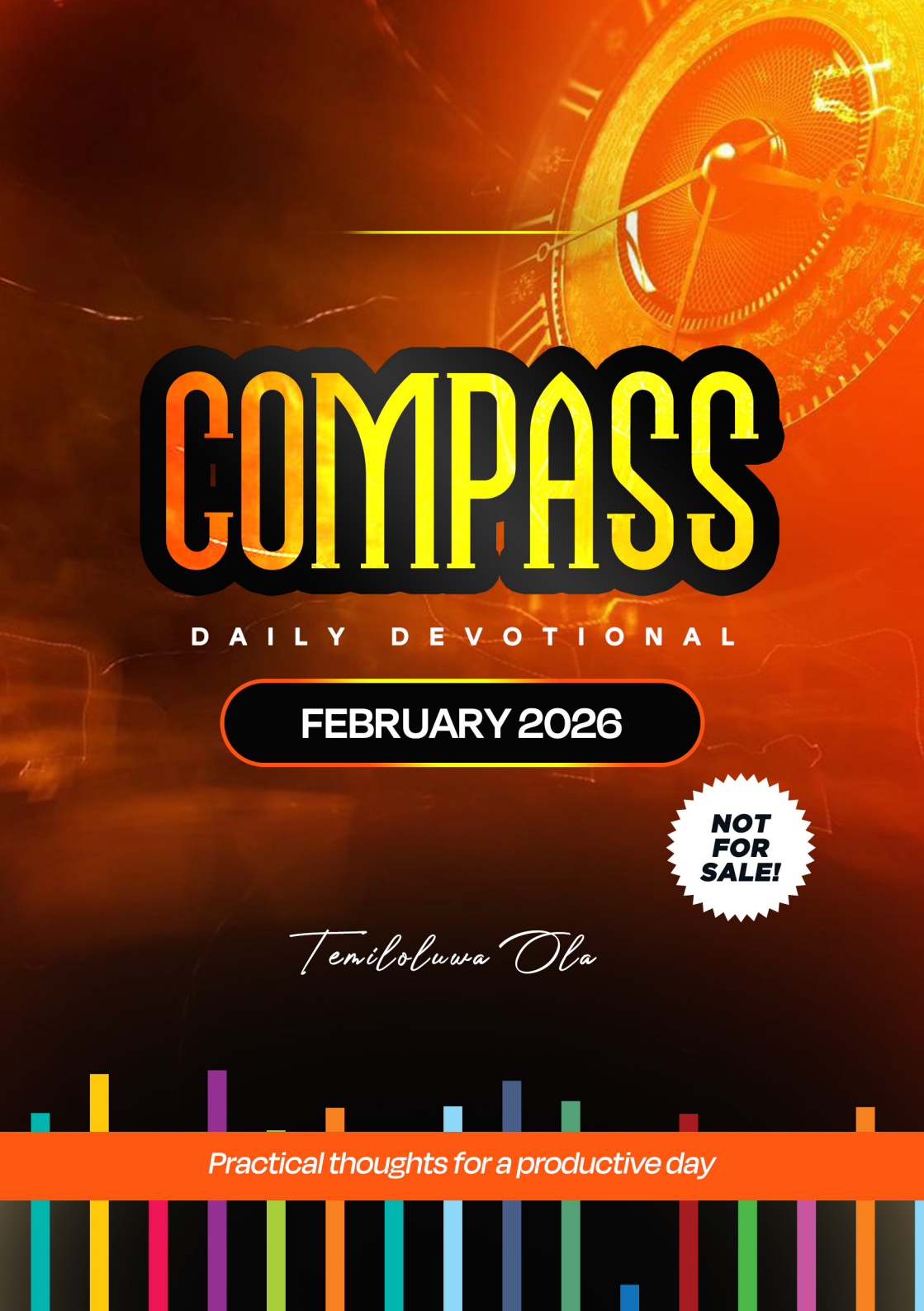




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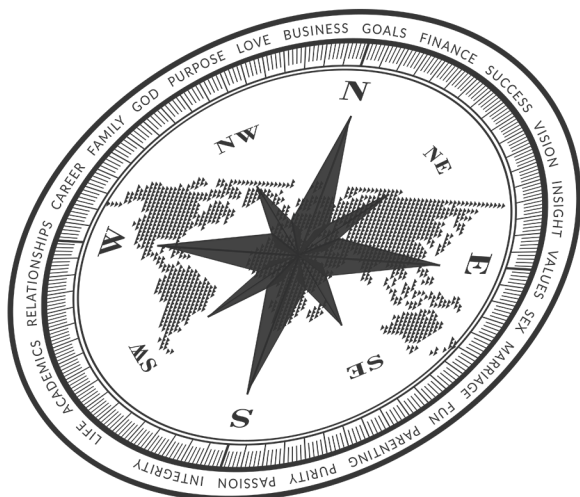
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Introduction

Beloved,

Welcome to the Month of February.

The 28 days of this month shall be days of God's Goodness. Every day will be a day of God's wonder. You will blossom.

For the next 28 days, focus with determination on growing all round. Be deliberate with feeding your spirit and renewing your mind.

Focus on building strength- you will need it! Do not allow distraction. Pay Attention to the Word. Give attention to Prayer. Make sure your attention is not stolen.

Focus on staying fit for life and destiny. Give it everything it takes.

Keep this prayer in your heart:

“Because we know that this extraordinary day is just ahead, we pray for you all the time—pray that our God will make you fit for what he’s called you to be, pray that he’ll fill your good ideas and acts of faith with his own energy so that it all amounts to something” 2 Thessalonians 1:11 MSG

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God bless you greatly

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Feedback

- AREMU BENJAMIN FROM LAGOS STATE.

I want to express how much your ministry has been a blessing to me and my family. I introduced your devotional to my household, and for a long time now, it has been our consistent guide during devotion.

Personally, I've gained more than words can fully express through it. Your labour in the Word has not been in vain.

Thank you so much for yielding to God.
Like many others, I hope to see you one day.

- OLUWAFUNMILAYO FROM OGUN STATE

I thank God for the gift of the daily Compass devotional, It's been timely and impactful. Thank you for being a willing vessel and giving to the Lord, sir. The Lord Almighty bless your home and reward your labour of Love in Jesus Name. AMEN.

- TITILOLA ADEKUNLE FROM LAGOS.

I bless God for the gift of your ministry. Compass Devotional has really blessed me in so many ways (personal life, career, marital life, parenting and relationship with people both in the physical and spiritual) and it has become a guiding light for me.

It has gotten to a point that at every situation or challenge, I will ask myself "what would Pastor Temiloluwa or Mama Irewamiri have done/said to resolve this"?

God will continue to bless you and the ministry. The unction to function will always be sufficient. Thank you so much sir.

- BADMUS FROM IBADAN.

The lessons from the morning devotion manual have always been timely proving it is God's. I bet you, I have a galaxy load of biblical life hack to graciously navigate life by reason of the compass manual.

God be praised for what he is doing through you sir and thank you for yielding to his call too, God bless you and all that concerns you beyond human comprehension.

- MRS BUBOH KEFFI, NASARAWA STATE.

Compass Daily has really impacted my spiritual and marital life.

My husband and I were attending the same church so along the line, my husband changed and started following a new doctrine. I wasn't

comfortable with the new doctrine, so this caused a big fight that almost led to divorce. On that fateful morning, Pst Temi addressed doctrinal issues among couples in the Compass Daily and that was what I needed. After reading the devotional, I did according as Pst Temi instructed and now the love in the home has been restored and we are doing very well.

May the Grace of God upon Pastor Temi keep increasing. I am grateful

- ELIZABETH FROM AKURE

I started reading Compass devotional when my Fiance now Husband introduced it to me last year when we started dating.

Since then Compass devotional has guided us in our relationship and marital affairs. It has helped us see Marriage in the light of God's word.

And I have personally learnt how to act on God's word in every situation.

Thank you for bringing God's word to us.

- FATIMA USMAN, LAGOS

For me I would say from the time I had encountered the Compass Devotional I have never been able to let it go. It has formed a consistent part of my life.

Is it the practical life lessons that make scriptures come alive? Or is it the sincerity of the author to even talk about weaknesses, pitfalls, uprisings? Allowing us to see that those things we go through as believers trying to navigate this fallen world are not without redemption.

One amazing thing about the devotional is that it speaks timely and seasonal messages especially this just concluded series on The Marriage Covenant.

