around his message. It is in that message that you will have an encounter.

You can read your Bible from now till Jesus comes, and still not get a light from it! But locate a man whom God has sent, camp around him, begin to swallow his words and you will soon find something that will loose you from that chain of poverty.

I'm saying in essence that apart from your direct personal effort in locating these things in scriptures, also locate men who are sent to enlighten the world in such areas as you have need of a breakthrough, and then camp around them, until it happens for you.

You remember my encounter with prosperity? It started after I heard the testimony of the Copelands and believed it. I then went out on a three- day search for the light that would give me the same testimony, armed with their books. I wanted to find out what prosperity really meant, because their testimony was very profound and outstanding, and I believed it was of God. I had never met them.

You can't give what you don't have. Acts 3:6 says, "*Such as I have give I thee...*" For instance, I don't bother reading books on Church Growth written by people who are not pastoring any church; because they don't have anything to

give to you, only theories. God has sent people in different areas. Locate those sent in the area of your need.

The Bible tells us that Uzziah the king sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God. And that as long as Uzziah sought God, according to the revelations delivered to Zechariah, God made him to prosper (2 Chron. 26:1-5).

God has sent men in various areas of life, and has given them adequate proofs to show, so that people can find light by their light.

The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it lighted upon Israel. Isaiah 9:8

I found it through Gloria Copeland's book, a few people have found it through me, and I see many more finding it through this book!

There was calamity in the days of Asa the king. There was no teaching priest then, everybody was doing what was right in their sight. Then Azariah the prophet came on the scene and Asa took courage and responded to the revelation that God gave through him; and God gave them rest round about (2 Chron. 15).

No generation in God's creation has ever been left without "sent" men, to proffer solution to the calamities of humanity. God has always sent men and women to service the needs of creation in every generation. Many have tried to catch it on their own; but God has sent men and women to service the needs of His creation. Locate them and camp with them and you will go places!

Locate materials on prosperity, swim in them, and you will be up. See this lady's testimony:

*"Before we started attending this church, we had financial problems. And when we started worshipping here, we heard about giving and we started giving, but there was no result. I then went to one of the pastors for counselling. He told me to read one of the Bishop's books, **Covenant Wealth**.*

My husband and I read the book and we discovered why we had not been seeing results in our giving. The reason

was that we had been giving towards our own needs, not to the kingdom of God. We then asked for forgiveness from God. And that same week, miracles started in our lives!

My husband was on a salary of 1,200 naira per month, but after reading the book, he had to leave the job. Immediately, God gave him another job. Someone called him to interpret English for him. My husband is a French man and can't speak English very well, but this man called him to interpret English for him. The man gave him 9,400 naira for his efforts that week. That same man again said, 'You are a good man, you are a Christian. You will now represent our company here in Nigeria.' That was not all. God then made a way for us to get money without struggling. God showed my husband the way to get money without serving under anybody. He now gets a minimum of 1,000 per day.

Also, since we got married, we had been looking for a house, because we had been living in my father's house. But the following week, a brother called my husband and told him to go and look for a house, that he would give him the money to pay for three years rent. Another person called him again and told him to look for a house, that the money to pay for it was ready. Now, about three different people want to pay for a house for us; they are the ones now hastening us up to go and get a house!" Yotshi, C. (Mrs.)

You seek to find. *"He that seeketh findeth..."* (Matt. 7:8). Riches and honour are with the Word of God. Let's conclude like this therefore: the parable of prosperity is this the seed is the Word of God! No matter what you give, until the seed of the Word is in place, there is no future for your money seed.

The "Water" Dimension Of The Word

Let's quickly look at this other side of the Word. Paul said:

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 1 Corinthians 3:6

Let's take the money you give as the seed, and the Word of God as the water. Tell me, what is your seed in the ground worth without water? Death!

For you to see the importance of the Word of God for your increase, let's bring out God's Word in it's water dimension.

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, Ephesians 5:26

God's Word is water. That means, no matter what you sow as seed, it has to be watered with the Word, before God can bring the increase.

You want prosperity? Make sure you catch the necessary Word that will open you up to the wealth of the Kingdom! God is determined to prosper the end-time Church. And because you're part of that Church, God has programmed to prosper you. All you need do is to make it happen! And how do you make it happen? Go all out for the Word! When you flourish in the Word, you're bound to flourish on the earth.

Chapter 11

Faith: Our Covenant Access

But without faith it is impossible to please him... Hebrews 11:6

Did it say, "But without offerings it is impossible to please God"?

But the just shall live by his faith. Habakkuk 2:4

The just shall not live by his offerings. How does God bless?

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest...shall not cease. Genesis 8:22

Hitherto, everybody goes straight to conclude that "seed" here means money. It is inclusive, but it's not the whole issue. We have earlier been able to establish what that seed primarily represents the Word of God.

While God's Word opens us up to prosperity, the faith that we put in is what makes it to deliver. That is, God's Word is the covenant platform for our prosperity, and faith is our covenant access into it.

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Luke 1:45

No blessing of God can be delivered to you without faith.

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. Hebrews 4:2

So it's one thing to have the Word, it's another thing to mix it with faith on your inside. Until that happens, it does not deliver. *"For without faith it is impossible to please God."* It was by it that the elders obtained a good report. So you don't obtain good reports without faith.

This is the reason the enemy keeps attacking the teachings on prosperity, because he knows that until you hear it, and hear it, faith will not come.

...And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4

The Word of God, when mixed with faith, provides access to everything that the Word promises. It's important therefore for us to know what faith is.

Evidence Of Faith

Faith is not, "I agree." That's consent. Faith is not mental assent. Faith is an active living force. Something that controls your attitude and your actions as you allow the Word you have encountered to direct and control you.

God said to Abraham, *"Get thee out...to a land that I will show you."* *"And so Abram departed..."*, because that word from God had taken control of his entire being. If it were mere mental agreement, he would have sat down first to begin to organise his departure. But the Bible says, *"And so Abram departed..."*

How do I know when faith is at work?

Your Actions

...Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. James 2:18

The word translated "works" here means action. Show me your faith without your actions, and I will show you my faith by my actions.

Abraham believed God, so everything God told him to do, he was on the move immediately. *"Get thee out of thy country"*, *"And so Abram departed."* At another time, God said to him, *"Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."* (Gen. 22:2) And again we see Abraham's response:

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Friend, faith is not taking down notes and doing nothing about it. That's theology, not faith. That's theocracy "God I agree. I'm under Your government after all."

Show me your faith with your actions! Somebody who has heard, *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed..."* (2 Tim. 2:15), but who is not studying is simply planning shame for himself unknowingly.

You have heard, *"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and*

prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it", and all you do is to only thank God for the message, but don't pay your tithe, or you give offerings grumbling (from left over change from Coca Cola)! You certainly don't know the meaning of what you have heard.

You hear the Word that says, *"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase."* You agree, but do nothing about it. That's not faith. Show me your faith without your works and I will show you my faith by my works!

Your actions betray you. It's your actions that tell whether you believe what God has said or not.

...The Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 1 Samuel 2:3

God weighs actions! That was Hannah speaking. The Bible tells us that after her encounter with Eli in chapter one, where he told her, *"Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him"*, Hannah *"went her way and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad."* That was faith in action! So God visited her, and she came up with that prophecy.

God weighs your actions, to prove your faith. Your action either betrays or authenticates your claim of faith. When your action is negative, it only betrays you before God.

Faith is an active living force! When it gets into a man, it turns him on. I got home one day, and my wife announced to me, "I had a miscarriage." I said to her, "That cannot happen. Can I have my food please?" That was the final word said on that issue. No further discussion, no prayer, no opportunity for explanations. The pregnancy was sustained by the force of faith and ended up in our first son, David Jr.! For, *"this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith."*

All this your sluggish religious motions in response to God's Word is a proof that the thing hasn't entered you. Some say, "Nobody knows tomorrow." But I know the One who knows tomorrow, and I am following Him. So my tomorrow is sure. I'm glad to let you know that your God knows your end from the beginning.

Faith is an active living force that controls its possessor. It's an active living force that controls your mentality. When you're the one monitoring it, it's no longer faith.

God told Moses, *"Go forward..."* Was it to go and drown in the Red Sea? But he was under the influence of faith, so he went forward, and as he stretched forth his hand, the sea divided!

Friend, faith has evidence! It is in your actions. God told me, *"The labourer is worthy of his wages."* So, if I must earn wages in this kingdom, I can't be an overseer or a supervisor. I have to be a labourer. I then decided to remain a labourer, so that my wages will never cease. I work and work, and all my co-labourers know that I have a covenant with work! I'll never step out on the platform without preparation, otherwise I will end up in shame. I'm a worker, so I'm worthy of His hire. And when God pays you, you know it's something real big!

When you are not acting according to the Word you have heard, you are not in faith! For every Word you believe, there must be a corresponding action, to prove that you actually believe it. So if you do believe the Word of financial prosperity, your actions will prove whether you actually believe it. God is a God of knowledge, by whom actions are weighed.

Abraham said, *"I know God can raise up children for me from stones."* And he took Isaac, to go and slay him. That's faith in action!

Your Utterances

The second evidence of faith is utterance. When God was telling Joshua of His programme to prosper him, He first of all charged him concerning his utterance:

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth... Joshua 1:8

Watch a man speak, and you can tell what the future holds for him in the kingdom! You can't talk lack for instance, and stumble into plenty. No way! You can't talk want and enjoy divine supplies, because Mark 11:24 says, *"You shall have whatsoever you say."* Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:13:

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

So what you have believed, you naturally speak.

Faith is expressed in words. Not just by the words you speak to other people, but even the ones you speak to yourself. The words you speak either count for you or against you. Everything in life answers to what you say.

In the school of faith, your tongue draws the conclusion. But your tongue answers to the contents of your heart, because it's out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. That's why God is stuffing your heart with matters, so that your tongue will never run dry of the truth that refreshes and prospers.

One of the laws of the spirit of life is the law of right speaking. And that functions according to the contents of your heart. Every seed sower is a prosperous

citizen of the kingdom, if only his mouth allows him to get it.

Let faith be in your mouth, then you shall make your way prosperous, and you shall have good success.

Obedience

What is the connection between faith and covenant wealth? It is simply obedience. That is, walking in obedience to what the covenant demands. When you walk in practical obedience to the terms of the covenant, you are in faith, and it will always produce for you.

Samuel, speaking to Saul in 1 Samuel 15:22 said to him:

...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Obedience will always lead to prosperity.

If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. Job 36:11

The conclusion of the whole matter is be willing and obedient, and you will eat the good of the land (Isa. 1:19). That is faith in its practical terms.

Faith is not in confessing it, but is professing it! Confession is mere talk of the mouth. Profession is your actual practical commitment and involvement. Paul said, *"Holding fast the profession of our faith... he is faithful that promised"* (Heb. 10:23)

We've talked so much about confession, now let's go to the mother of confession profession. Confession is only one of its children. Profession is your stepping out to work it the way God has commanded it.

When a miracle was needed at the marriage in Cana of Galilee, Mary the mother of Jesus told the servants, *"Whatever he saith unto you, do it"* (John 2:5). That is the master-key to the miraculous! Don't recite it, don't cram it, but do it!

Everytime you begin to respond to the Word of God, things begin to happen for you. I see things begin to happen for you right now!

Our adventure into kingdom prosperity requires that we lay hold on this mystery of faith, so prosperity can become real in our lives. Faith is it! It's our covenant access into Kingdom prosperity.

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.
Luke 1:45

So there is no performance until faith is in place. Faith is what triggers off performance from heaven. Your faith is what determines the events of your life.

Chapter 12

Increase Answers to Input

For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. Zechariah 8:12

Prosperity is impossible without seed.

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest...shall not cease. Genesis 8:22

The covenant anchors on seedtime and harvest.

"God is not mocked", says Galatians 6:7, "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

The covenant of prosperity hinges on the mystery of seedtime and harvest. It is this law that brings you into an encounter with the *"Power to get wealth"* (Deut. 8:18).

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: Isaiah 55:10

Seedtime precedes harvest. It is not harvest that determines the seed, but the seed determines the harvest.

First He gives seed to the sower and then bread to the eater. It's not bread to the eater, from which he will take the seed. No! It is the seed that generates the bread. Until this is understood, you will remain at the same level.

Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness; 2 Corinthians 9:10

Did you see that? He ministers seed to the sower, so that food can come forth, and seed multiply! Seed to the sower first, and then bread will come out of it; and inside that bread, is multiplied seed.

Ask any farmer, and he will tell you that their seedtime is prepared for from the current harvest. He looks at his yams, and picks out the fattest of them all, and keeps it away in the barn for the next planting season. The small boys who lack understanding of the farming laws want those fat ones home, as they're the pride of the harvest season. But the father knows better; he says to himself, "For me to get this size of harvest next year, I must put this size of yam aside for replanting." Wise farming demands that you prepare yourself for the next harvest season.

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: 2 Corinthians 9:8

That's talking about riches. What do you do with your riches? Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 1 Timothy 6:17

Paul is here talking about sowing financial seed, to create room for our financial harvest. Seedtime and harvest shall not cease. God is committed to increase only where seed is found. The scriptures cannot be broken. When you attempt to break the unbreakable, you are broken!

What prospers is your seed. No one ever sees increase without first putting in his seed. When there's no seed, there's no prosperity (Zech. 8:12). As you see the day exchanging position with the night, then know that the covenant of God, the covenant of increase, remains intact. And it anchors on one truth seedtime before harvest.

Chapter 13

Financial Integrity

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs 14:34

You still remember Job's story? A man that feared God and eschewed evil; a perfect man. And this man was lifted by God, until he became the greatest man in all the east. What was his qualification? He stood strong on the foundation of God:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom... Proverbs 9:10

What is wisdom? *"Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them"* (Matt. 7:24).

Now, if the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, then the fear of God is the foundation that makes your acting on the Word of God to produce. Job's testimony shows us that you don't have to be crooked to get to the topmost top.

Nothing corrupts more than money in today's world. People scheming to play out one another. When the Bible said, *"Fight the good fight of faith"*, it's talking about money. You must fight financial corruption or you die in it!

The Bible says, *"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life"* (1 Tim. 6:12). That means money is wrestling against eternal life in your life.

But godliness with contentment is great gain.

For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 1 Timothy 6:6-7

And verse 10-12 says:

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

In other words, "I'm telling you, it's a fight! It's a battle!"

Financial corruption is a deadly attack from hell. Jesus once said to a man, "This is money, this is heaven, choose one", and the man said, "I take money!" Or how else would you explain that account in Mark 10:17-25?

Jesus told him, "Sell all you have and give to the poor and you will have eternal life". But he said, "No, I don't want eternal life, I want '*eternal*' money!" He signed for suicide because of money.

Say with me, "Lord, keep me financially sane. Baptize me into your kind of integrity. Let not money corrupt my destiny. Lord, help me to retain this eternal life all the days of my life!"