That series really did a lot to cast down 'high sounding knowledge' that the enemy had used to blind men about God's divine and true intentions about marriage. Marriage is a Covenant where you go all in, giving your all, not a contractual agreement where what you give is dependent on what the other person too gives. This knowledge alone is saving marriages and will save many more!

Indeed you are part of God's Redemption plan for this generation.

God bless you immensely sir

DO NOT LEAVE OUT MERCY

Text: Romans 9:16 NKJV

February 1st 2026

So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

As children, we would take turns riding bicycles down the long corridor of our neighbour's home. On one such day, it had just stopped raining a few minutes earlier when our quest for adventure began.

One of the older ones began to showcase his riding skills, making turns around the pillar. Before we knew what was happening, on one of the turns, he slipped and fell. I still remember the bread in his mouth coming out as he fell.

Beloved, those who fall always think they are too skillful to fail. It is great to be confident, but it is folly to be overconfident.

"Saul and Jonathan were beloved and pleasant in their lives, And in their death they were not divided; They were swifter than eagles, They were stronger than lions."
II Samuel 1:23 NKJV

Speed is beautiful.

Skill and strength are great. But do not joke with His mercy.

That verse was written about two strong and skillful men who still died in battle.

You have entered this year with great

drive and skill. That is beautiful, but acknowledge the place of God's grace as well.

Build your skill. Build strength. Don't forget to cry for mercy. Why? "I returned and saw under the sun that— The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favour to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all." Ecclesiastes 9:11 NKJV

It is not a justification for mediocrity but an invitation to lean on the mercy of God.

CONFESSION

I obtain mercy to remain resolute in the journey of life. I do not depend only on skills and intellect.

MERCY GIVES YOU ACCESS

Text: Hebrews 4:16 NKJV

February 2nd 2026

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

One afternoon, my dad called me to pack my belongings from a state university as a first-year student and return home. He informed me that I would be resuming my studies at another university as a fresh law undergraduate. My dream had finally come true; I was now a proud law student.

Four years later, as a 400-level student, I finally learned the story behind my admission. The secretary of that senior official happened to come across my name and recognized it instantly. She exclaimed in Yoruba, "Ah! You are the 'remove this one and add this one!'" She explained that the Special List had already been completed when her boss walked in and gave a simple instruction: remove this one name and add this one. The name that was added was mine.

The day I heard this, I realized that my admission wasn't due to my qualifications or hard work. It was a testament to the mercy shown to me.

Beloved, mercy grants you access.

David was seeking someone to show kindness to in the house of Saul for the sake of Jonathan. He didn't care who it was. When they gave him feedback, they mentioned a man named Mephiboseth, but they quickly discouraged him by pointing out Mephiboseth's shortcoming: "He is lame."

David then inquired, "Is there anyone left in the house of Saul who I can show kindness to for Jonathan's sake?" The king responded, "Is there not someone in the house of Saul whom I can show God's

kindness?" Ziba then informed the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet." II Samuel 9:1, 3 NKJV

Despite the official's attempt to disqualify Mephiboseth based on his lameness, David remained undeterred. He simply wanted to know where Mephiboseth was and sent for him.

"So the king inquired, "Where is he?" Ziba replied, "Indeed, he resides in the house of Machir, son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar." Consequently, King David dispatched messengers to bring Mephiboseth out of Machir's house in Lo Debar." II Samuel 9:4-5 NKJV

When the formidable General Joab arrives at the king's table, and the handsome and irresistible Prince Absalom joins him, you'll also find the limping Mephiboseth present.

If anyone were to ask Mephiboseth, "How did you manage to get here?" he would humbly reply, "It is by the king's mercy."

Do you have personal testimonies of doors opening by divine mercy? Do you have accounts of platforms you accessed through divine intervention?

Do you have a story of divine mercy?

CONFESSION

*Mercy speaks for me where I have no voice.
I gain access to royalty companies by mercy.*

MERCY LOOKS BEYOND THE MESS

Text: James 2:13 NIV

February 3rd 2026

Because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

As I parked in front of the church office, the grandson of our neighbour ran towards me. I was wearing a nice white shirt with a tie. As I picked him and carried him up, the grandmother said, "Please do not carry him, he is too dirty". I responded, "Ma, I was dirtier than this when Jesus carried me also."

Mercy looks beyond our mess. Do you remember that leper who cried out to Jesus? He told Jesus, "If you are willing, make me whole". Leprosy is a contagious disease. You keep a distance from a leper.

Jesus could have sent a word from afar and healed him. Jesus did the unthinkable- He touched him first! He then said, "I am willing, be made whole."

"Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, 'I am willing; be cleansed.' Immediately, the leprosy left him."

Luke 5:13 NKJV

Sometimes, beyond the words, there are people who need that touch of love from us. We look beyond the mess, and we touch them with the

love of Christ.

If we will see transformed lives, we must become vessels that are willing to touch messy lives with the love of Christ. If we loved as Christ did, we would be an extension of that touch of Christ to someone in need.

Whose life can your touch of love change this season? Would you extend mercy and look beyond the mess today?

CONFESSION

I am a beneficiary of mercy, so I am merciful to others. I show the love of Christ to unbelievers.



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WHY COMFORT COULD UNDERMINE YOUR PRAYER LIFE

February 4th 2026

Text: Ephesians 6:18 NIV

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

I had a meeting with a couple of proteges, and I focused on those who had left Nigeria for other nations. As we interacted over their spiritual growth, one common trend among all of them was, "Pastor, our prayer life is not as strong as before." I knew something was not right.

A statement some people make strikes me differently. You hear people say it when they describe the "prayerfulness of Christians" in our nation. What is the statement? "When you travel out, you will realise that ninety per cent of your prayer points are answered because they have a system that works."

There are people whose prayer altars are now gathering dust. They find it hard to pray, fast or study. In the worst-case scenario, some have abandoned what they call "this God thing."

Friends, if your prayer life dips because you are now in a place where your needs are met, there is a challenge with your doctrine of prayer. Remember, the doctrine is the regulator of character.

That assertion is based on the premise that "Prayer is transactional". Most people go to God because of their needs. If prayer is basically because of your needs, you will stop praying once your needs are met.

It is the "lost son" syndrome. You will go to the father saying, "Give me". Once you get it, you forget the Father. The only time you remember the Father is when there is another need. It is a transactional relationship.

But prayer is more than transactions. Transactions are fine. At least Jesus taught us to ask for "Our Daily Bread" and "Deliverance from Evil." But remember that was never the starting point.

Prayer is first and foremost relational and not transactional. Even when I have all the bread and I am delivered from "road accidents" and "armed robbers" because I am now in a system that works, I do not forget that prayer is about:

•**OUR FATHER**- This points to a relationship. He provides, He protects, He heals, He delivers. But the finest revelation you can have of God is that He is our Father. I pray because I have a Father with whom I love to relate with.

•**HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME**- This points to reverence. Even if all my needs are met, I pray because I revere Him. I adore Him. I know what it means to honour and fear the Lord.

•**YOUR KINGDOM COME**: This points to the royal life of a believer. I am a prince of God's kingdom. There are a lot of things that do not look like the culture of His kingdom. I stay in prayers to see souls saved, saints edified, and revival break out wherever He has planted me.

•**YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH**: This is God's desire, and it must be your drive. It is not everything in your vicinity that looks like the will of God. Why don't you pick up a list of those things and pray? Comfort has closed down churches. Picnics have replaced prayer meetings. Nudity is driving out modesty. Witchcraft is disguised as prophecy.

Can you see that prayer is not just transactional? If you stop having prayer points because you are now in comfort, you are already defeated. Comfort can be a form of persecution that kills passion for the Lord and His will. Deal with it.

CONFESSION

My prayer life is not regulated by conditions. I pray by the strength of the Holy Ghost.

HOW TO BUILD A HABIT OF PRAYER

Text: Ephesians 6:18 NIV

February 5th 2026

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

While growing up, we had a neighbour who loved dogs.

Their dogs became the neighbourhood dogs- They were everyone's pets. We had Jack, and we had Jill.

Jack had an amazing pattern. A few minutes to 4 pm every weekday, Jack would come to our door and wait- that was the hour my mum would leave for the church to what is called the "Upper Room."

Jack would be right there. As we drove to church, Jack would race after the car, following us to church. It became Jack's pattern.

Anything that will become a pattern for you must be repeated continually. Patterns are powerful. Positive patterns help our spiritual growth. One of the patterns you must develop is the Hour of Prayer.

First, you should have a company that encourages you to pray. Like faithful Jack, keep friendship with those who pray. Lifestyle can be contagious. If you will contact anything at all, let it be a positive one- prayer is life-changing.

Second, you should have a time of prayer. My mum would go to pray at 4 p.m. every day. She also woke up at 4a.m. to have quiet time. We renamed the chiming of the clock at 4 a.m. as "Stand-up-fast hour."

Third, make sure the time is honoured.

To do this, ensure it is time you are free from distractions and other demands of life. This is why I encourage the Jesus pattern of waking up "long before dawn" (Mark 1:35). You have less distraction at those hours. Please deal with that phone and social media distraction!

Make it a regular pattern. Push yourself till you master that timing. Let your body clock adjust to the hour of prayer. It should be a sweet time for you, indeed.

Let us close with this simple scripture:

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. Acts 3:1 NKJV

- Peter and John – a company of prayer.
- Together – a commitment to the company. Do not keep friendships with all-talk and no-action friends.
- Temple - a place of prayer.
- At The Hour of Prayer- a fixed time.

That is how you build a pattern and consistent habit of prayer.

It is that simple!

CONFESSION

I am consistent in the place of prayer. I make sacrifices to sustain a consistent prayer life.

Lessons from my camcorder: DO NOT HIDE YOUR GIFTS

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:7 ISV

February 6th 2026

To each person has been given the ability to manifest the Spirit for the common good.

Just before I got admitted to the university, my dad's friend bought me a video camera. It remains one of my most memorable gifts as a teenager. Out of fear, I kept the camcorder at home for about a year. I did not want anything to happen to my precious toy, so I hid it safely at home.

One semester, I eventually summoned the courage to bring it to school. I would take it along to class at times and keep memories of my classmates and others. Over time, people became aware that I had a camcorder. I started having some doors open to me simply because of that gift from my dad's friend.

Beloved, you also have a gift from your Heavenly Father. He has blessed you with a gift that you can use to bless your world. Do you remember the Parable of the Talent? There is not one of us who lacks a gift from the Lord- even if it is just one.

***“And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.”
Matthew 25:15 NKJV***

You may not be the five-talent man, but you have at least one. He did not leave you without a gift. The gift of a man is meant to make room for him, but if the man keeps and hides his gift, he remains small and stranded.

Just like me, many are hiding away their gifts. It is not and will never be a wise thing to do. Stop hiding in fear like that servant who was given one talent:

“And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.”

Matthew 25:25 NKJV

He called it “fear,” but the one who gave the talent saw things differently:

““But his Lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant...”

Matthew 25:26 NKJV

The one who endowed him said it was an act of wickedness and laziness to have hidden that gift. If all you know how to do is keep spaces clean, build it with confidence. That simple gift of recognizing when things are out of place can be given expression in many ways. Do not hide it away. You can groom yourself in the art of understanding protocol. You can take that skill into project and event management.

This season, would you sit down and ask yourself, “If I were not afraid, what would I do?” Now that you know, why don't you do it in spite of the fear? Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the ability to act in spite of the fear!

You owe your world that gift. Do not let it gather dust hidden away under your fears.

CONFESSION

I profit for the kingdom of God with my gift. My gift will not waste.

Lessons from my camcorder: REFINE YOUR GIFT

Text: 2 Timothy 1:6 NIV

February 7th 2026

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

When people started noticing that I had a video camera, I began getting gigs to cover events. During my undergraduate studies, I covered two notable events. The visit of the current Nigerian President to my university back in the days. There was also another prominent figure in the country that visited. They both delivered lectures. These events were organized by student organizations in my faculty.

I started getting paid for my job. It was no longer a hobby. It was not just about having fun anymore. I found out how videos were edited. I began to build business relationships. I started making some money.

Beloved one, it is true that the gift of a man will make room for him, but it is competence that keeps you in that room. What brought you to this level would always need to be refined before you can move on to new levels. Promotion is available, but it is waiting for a refined version of you.

Which is cheaper? The raw product or the refined ones? The raw product is like crude oil; it has many expressions, but is sold just as crude. But when it is refined, the multiple expressions in it begin to emerge.

Truth be told, life draws invisible lines. Some will stand before kings, and some will stand before mean men. Some will walk on foot, while some will ride on horses. The line divider would be diligence. Diligence means that you are disciplined enough to work on your raw gift and refine it until the various expressions within it begin to emerge.

What brought Joseph into the room? His gift and track records.

What kept Joseph in the room and gave him a chance to lead? His competence. His ability to go beyond just interpreting to proffering solutions.

““And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.” Acts 7:9-10 NKJV

You need both favour and wisdom. Favour came at God's set time. Wisdom, however, ensured:

– Joseph shaved. Egyptians do not wear beards. Do you have street intelligence or is it just your gift?

– Joseph changed his clothes. Perspective is key. He did not show up as a prisoner. He showed up as an “economic consultant”.

– Joseph went the extra mile to give a lasting solution. He had improved himself beyond what he did with the baker and butler.

I know you have a gift. But have you cooked it?

CONFESSION

I refine and convert God's gift inside of me. I operate in wisdom to maximise my gifts for God's glory.

Lessons from my camcorder: DO NOT BE GIFTED BUT FOOLISH

Text: Proverbs 30:25 NIV

February 8th 2026

Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer.

I started earning some decent money from my video coverage business. I made so much money that I approached my Dad to tell him about it. I even boasted that if they stopped sending me money, I would still be fine. I was eating in restaurants. They had different grades. And even if I had to cook, it was a delicacy. As a student, I ate turkey. I was enjoying life.

But guess what I didn't do – I didn't save. Why should I save? The business only needed me. I was not spending on anything at all. That was my thinking. As long as I had my camera and I could stand on my feet or rent a camera stand if need be, I would keep making money. I charged six thousand Naira. I spent just one thousand, five hundred Naira on the video editing while I pocketed ₦ 4,500. My pocket money in a month was five thousand Naira at that time. Imagine how I enjoyed my life.

I was gifted but foolish. I had no financial intelligence. Am I being too hard when I use the word "foolish"? Let us learn from scriptures:

A fool has no desire for wisdom:

"Of what use is money in the hand of a [self-confident] fool to buy skillful and godly Wisdom—when he has no understanding or heart for it?" Proverbs 17:16 AMPC

A fool spends everything:

"Wise people save the nice things they have. Fools use up everything as soon as they get it." Proverbs 21:20 ERV

Money has wings. It can fly away:

"In the blink of an eye, money can disappear, as if it grew wings and flew away like a bird." Proverbs 23:5 ERV

Truthfully, like the saying goes, "A fool and his money are soon parted."

Joel Ryan writes: A foolish person is rarely a good steward of their money. Lacking financial wisdom, discipline, and discernment, they will spend on things they do not need, fail to save or invest in long-term gains, and be easily duped or manipulated by unscrupulous salesmen, lenders, or thieves. As a result, a fool will often see his money disappear, hence the saying, "A fool and his money are soon parted."

Aside from your giftedness, would you also master the financial intelligence that can sustain it? There is the soccer skill, but there is also the business of soccer. There is the skill of broadcasting, but there is also the business of broadcasting. There is the skill of teaching, but there is the business of education. Do you have just the skill, or do you also know the business?

Do you have just the skill, or do you know the system that can keep the flow running? Skill can bring you the cash, but systems will give you the cash flow. If you do not want the flow from your gift to cease, you must become a student of systems- administrative, financial and leadership!

Do you get it?

CONFESSION

I am not wasteful. I am not a squanderer. I convert my skills profitably.

HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH

Text: Galatians 6:14 NKJV

February 9th 2026

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

There was an episode about eleven years ago. We were preparing for a major meeting. After a young man volunteered to drop off some of the stewards who worked till late that evening, another young man, a young lady, and I were left in the church.

The young man approached me and said, "Good night, Sir." He lives just beside the church. I asked the young lady to wait so I could drop her off. The street to her house was a lonely one and it was late. It was about a minute's drive. I wanted to ensure she was safe.

But the Holy Spirit intervened. He told me to ask the young man to wait behind so we could jointly drop off the lady. I can then drop him off on a return trip. That way, I would not have to be alone with the lady.

You would understand if you knew the size of the community I was pastoring. It would have been absurd to see a young unmarried pastor dropping off a single young lady about 9 pm. That day, I would have known the difference between "Pastor, good evening Sir" and "Pastor, Pastor, good evening Sir" or "Psssssstttooooorr, good evening."