There was a man called Jacob. This man sent his sons to Egypt to go and buy food. Joseph, finding out that they were his brothers, put back their money in their bags. The Bible tells us that Jacob sent back that money (Gen. 43:12).

Integrity guarantees plenty! All our covenant fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were people of integrity. Who then do you look like, playing pranks on account of money?

There's nothing in money to warrant anybody dying and laying his life on the line for. Many people need to be delivered from the bondage of financial corruption. Such people, when they see money, their bodies begin to vibrate. Their nerves are no longer at rest.

You hide money from your wife, you hide money from your husband, for what?

Listen to me: you don't love money to get it; you love God to be blessed! Lovers of money get lost, but lovers of God get increasingly blessed! Tomorrow is fantastic. All you need to do is live right today. If you live right today, you secure a future for yourself, and for generations coming after you.

Don't sell off your destiny, no! It's too dangerous to your soul. If you remember Judas and Gehazi, you won't do that! To buy something in your office and tender a forged receipt, you're already under the chains of financial corruption! Why must you tie your destiny down? You don't have to!

It takes financial integrity to enjoy financial plenty.

Practical Righteousness

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years. Malachi 3:3-4

Why? Look at verse 6:

For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Before He spoke about giving, He first of all talked about the refining of the saints. That's talking about our need for righteousness before our seed can be pleasant and acceptable to Him.

Practical righteousness is a principal requirement in the school of prosperity. Your "Yea" must be yea, and your "Nay" nay, no matter the cost it places on you. That's practical righteousness!

Until your offering is acceptable to God, it holds no benefits for you. Do you know that Jesus came and put a stamp on that? He said if you bring your offering to the altar, and you remember that there's a problem between you and your brother back at home, don't drop the offering. First go back home and sort things out, and then come drop your offering; otherwise it's a waste (Matt. 5:23-24).

My prayer is that you will practically deal with the things that won't let your offerings be pleasant unto the Lord.

The Lord was speaking to me from 2 Chronicles 15. The Bible says there was no law and no teaching priest. Everyone was doing what was right in his sight, so there was great devastation upon all the inhabitants of the land.

When you're without law, you'll get into trouble. Nature is governed by laws. To be lawless is to be lifeless. When the first man Adam was put in the garden, there was a law to guard his destiny. When he broke that law, his destiny was destroyed (Gen. 3). Life without law is deadly and chaotic, it is colourless. Let's enjoy the laws of God.

Things don't just work anyhow. There is divine order in our relationship with God. When that order is embraced, your life becomes colourful. Christianity is not lawless living. Somebody may say, "We're no longer under the law." No, we're not! But we're free from one law, to get under the other:

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

One law sets you free from another. Nature abhors vacuum. To be lawless is to be lifeless. Watch every schemer, he keeps losing weight, while the righteous keeps flourishing.

What God has for you, no smartness of yours can get it for you. So, yield your life to Him, for you never get stranded with righteousness. *"Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness..."* (Psalm 112:4) There's no embarrassment for the righteous in the kingdom. There's always a way of escape. There's always a future for the righteous. When you respond to His righteousness, God responds to you by filling your treasures (Prov. 8:18-21).

Who will inherit substance? The people who follow the way of righteousness and the paths of judgement. Who will God fill up his treasures? The man who is filled with the righteousness of God.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6

Now, in the name of Jesus, I command everything that is set on your way to corrupt your destiny to drop off you right now. Be free from that chain of bondage, in the name of Jesus. I would like you to consciously plead the blood of Jesus, for your total freedom and deliverance from every form of financial corruption.

The God that lifted Joseph in the land of captivity, on the ticket of integrity, will lift you too! The God that lifted Daniel in the land of bondage on the grounds of purity, will lift you! The God that lifted Job in the midst of sin, on the grounds of integrity and purity, will lift you!

Integrity shall preserve you! Righteousness shall exalt you! Purity shall deliver plenty into your hands, in the precious name of Jesus!

Chapter 14

Giving

The way God prospers is different from the way the world prospers. What the world calls prosperity is how much you have; but in the kingdom of God, prosperity is determined by how much you give. In this chapter, we're going to be looking at four dimensions of giving.

Giving is living. No matter how delicious the food you have eaten may be, there's a maximum number of hours it should stay in your stomach. After that period, it becomes poisonous to your body. Even if you had dinner with the President of America, and you feel like keeping the food in your stomach as a souvenir, after some time, the food turns acidic, and must leave your body or you'll be in danger of ending up in the grave.

The joy of eating is in giving out, i.e, passing out waste. When what is going in is not going out at all, you become a source of concern, and if something is not quickly done to evacuate your bowels, they might as well start digging your grave.

God's Word is four-dimensional-principles, reproofs, corrections and instructions (2 Tim. 3:16). Many like the principles, but very few enjoy the instructions. In the school of prosperity, there is a law (Job 22:21); and then there are the principles that help the law to produce maximally. Now, let's consider one very vital instruction in the school of prosperity.

Tithing

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith

the Lord of hosts.

-Malachi 3:10-12

This commandment is the master key to financial miracles. Tithing is an inescapable covenant obligation. No one escapes poverty when they do not pay their tithes, because they come under a curse.

Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

-Malachi 3:8-9

So no matter how much you give, once your tithe is out of place, the curse still remains. Tithing is an inescapable covenant obligation. Prosperity is impossible without tithing, because when you're not paying your tithe, you're under a financial curse.

Tithing has been in existence before the law of Moses came. Abraham paid tithe of all to Melchizedek (Gen. 14:20). Jacob covenanted the tenth of all his treasures to God (Gen. 28:22). All these took place long before Moses came and brought the law. The law only came to help us appreciate how to do it.

What Is Tithe?

The tithe of your income is not yours. That's where to start from. So, you don't give the tithe. You only give that which is yours.

And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord.

-Leviticus 27:30

That's why God was saying in Malachi 3:8, "...ye have robbed me..." That would be a wrong word for God to use, if the tithe wasn't His. The tenth part or ten per cent of whatever comes to you as income is not yours, it belongs to God.

And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord.

-Leviticus 27:32

Also, God's Word stipulates that if for any reason you spend or eat part of that

ten per cent, God will charge you, because it belongs to Him.

And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.

-Leviticus 27:31

Tithing is therefore inescapable. You either give it willingly to Him or He collects it by charging you to His court.

Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

-Proverbs 6:30-31

It is not possible to steal from the all-seeing God and not be caught.

Please understand that paying your tithing doesn't enrich God. It is in order for you to secure your covenant destiny with Him. Prosperity is impossible without tithing.

The tithe is not yours, so there's nothing to celebrate over when you pay it. Do you celebrate that you pay your tax? Nobody asks you whether you're interested in paying your tax or not; it's your civic responsibility. Even so is the payment of your tithe your covenant responsibility as a citizen of the kingdom.

To be lawless is to be lifeless. Nature is guided by laws. The first man, Adam, was created in the centre of prosperity. But his destiny in it was to be guided by a law that says, "the day you eat of this tree, you will die." Likewise, when you eat your tithe, you begin to die financially! You move, but nothing moves! You work and work, but nothing works! You run, but nothing is accomplished!

Do you want a financial testimony? Then obey the financial laws of God-the tithe of all your income is the Lord's. Don't touch it! It's dangerous to eat up your tithe. Don't try it.

Every other offering answers on the earth, but the tithe answers in heaven. Tithe has a heavenly transaction link, which guarantees you the opening of the windows of heaven. When your tithe answers and your harvest is due, the heavens open unto you.

Tithing is your God-given privilege to establish your destiny of prosperity.

Sickness has no right to you when you're under this covenant of tithing. Accidents and misfortune have no right to you either; because God has committed Himself. He said:

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.

-Malachi 3:10-11

Unlike in verse 8, offering is not mentioned here, because what brings you under this covenant is your tithe. Any other offering you give is according to what God has blessed you with, but this one is defined- "*Bring ye all the tithes...*"

If you've been suffering under this curse, you have here a wonderful opportunity to come to yourself like the prodigal son did, and return home -the home of beauty, comfort, fulfilment and refreshing. Don't let the devil strip you naked.

God said, "*Prove Me now, if I will not open unto you the windows of heaven and pour you out a refreshing that you won't have room enough to contain.*" He said He would rebuke the devourer for your sake and make your laughter a permanent one. Friend, you can't outsmart God. The devourers have tormented you enough, so whatever He tells you to do, do it.

When Oral Roberts was on his dying bed as a teenager, he said to his mother, "I have some tithe there in my suit pocket. Help me go and drop it in church, I don't want to get into heaven owing God." That was how tuberculosis dropped out of his life! He's still alive and on his feet today.

The devourer will no longer have access to you! As your heart is turning back to God, every evil will begin to turn away from you. When tithing becomes your practice, life will give you its best. Take cover from the devourer by entering into the covenant of tithing. He will be far from you as the east is from the west.

The time of ignorance God has overlooked, but now He commands everyman,

everywhere to repent. Jesus said:

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

-Luke 16:11

So what you do with your carnal wealth determines how much of the true wealth you have access to.

There is what is called "the true riches of God." It is the sorrow-free, sickness-free, failure-free, trouble-free, confusion-free, frustration and depression-free blessings. You're just free -free spirit, soul and body. That is the true riches of God.

Tithing does not only guarantee you a blessing, it also establishes an insurance against the wicked arrows of life. I see you escape every such arrows from now on, in Jesus name!

Tithing is our master key to prosperity. We saw it in Abraham, we saw it in Jacob and we have it in the law of Moses. And Jesus talked about it in Matthew 23:23:

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Jesus is here putting His stamp on tithing. It is obligatory, for your covenant birthright to be realised. If you're not a tither, things won't stop being tight for you. Why? The windows of heaven will remain shut, and you know that it's the blessings of the Lord coming from those windows that makes rich. So when the windows are shut, you remain poor.

I would like you to know that everybody pays tithe one way or the other. Why? No one steals from God without being caught. But we find out that very few pay willingly to the right source, while devourers are sent to collect from quite a lot of people who won't pay theirs willingly. Hospital bill today, car breakdown tomorrow, accident here, business failure there-it's the devourers at work.

No one survives the curse of God. God said the man who robs Him of His tithe

is "cursed with a curse!" Let's stop sweating, and let's reach out and take the sweet of life. Tithing is the only way to keep the windows of heaven open. The moment you're set to do it, God is committed, and when you begin to do it, God begins to fulfill His part.

You want a financial miracle? Then whatever He tells you to do, do it. What is He saying? "Bring ye all your tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house."

Tithe is not optional, it's obligatory. It is our master key to the world of prosperity. Until you pay your tithe, the devourers are permitted by God to operate in any way they want in your life.

What Happens To Your Tithe?

*For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;
To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;*

Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.

-Hebrews 7:1-8

That's talking about Jesus Christ. So, it is not your church that receives the tithe, but Jesus Who receives it up there. There is a book of records with Him in heaven; for, "there he receiveth them..." He receives your tithe by Himself. This should stir you up for a change of heart in your attitude to tithing.

Let me say here that every one, including pastors pay tithe.

And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.
-Hebrews 7:9

Some pastors just sit down and expect people to give them things. No! Even the Levites, who by law received tithes of their brethren also paid tithes in Abraham; because they were all Abraham's seed.

Outstanding testimonies abound around the world, to prove that tithers are the wisest men of the kingdom. A man called Robert Ladlaw, a New Zealand businessman, drew up a strategy for his tithe payment, which started with ten per cent, saying, "Lord, as You increase this business, I will increase my tithe by this," drawing up a graduated scale by which he would increase his tithe.

And he did that, giving increased share to the Lord as he enjoyed more success in his business. From the ten per cent, he increased it to thirty, forty and fifty. He said, "God seems to be saying to me, 'Since I have been taken into partnership in this business, I am committed to bless it.' " He rose on the wings of tithe, and became a world figure!

There's this other man called John Lang. He was managing a small family business in Britain. And that business grew to become the largest construction company in Britain, by reason of his committed adherence to the principles of giving. These are not 18th century stories, they are current life stories. I see Jesus touch you and do something unique in your life, as you walk in obedience to His commandments.

Giving is very well-defined in the scriptures. The one that opens you up to heaven's riches, which has no substitute is called tithe. Every other thing happens after *"Bring ye all the tithes..."*

Don't let any devil confuse you, the tenth of every increase that comes your way is not your own. Don't mix it up with yours. And instead of waiting for, "After one month I'll pay it", pay it as often as the increase comes your way, and you'll be free!

Remember there's a record on you up there. When that record is in place, the blessings will answer. It is the blessing of God that makes rich and adds no sorrow with it. It's time to cease from your own understanding. You won't see sorrows anymore!

Many like to collect prayers, only very few like to comply with instructions. But nobody can pray God's blessings upon you when His own blessings from you are not going up to Him.

Whatever He tells you to do, do it. And one key thing He's saying to you right now is, "Do tithing, and things will stop being tight for you." Do it now. Begin today. Not as a law, but in a loving response to His instructions. Don't look at your tithe and say, "Let's quickly rush and use it for something first before we pay the tithe." No! Don't touch what should not be touched, otherwise, you'll pay for it. When you keep the accursed thing, you are destroyed by it. You will not be destroyed!

God has given you the whole ten, but says, "Just give Me one of it." Remember He is the God that said, "Without Me, ye can do nothing." He also said, "Vain is the help of man." So every help you have received came from Him, everybody who has shown you favour did so because God commanded it.

So God is the One doing it, He is the One helping you to play your own part, and at the end of the day, He says, "You take nine, send Me one, to retain your name on My covenant register." You now say, "God, hold on, I need all the ten for now. Hold on for just about three months, I'll see You shortly." Friend, you can't outsmart God.

This simple instruction is one of the things that make for outstanding results in the kingdom. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 11:3:

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Don't now begin to turn the instruction this way and that way in your mind, saying, "You mean it's only tithe that I would pay and things would just turn for me? When I had all the ten, it didn't work; when I now give out one from it, what will the remaining do for me? Didn't they say that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush?"

Nothing makes a fool more than to say, "God is not relevant." Nothing makes a greater fool more than to look at heaven and say, "God, I don't think You understand this situation. Lord, I need all of it." Hear me: nobody has a stable and continuous financial testimony without being a tither, an addicted one at that. Do it naturally, not as a law, but in love.

God said, *"Return unto me and I will return unto you."* And they said, *"Wherein shall we return?"* and He said, *"In tithes and offerings..."* Let me say this in conclusion; tithe is not your uncle's, it's not your mother's nor your brother's; it is the Lord's, and it shall be holy unto the Lord.

Tithing is an inescapable covenant obligation, so don't try to escape it! Why? You are not actually giving, it is God's part of your earnings. Don't take it, don't eat it, don't touch it. Anyone who despises tithing signs in for poverty, lack, and want. Don't! It's not safe. I see a bright future ahead of you!

Kingdom Promotion Givings

This is another type of giving, and it includes your free will offerings and your kingdom demands offerings.