I always ask three questions:

Was she a bad girl? Not at all.

Was I a bad boy? No! But you must not put confidence in the flesh.

Could anything have happened in a short one-minute trip? Yes! Yes!

The devil does not need a minute to sow the seed of lust. If the devil succeeds in sowing a seed, he will return to look for the harvest.

There is no wisdom in dancing around a pit and boasting that you are skilled at avoiding pitfalls. The wisdom you need is to stay far away from the pit. If you have to start explaining it, then you do not need to start it at all.

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. Philipians 3:3 KJV

There is an unfortunate cycle that many people get caught in.

It begins with overconfidence. Overconfidence says things like, "It can never happen to me," but ends up saying, "I did not know how it happened." At times, it is "I can handle it" but ends up saying, "I thought I could handle it." Pride still goes before a fall.

It continues with a fall. Overconfident men will always end up falling into a pit. Afterwards, you have the phase of regret and condemnation. The person feels down and demoralized. Often than not, the person backs it up with a vow like, "Lord, kill me if I do it again" (thank God for prayers that Hedid not answer). After a while, he is trapped in overconfidence and back in that same cycle.

Peter boasted in the flesh that he would never deny Jesus Christ. He ended up denying Jesus three times in one night. If you become bloated by overconfidence, you will likely end up in the dust.

Listen to the warning of Apostle Paul:

So, beware if you think it could never happen to you, lest your pride becomes your downfall. 1 Corinthians 10:12 TPT

Do not be caught in that trap. Lean on God and His grace

CONFESSION

I am not trapped in questionable situations. I do not trust in my flesh. I put my trust in the Holy Spirit.

RUN AWAY FROM FRIENDS WHO EXCUSE SIN

Text: Proverbs 1:10 NIV

February 10th 2026

My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them.

A young man narrated once how he had a friend who earned significantly less than him but would always invite him to the bar. His friend would order drinks and bring girls. This young man would be the one to pay the bills. There were times he would have no business spending the night at a hotel but he would pay for his friend who stayed back with 'his girls.'

His freedom came the night he had reason to leave his friend at the bar. He went home. His friend kept calling him to come and pick up the bills. He said, "Sir, I could not imagine I was using my money to sponsor the lifestyle of a man who did not have the means. Sir, there were nights I paid as much as three hundred thousand Naira!"

If you will overcome temptation, you must run away from any company that indulges and excuses sin or sinful patterns. Most men who fall into sin are surrounded by a company that excuses sin.

Let's track it scripturally:

Judah was in a bit of a rough season. He had lost his wife. To refresh himself, he decided to spend some time away visiting with a friend who was shearing sheep.

On the way from the field, Judah saw a woman dressed as a prostitute:

Judah noticed her and thought she was a prostitute since she had covered her face. So, he stopped and propositioned her. "Let me have sex with you," he said, not realizing that she was his own daughter-in-law. "How much will you pay to have sex with me?" Tamar asked. Genesis 38:15-16 NLT

He began to negotiate with the valuables in his life and his friend still did not warn him or stop him. He went ahead to sleep with a 'prostitute' and his friend, Hirah, did not stop him:

"What kind of guarantee do you want?" he replied. She answered, "Leave me your identification seal and its cord and the walking stick you are carrying." So Judah gave them to her. Then he had intercourse with her, and she became pregnant. Genesis 38:18 NLT

Guess who was willing to bring the payment so they could recover Judah's identification seal and its cord and the walking stick? You guessed right.

Later Judah asked his friend Hirah the Adullamite to take the young goat to the woman and to pick up the things he had given her as his guarantee. But Hirah couldn't find her. Genesis 38:20 NLT

Do not hang around 'sin-enablers'. Do not hang around those who excuse the things that should die in your life. Do not keep the company of those who even suggest it or give a hint of it to you. If you are surrounded by compromising men, you will soon compromise.

What killed Amnon? It was a strange desire that was supported and fanned into full-blown obsession by a strange counsel his cousin gave. The same cousin came to announce his murder to King David.

Remember the proverbs:

Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble. Proverbs 13:20 NLT

Check your company today. Do you have 'sin-enablers' around you? Why not begin with an audit today?

CONFESSION

I sever from sin-enablers. I am blessed with godly associations.

ASSESS AND CHANGE COMPANY IF NEED BE

Text: Numbers 22:9 NKJV

February 11th 2026

Then God came to Balaam and said, "Who are these men with you?"

As teenagers, my friends and I had a routine we kept on the first day of every year. We would all get in a car and drive around different homes in town. The journey started in a home where there was always roasted local chicken and ended with a family that would normally throw a light party every first day of the year.

In between, we visited about five other places where we would get a wine gift, munch on homemade snacks, consume biscuits, take in some generous soda, and exchange pleasantries with some of our friends and their families. It was always a robust day.

But something happened to me one of those years. I began to ask questions. I had begun to invest in reading at the closing of the previous year and something switched within me. When they called me to go on our routine, I was holed up in my dad's home office reading and plotting the graph for my personal growth that year. I told them I would not be able to go. They also stopped the routine about a year later.

The company you keep has an impact on you. Relationships are never neutral. They have a profound impact on you. There are things you say or do today that you picked from relationships. Whether we know it or not, relationships are not neutral.

Most things you do personally as a believer are first learnt corporately. We learn private praying by joining group prayer meetings. My prayer life was influenced heavily by prayerful colleagues in my university days. I got fired up. Your love for the study of God's Word can be stoked by Bible Study meetings in your local church or teachings from the church. Relationships are not neutral.

For instance, Peter had a profound impact on other disciples. After the death of Jesus, he decided to return to his fishing business. His

decision influenced most of them.

About seven of them were together after the death of Jesus. Peter called out to them and told them his intentions:

"Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together."
John 21:2 NKJV

Guess what, they all followed him:

"Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We are going with you also.' They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing."
John 21:3 NKJV

Make sure you are not distracted in your down moments. You are likely to return to the fishing boat. The fishing boat is where Jesus called Peter out of. Whatever you know is what you return to. Some return to drugs, some to sexual sins, and others to gambling. Be careful of what beckons to you.

Hear the words of Paul, the Apostle:

"Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for 'bad company corrupts good character.'"
1 Corinthians 15:33 NLT

Assess your company! Break camp if need be. Change your company. As simple as ABC!

CONFESS I O N

I break free from a bad company. I am blessed with godly friends. I live for Christ.

RUN FROM OFFENCES

Text: Matthew 11:6 NKJV

February 12th 2026

And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

After an amazing meeting, we had the opportunity of a heart-to-heart conversation with my Spiritual Father.

We were there for over an hour. I knew it was an opportunity to learn.

That was the night he said to me, “Do you know the Yoruba word for ‘Offense’? It is ‘Ikose’ which means stumbling. The consequence of stumbling is falling. Make sure you run away from offences”.

He then told us, “If you stumble once, it can be a mistake but if you keep stumbling again and again, it has become a pattern. I am surprised at those who get offended every time. Can you imagine you are stumbling at all times? That would be unwise”. We took the lesson and it has helped us for years.

Offence is a terrible thing. Hidden somewhere in the book of Isaiah are the stages of offence. Have a look:

Many of them will stumble; they will fall and be broken, they will be snared and captured.”
Isaiah 8:15 NIV

Stumbling (Ikose, Offence) Fall
Broken Snared Captured

When you are offended but refuse to heal, you will be captured. The end is not always good.

One way offence shows up is when a close friend inflicts a deep wound on you. It happened to a man called Ahithophel. How did this happen?

David slept with Bathsheba and killed Uriah. David eventually reconciled his ways with God but there was someone who was deeply offended.

- Ahithophel was David’s counsellor. Ahithophel was the king’s counsellor. 1 Chronicles 27:33a NIV

- He partnered with Absalom when Absalom conspired to remove David from the throne.

While Absalom was offering sacrifices, he also sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counselor, to come from Giloh, his hometown. And so the conspiracy gained strength, and Absalom’s following kept on increasing. 2 Samuel 15:12 NIV

- He counselled Absalom to sleep with His father’s concubine on the roof of the palace in the sight of all the nation.

Absalom said to Ahithophel, “Give us your advice. What should we do?” Ahithophel answered, “Sleep with your father’s concubines whom he left to take care of the palace. Then all Israel will hear that you have made yourself obnoxious to your father, and the

hands of everyone with you will be more resolute.” So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the roof, and he slept with his father’s concubines in the sight of all Israel. 2 Samuel 16:20-22 NIV

- Why did Ahithophel give that counsel? That was the exact spot where David slept with Bathsheba?

One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” 2 Samuel 11:2-3 NIV

- Bathsheba was the daughter of Eliam who happens to be the son of Ahithophel. Bathsheba was Ahithophel’s granddaughter.

Eliam son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,
2 Samuel 23:34 NIV

Even when God forgave David, Ahithophel could not. He wanted to see David hurt so badly and put to shame that he joined Absalom. Beware of support that has a poisonous agenda in it. Absalom was just a weapon in Ahithophel’s hands.

- Ahithophel committed suicide when Absalom did not take one of his counsels which could have led to the murder of David.

Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The advice of Hushai the Arkite is better than that of Ahithophel.” For the Lord had determined to frustrate the good advice of Ahithophel in order to bring disaster on Absalom. 2 Samuel 17:14 NIV

When Ahithophel saw that his advice had not been followed, he saddled his donkey and set out for his house in his hometown. He put his house in order and then hanged himself. So, he died and was buried in his father’s tomb. 2 Samuel 17:23 NIV

Are you on the same kind of journey as Ahithophel? Did you see how offence destroyed a great man? He stumbled. He fell. He was broken. He was snared. Death captured him at last.

Deal with the offence today. It is a dangerous slope.

CONFESSION

I do not dwell in offence. Unforgiveness is not my nature.

DO NOT UNDERRATE LAUGHTER!

Text: Job 39:22 AMP.

February 13th 2026

He laughs at fear and is not dismayed; And [in battle] he does not turn back from the sword.

My Mum taught me this spiritual lesson with her life: Mum lost her sight many years ago. In the early days of losing her sight, she wanted to sit down in her office. It was a chair with two arms. She felt the arm of the chair to get the right spot, but unfortunately, she forgot to touch the second arm. As she attempted to sit, she sat in an empty space. She fell to the floor.

In her account, as she fell, the devil began to remind her of how hopeless her situation was. She responded by laughing until she burst into praying in the Spirit. A pastor working in the ministry office heard the fall and ran to the door but turned back when he had the laughter and prayers, saying, "Mummy is just praying."

That laughter in the fall and at the devil produced light and strength to navigate that season. Today, that light has birthed an institution that is thriving.

No other book would be apposite to tell us about laughter other than the Book of Job.

You shall laugh at destruction and famine, and you shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth. Job 5:22 NKJV

One way to kill fear is laughter. Destruction and famine may be staring at you right in the face, but your response must be laughter. There is nothing that you laugh at that can succeed in intimidating you again.

Why do we find it hard to laugh at tough times? We are not loaded with understanding about the ways of the Lord. When we do not know the Lord and His ways, we enter into the realm of murmuring.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

Psalms 103:7 KJV

You will never hear Moses murmur. He knew the ways of the Lord. If you murmur in the wilderness season of life, you will prolong your stay there. Laughter opens up your Spirit to light and instructions. Murmuring shuts you down.

But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 1 Corinthians 10:5 KJV

The wilderness intends to overthrow you. Your assignment is to remind yourself of Who the Lord is and what the Lord has said. Arm yourself with the Word before the wilderness season comes.

If your heart is not full of the Word and there is space for the devil to dump his thoughts, you will never be able to laugh at tough times. You will fall into the realm of pity.

Do what you see God doing, and you will get divine results.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:

the Lord shall have them in derision. Psalm 2:4 KJV

When last did you laugh at the devil? When last did you laugh at challenges? Laugh! Get back on your feet. You were born to confuse hell and all its demons. Laugh!

CONFESS I O N

I engage the mystery of laughter. I do not murmur. My trust is in God.

THE MARRIAGE COVENANT: THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD

Text: Psalm 119:105 NKJV

February 14th 2026

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

During their courtship season, he said to his fiancée, "In this marriage, I will not have an opinion, and you will not have an opinion; we go with what the Word of the Lord says. If it cannot be found and justified in the Word, we will not do it". They have an amazing marriage that has run for over two decades today.

Another beloved one said to his wife, "The moment you show me in the Word of God, I will do it no matter how hard it is to obey." They also have a great marriage.

A covenant marriage is one that is built on the foundation of God's Word. If you can both agree that the Word of the Lord is the foundation of your marriage and not social media, science or even common sense, you will surely do well.

Jesus shared a powerful lesson about the house built on sand and the one built on the rock.

***"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.""* Matthew 7:24-27 NKJV**

What did Jesus call wisdom here? Hearing and

obeying the Word of God. People want to build marriages that will withstand storms, floods, and winds, yet disregard the Word of the Lord. It cannot work. You cannot follow social media and expect a home built on scriptures.

There is a lot of witchcraft packaged as wisdom being released systematically into the airwaves and the lives of people today. There are teachings that are mixed with hurt, offence, and pain, packaged as wisdom. If you are not rooted in the Word, you will practice what is shared, and you will be uprooted from your marriage.

When one spouse follows the scriptures and the other does not, that union cannot last. In the midst of issues, share scriptures instead of social media posts. Be submitted to the Word first. Stop looking for justification for your position.

May your marriage be strong

CONFESSION

The Word of God is our manual for living. The scripture is supreme in my marriage.

THE MARRIAGE COVENANT: THE POWER OF PRAYING TOGETHER

Text: Matthew 18:19 NKJV

February 15th 2026

"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven."

She had packed her bags and was heading out to the office. She had the intention of dealing with her husband a

little bit because she was offended. As she stepped out, the Holy Spirit asked her, "Are you fighting your husband?" She responded in the affirmative.

Then the Lord spoke, "Did you say I am the one living in you? If that is true, I am not fighting your husband." She froze. She went back in and settled the matter.

If you have not had experiences like this as a married man or woman, you are either not a child of God or you have become lost under the burden of carnality, making it hard for you to follow the voice of your Lord.

This is one of the upgrades that happens to the born-again soul when we engage in prayer. Unfortunately, even Christian couples rarely pray together or for one another these days. The altar has been abandoned.

It is difficult to fight the person you are praying for and praying with. Couples who pray together and pray for each other are going to survive storms. It would take a depth of rebellion to genuinely pray together and still remain in strife.

When fellowship is broken, the serpent (devil) slithers in and begins to hang around quietly till he is ready to strike. It is hard for the serpent to remain where the fire burns. When Paul went to gather wood on the island of Melita, all the sticks looked like wood, but when he got really close to the fire, the snake pretending to be wood jumped out.

Snakes prefer to walk alone. They do not like company. Snake-like behaviour cannot stay

when you are a man or woman of your knees.

When I go on my knees, the first thing the Holy Spirit points out are the issues I must resolve immediately. There is no space for strife. It is the same with Irekwamiri.

It is a very strange thing to see a couple who pray together (in meekness and not mere religion) fight without being able to resolve it.

There is a strong link between prayer and peaceful living. Paul wrote about it:

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity." 1 Timothy 2:1-2 NLT

When we say a couple should pray together, it is not out of religion. It is birthed from revelation. How do you slap someone you pray with? How do you stay in offence with your prayer partner? How can blessings and curses come from the same mouth?

Beloved, can you and your spouse still hold hands in prayer? If you cannot, the covenant of marriage is under attack. Fight that thing that is not letting you hold hands.

May the devil not hijack your union!

CONFESSION

My spouse and I agree in the place of prayer. We live in the reality of a peaceful marriage.

HOW TO BUILD A RICH WORD CULTURE IN YOUR HOME

Text: Ephesians 4:32 NIV

February 16th 2026

Toxicity does not dwell in my home. My home is a hub for the voice of God. Love reigns in my home.

In the first few months of marriage, we had occasions to disagree. One of the questions I often ask Irewamiri is, "What is the Spirit of the Lord saying to you now?" She would not respond, and our disagreements would linger for hours.

Oftentimes, after we had resolved the issue, I would go back and ask the question again. Her response was always amusing. She says that the Spirit of the Lord was telling her to apologize about the matter or perhaps to let the matter slide and forgive instead.

Then, I would ask her why she did not follow that prompt. She would say, "I wanted you to feel the hurt and the pain also." We would laugh about it. We are both quick to love and quicker to forgive now.

It feels good to desire that the other person eats a little bit of their own medicine. You want your spouse to feel that pain. Why should you be the only one? It can feel good, but it is not godly. It is pure disobedience. You are fleshly and proud of it.