The free will offering is as you will. Jesus referring to it in Matthew 5:23 said, *"Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar..."* So there is what you bring to the altar each time you come to church. And in Deuteronomy 16:16-17, we read:

Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty:

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

1 Corinthians 16:2 says:

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

So, at no time should you come before the Lord empty-handed. This is not tithing, it is free will offerings, aimed at the promotion of God's kingdom.

Note that it says, *"Everyman shall give,"* not *"Some men shall give."* If you're not a giver, no fasting, no prayers nor prophecy can rescue you from being a beggar. Giving is an everyman's responsibility, an everyone's privilege. Saying *"I don't have"* before the Lord is a self-inflicted curse. Don't put that curse on your life.

Once, the man of God, Kenneth Copeland was at a meeting and there was

nothing in his hands to give as offering. When the offering basket came to him, he simply took off the buttons of his suit and dropped them as offering! Many years ago, I said to the Lord, "I don't have any cash in my hand to give as offering. What happens today? I have to give something." So I woke up very early in the morning and went to sweep the church, so that whatever God would have paid whosoever was to have swept the church would be my offering to Him.

Never come before Him empty! It's an abuse of privilege.

Giving to the poor what you don't give to the Lord is covenant foolishness. It has to be in order. You're not a philanthropist. Somebody has a need, yes. But what goes from me to the needy will never match what goes from me to God, because my destiny is not in the hands of the needy. I'm an intelligent distributor, I'm not a waster!

Free will offering is coming before the Lord with something to appreciate His good hand upon your life, according as He has blessed you.

KINGDOM DEMANDS OFFERINGS or sacrifices is like God saying to Abraham, "Bring Me your son, your only son Isaac whom you love, and sacrifice him to Me." Every such sacrifice is God's covenant device for your supernatural lifting.

And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord...
Exodus 35:4-5

This is a kingdom demand offering - the things you do for the kingdom sake by the reason of kingdom demands that you're privileged to encounter. They are the kingdom demands, for the promotion of God's work on the earth.

"This is the thing which the Lord commanded..." That's where sacrifices come in. And of course you know that whatsoever you give for the kingdom's sake comes back to you in hundred fold-manifold more in this present time, and in the time to come, life everlasting (Matt. 19:29; Mk. 10:29-30; Lk. 18:29-30). Whatever you let go for the kingdom sake, Jesus said it is an investment, it will surely come back to you in multiplied forms.

Every sacrifice that is done of a willing heart naturally leads to an encounter, a

divine and supernatural encounter. It must be whole-heartedly given, and with excitement and cheerfulness. You will always be sure of an encounter for increase that way.

Please enjoy giving! It's the cheapest way to enjoy living. Whatever you have is never enough until God is there. As long as the prophet was in the house of the widow, the flour didn't finish. You need a personal encounter, a personal testimony, in order to subdue the trials of life!

When we were to start church planting, there was a great need for money, but the offerings that came in was inadequate. It was an opportunity for me. As I sat down discussing the matter with God, He said to me, "My son, give Me that your car." I knew it was God speaking to me.

When I told my wife what the Lord had told me, she simply said, "Praise the Lord." That was it! So I called one of my staff and ordered him to drive it straight to the car dealer and let it go. It was a Mercedes Benz 280. From that moment, the car left my heart, my mind and my head. I was so excited, I felt very privileged. After that sacrifice, I was going home one day when the Lord said to me, "My son David, even if you don't want to be rich, it's too late!" God swore to me the way He swore to Abraham in Genesis 22.

When God makes a kingdom demand on you, it is so He can add colour to your destiny. It is His secret way of promoting you. So respond with excitement and understanding. Abraham jumped at that demand, and God jumped in to lift him. He became the possessor of the human race (Gen. 22:12,15-18).

Just keep dreaming kingdom dreams and your business can't be doomed, your career can't be doomed. Every kingdom demand is a covenant device for your lifting, so jump at it.

A brother shared this testimony in church:

"Before the last Business fellowship, I was sitting in the sanctuary, and as the Bishop was preaching, I heard the Voice say, 'My son, beautify My altar before the Victory Celebration.' I immediately went to one of the pastors, and told him what I heard. He said, I should go ahead.

The following day, I went ahead to do what God told me to do. And then, I started swimming in business worth millions of naira! I'm now swimming in 2.44 million naira! Also, before the Victory Celebration, there was a property I

paid 155,000 naira for. But it became a tussle between my client, lawyer and myself. But I told my lawyer, 'I have a God, and He is always by my side'. I told him I wasn't taking any case to court, because I know the God I serve, that if my Bishop had never failed, I don't see me being a failure.

And just last week, I was called upon and the man that had been tussling with me for this property now started pleading with me to come and have my property back!"

- David, O. K.

As long as your kingdom dreams remain aflame, that your business can never be doomed. Just keep doing it with excitement, with joy and gratitude to God! Giving for kingdom's sake establishes great destinies for people. When you respond to His demand with excitement, God swears a blessing on you. And when God swears, the battle is over!

After He swore to Abraham, he ended up this way:

And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.

Genesis 24:1

That's the same way you'll end your journey on earth, in Jesus name. It shall be said concerning you and your family that God has blessed you in everything.

Plan Your Givings

Any enterprise is built by wise planning...

Proverbs 24:3 (TLB)

God is a planner and believes in planning. Your offerings must not be haphazardly done. They should be planned and properly programmed. Plan your giving, because you are investing in heaven. Don't just bring out any amount carelessly from your pocket and drop in the offering basket, and at the end of the month, you can't tell how much you have given. No! Somebody into whose hands God will deliver millions can't be doing such haphazard giving.

God is a planner, so let's go ahead and be like Him in planning. Plan your expenditure, plan your investment. Walk sensibly in the covenant. You're the easiest man to be cheated if you're not a planner. But if you're a kingdom planner, you won't have problems. You will give with excitement, and not with

apprehension.

Ask the Lord to help you remain a resourceful covenant planner in all your financial dealings-at home, at work, in your business, in your employment programme (so you don't go and employ people you don't need and pay them money you didn't have to pay.) I curse every form of waste in your life now!

As you enter into this covenant of abundance, may all the needs of your life find an answer!

Giving To The Prophets

Another kind of giving is giving to the prophets. Jesus introduced us to this ministry.

He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

-Matthew 10:41

Prophets are God's anointed messengers sent to be a blessing to us. Everything you give to God's prophets attracts prophetic rewards, because they are messengers of God. So we provoke prophetic utterances from them with the prophets' offerings we give to them.

Prophets are spiritual fathers, so when you touch their hearts, you provoke a release of blessings. You remember Isaac, when he was about to die? He called his son Esau, and said to him:

*...Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:
Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison;
And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat;
that my soul may bless thee before I die.*

-Genesis 27:2-4

Jacob outsmarted Esau and brought the venison, and Isaac poured out his soul to Jacob in blessing.

Also, remember Elisha who always poured water in the hands of Elijah whom

he called "My father, my father..." Elisha had a natural father, but Elijah was his spiritual father. And when Elijah left, a double portion of his anointing came upon Elisha.

Giving to the prophets of God provokes prophetic blessings that cannot be bought with money. Let us see two encounters in the scriptures that will help us appreciate the place of giving to the prophets for our prosperity.

The Widow Of Zarephath

The popular story of the widow of Zarephath is found in 1 Kings 17. After the brook where Elijah was receiving his refreshing from dried up, God said to him:

Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.
So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.
And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.
And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.
For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.
And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.
And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.
-1 Kings 17:9-16

Look at that prophetic blessing! And God confirmed it! The widow and her family were supernaturally sustained till the end of the famine. Prophetic encounters! You need it! You need prophetic encounters that will last you all the days of your life.

I was out on a major outreach in America some years ago and God blessed me in every way. When I returned home, the Lord told me what to do with the offering I came home with (it was the first time I was handling such large amount of money in dollars.) I took all of it (no dime was removed from it) and gave it all to the man of God whom God directed me to give it to.

The man placed his hand on the offering and said, "Your hand will never be dry!" Not only that, he went ahead to sow the offering back to me. And ever since, I've never needed to rely on BTA (Basic travelling allowance) to go anywhere in this world. Since then, I've always had more than enough money on me whenever I travel. Besides, anywhere I get to, money is always there waiting for me.

...Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

2 Chronicles 20:20

That was how the widow of Zarephath triumphed in famine, by responding positively to the word of the prophet. Giving to the prophets of God grants you access into the prophetic unction that they carry, bringing a refreshing upon your life.

The Shunammite Woman

Let's see how this woman encountered God through giving to the prophet.

And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to

the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

-2 Kings 4:8-17

Caring for prophets takes care of your cares. So, let's embrace the ministry of the prophets of God in our midst, so we can manifest more of kingdom prosperity by impartation, as God is committed to the things they say and their counsel (Isaiah 44:26).

This mystery is my natural practice, which has helped me to connect with the things that are connected to life. On one occasion, the prophet of God laid hands on me and said, "From this day, I impart to you the gift of on-time. Before the need arises, the supplies will be waiting."

Such utterances are stimulated by "venisons such as they love." God has made it possible for every one to have at least one of such people in his life, that can become his channel of prophetic liftings.

Every prophetic blessing lasts forever. When the Shunammite woman's miracle child died, the woman said, "I'm going to the prophet, the one who said the impossible and it happened. He can make it happen again!" She went on to lay the child on the bed she had prepared for the prophet. The prophet laid on the dead child and he came back to life! You can't kill a prophetic delivery!

Friend, you need to provoke something upon your life, and break through all those barriers holding down your destiny!

When you don't have any messenger of God sent for your prosperity, your case is bad. Somebody else must say to you, "Be blessed!" One day, one of the prophets of God that God linked me up with said to me, "I see you going twenty times more than where I stopped!" This came from the depth of his heart.

You need to provoke something in your direction. Let's take advantage of the prophets of God in our midst. There are messengers of God sent to every generation. When you identify one of them, take advantage of it. They don't have needs, they are only agents sent to service the needs of humanity.

And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

-Luke 8:2-3

They were ministering to Jesus (the greatest prophet that ever lived) out of their substance. One woman poured a jar of alabaster oil on Jesus' head. And Jesus said:

Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

-Matthew 26:13

Everything that comes forth prophetically as a result of seeds and gifts to the prophet usually lasts. Everyone requires their blessings for lasting prosperity.

The Philippian Church enjoyed the blessings of the prophet that came as a result of their giving to Apostle Paul.

Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

-Phillipians 4:15-19

When you're in the covenant of giving to the prophets of God, things abound to your account, your account keeps increasing, giving food and multiplied seed back to you. God supplies all your needs according to His riches in glory by

Christ Jesus. All your needs! I see God turn your captivity in all areas, as you key in to this covenant access of prosperity.

Giving To the Poor

A fourth dimension of giving is giving to the poor. It will interest you to know that the poor around you is an opportunity for your rise in the kingdom.

For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

-Deuteronomy 15:11

You are either a needy or a supplier of the needs of the needy. You're either a giver or a beggar. But thank God for the opportunity of having the poor around us, it is an additional opportunity for us to rise higher. Your name is not included among the poor that shall not cease out of the land, so why must you accept that status?

Jesus also confirmed this truth in Matthew 26:11:

For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. So the opportunity to give to the poor is an everlasting one. He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

-Proverbs 19:17

When you give to the poor, you're giving to him on God's behalf, you're lending to the Lord. The Word of God says you're sure of getting it back. Ministering to the needs of the poor is one of God's covenant strategies for your prosperity (Prov. 28:27).

Until you're concerned about the needs of the needy, your needs may never be met.

I would like you to be ever ready and willing to service the needs of people. You will never suffer lack doing so. It's an interesting ministry! See this prophetic covering:

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies.

-Psalm 41:1-2

The deliverance of the Lord is a thing money can't buy. Can you buy deliverance from trouble? No! But these are the things you enjoy when you minister to the poor. That's what the Bible calls "the true riches of God."

When you minister to the poor, no matter how determined your enemies are, their evil plans will be punctured! Also, ministering to the poor will destroy sickness. So, stop eating all your food alone and drinking all your water alone.

Ministering to the poor brings you into the realm of the true riches of God. Everyman in need around you is an opportunity for you to increase in your financial height.

Acts 1:1 talks about the things which Jesus began to do and to teach. Anything Jesus did, He taught. He believed in tithing and so He taught it; and I'm sure that because He taught it, He did it also. Jesus gave offerings too. He sat down in the sanctuary when others were bringing their offerings. He wouldn't have been sitting there if He hadn't brought His own. He gave and gave until He gave His own life!

Jesus also taught that whosoever gives to a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. So He believes in prophet's offering. Likewise, He was addicted to giving to the poor. In John 13:27-29 where He said to Judas, "What thou doest, do quickly", the people thought He was telling Judas to go and give something to the poor.

So Jesus believed in these four dimensions of giving, that was why He had a "bag" of prosperity following Him. I would like you to receive grace from God to enter into the four dimensions of giving.

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

-Proverbs 11:24-25

"The liberal soul", not "the receiver's soul" shall be made fat. The giving soul

shall be made fat. He that blesses shall be blessed in return. What you receive does not make you, what you give is what makes you.

Solomon, a man who one should listen to in these matters sounds this note of caution:

There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

-Ecclesiastes 5:13

Giving is living! If you're not a giver, you're not living. The joy of living is giving, so enjoy it! As God has blessed everyone, so let him give. Animals for instance, are in sizes, and they eat according to their sizes. When an elephant, despite all it consumes daily, begin to excrete like a cow or a cat, it's on its way to the grave. Give according to your level.

Everybody is giving, yes. But many are under-giving, so sickness, disease and frustrations continue. As God has blessed each man, so let him give. God will never demand from you what you do not have. God is not a task-master, His commandments are not grievous. Giving is living! Giving your size is healthy living.

Give With A Willing Heart!

Not every sacrifice is acceptable. If it is not given willingly, it holds no future. Paul said:

For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

-1 Corinthians 9:17

Calling for offerings for the building of the tabernacle, Moses said, "Whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring..." (Ex. 35:5) Willing hearted, not forced, not coerced, not cajoled!

Not every sacrifice is acceptable, that's why you have probably given some offerings that didn't bring you any rainfall. Give willingly and cheerfully! Do it, counting it a privilege from heaven.

In Phillipians 4:18-19, Paul said:

But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

If you give without it being willing-hearted, it's a failure. God is not hungry, it is you that need to fill your clouds.

Never be forced to give any offering. Just be excited, so that it will be acceptable. Why must you give an offering that will be rejected? You are not Cain. People who give offerings that are unacceptable to God end up in anger and bitterness, and eventually, are overtaken by some extreme acts of evil!

Don't give out of a corrupt heart either. Don't seek only what you can get back, don't be a trader. You're not loaning God money; far be it that the Almighty will depend on your wretched purse, rather, our wretched purses depend on Him for replenishing.

Don't give an offering that will make it difficult for you to fulfil your financial responsibilities to your family. Whatever you won't do willingly-heartedly, don't do it; because it will not be accepted, and you will end up in anger, and from anger to bitterness and bitterness to any other grievous offense.

And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation...

And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought ...

The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring...