If you want to build a rich word culture, you must refuse to get back at your spouse. You are not trying to build a toxic environment; rather, you are to build an environment of trust rooted in love. You cannot use toxicity to build an atmosphere of trust.

What are the things you can do to keep toxicity out of your marriage and home?

Please stop using sarcasm to communicate. Sarcasm refers to the use of words that mean the opposite of what you really want to say, especially in order to insult someone, show irritation, or just to be funny. It hurts your spouse more when you do it regularly in a community that respects them.

Sometimes, it is using hurtful humour. Others may be smiling about it, and even your spouse

joins you in smiling, but deep within, a wound has been inflicted, and it hurts.

Please stop shouting at your spouse or your children. You do not like it when people shout at you, so why is it hard for you to stop shouting as well?

This is what the Bible says:

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

Proverbs 15:1 NKJV

Proverbs 15:1 TPT

"Respond gently when you are confronted, and you'll defuse the rage of another. Responding with sharp, cutting words will only make it worse. Don't you know that being angry can ruin the testimony of even the wisest of men?"

Finally, if you want to build a rich word culture in your family, do not use 'Fine' to shut down communication. You know things are not fine. Stop it. Find the strength in the Lord to speak in love. You miss out on communication channels when you shut down. Mention whatever is wrong. Share it in love. You will become better with time.

'One-word answers' will not lead to that great world of love you want to see. Throw it out of the window. You can do better.

CONFESSION

*My spouse and I agree in the place of prayer.
We live in the reality of a peaceful marriage.*

THE WEIGHT OF WORDS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Text: SOS 4:1 NKJV

February 17th 2026

Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, you are fair! You have dove's eyes behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats, Going down from Mount Gilead.

A husband shared about how they were in a meeting, and while everyone else was saying sweet things to their wives, he was actually speaking out of bitterness and making his wife cry. He said, 'I did not know how to be a husband.'

By the time he shared his testimony, there had already been a significant shift. Some people told him, "Your wife glows now. It is different from the first time, truly. Her beauty is coming out now."

I have seen occasions of women who died because the enemy weaponized the words of their husbands. When the devil wants to attack a home, he only needs the man (husband and father) to access such a home.

The first place that Adam missed it was in omitting to protect the garden as the Lord God instructed him. The serpent found its way into and around the garden and eventually found its way into the woman's mind.

There are fathers who lock their physical gates every night. They invest a lot into physical security but have left their homes porous with careless thoughts and carelessly spoken words. You cannot sow poison and expect to reap life.

There are women who look older than their age because of the weight of words that their souls have borne. The shine is lost. The beauty is fading. The glow has disappeared. They look sickly. Why? The man who is meant to groom has brought a lot of gloom.

When was the last time you wrote a note of appreciation to your wife? You wrote many love notes before marriage, but your ink has run out. Your excuse is that you have no time. Must the flower you replanted into your garden wither under your watch?

Do you see something right in the middle of

the qualities of the Proverbs 31 woman?

Proverbs 31:28-29 TPT

[28] Her sons and daughters arise in one accord to extol her virtues, and her husband arises to speak of her in glowing terms. [29] "There are many valiant and noble ones, but you have ascended above them all!"

Her husband praises her.

Her husband speaks of her in glowing terms.

You want a Proverbs 31 woman, but you feel entitled yet deeply ungrateful. You are already deceived. All you see is her faults. Do you realize that the reason why you see faults is because someone is making or has made efforts?

Do you know appreciation will lead to 'appreciation'? Everything around you appreciates. Stop complaining about everything. Find reasons to be grateful.

If you come from a disorganized home, be grateful that you have children. Thank her for blessing you with active kids. Find a reason to appreciate her.

Dear husband and father, would you find something to be grateful for in the next thirty days? You will be surprised how powerful gratitude is.

Stop locking gates and doors while you poison your home with your mouth and your acts.

CONFESS I O N

I speak words that build. I speak words of appreciation to my household. My family life is radiant.

HOW WE GOT PEOPLE TO OUR WEDDING

Text: Psalm 37:23 NKJV

February 18th 2026

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.

We got married before Google Maps (or the Global Positioning System) became a thing in Nigeria. I knew most people would take the lonely Ijesha-Ode, Epe to Ajah route to our wedding. Back then, it was difficult to describe that route. Some had testimonies of getting lost.

With the help of my childhood friend, Ayodele, we made a road trip about two weeks before the wedding on that same route. We noted every landmark and every turn. We then composed a text message describing the route for everyone travelling that way. Anyone who called and asked for a description simply received a text from either of us or from others we had shared it with.

We received compliments after the wedding. Statements like, "Wow! The description was so detailed. We did not miss a turn till we got here." What a joy it was for us. More than that, we were spared incessant phone calls.

Beloved, there are guides for you on the journey of life that you must not take for granted. They are your GPS to get you safely into God's ordained plans for you.

First, the Word of the Lord. Do not joke with studying and meditating on the Word. Do not shove your Bible aside and fall under the spell of "Let's face reality."

How can a young person live a clean life? By carefully reading the map of your Word. I'm single-minded in pursuit of you; don't let me miss the road signs you've posted. Psalm 119:9-10 MSG

Second, the Spirit of the Lord. Do not take the Coach, the Teacher, and the Guide for granted. You will struggle and stumble without Him. He will lead you into prepared places and preserve you with instructions from the plot and scheme of the evil one. He will comfort you. There are times He will convict you. You cannot do without Him.

God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

Romans 8:12-14 MSG

Third, do you have teachers and mentors? As you proceed in this new year, make up your mind not to joke with discipleship. Do not let stubbornness and arrogance, with a spice of ignorance, keep you in a cycle. If the year is new, then you should also be renewed. Listen to teachers. Learn from godly models.

You must have heard this prophecy again:

Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would increase abundantly.

Job 8:7 NKJV

And you must have said a loud Amen! Great. If you would not build a castle in the wind, let me show you what to add to your "Amen":

"Just ask the previous generation. Pay attention to the experience of our ancestors. For we were born but yesterday and know nothing. Our days on earth are as fleeting as a shadow. But those who came before us will teach you. They will teach you the wisdom of old." Job 8:8-10 NLT

Go to the teachers. Go and ask.

May this new year indeed be a new year for you and not just a repetition of the old you. May the new wine in the new year not be a waste because the old skin refused to become new.

CONFESSION

I invest in my spiritual growth. I grow in the knowledge of the word of God.

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DON'T EVER TRY THAT AGAIN

Text: Proverbs 1:33 AMP

February 19th 2026

But whoever listens to me (Wisdom) will live securely and in confident trust and will be at ease, without fear or dread of evil.

I was working in the library. Before I could blink an eye, Danielle had gone inside a shelf and closed the door in a bit to hide from Olive. My fatherly instinct came on. I stood up and opened the shelf and gave them both a stern warning. "What if they tried this on a day no adult was close".

Warnings are instruments of preservation. Warnings are the red flags in our spirit before things go south. A warning is divinity calling our attention to what we are doing. If we heed warnings, we are preserved. When we ignore warnings, we pay heavily.

From the beginning, warning has been a part of man's journey. God warned Adam not to eat out of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for the day he eats out of it, he will surely die. Man did not heed the warning.

The young prophet was given both an instruction and a warning. He delivered the message accurately but did not heed the warning. The day he rose to prominence was the day he also was buried. He took warnings for granted.

Paul warned them not to set sail. They discarded his warnings and the trip became volatile. They lost everything.

Warnings are important in life. Never despise heaven's gentle tug on your soul. Thanking God for obedience is better than saying "And something told me o".

Obedience is better than regrets. Learn to follow through with the red flags in your

soul. Do not keep shoving them aside.

If you are about to say 'Yes' and you sense a red flag, be patient and take your time. You may be accepting the proposal of a married man. Do not shove your spirit man aside.

Do not sign that contract when there is no check in your spirit man. You may be walking into a deal that will shut down your business.

Restrictions, restraints and releases can be solid divine communication. See Paul's experience:

The Holy Spirit had forbidden Paul and his partners to preach the word in the southwestern provinces of Turkey, so they ministered throughout the region of central and west-central Turkey. When they got as far west as the borders of Mysia, they repeatedly attempted to go north into the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to enter. Acts 16:6-7 TPT

The warning is a form of divine leading. Do not take it for granted.

CONFESSIO

I am sensitive to the voice of counsel in my life. My heart is conditioned to discern divine leadings.

HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT SAVES YOU FROM STRESS

Text: Hebrews 12:25 NKJV

February 20th 2026

See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven.