-Exodus 35:21-22, 29

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

-Isaiah 1:19

You don't ever fill your cloud with corrupt offerings. You fill it with an acceptable offering, coming from a willing heart. If it's not a willing-hearted commitment, it is empty and has no reward.

Give Cheerfully!

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

-2 Corinthians 9:7

God receives only offerings that are cheerfully given. If you're not willing-hearted, you can't be cheerful in your giving. It is only a willing-hearted and cheerful offering that fills the cloud. Any other kind dries up the cloud. Anything you present to God as if it's a burden, multiplies your burden, so watch it!

You have the opportunity of giving any kind of offering, as long as it is with a willing heart.

*And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,
And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,
And oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense,
And onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breastplate.*

Exodus 35:6-9

The issue therefore, is not as it were, what you have brought, but your attitude in bringing. In your covenant walk with God, it is your attitude that determines your altitude, because He looks at the heart and not on the outward appearance.

Chapter 15

Working

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. Proverbs 10:4

No one is born poor, neither is anyone born rich. Nobody was born with a three-piece suit and a pair of shoes on. Everybody came to this earth stark naked. Nobody carried a purse or a cheque book when he was born. People arrive here to become whatever they choose to be.

"He becometh poor..." Just like men become rich, others also become poor. Your choice determines what you become. "...But the hand of the diligent maketh rich." So the making of wealth is not limited to giving alone.

Just in a moment, I will show you the balance between giving and working. Giving procures the blessings, while working opens the channel through which that blessing flows back to you. Giving establishes the blessings, but working provides the channel through which the blessings are released.

Giving without working is like pouring water into a basket. The channel is not created for the blessings that accrue from giving to be delivered. Here are two striking scriptures that draw a link between giving and working.

A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men. Proverbs 18:16

That is, room is created by your givings. But look at Proverbs 22:29: *Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.*

So it is your giving, and your working that determine your ultimate placement in life. The charismatics have been taught how to give, but many have not been taught the covenant place and dignity of labour.

Abraham encountered the promise of blessings by giving, but he took delivery of the blessings by working. In Genesis 12, God called him out and promised to bless him. In chapter 14, he gave tithes to Melchizedek, King of Salem, who blessed him. Yet Abraham was a cattle-rearer! God has nothing to bless when you are not working.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper". Psalm 1:1-3

"Whatsoever he doeth...", not "whatsoever he giveth"! It is the giving that positions you by the rivers of water, what you do thereafter is what then enables you to take delivery of the blessings of this privileged positioning.

The work of your hand is the channel through which you take delivery of the blessings. "And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." There's no future for the idle man in the covenant. You have a choice between hardwork and a hard life! I made my choice for hardwork, so I'm free from a hard life.

The Bible says: *Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.* Psalm 127:1

This tells us that God can't bless you until you are busy working. It is your working in the covenant that attracts God's help to get the job done.

Jesus said, *"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."* (John 5:17) Friend, let's stop wishing, let's start working! Nothing works until you work it! There's dignity in labour; stop playing around, you may attract a curse! Don't hang around looking for who will dole out something to you. No! That's not the covenant!

If you're not working, you will not only become poor, you are signing in to die poor! The Bible says anyone who does not work should not eat (2 Thes. 3:10). That means if he must survive, he has to beg.

Kingdom prosperity doesn't stop at giving, it continues in working. Very many are givers, but far less are workers, because majority think the blessings will drop down for them from the sky.

We give, but we have to create channels for the blessings. When you're not going out and coming in, you're not a candidate for blessings. Looking at Deuteronomy 28, you will discover that every blessing is poured out on the work of the hands of the people —"All that thou settest thy hand unto..." Our giving is like the rainfall that falls upon the work we do, causing a release of the blessings.

However, your working (very hard) will be labour in vain without the giving covenant being in place. In Haggai 1:11 God said:

And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

Why? "Because My house was lying in ruins and you are not bothered about it, so I can't be bothered about you", God says. So, "When you earn wages, it goes into pockets that have holes." Why? Because you're not in the giving covenant.

When you're not a giver, but you're a hard worker, you just keep suffering in frustration, because God's blessings is not on what you're doing, so it cannot produce results.

Remain Tireless

God's ultimate for your life demands tireless input. God's Word says in Galatians 6:9: *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

So your ultimate in the kingdom demands that you faint not. When you faint, it fails. Jesus told a parable in Mark 4: 26-28:

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

No matter how marvellous the revelation you have received from God, it will still bring forth results in phases. It takes patience to make the mark that God has designed for us in the school of prosperity.

It is that kind of patience that stirs you up for tireless input. *"For in due season you shall reap, if you faint not."* If you faint it fails!

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.
Habakkuk 2:3

Every revelation only speaks at the end. So you need tireless pursuit of the vision in order not to fail before the end. Scriptures like, *"Let God be true and all men liars"*, become very useful at such times.

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"At the end it shall speak." There are too many "Get-rich-quick" Christians today, and they are the quickest to be frustrated. Many I guess, may have looked at me at one time or the other and say to themselves, "Mm, Bishop is

lucky." No, Bishop is "worky"! I work out my salvation in givings and in labour, and I've been doing that for years.

I'm not into the teaching of glamorous covenant wealth, but into practical covenant pursuit. I understand God's ways and I give myself totally to it, knowing that the One who has spoken cannot lie. So any time it comes is good time.

Every vision speaks at the end. Many would have gone far ahead, but unfortunately, just one more day to their breakthrough, they faint. I curse every force set against you, to make you faint and fall in the covenant, in Jesus name!

You remember the way Saul failed? He had waited, and just one more minute for Samuel to come, he said, "I can't wait anymore." And he lost his kingdom to impatience. Just one more day for a man's heavens to open and reward his labours of many years, and he says, "I don't think this thing is working!" And he gives up. That will not be your case in Jesus name.

...But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Mark 13:13

This is also repeated in Matthew 24:13. Receive the grace to endure to the end now. It's time for God's vision in your life to start speaking. They have turned you into a laughing stock in some quarters, but don't give up; because you're just about entering into your destiny.

When I first started preaching the prosperity message, I was an object of mockery, because I didn't look it at all. God had encouraged me with these words, "*...As poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.*" (2 Cor. 6:10)

So I kept on doing what He sent me to do—"Go, make My people rich." I had a choice to bang it, because a very terrible wave of mockery had risen up against me. But I knew in whom I had believed. They called me all manner of names then, but all my mockers are in oblivion today. And now the vision is speaking!

So we must remain tireless both in our giving and working.

Ecclesiastes 7:8 tells us: *Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.*

And verse 10 adds: *Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.*

Your today is better than your yesterday. That is godly wisdom. That is what propels you and keeps you going. Why? God's Word has said, *"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."* (Prov. 4:18)

If God said it, why are you saying something else? It is wisdom to know that today is better than yesterday, and that tomorrow will be better than today. There's a better tomorrow for you, all you need to do is keep working towards it, at the end it shall speak.

Every input is an investment, the dividend must surely answer someday. May you be there that someday, when the dividend begins to answer to your faithfulness. We need covenant patience to enjoy covenant blessings. God is not a robber. God is not a thief. His name is called "The Faithful Witness." He cannot deny Himself.

As long as you don't stop giving, and you don't stop working, there is no way it will not speak at the end. Proverbs 14:23 makes us to understand that, *"In all labour there is profit..."* So every input is a kind of seed, the fruit will answer someday. Just make sure your hands remain working hands, because working hands are blessed hands.

Our Covenant Fathers

All our covenant fathers were hard and tireless workers. Abraham at the age of 75 was still a cattle-rearer. Isaac dug a well, they filled it. He dug yet another, and they filled it. Then he dug the third one, *"and for that they strove not"* (Gen. 26). He tired out his contenders.

Another famine rose in the days of Isaac, different from the famine that was in the days of Abraham, but Isaac rose up to the task. He was a smart worker. Abimelech and his chiefs went to Isaac to do obeisance to him. *"For thou art much mightier than we"*, they said to him. A stranger became mightier than the sons of the soil; because of his giving and working life! He was perfectly in the covenant.

If one job closes, open another. What are you there mourning and moaning for? Didn't the scriptures say, *"They shall come against you one way, but they will flee before you seven ways?"*

You lost one job, yes! Do you now want to lose your life along with it? It's not your hands you lost, it's only a job; so find another one — *"Whatsoever thy*

hand findeth to do, do it with all thine might." Your hand therefore should be a finding hand.

It is impossible to rise without working. Anybody that won't provoke you to work is destroying your destiny without knowing.

There are three levels at which our covenant fathers worked:

- They were hard workers
- They were tireless workers
- They were creative workers

It was creative work that brought Jacob out of the house of Laban. Laban said to him, *"All the striped shall be mine, the speckled shall be yours."* His plan was to keep Jacob in perpetual slavery. Jacob then sat down and considered, "How can I make the cattle to give birth to speckled calves?"

And Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chestnut tree; and pilled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink. And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstreaked, speckled, and spotted. Genesis 30: 37-39

That was ingenuity; the power of ready invention, the facility of combining ideas, what I call the ability to foresee and calculate for results. All our covenant fathers were hard workers (Abraham). They were tireless workers (Isaac), and they were creative workers (Jacob).

Friend, you're created to matter, so don't sell your birthright! You're a creature of dignity, don't sell off! Where you are is a fair place, but a better place awaits you; so don't sell off!

"Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Blessings don't drop on people, they drop on what people do. Whatever blessing God has promised in His Word will only meet you on your job. Deuteronomy 28:4-6 declares:

Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Don't sit down in your house doing nothing from morning till night. You're not a candidate for blessing if you're not going out and coming in, if you are not working.

If we work as hard as we give, we will start off a revolution in the world. We would have created enough channels for the delivery of our heavenly blessings. *"...Whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper."* That's an open cheque! Don't be ashamed of whatever work you're doing, as it is what determines your worth. You're in a covenant relationship with God and He will bless "all that thou settest thine hand to do." So celebrate your work, for you will soon become a celebrity in the society.

Increase answers to giving plus labour. So get started now. Get started from where you are.

Chapter 16

Thinking

In the course of my meditation, I came up with the statement: "It is wisdom that begets wealth." Wealth is the offspring of wisdom.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Proverbs 3:13-16

We've talked about working, but work alone does not make rich. It is creative work that guarantees productivity, and in turn wealth. Thinking, in this context,

is the ability to co-ordinate thoughts productively for increased output. Reasoning is what makes rich.

When Paul talked about "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened," in Ephesians 1:18, he was referring to being mentally sound, that is high-level productive thinking. In other words, somebody sitting down and creating something productive that will make living great.

Working alone does not make for wealth, it is wise work that begets wealth. A man may be labouring, but because he lacks results, he becomes wearied. He knows what to do, but doesn't know how to do it. It is the knowledge of how to do a thing that gets it done, not just the doing of it. It's not just work, but wise work, that makes for wealth.

The labour of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city. Ecclesiastes 10:15

That wisdom element of our labour, in most cases, is the missing link that causes us to work and work, without having any result. Remember, our giving does not equal plenty on its own. Giving connects us to the blessing, while working helps us take delivery of the blessing. And if we are wise workers, then we can take greater delivery of His blessings.

"The labour of the foolish", we are told, "wearieth everyone of them; because he knoweth not how..." When you know "how", you begin to get better results, and you receive more of those blessings. You will not labour in vain anymore!

All the wealth of the universe came out of wisdom (Ps. 104:24). And that wisdom has no respect for problems. It will obtain results in any environment, under any circumstance, no matter how impossible the situation may appear. That wisdom can locate treasures in any place (Job 28:9-12).

Therefore, the economy of your country is not your problem. It's your mentality that needs to be adjusted. You're a new creature, old things are passed away, all things are become new. You're not like the people of the world. So when they say, "there's a casting down," you should say, "there is lifting up!"

If you see things the way the world sees it, you will fall the way they fall. The covenant is superior to the climate, all we need is to engage our covenant mentality for high-level productivity.

Sit Down!

Jesus said no one builds a tower without first sitting down to generate, create and analyse ideas. For instance, before our Bible School started, I went out to find out what other Bible Schools were doing, so I would know how to get better results.

It grieves me to see covenant people go mentally asleep. It's time to awake! There's so much treasure in this "rock" (the Bible), wisdom will cut it out, and the rivers in it will flow out.

In spiritual warfare, we've talked so much about studying the Word, praying and fasting, but not much has been said about sitting down to think. Not just reading, or searching the Word, that alone won't do; but sitting down to make discoveries—searching the way out of whatever crisis you are faced up with.

For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still. For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. Isaiah 30:7,15

There's a place for sitting still to locate the treasures in the Word, to bring forth ideas that will enhance productivity. What do you get when you sit still?

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. Isaiah 30:21

As you sit down to quality meditation with a there-must-be-a-way-out-attitude, you provoke the treasures on your inside to come forth. Friend, there's something inside you. The answer is within you, in your "house".

Elisha asked that widow, "What hath thou in thine house?" She said, "I have nothing but a cruse of oil." And Elisha said to her, "You've got the answer!" (2 Kgs. 4). The answer to her crisis came out of her house. The answer you require is inside you. So, sit down and make it come forth!

Every event is an invention and every invention is a product of intuition. What is intuition? Nothing but qualitative meditation, which is the ability to co-ordinate thoughts productively. The prodigal son came to himself and found his way back home by reasoning. I don't think it took more than one hour of reasoning to do that. This is one of the forgotten, but most powerful forces in life.

You have an excellent spirit, all you need to do is engage it. Your car has a gear system, but until you engage the gear, the car won't move. So let's engage our covenant mentality for cheap victories in the battles of life. Getting things to work, not just by prayer, but by engaging covenant reasoning, putting the facts on the ground and then working things out. Pure wisdom!

So, the level to which you engage your mind determines the level of results you obtain. If the way you give is the way you work, and coupled with the wisdom required, this earth will shake under your feet. If you see a better way of doing whatever thing you're doing now, what are you doing with the old way?

You have a shop that is hardly making any sales, why don't you sit down and reason, "Do people really need what I'm selling?" If they don't, then, "what is it that they need in this area?" You have gone to rent an office space in a locality, but the services you are rendering is needed in another area. What lop-sided wisdom.

Friend, believe in results and stop playing around with false images. Somebody is jobless, and yet he sits at home watching television! Sell that television and buy a pepper grinding machine, put on an apron and a chef's cap and get to work with excitement! Let's get into productive labour. It's productive thinking that makes for productivity. One whole day of sitting down to think can bring about that long awaited lifetime change.

Creative thinking brought Jacob out of slavery; I see you coming out of the slavery of lack and want right now!

Every throne is Created

Every throne is created, it is not a gift; it is a creation of wisdom. The heaven and the earth, including all the wealth in the universe came out of wisdom.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. Psalm 104:24

The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. Proverbs 3:19-20

The creative ability of God was put to productive use and all that we see today came into being. The fulness of the earth—the gold, the oil, the diamonds, name it—all came out of God's creative wisdom.

The Bible tells us that heaven is God's throne and the earth His footstool. So, we discover that even the Almighty had to create His own throne. Likewise, everyone that desires a throne on the earth today must be ready to create one.

Let me stir you up for results with this:

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16

"But we have the mind of Christ"! We are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, and the Bible says, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (Jn. 1:3). Also, "...Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." (1 Cor. 1:24)

If therefore we have the mind of Christ, and He is the wisdom of God by which all things were created, then, we are by inheritance possessors of divine creativity! It is our birthright to operate in the creative realms of God. The creative capabilities of God reside on our inside, let's go and stir it up! Let's draw them out by engaging the sitting down warfare strategy for exploits.

Let's sit down with God! You have prayed, you have fasted, now think! Engage creative thinking for high level productivity.

I believe in new things. And every new thing comes out of new thoughts. Why should God have a goal of billions for you and you're dying with millions? Why should God have a supermarket for you and you are there in a kiosk? No! Unto whom much is given, much is required. You have the mind of Christ!

Be willing to cut down on anything that is seeking to cut down your destiny, and focus on productive living. Focus on productivity, it will enhance your dignity.

If I have the mind of Christ, then the world must mind me. When Jesus was here on the earth, the world minded Him. But the world will never mind you until you have results to command their attention. It is results that commands respect.

Before you're through with reading this book, God will visit you with very strange productive ideas, ideas that will put you on a higher level of life.

Where are you really going? Look like someone who is going somewhere. Know where you are going, and draw out a strategy that will help you get there.

You're an enviable creature. You possess the mind of Christ. By that same mind, all things were created. That mind carries life, and that life is the light of men, which shines in darkness and darkness cannot handle it! Friend, wake up, for you have the creator's mentality! You can cut rivers out of the rock, you can overturn mountains by the roots, you can see every precious thing in every difficult situation!

May God help you to engage this great gift on your inside productively. You can make things happen. What you're doing now may not be what you need to do to get to where you're going. You need a change, and change is a choice. You make your choice and your choice makes you! You need to change your approach to the thing you're doing now, so as to get better results out of it.

I want you to be very excited, because the mind that created the world and all that is in it is the same one you possess. If that mind can create the universe and it's in perfect order till now, can't it create your little world?

Three Kinds of Wisdom

There are three kinds of wisdom- heavenly wisdom, earthly wisdom and demonic wisdom (1 Cor. 2:6-8; James. 3:15). But that which is from above is above them all. The wisdom of God is superior to every other kind of wisdom.

It is not found in the land of the living, because it comes from heaven. It is superior to intellectualism, it is far above it! It is superior to demonic forces, because they're under our feet.

The Bible says this wisdom of God is justified of all her children, so it is your heritage in Christ. Paul told Timothy:

Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. 1 Timothy 4:14

I prophesy an awakening upon your mentality! The God of light will shed very unique light on your path! That light will distinguish you among your peers! Your generation will celebrate your birth! No more shall you be mistaken for a nuisance! You shall remain an asset on this earth, no more a parasite! Whatever had hitherto made for shame in your life as a result of an inadequate engagement of your covenant mentality is destroyed right now! Everything that is not making your mind work the way it should vanishes from you now, in Jesus precious name!

God gave the three Hebrew boys knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom (Dan. 1:17), and He said, "I am the Lord, I change not." So God is still in the business of giving knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom. You have seen enough sweat, it's time to taste the sweet of the covenant and the grapes of life.

Wherever wisdom dwells, that's where wealth is found. And in Him (Jesus), we are told, dwells all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; and He dwells in you. So you're a treasure of wisdom and knowledge. Not theoretical wisdom, but productive wisdom.

I command the creative abilities of God in you to begin to work right now! That better idea you need for better results, receive it now, in Jesus mighty name! Be free from every confusion, be free from every depression. That weight on your mind, that will not let it function at its best, I command it to drop off you now, in the name of Jesus!

Reasoning Makes Rich

Many of us are a concern to God. This is because the things we cry about don't require tears at all. They just require taking the appropriate steps, and then walking into victory. But when you don't know what steps to take, how do you take them? I'd like you to know that God has made every provision available for us to exercise our minds so we can excel in life.

The creative abilities in us will only come to light with the adequate exercising of our senses. It is strong meat for strong destiny.

Hitherto many have thought that sense knowledge is contrary to scriptural or spiritual knowledge. But without a good sense knowledge, you can't understand the things of the spirit. Your spirit can't instruct your body, it is your mind that does that; because the body only responds to instructions from the mental region. Your spirit illuminates your mind, passing on information to it, and then your mind dispatches it to the body, for appropriate actions.

Please understand this: how much mental exercise you engage in determines how much you will excel in life. Remember, wisdom begets wealth. It is reasoning that makes rich!

*Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:
And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant
riches. Proverbs 24:3-4*

The Amplified Bible puts it in a very colourful way:

Through skillful and godly Wisdom is a house (a life, a home, a Family) built, and by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation],

And by knowledge shall its chambers [of every area] be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Friend, it takes facts to become fat!

What they call "common sense" is not really common. The moment you cannot explain the step you are taking, you don't have that common sense. If you cannot explain to the people around the reasons for what you are doing, or what you expect at the end of what you're doing, then you don't know what you're doing. We have the mind of Christ. It's time to exercise that mind in order to excel in life.

How to Exercise Your Senses

Now let me show you how you can exercise your senses for maximum results.

Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would show the king the interpretation. Daniel 2:16

Time is the greatest asset in the school of creativity. It is the common denominator in our bid to excel in mental exercise. Daniel said to them, "No matter how hard the situation, just give me time, I will get the answer."

"Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his" Daniel 2:17-20

This is what I call revelation-expectant prayer. It is different from healing-miracle prayer. It is communicating with the unseen in faith, opening up to receive direction from on high. Revelation-expectant prayers says: "Which way Lord?" and is followed by listening attentively in the spirit, speaking quietly in

tongues. "Lord, I need light from You on this subject. Speak to me, Lord, I'm ready to do whatever You say..."

He said, "You have not because you ask not... I am the Lord that leadeth thee in the way that thou shouldest go... I am the Lord that teacheth thee to profit." You may not hear Him while you're in that prayer, but it may be while you're asleep in the night, as was the case with Daniel.

We suffer frustration because of assumptions. It's better to be slow and sure, than to be fast and fail. When the Lord is your shepherd you shall not want. Every business you rush into, many times you come back with regrets. But Psalm 112:5 says, "*He shall guide his affairs with discretion.*" If you lack discretion, you're set for destruction! I guide my affairs with discretion.

The enemy plays on time, but time is your greatest asset in locating direction. Daniel said, "Give us time." And they utilised the time in a revelation-expectant prayer.

Seeking is also important in exercising our God-given mentality. You need to be informed in whatever field of endeavour you are in, you need facts to become fat. Decisions based on quality information will always lead to distinctions. You need to locate current materials that will enhance your decisions.

So go after those who have excelled in your field, and in their stories you will locate their secrets, and with those secrets you can make better decisions. Businessmen should seek for materials of successful businessmen and find out how they excelled. That would help to boost the quality of your decisions.

Daniel said, "I Daniel understood by books..." (Dan. 9:2). Even though God gave him wisdom, understanding and light, with which he could dissolve hard sentences, yet he needed information for quality decisions. The Word of God is our principal reading material, and other books related to our field of specialization will help boost the quality of our decisions.

So you don't only ask for wisdom in prayer, you also seek for wisdom through expanded knowledge, using books and tapes to boost your insight, as you exercise your senses. That's why Daniel said, "Give us time." It takes time to encounter light.

God's Word makes wise. We therefore need to spend time in the Word of God, and relevant materials pertaining to our areas of pursuit. To be informed is to

be transformed, and to be uninformed is to be deformed. So, let's crave for quality information, it will enhance the quality of our decisions.

Meditation is the third way by which we exercise our senses in God.

What is Meditation? It is processing acquired information for quality decisions. If you look at God's Word, you'll discover that every success related matter is tied to meditation.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Psalm 1:1-3

The man is first a thinker, then a worker "...and in his law doth he meditate day and night... and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." He ponders his steps in the Word of God, and based on the information he has acquired, he takes decisions.

God said, "Come let us reason together. Produce your cause. Bring forth your strong reasons." He wants you to be a strong thinker, and not a baby thinker. In Isaiah 43:26, He said, "*Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.*"

And in Isaiah 1:18 He said, "Come and let us reason together..." You see, you have a thinking Father, so you can't afford to be a mindless Christian!

In Psalm 1:1-3 and Joshua 1:8, we see prosperity being tied to meditation. So let's settle down and invest our time, it is our greatest asset in our quest for creativity. Time is all you need, and time is what you have. Invest it now, and you will see great results tomorrow.

You may perhaps be facing some difficult financial times right now. I would like you to sit up in your privacy and say to yourself, "I know there's a way out of this situation." Then pray a revelation-expectant prayer, and lay hold on wisdom materials to provoke your mind to action and light will surely come. And as you follow that light, you will discover the answer is there.

Don't go to sleep with problems, because by the time you wake up, you will still find them waiting. The Psalmist said, "Give me understanding and I shall

live." That's all you need. Don't sit around a commodity that is not selling, create something else that will sell. There's a way out for you!

Let me conclude this sub-section by saying this: the strongholds of life usually resides in the mind.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 tells us: *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

So you can tame your thoughts. It demands that you be vast in the Word in order to tame your thoughts. The Word of God must dominate your mind, for it to be able to tame your thoughts. Remember you have the mind of Christ. Stir it up!

There is need to develop into manhood mentally. Manhood is not a function of age, but a function of mental maturity.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Government is placed upon the shoulders of sons, not children.

The labour of the foolish wearies, so think as you work, so that your labour will not be in vain. Be creative in your approach to labour, and you will never cease to be productive.

You have the mind of Christ, you're to be envied. You have no business staying in the pit. People pity men because they're in the pit. Get out of that pit, you don't belong there. What God has put in you qualifies you for a crown.

Sin Corrupts Mentality

The mind that we are talking about is a gift from God.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

I would like to say that this end-time, the Church of Jesus Christ is going to experience such explosive operations of our minds. The Bible calls it the "manifold wisdom of God." Manifold, that is, many-sided, complicated wisdom of God working in us freely and in all realms.

Man was in control until sin came. When sin came, man lost control, and the beauty of creation was eroded. Before sin came, man was covered with the glory of heaven, but after sin came, he was stripped of that glory, and was naked.

With sin, man also lost his ability to think like God. But God has stepped in one more time into the affairs of His creation, by His only begotten son Jesus. Jesus came to recover man back from that realm of mental depravity and failure. So everyone that is in sin has automatically sold off that sound mind that we now have in Christ.

Every testimony of soundness of mind in scriptures is rooted in purity, e.g. Joseph, Daniel, Job. Sin is a destroyer of mentality, sin corrupts creation. You can't live in habitual sin and expect to remain sound. No! The first Adam couldn't make it, you can't make it either.

Before the fall, Adam singularly named all the animals that we see today. And whatever name he called them, that was the name God called them. He was on the same mental frequency with God. He was in total dominion, but lost it to sin!

I believe that adultery eroded Solomon's mentality. The Bible says, "and his wives turned his heart away from the Lord." The same Solomon who 1 Kings 3:3 said, "and Solomon loved the Lord." But his mind was corrupted by adultery.

Samson's mentality was so corrupted, that when Delilah told him, "Tell me where your power is", he told her. She actually bound him and called the Philistines to arrest him. And when Samson got up, he killed those who came upon him, but ironically, he left the woman! Who should he have first killed? Isn't it Delilah? But Samson had lost his mind to adultery!

Watch every adulterer, they're dull-minded. That's why a man in adultery doesn't think of his Family. He goes around town with women, leaving his Family at home with plenty of problems.

No habitual sinner has mental soundness, no, not in the kingdom. A drunkard for instance, has no mind of his own. He may have common sense, which of course is not adequate to handle uncommon problems. You can decide whether to operate a dull head or a sound mind. Sin corrupts mentality, only righteousness quickens it.

But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Job 32:8

It is sin that quenches that spirit, which is what connects with understanding from on high. So when you give in to sin, you have quenched the candle of the Lord in you that searches the inward part of the belly, resulting in mental prowess

Ephesians 4:23 instructs us: *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

That's what makes our wisdom as children of God superior to intellectualism. Intellectualism is limited to the ordinary mind, the spiritless mind of the unregenerated man. But when you're born again, the Holy Spirit is fired into your mind to quicken that dead mind and bring it on a redemptive frequency, where it can deliver at the level of God.

Before you came to Christ, you had a mind. The mind was there, but it was a dead mind, acquiring only dead materials, to produce dead results. But a one-day old Christian who has received the touch of Jesus and the fire of the Holy Spirit can easily deliver results, because he's now on a higher level. The Spirit of God is fired into his mind to quicken that once-upon-a-time dead mind, so it can now function on a redemptive frequency and in the class of God.

Sin is what quenches that Spirit. The Bible says, "Quench not the Spirit." And at another time it says, "Grieve not the Spirit." When you don't stop grieving the Spirit, you end up quenching Him; and when that happens, the candle of the Lord inside you is quenched, destroying the ability to search the inward parts of your belly.

There is no kind of physical exertion that can bring any Christian into mental dignity. There is therefore need to subdue and overcome the sin matter, so that your mind will be released to function at the correct frequency. Mental dignity is your birthright, iniquity is the only way to sell off. The purer you are, the brighter you are mentally. Jesus knew no sin, and they marvelled at His wisdom.

He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed. Proverbs 13:20

If you're reasoning with the wise, you can't be a fool. So you need to establish a good relationship with the Word of God. Note that friendship with the world is enmity with God. It's time to decamp from the world and camp with Jesus for extra-ordinary results.

The sin matter is a capital issue, we have to keep going back to it, because our redemptive colours will never come forth until sin is permanently dealt with. Sin corrupt mentality, righteousness is what quickens it.

The wisdom of God is first pure, so it is purity that can guarantee pure wisdom. Sin gives birth to corruption, which corrupts the mind, the Spirit, and the body. Don't give room to sin. Victory over sin guarantees soundness of mind, so settle down and tell sin to its face, " You won't send me out of my Eden the way you sent Adam out."

Watch out, you will begin to encounter very strange light as you destroy the hold of sin over your life. Your redemptive mind will be quickened back to life for divine encounters.

Keep Your Spirit Alive

Your spirit is the vital force in you and it is vulnerable to sin. When sin comes, it dies! Sin makes it sick, and if it's not quickly and properly treated, it dies.

Your level of illumination is determined by how alive your spiritman is, so keep it alive always.

I command the Spirit in your mind to come alive, in Jesus name! I curse every trap of corruption, you shall no longer be a victim! Enjoy the blessings of divine creativity. God created His throne by wisdom, go and create yours too. Every extra input you put in from now on will attract extra results from above. I command your mind to stay awake, in the mighty name of Jesus!

Chapter 17

Trusting

The next step to getting blessed is trusting. We have established the place of giving, the place of working and the place of thinking. Now, let's establish the place of trusting in the school of prosperity.