Earlier in the day, as I walked from the living room into the bedroom, I noticed a small eraser on the floor. I had a prompt in my spirit to pick it up and keep it. I told myself, "I will pick it up later." I never did.

Later in the evening, Danielle made a mistake in her homework, and we needed an eraser. We began to look for it and we could not find it. We looked for others and found none. I realized that the Holy Spirit's instruction earlier in the day was to save me from stress later in the day. Eventually, Irewamiri found the eraser somewhere else and gave it to us.

Every instruction from the Holy Spirit is to save you time and energy. It will surely save you from stress. The Holy Spirit is our Guide and Teacher. You will surely land in trouble when you try to do things your way.

If you are a Child of God, you must know that you are not ordained to direct your steps. You must ensure that you do not take the prompts of the Holy Spirit for granted.

When you begin to allow your flesh to govern your life, you will see corruption and limitations showing up. The Holy Spirit will surely save you from trouble.

You must keep the communion of the Holy Spirit a constant feature of your life. Talk with Him all day. Engage the Spirit of the Lord. Ask questions, and you will get answers.

There are times I am looking for something,

and after searching for a while, I remember that I should have asked the Holy Spirit. The very moment I say, "Holy Spirit, I need Your help," there is a light that comes to my heart as to where it can be found. It has happened several times. Now, I would rather ask the Holy Spirit for help first.

Likewise, you can ask the Holy Spirit for strength to pray. He helps us in the place of prayer. You will discover that you have strength. You are not dozing as you pray. You can ask Him for help in the study of the Word of God. He is the Author. The scriptures will come alive. You can ask Him for help with your marriage, parenting, ministry or business.

Let me close with the prayer of Paul:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen

CONFESSION

*I am attentive to the voice of the Holy Spirit.
I discern the mind of God for every situation
in my life.*

THE VOICE OF CAUTION AND CORRECTION

Text: Proverbs 9:9 NIV

February 21st 2026

Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

Things went really bad in a particular home. The woman of the house decided to pack out. The man of the house reached out to their teacher and pastor. When the pastor called, the wife said to him, "Sir, I cannot believe he called you. Anytime I mentioned that I would tell you about his actions, he would always respond that he does not care and does not fear anyone. Now, that I have left, I cannot believe he can call you. Sir, I cannot go back to such a man." The pastor knew there was nothing he could do for a man who was not willing to be held accountable by the voice of caution and correction. Accusations and counter-accusations began to fly about infidelity, abuse of trust, and other matters.

One of the things that will help you overcome temptations is the presence of at least a voice of caution and correction. The higher you go, the more cautious you must be. The more money you earn, the more accountable you must become. Be pastored by a pastor who is not worshipping your wealth. Let it be a "Pastor Timothy" who can command the rich, warn the gifted, and rebuke the talented.

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 1 Timothy 6:17 NKJV

You may not know how much of a sinner you can be until certain privileges come- money, power, position, and influence can intoxicate you. Deal with it.

By the time David messed up irredeemably, two critical relationships were absent in his life. There would have been a great voice of caution in his life.

The first was the voice of Jonathan. Jonathan was a friend like a brother. He was not in competition with David. He knew David had a great destiny. It was certain he would not have allowed his friend to go down the slope. Maybe he would have been around David at

such a sensitive time. He would have warned him rather than urge him on. Even if he was not there, maybe David would have found a confidant to talk about his mess. David may not have killed Uriah.

Do you have a friend who can be a voice of caution or you are surrounded only by flatterers?

The second was the voice of Prophet Samuel. That is the voice of a Pastor, a Father, or a trainer. Do you have a pastor who can ask you tough questions? Do you have a father who can command you out of a "blind spot" that can lead to a disaster? Do you have the voice of a teacher who can tell you not to make a stupid decision? It takes humility to submit but in the long run, it pays greatly.

Do you know that David stayed in the dark phase for a while? How did God help him? He sent another voice of caution and correction into his life called Nathan.

Someone is reading this that you can trace the depreciation in your life to the absence of voices of caution. Will you be humble enough to repent? Get back into a local church. Submit to training.

If you have outgrown the voices of caution and correction in your life because of the status that you have attained, you will need to repent quickly. The devil is setting you up for a fall. He will eat you up alive. He wants to get drunk in the delight of your fall.

There is a prayer I love to pray: May the critical voices in your life not be quiet when it is most essential.

Do you have a voice of caution and correction?

CONFESSION

I am blessed with fathers and teachers. I embrace godly counsel.

SPEAK! DO NOT STAY SILENT

Text: Proverbs 6:25 NKJV

February 22nd 2026

Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, nor let her allure you with her eyelids.

When I told him that, "When next lustful thoughts cross your mind, simply say 'No! I will not do that in Jesus' name'".

He was shocked and asked, "Is that all?" I said 'Yes, that is all.' I then recommended a teaching on the Lordship of Christ since he asked for more.

Some days later, he was all smiling. He said to me, "It is working. I did not know it was that simple." I smiled, seeing the smile of a believer freed from the stronghold of lust. I then said to him, "Say No. Do not stop saying No. No matter the number of times such lustful, strange suggestions come, keep saying No!"

You do not battle thoughts with thoughts; you battle thoughts with words. The devil and his agents are rebuked by words. Why? They do not know your thoughts. The devil is not all-knowing. Demons obey you when you speak.

Did you notice that there was no time in the temptation that Jesus kept quiet? He had a response for the devil from the Word. At a point, He rebuked the devil and told him to stay off.

In our training by the teacher called "Grace," we are taught to speak and not stay silent:

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age. Titus 2:11-12 NIV

It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions. It then teaches us to also live self-controlled, upright and godly lives. Your training begins with you learning to say No!

Jesus rebuked the devil by saying, "It is written." The Word of God was originally spoken so it could be written and written so it could be

spoken. You turn what has been written into a weapon when you speak.

So, the next time you feel that lustful urge, do not just start thinking that you do not want to do it. Voice it out and say "No." Let the demon hear that you are not taking its strange suggestion. Try it, and do not stop even when it seems victory has been won. Say "No" at every chance and every thought.

When you practise speaking, the first thing you will notice is a change of atmosphere around you. It is the proof that you were not the one just thinking of sinning. There was a strange operation going on around you. Do not allow that atmosphere to persist. Change it by speaking.

Jesus spoke no words all the way to the cross so that He could bear our sins and shame. Why? Just one word and the grip of sin would be broken. But He got that victory, so you can then speak and be free from every stronghold of sin.

This may look simple, but this is a major key to victory. When the devil says, "Look at that girl again," "Click that link," or "Get angry," or "Steal some money," just say "NO!" You will be surprised at what will begin to happen in your life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are free from the grip of sin!

CONFESSION

I am not a slave to sin. I speak against lustful thoughts. My mind is daily renewed.

NEVER ALLOW STRANGE INTERPRETATIONS

Text: Hebrews 10:7 NKJV

February 23rd 2026

Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.'"

A young woman once called me and mentioned that someone asked her to reach out to me. She had a dream three times that she was picking snails. She was told that it meant she would be poor.

I told her to do something simple: Go to a restaurant, order a meal and request for snail instead of beef or chicken and tell me the price later. She got the memo. Snails are not cheap.

The danger of wrong conclusions is that it will lead to wrong suggestions that will propel wrong actions. Once Sarah concluded wrongly that it seemed as though God was punishing her by withholding her from getting pregnant, she told Father Abram to sleep with Hagar as a way to get answers.

There are two roles the devil wants to play in your life: the role of the supplier of information and the role of interpreter of information.

The devil wants to supply information. He knows that kings rule by information. Nations pay a lot for espionage. They want information. The devil wants to tell you that:

You are not beautiful.
You are not loved.
No one will marry someone like you.
You will die young.
You will remain small.
Never allow him to supply information.

However, when he notices that you have succeeded in denying him the role of supplier, he wants to play the role of interpreter. He can use someone close to you like he used Sarah to bring that suggestion to Father Abram.

Someone close to you like Peter who genuinely loves you can misinterpret your season. Beclouded with their emotions, they play the devil's advocate. You should know when a loving role has become strange and say, "Get thee behind me, Satan."

What Sarah got wrong, Rebecca did well. When the babies jostled in her womb, she went to the Lord to get the interpretation of her season.

But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So, she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger." Genesis 25:22 – 23 NKJV

If the devil succeeds in supplying and interpreting that data to you, be it a dream, a situation, a health report, or an account balance, he will succeed in controlling, manipulating, and intimidating you using the weapon of fear.