Quite a number believe God, but very few trust Him. What enhances a successful, cheerful and relaxed giving life is trusting. It makes for profitable giving. Those who trust Him are totally dependent on Him and on no one else.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.
Jeremiah 17:7

Trusting is the highway to continuous triumph.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. Psalm 34:8, 22

In Matthew 6:31, God said: *Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?*

The only way not to take thought for your life is to trust; and that's your highway to the realm of kingdom prosperity.

There are so many people who are giving in worship, but who have never enjoyed the blessings of God. Why? They are not dependent on God for their needs, so they keep suffering. They depend on their pay packets, and on their big brothers.

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Jeremiah 17:5

Friend, you need to come into that realm of trusting, it is the realm of continuous triumph. I don't have needs, because I'm trusting Him. It's my natural lifestyle. No needs, no begging, no borrowing! There are many who would have built their own houses, if only they knew how to trust God. Trusting God is simply beautiful!

My trust is not in the congregation I pastor, as I don't do my planning based on the number of the congregation. I plan based on my knowledge of God. Since the day I heard, "Woe unto him that trusts in man", I decided to avoid woes.

Listen to me, you won't know true triumph until you learn trusting. It is your understanding of the mystery of trusting that brings you to the realm of true triumph in life. Many love Him, but very few trust Him. Multitudes worship Him, but very very few trust Him.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity. Psalm 125:1-3

If you want to enjoy true prosperity, you have to enjoy the mystery of trusting Him. One of the things that easily commands people's trust is money. Many people's souls are tied to and anchored on their money. God does not bring multiplication the way of such people, because it will lead to their destruction. The moment your trust is in money, God withdraws it to a level where you will keep believing God for every meal.

He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch. Proverbs 11:28

When money is what determines your countenance, it shows that that's where your trust is. Paul told Timothy: *Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 1 Timothy 6:17*

That money in your bank account or in your pocket is not what holds your tomorrow. I don't trust in it. I'm not putting away money that my children will spend tomorrow. No! They are learning now how to possess their own possession. I don't trust anybody, including myself, I just trust God. Money is crazy, there's nothing in it. So, to now go to the terrible extent of borrowing is making God feel unworthy of handling your life.

The only way to show that you don't trust in money is to give it out. You trust it, that's why you can't give it. When you trust God, friend, He gives you all things richly to enjoy. And as you keep on demonstrating your trust in Him, He keeps on blessing you with His favours, night and day. Oh, I just trust Him!

Do I have savings? No, I just have treasures. Your earthly savings could amount to losses, particularly if you trust in them; but your heavenly treasures guarantees you a future and a fortune.

Now, quite a multitude have passed the test of giving, and many are creative thinkers. But we need to train up ourselves into the realm of trusting that will make for outstanding and profound triumphs. Don't trust in your expertise, nor your contacts. Just put your trust in the Living God.

Also, many have overcome trusting in men, but are yet to overcome trusting themselves. Let's trust Him. Trusting delivers from trials. When you trust God for everything, you are free from trials in everything . Let me show you another secret for Job's wealth in Job 31:24:

If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence;

Job was recounting his integrity before the Lord, and he included the fact that gold was not his hope. Fine gold was not his confidence. His wealth was not an attraction to him. He said if it had been, *"I would have denied the God that is above."* Whatever else you trust apart from God makes you a betrayer.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
Psalm 34:5

There is no substitute for trust in the school of prosperity. In Psalm 112 (the prophetic chapter that provides insight into God's kind of wealth) the Psalmist tells us that the man's heart is established; he shall not be afraid of evil tidings, because his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. He has dispersed because he's not afraid (he's trusting), he's giving to the poor, his righteousness endures forever and his horn shall be exalted with honour.

That's what happens when you trust God. I command your freedom from the tensions of unbelief. Every unholy marriage with money, I command a divorce right now!

If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? Luke 16:11

God's riches is held in trust, but delivered on trust to those who trust in Him. If you can't trust Him for supplies, He can't trust you with His provisions. The

reason people play financial pranks is because they can't trust God to meet their needs.

Let's see David's secret:

The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah. Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions.

Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.

They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. Save, Lord: let the king hear us when we call. Psalm 20:1-9

My offerings are given in trust that He is my source. I am not depending on my ability, but on His resources. Trust is an expression of commitment.

The three Hebrew boys said: *if it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.* Daniel 3:17-18

Friend, we are not on contractual relationship with God, but in a son-father relationship with Him.

Trusting is what gets you satisfied in famine. Let's look at various scripture references in the book of Psalms:

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Psalm 33:18-19

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. Psalm 37:18-19

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.
Psalm 112:7. Trust is it! It's what gets you satisfied in hard times. It's wonderful to trust in the Lord.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes. Psalm 118:8-9

Things don't get better until your trust goes higher. As you trust Him more, things get better, they get sweeter, and come more cheaply.

There's a great future for us as we put our trust in God. Don't trust your purse anymore, trust in the Lord. Money has never finished in my hand, because the source from which I am drawing never finishes! I don't celebrate what I receive, I celebrate what I give; because what I give is an expression of my trust.

Your trust becomes practicable when you just enjoy your state per time. It will free you from anxieties. Enjoy your state per time, and you will enjoy God for life. It's so sweet to trust the Lord.

Faith and Trust

Let's distinguish between faith and trust. Faith is confidence, trust is commitment. Faith breeds confidence, while trust breeds commitment; and they are two different levels of life.

Faith can fail, but trust cannot fail! Remember what Jesus said to Peter?

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. Luke 22:32

Confidence can be cast away: *Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.* Hebrews 10:35

Confidence can be cast away, depending on the weight of the conflict. But trust can never be removed.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. Psalm 125:1

Faith believes that God can do it, but trust says, "even if He doesn't do it, my position remains the same." Trust says: "If I perish, I perish!" Until you get to

the realm of trusting, you never see true triumph in life. I don't trust anyone, including myself. You know why? Anything and anyone can fail, but whatever you place in His hand is secured.

The Bible refers to faith as one of the elementary principles of the doctrines of Christ. But trust is the advanced level. At the trust level you become unbeatable on the earth, because you're one with God.

It's one thing to be a giver, it's another thing to be a worker and a thinker. But it is yet another to be a "truster". Do you trust Him? If God is your source, what you have will never become your god. It's this realm of trusting that brings you into the realm of sweatless giving, because you count on God for the next supplies.

Confidence is not as strong as commitment. In the face of a fiery furnace, confidence may fail, but commitment will stand. How far you go with God determines how far you go in life. A great tomorrow awaits you, you only require great steps to get there.

Quite a number believe God, but very few trust Him. Trust is eternal. It stands out! It cannot be removed, its authority is irrevocable. "I know my God can. But if He does not, that does not change my position", that's commitment! But faith says, "I know God can. God will, and God must do it." And when he can't see it, he is cast down.

We have been confident all this while, but let's now go on higher and be committed. "Whatever I don't have now is not good for me. The One I'm seeking says since I seek Him I will not lack any good thing. So whatever I lack now is no good thing." That's trust!

Say with me, "Lord, help me to live trusting You." It is the way to live a triumphant life.

Take Your Rest!

Trust commands your rest. And from scriptures we know that rest commands results.

The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. Exodus 14:14

God only fights when you take your rest, because in your state of rest you provoke divine intervention. And when God fights for you, who can doubt the results? It's time to take financial rest now. That's one of my secrets in life.

Jesus said, "Take no thought for your life, what you will eat, what you will drink, what you will wear. Just seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:31-33).

You need to enter into the realms of additions now by entering into a supernatural state of rest around you. This is a missing covenant detail which has made life lopsided for many. Every man and Family needs rest. Don't be encumbered by your needs, there's more to life than possessions.

Let's look at one mystery behind trust in 2 Chronicles 20:17:

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.

Are you tired of struggling? God says, "Set yourselves, stand ye still, and I promise you divine intervention." When you stop trusting, you stop triumphing, because a state of doubt is a state of doom.

Friend, go and take your rest. You are struggling to collect things that are beyond, that's why your body is not at rest. A state of rest is consciously created. It's not a thing you wish, it's a thing you programme.

God says in Psalm 46:10: *Be still, and know that I am God...*

When will you know that He is God? When you are still. Then and only then will He step in. Nothing upsets people as much as finance, and that's the reason why many are in financial lack today. Remove money, and all the high blood pressure cases we have in the world today would be reduced. Remove money, and the crises in homes will be greatly reduced.

You will not see divine interventions in your finances until you take your rest. Enter into your rest, and that business will not die. Enter into your rest, and your children's children will never beg. Enter into your rest, and the devourer will not devour the works of your hand. God is not a liar!

You're a giver, you're a worker, you're a thinker, now begin to trust Him, and no one will be able to stop you from getting results. After Hannah heard the

word of Eli, she took her rest; then the atmosphere became conducive for God to intervene, and she brought forth a man child!

No matter what that obstacle is in your life, a state of rest will convert it into a miracle. Take your rest, and you won't miss your destiny in Christ.

Look at this: *The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.* Proverbs 11:25 That is, the giving man shall be made fat.

The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat. Proverbs 13:4 The working man will also be fat.

...*He that putteth his trust in the Lord shall be made fat.* Proverbs 28:25. The trusting man will likewise be made fat. And all these three go together to guarantee your prosperity.

Abundance is impossible without trust. They are all in one package. When there's no empty vessel, there's nothing for God to fill. And it takes trust to empty your vessel.

If you don't trust Him, you can't be a good and cheerful giver. And if you're not a cheerful giver, your labour will be wearisome.

It's so sweet to trust in Jesus. Please trust Him. The One who has successfully managed the entire universe till now without any failure cannot mismanage your little life! God will bless them that trust Him. So if you trust Him, you're a candidate for His blessings.

Chapter 18

Waiting

For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. Hebrews 6:13-15

This is the eagle's secret. God swore to Abraham, yet he needed patience to obtain that promise. The Bible said, *"after he had patiently endured"*, not after he had subjected himself to rigorous senseless fasting, not after he had struggled and sweated it out; but after he had patiently endured.

Abraham needed to have endured. Indeed, every man, every "eagle Christian", require a degree of covenant patience. The covenant of prosperity is not a magic wand, it's an adventure of faith. "After he had patiently endured...", not after he had wept aloud. We are not called to weep, but to wait.

In Habakkuk 2:3, God said every vision is for an appointed time, so though it tarries, wait for it. Did He say weep for it? Did He say run around for it? No! Wait! *"Wait for it. It will surely come, it shall not tarry."*

The reason we are wasting is because we don't like to wait. In 1981, God spoke to me, saying, "The hour has come to liberate the world from all oppressions of the devil, through the preaching of the Word of Faith."

That was a revelation for a world-wide ministry, but the mandate to go into Africa never came until 1994! Can you see the waiting period? "But at the end it shall speak." When you run with it, it will speak at the end. Very many people miss that end, so it looks as if the vision or revelation is not true.

Please understand this: quick prosperity will always end in grievous austerity, because it lacks the required foundation for lasting results.

Why Wait? Your lifting with God is for appointed times and due seasons, and He's the only One who knows when your due season has come. If you strive to lay hold on something before you're due, you'll be doomed.

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

Don't be tired in your covenant walk, because there is a due season. If you're on your feet when that season comes, you will reap your harvest, but if you faint, you fall.

"If it will work, it ought to have worked by now." That's murmuring. When you murmur, you destroy your seed sown, and then you will have to begin all over again. God runs a due season calendar on each one of us. When you are due, He will not deny you. But if you faint before you are due, you lose it all. It's better to wait or you waste. Abraham heard from God directly, yet he needed

patience to obtain the promise. If you will not be patient, you may as well end up a patient in the hospital.

I caught the revelation that I cannot be poor in 1981, but that was not equal to automatic prosperity. But because I knew what it takes, I never had occasion to beg, nor was I ever tempted to borrow.

But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. Luke 8:15

Though the seed fell on a good heart and good ground, it could only bring forth fruit with patience. In a society that's ever in a hurry as we live in today, we need an understanding of God that will keep us above the system. God said, "I know you're honest, but you need patience. The day you are due, I will not deny you. Wait! Wait! Wait! The day you are due, you will see Me at work. Wait!"

God cannot deny Himself. Haven't you heard what He said in Psalm 89:34?

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

So we can count on Him in the morning, we can count on Him in the afternoon, and we can count on Him in the night. Everyone in this covenant has a future, but that future is continually being contested by the enemy. It takes covenant intelligence to beat him hollow. Waiting without staggering, that's the secret of all high flying Christians.

Concerning Abraham, the Bible said: *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; Romans 4:20*

Waiting without staggering, undaunted by negative circumstances. There's a change coming your way, but that change requires waiting without staggering like Abraham did. Job said: *If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Job 14:14*

Your change is guaranteed if only you will wait. There is no shame to them that wait for Him.

Waiting is your access to great heights in life. That is, despising negative circumstances and holding on tightly to the Word, to a point that everybody thinks you are a fool. You need to wait for every change before you change. If you change before the change comes you may be charged. Adjust your taste to

match your level per time. God knows your size, you don't need to impress Him.

For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. Psalm 37:9

Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. Psalm 37:34

Friend, it doesn't come overnight, it comes in phases. Wait for it. Live the anxiety-free life, don't be ruled and guided by material possessions. Rather, be guided by the principles of life that have been delivered to you, and you will live well.

It takes a lot of discipline to wait, but God is never late. When you miss God, you miss good. But when you start counting on God, things start opening up for you. It is the blessings of God, not the blessings of merchandise that make rich and add no sorrow to it. Don't look for shortcuts, wait. Be contented and excited with whatever level you are per time.

Your change is coming! The One who brought changes into my life is the same God. You too will encounter positive and amazing changes in your life, only wait! God will prove you before He places you.

He won't let you see His wealth until He has found you worthy to retain it and hold it in trust. There is no shame to them that wait for Him. Please wait! God is never late. Whatever time He comes is the best time.

Chapter 19

Talking

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:10

God prospers us through our giving, working, thinking, trusting, waiting, and then talking. Talking is the sixth pillar of kingdom prosperity. Whatever you are not able to say, you have not believed.

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; 2 Corinthians 4:13

When God was introducing Joshua to his access to prosperity, He said to him: *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Joshua 1:8*

There are many great doers, but very few doers and talkers. So inspite of their great doings, they remain small. In the world of the spirit, your mouth is what gives expression to your choice.

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Mark 11:23

That is, "whatsoever he doeth notwithstanding, he shall have only whatsoever he saith." So God sees what you say as the conclusion to your expectation. He said to Joshua, "This book of the law must not depart from your mouth. Because it is in your heart, observe to do whatsoever it says, then will you make your way prosperous and have good success."

Your mouth is a key factor into the realm of prosperity. You remember when the children of Israel were about to enter the land flowing with milk and honey and they said, "We be not able", and God said to them:

Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: Numbers 14:28

You can't enter into the land flowing with milk and honey by talking poverty. No matter your level of commitment to labour, the quality of your giving, your thinking, your trusting and your waiting, if you miss it at the talking stage, you wipe off everything. James said concerning the tongue:

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. James 3:5-6

Do you know that your mouth can burn off in one day everything you've spent your whole life to heap up? No matter how many people are angry, I will never talk poverty! I didn't when poverty was my next door neighbour, so I won't much more now that it has ceased to be my companion. That would be most unwise. Until you talk prosperity, you will never prosper! That's the Word of God.

You must talk prosperity everywhere, both in your privacy and in the public. Prosperity only answers to those who talk it. You make your way prosperous by giving (which is what provokes divine blessings), by working (provides the channel for the blessings to flow), by thinking (enhances greater results), by trusting (without which your results will not be delivered into your hands), by waiting (because you need patience to bring forth fruits), and then prosperity comes into your house by talking.

I talked prosperity until poverty gave up on me, because God is committed to the words of His servants, and the thoughts and counsel of His messengers (Isa. 44:26). Until you talk it, you can't take it! I command your tongue to be sanctified right now, so it will not stop your access into the land that is flowing with milk and honey.

Don't look poor and expect riches, God weighs actions too. If you exhibit actions of poverty, you are only expressing poverty. Let your appearance and language express abundance. Don't try to impress, but let it be something on the inside that cannot but be seen on the outside. You speak out of the abundance on your inside. You don't get drunk with wine to the point of misbehaving by just a few sips. An "established" drunkard needs about eight bottles of beer to lose balance.

Friend, talk prosperity! Until you talk it, you can't take it. Until you talk it, you really don't believe it. And until you believe it, it cannot be performed in your life (Lk. 1:45).

Prosperity is produced on the ticket of faith, and faith is given expression through your mouth. *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:10*

Many give, many work, many are thinkers, but very few are talking, particularly when they're among sinners. They are not talking probably because that light is not in them yet. The reason you can't say it with your mouth is because it's not in your heart yet. If it's in your heart, your mouth can't keep it, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

I came out and declared, "I cannot be poor!" Nobody taught me, and I had never read it in a book, nor had I heard it said by anyone. But when that light became abundant in my heart, my mouth just spoke it out, I couldn't keep it. Do you think drunkards plan what they say? No. It is out of the abundance of the wine they're filled with that their mouths speak. Friend, go ahead and talk it.

A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him. Proverbs 12:14

That means what you do and what you talk weigh the same. Do you want to see good things like prosperity in your life? It will come by the fruit of your lips. What you say determines the good you will experience.

A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth... Proverbs 13:2

All those negative poverty talks you engage in in your privacy is the reason for the equally private sufferings you're experiencing. There are certain things you must never say. I have never talked need with my wife since we got married. Not one day have we had any private discussion about trouble.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. So your mouth is the trigger for the blessings you're looking for. Until you talk it, you can't take it, this is one major lesson in the school of prosperity.

Let me quickly say that when you're not doing it but are talking it, it's an empty talk. But when you're on course, and you're giving it expression with your mouth, you're ready for your manifestation. Those who talk what they shouldn't talk will eat violence, they will never cease from having troubles.

Note that whether you speak it to someone or to yourself, it weighs the same. Just as the prodigal son talked himself back home, many people talk themselves away from home.

Somebody says, "This prosperity they have been talking about, I think the whole thing is a matter of luck, because for the past how many years, I've been giving..." But you see, it is that way you've been talking that won't let your

giving produce. And you are talking that way because you are thinking that way. Prosperity is not by confessing it, it is by reality, doing what it takes to make it happen. I always tell people, "Until you do what I do, you'll never see what I see."

The children of Israel had come a long way, they had travelled forty years. But when it remained just a few more days to enter the promise land, their mouths did not allow them.

A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Proverbs 18:20

Stop sharing trials, as what you talk is what you possess. Rather, start talking testimonies. Don't kill that business, don't destroy that enterprise, don't bury your destiny through ignorance. It's time to come on line with God's covenant demands for kingdom blessings. No one enters the land flowing with milk and honey until he talks it.

Anybody else is free to stay in the desert, but you have a destiny with God that guarantees you a dwelling place in the land flowing with milk and honey. If you're doing what He demands, go ahead and talk it, so as to enhance your speed of accomplishment.

I'm not telling you to go about bragging, no. What I mean is you giving expression to your stand in God, making it your lifestyle. I talked my way out of the midst of mockers who are still paupers and beggars today. Ask God for the grace to talk your way into the land flowing with milk and honey. Ask God to touch your tongue with a coal of fire, so that it will not stop you from entering your land flowing with milk and honey.

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. Psalm 35:27

"Let them say continually." And He said to Joshua, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth...then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success." But it can't get to your mouth until it is full in your heart.

"Let them say continually." Not in church only, but continually! No one succeeds by accident. What you say matters to your destiny and the realisation

of your redemptive rights in God. The way you look and talk determine what awaits you in life.

The tongue is a world of evil when you don't know how to put it to work. It has cost many their lives, because, "death and life are in the power of the tongue."

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Psalm 34:12-13

Keep your tongue from speaking the things you don't believe in. You want to see good? Speak good! Say with me, "Lord, teach me how to speak, because I know that prosperity is tied to the tongue."

What you've been doing with your hands notwithstanding, it is your mouth that ultimately determines your results. Why should you allow your tongue to destroy your destiny? If you fail the mouth test, then you have failed indeed, because everything answers to what you say.

Chapter 20

Thanking

And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it. Malachi 2:1-3

Thanking is the seventh unshakeable strategy for unlimited prosperity. The prophet of prosperity began in Malachi chapter one with, "Give quality seed." In chapter two, it was "Give glory." And in chapter three he said, "The whole world will know the difference between you and others."

Giving glory to God is your final step into the realm of unlimited prosperity.

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. Isaiah 51:1-2

God is saying, "Look at Abraham. Watch and follow in his footsteps, then I will convert your wilderness into a garden of Eden." Still talking about Abraham, let's look at Romans 4:18-20:

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

It was his giving of glory that opened him up for his miracle. Nothing had happened, but he kept on giving glory to God, he considered not the deadness of his situation.

Friend, you're either thanking and giving glory to God or you are murmuring against Him. And the cheapest way out of murmuring is to be thankful. There's no way you will not murmur if you're not thankful.

Abraham did not stagger at the promise of God. He was strong in faith, giving glory to God. He was thankful to God even before he saw what he was believing God for. He was able to do so by refusing to consider any contrary thing other than God who is faithful.

To be thankful is to be fruitful, and to be thankless is to be fruitless! Until you become thankful, you don't become fruitful.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. Psalm 67:5-7

You don't praise after the increase has come, but before; it is the praise that provokes the increase. Abraham gave glory to God and then God responded.

Everytime you sit in the corner of your room wondering if God is still there, wondering if His Word can still be relied upon, wondering whether He is Who He says He is, or whether the preachers are just playing smart on you, you

remain on the same spot. Everytime you're cast down, you can't go up. Those who look up to the sun don't see the shadows.

They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
Psalm 34:5

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Psalm 121:1-3

My help is alive, my help is alert! Awake thou that sleepeth! All these stylish murmurings, grumblings, and grudgings are the reason your life is not shining. You are never fruitful until you're thankful. You don't give thanks after the fruits, because you don't see fruits without thanks. Thanking comes before the fruits and continues after it.

Until you give thanks, nothing multiplies. Jesus gave thanks over the five loaves and two fishes, and they multiplied and fed 5,000 people, with twelve baskets left over! There was no multiplication until Jesus gave thanks. You have complained enough about that business of yours, give Him thanks!

Watering Your Seed Sown

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 1 Corinthians 3:6

I regard giving, working, thinking, trusting and waiting as seed planting, while I consider talking and thanking as watering.

Paul planted, Apollos watered. So we do both the planting and the watering first; then, and only then can God give the increase. Until we have planted and watered, God is not committed to bring increases our way.

When you put a mirror before your mouth, and you speak or sing, what do you see? Moisture on the mirror. So when we're talking or singing, we produce moisture, a form of watering. So many have planted, but very few have successfully watered, so there's no increase. Talking and thanking is the watering dimension in the school of prosperity.

A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him. Proverbs 12:14

The fruits come out of his sown seed as he speaks. Don't walk with murmurers, it's contagious. Don't sell your birthright to unproductive friendship. Don't be where your spirit cannot be relaxed. When they say, "How are things with you?" say, "Fantastic, praise God!" and they will leave you alone.

You know giving is serving God, and He said: *And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.* Exodus 23:25

You've been giving your best, that's why God is giving you these strategies, so you can bring home your harvest. There will be no more wastage in your life again. None of your seeds will be wasted anymore. Grace to live a life of thanksgiving and to remain thankful no matter what, receive it right now, in Jesus name.

Take Hold of Opportunities

Every opportunity holds a fortune for the opportuned. May God help you to grab with your two hands every opportunity that comes your way.

One of my sons in ministry wrote in his book, Making The Most of Opportunity, "Success is not closer to you than failure is. They are both equally close; you just choose the one you want."

What you receive is not what makes you, what you give is what makes you. It is the gift of a man that makes room for him and brings him before great men. It is your giving that establishes a throne for you, not what you receive.

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.
Philippians 4:10

Several God-ordained opportunities will keep coming your way. There are also men-created and prophets-proclaimed opportunities. All these are opportunities clamouring for your lifting.

It is opportunity that begets dignity. Many don't see it when it comes by, but the ones that see it fly with it. May God help you to see opportunity when it's passing your way.

Every opportunity for sacrifice always results in outstanding liftings and guarantees the turning of captivity.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10

Giving therefore takes advantage of opportunities. Those who can see it enter into financial dignity and all the blessings that follow it.

One day many years ago, I had 700 naira with which I wanted to buy a motorbike. But a need was announced in a fellowship I attended, and I believed God was creating an opportunity for me. So I dived in and I didn't need to buy a motor-bike again! I have at present given over 20 cars out to people !

Don't dodge opportunities, as it may turn out to become a lifetime regret for you. Dive into any opportunity that comes your way, and God will make sure you live by it. Every opportunity holds a fortune, let's respond to them.

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:1-6

Every acceptable sacrifice to God turns the captivity of men.

There's a difference between giving and sacrifice. A sacrifice must cost you something (2 Sam. 24:24). It is that cost that eventually determines your worth. This testimony would bless you.

"In August last year, during the Breakthrough Seminar, the Bishop, quoting from Psalm 50:5 said, '*Gather all my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.*' He also quoted from Psalm 126:5, where it says, '*He that soweth in tears shall reap in joy.*' He then told us to give the most precious thing we had, that anyone that obeys will be gloriously exempted from the horrors that will visit the earth.

Right there, I heard, 'Your T.V' I said, 'My wife will not allow this.' It was a 21-inch colour T.V. If you come into my living room, you will see it standing very beautifully there. So when the voice came again, 'Do you want to be exempted? Between your T.V and eating fine and having all the things you desire, which do you choose?'

I was afraid, because I didn't know how to convince my wife. Everyone in the house loved the T.V. They were always there watching it. They even forego their food to watch it.

On getting home that night, I asked my wife what she had in mind for us to sow as seed to the kingdom. She was talking about a wrist watch and the likes, but I said, 'No, that T.V. is going.' By the time we were ready for the service the following day, my household was gathered in the living room, watching the T.V. I told my house-girl, who also loved the T.V., to go and put it off. And without talking to anyone, I packed it back into its case and carried it out. I waved down a taxi, and with my wife, I came to church.

By the time offering was being collected, an usher helped me to carry it forward. On returning to my seat, I saw tears in my wife's eyes. I told her that she was embarrassing me, but she said, 'No, my tears is because the Lord has accepted our offering.'

Deep inside me, I too was weeping. But when I remembered the Bishop saying, 'There is no reward for what you don't do willingly,' I said this weeping might rob me of my blessings. But I remembered verse 6 of Psalm 126 — 'He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.' I said, 'Lord, my weeping is tears of joy, not that I'm not willing.'

And between January and now, I've not only replaced that T.V. set with another beautiful one, I've also paid a six figure amount as tithe! I used to pay a four-figure amount last year as my AGIP subscription, but this year, I increased it to a five-figure amount and I've paid till April. I've acquired a vehicle worth half a million naira. A house I abandoned in my home town since 1989 has been roofed and is all completed now. Things are just growing on their own accord for me!"

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The same man a few months later sacrificed a Mercedes Benz car when an offering for foreign missions was raised in church! His captivity was turned, and all the witches sitting on his destiny were destroyed all by the mystery of sacrifice!

When a call for sacrifice is made, don't say, "I don't have." The clothes on your body can be given as a sacrifice. If you let the opportunity pass you by, you

may end up in the pit. Every opportunity is God's design for the turning of your captivity. Don't let it pass you by.

Remember that God is not in need. He's only presenting you with opportunities for the turning of your own captivity. If you don't mind opportunities you're sure to lose dignity. When you offer something that costs you something, certain plagues stop in your life, no matter who put it there.

Noah built an altar and it became the place of his destiny. Once when there was a need in the church, my Family gave and gave until milk and egg disappeared from our house; but see how they come in now! I sacrificed my way to the heights I'm living in now.

Everything that accompanies the covenant of giving becomes your portion from this moment! Your business will never go down! You will never be trapped in borrowing again! For every work you have done, you will be paid! No devil will cheat you of your labours anymore! This day marks the end of all your struggles! Enter into your problem-free season in life, in Jesus mighty name!

Chapter 21

When Is My Due Season?

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

This series on prosperity will not be complete without this subject being treated. When you have an idea of when your due season is, it becomes easy for you to stand strong in faith, not wavering.

"When am I due for blessings?" You may be asking. So God says:

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Malachi 3:10

"When will these windows open?"

Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.
Ecclesiastes 11:1

"We're in a scientific age. I need to know what many days means", you may be asking.

Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. Ecclesiastes 11:2

Everytime you give, you're laying a foundation for the times to come. "So, when is my due season?" When your cloud is full!

If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be. Ecclesiastes 11:3

You are not due until when your cloud is full! Until you have cast enough up there, laying up treasures for yourself in heaven, your rain of blessings will not fall upon you here on earth.

How Do I Fill Up My Clouds?

You fill up your clouds by casting your bread upon the waters, and when it is due it will rain down blessings for you. Every opportunity to give a sacrifice brings you closer to your due season, because it helps to fill up your cloud faster than regular input. That's why with every acceptable sacrifice, there's a forceful turn around of destiny. The cloud suddenly becomes full, and the "rain" begins to fall!

Each man plays a principal role in determining his due season. Some have been regular Christians for 20 years. Others have been around for just five years, and they have filled their clouds again and again, and the "rain" just keeps falling time and again for them.

It is evaporation that leads to "raination"! If nothing is going up from you, nothing will come down for you! Every rainy season is a time of refreshing and refreshing answers when your cloud is full. When evaporation is taking place, the earth gets drier and drier. But suddenly (when the water evaporated has condensed and the clouds can no longer contain its weight) the windows of heaven open and it comes back to the earth as rain.

Your due season does not answer to prayer. It is only after the cloud of your giving is full that they empty themselves upon the earth as blessings. So your programmed efforts should be towards filling up the clouds again and again by giving and giving till the cloud is full.

The rain will fall for every man who fills up his cloud. Every opportunity for sacrifice is to expedite your rainfall. It comes down with speed, because suddenly the cloud is full. I love this scripture:

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 1 Timothy 6:17

There is a responsibility that will help keep you under heaven's refreshing.

That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. 1 Timothy 6:18-19

God is not against you having pleasures. The Bible says that in His presence is fullness of joy and pleasures for evermore at His right hand. He believes in it, hence the streets of heaven are paved with gold! But doing good is the only way to keep your enjoyment and pleasures on.

People may keep greeting you, "Well done" for your giving; but until your cloud is full, the rain will not fall.

...in due season, you shall reap, if you faint not. Many faint before their due season. God is not a man that He should lie. You can't be due and be denied! Job 34:10 says: Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

When you are due, the rain will fall. But until you are due, you can pray for as long as you like but nothing will happen for you! Why is there no rain in the desert? There is no evaporation there, so there is no way they can have rainfall; as what becomes rain takes off from the earth as vapour. So if nothing is going up from you, you can have a desert-like destiny, with nothing coming down for you. "God is not mocked", says the book of Galatians, *"whatsoever a man sows, that also he shall reap."* Friend, stay on course until your heaven is full!

Every giving we do answers in heaven, and when it's due, God who cannot lie, and cannot deny Himself, who will never break His covenant, makes it answer to you as blessings. Every opportunity for sacrifice accelerates the filling up of your cloud, particularly kingdom - building opportunities. God takes pleasure in it, He is glorified by it (Hag. 1:3-11).

"When am I due for harvest?" Jesus gave a parable:

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come. Mark 4:26-29

The subject of when is the due season for harvest has for long remained a mystery among Christians. People think due season is when God thinks you're due. No! Your due season is not when you have a need either. Your due season is when you are due! Your due season is determined by your rigorous investments. How much you lay up there in heaven determines when it comes down.

...where the tree falleth, there it shall be. Ecclesiastes 11:3

So whether you are living in the south or in the North, in the village or in the city, no matter where, if your cloud is full, your rain will surely fall!

Solomon filled up his cloud in one day. When he sacrificed a thousand burnt offerings unto the Lord, God smelt a good savour and came down by Himself that same night (1 Kgs. 3:4-5)!

Noah built an altar and sacrifice of every clean beast, and every clean fowl, and the Lord smelt a good savour and responded. Noah's rain fell the same day (Gen. 8:20-22)!

Abraham laid Isaac on the altar on Mount Moriah and the voice of God sounded forth from heaven and Abraham's rain fell the same day (Gen. 22:1-19)!

Every kingdom opportunity for a sacrifice accelerates the filling of your cloud and the outpouring of your rain. Note that:

He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. Ecclesiastes 11:4

"Can I do it? Should I do it?" and all manner of considerations can rob you of your blessings. You don't wait for due season, you programme your due season. You do so by a deliberate fast filling up of your cloud.

Let me sound a note of warning here. Never go ahead of your due season. If you do, you'll be doomed. For instance, if your neighbour or your friend starts building a house. And just because you have a piece of land somewhere, you begin to consider and say to yourself, "By next week I will have to start building my own house." Probably his due season has come and yours is still on the way. Please don't go ahead of your due season, it can take you out of the faith.

If you impatiently go and uproot your natural seed in the ground in search of a harvest, what you have is just roots. It is the same thing with your financial seed. Leave that seed to mature, the due season is very close.

Why God Appoints a Due Season

There is one nature of God that is not often taught, but which exists.

And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. Deuteronomy 8:2

He wants to know what is in your heart whether it is God or money. That's why He appoints a due season for your harvest.

And he humbled thee and suffered thee to hunger... Verse 3

So that when you see food you will recognise and appreciate the source. Why does God appoint due season? So He can be satisfied that you are worthy of the blessings He is bringing your way, to prove you, to know what is in your heart. There's no point blessing you when He's not sure of what you'll do with the blessing. Having then proved you, He "giveth thee power to get wealth."

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. Deuteronomy 8:18

God proves you first, so that the wealth will not become your wreck. The power to get wealth is released after you pass the test. This is why waiting is a compulsory course in the school of prosperity.

And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. 1 Timothy 3:10

When you are a committed and kingdom-addicted Christian, you can easily get God committed to whatever concerns you. But when He sees that you're a lover of money, a lover of position, a lover of status, He keeps them from you, so they don't destroy you. Listen to this admonition in James 1:3-4:

knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

It takes patience to walk into the realm of no lack. Job said: *But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.* Job 23:10

You will pass the test! Your tomorrow is great, it's amazing, it's enjoyable! Friend, God is never late! Anytime He comes is the best time. He is always right on time, so wait!

Chapter 22

Blessings Of The Giving Covenant

And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil. Exodus 23:25-26

Our givings don't only bring in material blessings, but also bring in other covenant blessings that money cannot buy.

Many have always thought that prosperity means just to acquire and stack-up money. No! Prosperity means enjoying a state of well-being, and money is only one of the many things that make for well-being.

Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning

giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19

The giving covenant (the covenant of prosperity) covers all your needs. You are not just to enjoy financial blessings, but you're covered in all areas of life.

However, it's one thing to be in the giving covenant, it's another thing to know what the package offers you.

"As far as your eyes can see, it shall be given unto you." (Gen. 13:14) Many people see only money, but there's more to the giving covenant than money. There is: sickness-free life, barrenness-free life, miscarriage-free life, death-of-children-free life. You also freely have longevity, defence, so much more than money can buy! Let's look at them one by one.

Strong, Sickness-Free And Fit!

...And I will take sickness from the midst of thee. Exodus 23:25

...And strenghten thee out of Zion. Psalm 20:2

Covenant people are not weaklings. Abraham went to battle at over 80 years of age! Jacob travelled on horseback to Egypt at the age of 130! Listen to Caleb:

And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Joshua 14:10-11

Covenant people are energetic people!

They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God. Psalm 84:7

So the giving covenant brings you into encounters with unique strength all the days of your life. When you're in the giving covenant, sickness is not permitted to torment you, the doctor's report notwithstanding.

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. Psalm 41:3

When God spreads your bed, sickness will disappear from there! That means God will tell you, "Get up, I want to make your bed; let Me see the sickness that will come and lie on it!"

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. John 15:2

How do you bear fruits? By sowing seeds. When you are a seed-sowing Christian, God prunes you, and takes off the parasites that won't let you be healthy. He applies insecticides, to destroy the parasites that won't let you bear fruit to full capacity. He makes you fit. The covenant of prosperity makes fit!

Sorrow-Free!

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22

Sorrow-free blessings have only one source God! Not any bank, not America, not Europe, nor struggling and sweating. No! All the sorrows in your life must end this hour.

Curse-Free!

Noah's acceptable sacrifice in Genesis 8:20-22 caused God to lift the curse He had earlier placed upon the ground when Adam sinned.

And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. Genesis 8:20-21

Something moved God to lift the curse. It was Noah's sacrifice. In response to any sacrifice you offer to God, every curse upon your life is lifted for ever. When you offer a good odour offering to God, He breaks every curse upon your life; no matter who might have placed the curse, it returns to him or her.

How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied? Numbers 23:8 No demonic cult anywhere can reverse a blessing from God. Once God has blessed, He has blessed!

Defence

Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. Job 1:9-10

Giving creates an hedge around you. The giving life of Job provoked an hedge to be built around him and his house and all that he had on every side. When you enter the giving covenant, you enter into the stronghold of life. God builds an hedge of fire around you, around your house and all that you have.

Money can't buy this. That's why it is called the true riches of God. When you enter into the covenant of giving and receiving, you don't only receive money, all your needs are also covered by it.

Yea the Almighty shall be thy defence... Job 22:25

When God becomes your defence no armed robber can break through to attack you. They call Him Jehovah the Man of War! He doesn't shoot arrows to win in battles. He slays His enemies with the breath of His nostrils!

That's what you enjoy in the giving covenant. It takes you to a point in your life where anybody that touches you touches Him, and God will arise and fight your battles for you. God becomes your defence. So that if they break through the wall, they'll find God there, ready for battle! That's why He never sleeps nor slumbers, He's always there.

Can money buy that? Psalm 20:1-3 says: *The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice;*

So when you're in this covenant, you are on God's hotline!

Thou shalt also decree a thing and it shall be established... Job 22:28

The covenant of giving puts you on God's hotline in the time of trouble. In other words, it gives you a prayer advantage with God. When Satan came to take one of our children, I looked at her and prayed a less than-two minutes prayer, and every devil in hell could no longer come near.

Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows. Job 22:27

And Psalm 20:2 says: *Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;* Finances is not the only area where you need help.

Long-Life And Pleasures!

...The number of thy days, I will fulfil... Exodus 23:26

God is committed to your longevity. One million witches can't take your life if you're in the giving covenant. At the age of 130, Jacob still rode on horseback to Egypt. Friend, there's a rejuvenating power in the covenant, that makes you younger by the day! When you give, you overcome troubles, and you have longevity.

And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. Genesis 24:1

And Job 36:11 says: *If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.*

I have never had a sleepless night over this ministry. That's pleasure! I have never had a problem that required discussion with anyone or at a board. That's pleasure! You won't know problem any longer from today!

Problem is not your heritage you're a child of promise, not a problem-child.

It Is Well With You!

Say to the righteous, that it shall be well with him... Isaiah 3:10

When you're in the covenant of giving, it becomes well with you. Tracing the giving ordinance from chapter one of the book of Malachi to chapter 3:18,

where God said, "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked...", we see that giving is righteousness. So those who are not doing it are not righteous, but the ones doing it are "the righteous". And for such, God said, "it shall be well with him..."

When you're in the giving covenant, God makes it well with you; He takes you out of the realm of begging and stealing, because you have the God that is more than enough on your side.

Giving is serving God, and He has promised in Exodus 23:25 that when you serve Him, He will bless your bread and your water, He will take sickness away from you, and much more; all these guaranteeing your total well-being.

No Barrenness!

There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren in thy land..Exodus 23:26

You are not permitted to be barren when you are in the covenant of prosperity. No, you don't need prayers for that, you just need a violent stand for it. When you're in the giving covenant also, you are not permitted to suffer miscarriages, nor to bury your children.

Paul was saying to the Philippian Church, "No Church communicated to me concerning giving and receiving, but you. Therefore my God shall supply all your need..."

Is finance your only need? No! All your needs! Your need for help, your need for mental soundness, your need for understanding, your need for strength, for peace at home, peace at work, peace on the road all your needs!

That's the mystery behind the covenant of prosperity. It brings you into the realm of all your need being supplied.

Friend, the covenant of prosperity guarantees your all-round well-being, so you must enter into it today, now!

Chapter 23

Make A Choice for Change

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18

The essence of God's Word is to effect changes. Just a Word from God can change the entire course of your world.

Change is a choice. It is your reaction against the present that creates a future. Judas heard the Word, just as much as all the other disciples did; but it did not produce a change in him, because he did not choose change.

Having heard all that is said in this book, anyone who ends it all with, "He's just lucky. I have been working all my life, I mean, I don't know exactly what they're talking about", is resistance to change, therefore, he remains in chains!

When you don't respond positively to the Word of God, you remain in captivity, whereas the Word is meant to set you free. John 8:32 says: *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Judas heard the most direct message in the world (from the Word Himself), but he didn't give room for a change. So he stayed on in chains, until he arrived in hell! That won't be your case, in Jesus name!

Change is a choice! What information does is to provide opportunity for a change. But your response to the information is what determines your choice for either change or chains.

For instance, olympics star James Owens' outstanding feats in athletics was as a result of the success keys his coach gave him while in school. He was probably not the only one that heard the information that came from the coach on the four things needed for one to be an athletics star (determination, dedication, discipline and attitude), but he was the only one perhaps, that responded to it. And at the end of the day, he became a world record-breaker, a legend in athletics, whose long jump record could not be broken 22 years later! All because he chose to change.

Change is a choice! It is never forced on anyone. It is a choice that you have to personally make.

When God called me into ministry, I saw what it was like to be in ministry then that every body had to lean on somebody to work the work of God. But I chose to come in and establish another way of doing it. My choice is speaking today! Change is a choice!

I would like you to determine for a quality choice, because if at the end of all you've read from this book you still do not make any quality decision, then your frustrations will continue.

You make your choice, and your choice makes you. On 4th October 1981, I made my choice against borrowing. I said, "If it means wearing a pair of shoes for four years, we will never borrow." And I have never borrowed since then! "If it means not having food to eat for days, we will never beg!" I have never begged!

If you enjoy borrowing, that means you really need to work hard on yourself, particularly borrowing to eat. That means your stomach has become a god to be worshipped.

I made my choice for prosperity, I made my choice for health "I cannot be sick!" Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." That's why I'm tireless. You make your choice for such things.

There's nothing called luck. In Deuteronomy 30:19 God said, "I lay before thee life and death, good and evil, choose life..." So what becomes of you tomorrow is your choice today. We're all hearing the same things, but because we're not making the same choices, we get different results. Your choice makes you. Every change is a choice, and every choice effects a change.

I choose not to be like Judas Iscariot, who had every opportunity but banded it. I'm going to stay on and enjoy the choices of my life, as those choice continue to make me.

Prosperity is taught. And everywhere it is taught, it is anchored on the Word, because the Word of God is the gateway to the wealth of life. You can't be tired of the Word, because when you're tired of the Word of God, you're tired of the wealth of life. You have encountered the Word of God on kingdom prosperity, now make a choice for change!

Prosperity is a state of well-being. That's not just financial well-being, but a state of general well-being, a state of rest round about. Please enter into it.

We now have the best opportunity, having been taught the rudiments and ordinances of divine prosperity. You now just swim in it, by a deliberately programming yourself into it.

The time to favour you has finally come! Remember what I said in the course of the teachings: your destiny is not in the hand of any man. It's not in your uncle's hand, it's not in the hand of that company where you are employed, neither is it in your profession or your career. Your destiny is in God, and wrapped-up in the covenant. You can stand strong in the covenant and see your destiny established for you.

Say with me, "This is my time for prosperity! I can understand the ways and plans of God now. I'm excited!"

Every ungodly dealings that might have tied your business down, I command your deliverance through a genuine repentance right now, in the name of Jesus! You shall not be trapped by any force of the devil anymore! This time, God will visit you! From this day, no one will ever identify you with poverty anymore!

I decree the flow of life that is in the Vine throughout your life time, in the name of Jesus! Whatever is not lacking in the Vine will no longer be lacking in your life! Whatever is obtainable in the Vine will forever be obtainable in your life!

Your season of flourishing has come! God has blessed you, no devil can curse you! Enter into your prosperity now! You will not be stagnated anymore in your life forever!

Now, I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you your own inheritance among them which are sanctified, in Jesus precious name! Amen!