One wrong interpretation can become a generational mess. You will birth things that will spiral out of control.

Deny the devil's information. Deny him the role of interpreter. Spend time in the Word to find the definition of your season. Spend time in prayer to receive clarity.

A lazy believer will become a willing tool of the devil. A believer who lacks sensitivity can be used by the devil to achieve his purpose. Do not let it happen.

CONFESSION

I reject the devil's interpretation of my seasons. I hold on to what God says concerning me.

IT TAKES COMMITMENT AND NEVER CONVENIENCE

Text: Acts 3:1 NLT

February 24th 2026

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service.

In the early days of GSM phones, the network was quite terrible and not yet widespread in Eruwa, but it was the season that 'youthful Temi' had just fallen in love. The network issues would never deter me from communication.

I would place my phone on one of the high louvre blades and connect an earpiece to it. I could remain there for four hours, maximizing the "extra cool" package (only millennials will understand this). It was not convenient, but I knew I wanted to speak with the one I loved. The price I had to pay was nothing compared to the joy of speaking to a lover.

My Spiritual Father would always say to us, "It is a rare thing for prayer to come to you. It will not feel like it. But in scriptures, you will see that you have to go to prayer." He uses this to teach us the difference between convenience and commitment.

You must give yourself to prayer. It was the secret of the early disciples. It must also be ours in this generation.

Acts 6:4 KJV

[4] But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word.

You must learn the art of converting waiting seasons to times of waiting on the Lord. While Peter waited for food to be ready, he decided to spend some time praying. A hungry, believing man should not be an angry man but a praying man. Convert the hunger to prayer.

Acts 10:9-10 NIV

[9] About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. [10] He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.

Pray while in transit.

Pray while waiting for a meal. Pray while on break at work.

Pray while sitting at the departure lounge. Pray while waiting for the meeting to start.

It was that time of prayer that opened up ministry to the Gentiles. What if Peter had been overwhelmed with his hunger and turned it to anger? What if Peter had been scrolling through social media just to keep himself engaged? What if he had chosen the convenient instead of pushing for communion?

You pray when you do not feel like it. A solid prayer life cannot be built on feelings. It is a commitment. Pay the price.

CONFESSION

I am committed to the life of prayer. My prayer altar is aflame.

STOP DISRUPTING DIVINE PROCESS WITH HUMAN IMPATIENCE

Text: Hebrews 6:15 NLT

February 25th 2026

Then Abraham waited patiently, and he received what God had promised.

When my second daughter was a little younger, she would, at times, wake up at night and request to take a meal or just water. Oftentimes than not, she would retire into our bed. If you ask her to go to their room, she would disagree. What we get to do most of the time is to carry her right after she has slept off. Once she is asleep, we know there will be no resistance. We pick her up and drop her in her bedroom.

One of the things that you must learn as a believer is the art of trusting God totally. If you are still in the season of struggling and arguing with God because you think you are smarter, it is because your flesh is still awake. When the flesh is put to sleep, and your spirit is alert to God, obedience is never a struggle.

When Abraham was still vibrant and had all it took to impregnate a woman, he saw the option of sleeping with Hagar as one that made sense. After a while, he even began to negotiate with God that Ishmael should carry the blessing that was meant for the seed the Lord had promised.

Do you know when the miracle took place? When both Sarah and Abraham had gotten to the point of deadness, and they could not argue again:

And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: Romans 4:19 KJV

The beginning of the divine is always at the end of the human. Sometimes, God wants you to come to the end of yourself so He can step in, but it is always better if you begin to trust Him early enough.

When did the miracle of Abraham and Sarah happen? When they had gotten tired of trying:

So, she laughed silently to herself and said, "How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?" Genesis 18:12 NLT

How did God bring the woman out of man? After he had been put to deep sleep.

The reason why the miracle you desire so desperately is being delayed may be because you keep interrupting divine processes with human impatience. You are trying all you can to make it work by yourself. Be at peace. Tell your soul to rest in the promises of God. Stop being agitated. If the Lord has promised, the Lord will do it.

Stop struggling to make it happen. Your miracle is here!

Is it clear?

CONFESSION

I trust divine process. I am not disruptive. I hold on to God's promises for my life.

APPRECIATE THE HELP OF GOD

Text: Psalm 46:1 NKJV

February 26th 2026

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

I rewamiri and I were having a conversation. She just mentioned how we had nothing in our living room when we got married. Our seats were improvised- we used to sit on those yellow twenty-five-litre jerry cans.

I still remember our first set of upholstery. Do you know that after getting comfortable and setting up our first home, God still instructed us to give it up as a seed? We moved to a new house and again we had no upholstery. After a year, we got a living room furniture gift from a Lagos family. It made us grateful and thankful. We appreciated the help of God.

Beloved, you must learn to appreciate the help of God. If you remove the help of the Lord from your life and affairs, what will be left? What do we have that we did not receive?

In the days of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar took a walk and appraised the city. He told himself that he did it by his own hands.

Daniel 4:29-30 NIV

[29] Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, [30] he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?"

He said he built it by his own mighty power and the glory of His Majesty. While he was still speaking, he got his judgement:

Daniel 4:31-32 NIV

[31] Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, "This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. [32] You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes."

"Until you acknowledge the Most High..." Did you see that? Have you learnt to acknowledge the Most High? Do you think you did it in your own might?

When was his sanity restored? When he learnt to look up to heaven and acknowledge the help of God.

Daniel 4:34 NLT

"After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned, and I praised and worshipped the Most High and honoured the One who lives forever. His rule is everlasting, and His kingdom is eternal."

David knew what Nebuchadnezzar did not understand. David knew that he was only being helped and could only be helped by God.

Psalms 121:1-2 NKJV

[1] I will lift up my eyes to the hills— From whence comes my help? [2] My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Solomon also knew the same thing:

Psalms 127:1 NKJV

[1] Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

Look around you. When last did you appreciate how far God has brought you? When last did you thank God for His hand in your life?

CONFESSION

I am grateful for divine help. I appreciate God for coming through for me. I am helped at all times.

APPRECIATE SINCERITY

Text: Matthew 5:37 NKJV

February 27th 2026

But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

Some years ago, we were to host a leadership conference. Aside from myself, we had plans to host about seven other speakers (I am not sure I will do that again). About a week before the meeting, it became clear that it would be dishonourable to bring speakers without the required financial pool to take care of at least their logistics.

I sent an email to all our speakers. I told them all about the season we were in as a ministry and sincerely talked to them about our financial state. I then added that it would not hurt me in any way if any of them decided not to come. I also added that it would never redefine or affect the respect I had for each of them.

None of the speakers pulled back. They all came. We did what we could with what we had. They all said they were coming as friends of the work. I was indeed grateful. I was humbled by their love, and I still appreciate all of them till date.

Beloved, appreciate sincerity wherever you see it. Sincerity is way better than packaging. I have been to meetings where I have been poorly treated. I have met pastors who would say, "We would send you something Sir" and they never did. I have met some who made other promises that they never kept. I know the pressure of performance, but I can tell you about the freedom of sincerity.

Sincerity frees you from pressure. Listen beloved, sincerity must flow from humility. I know it is sometimes really hard to tell the truth about your season, but it is a very important step. It grows your confidence. It helps your goodwill and strengthens your relationship with others.

If you are in ministry, make sure you are sincere and appreciate sincerity. Where sincerity is absent, corruption takes over. 2 Corinthians 2:17 KJV

For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

You must serve the Lord with sincerity. God does not need you to package for Him. Do all things in the fear of the Lord. Joshua 24:14a KJV

Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth...

Let good conscience, simplicity and sincerity guide you on the journey of life. Do not try to fake it till you make it. Give your best at every level you are. 2 Corinthians 1:12 KJV

For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.

Once sincerity is there, humility and truth are never far. Be sincere. People can smell hypocrisy from afar. Be simple. Be truthful. Be sincere.

CONFESSION

I embrace sincerity in my relationships with people. I serve God with sincerity of heart.

APPRECIATE SILENT LABOURS

Text: Hebrews 11:33 NLT

February 28th 2026

By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions

One of the fathers in the faith who helped in the spread of the gospel all across our nation especially among young people as a Travelling Secretary of an Evangelistic Organization was honoured by one of the ministries in the land. He was already in his 70s when this happened. When I saw the update, tears dropped from my eyes. When I watched the event, I was even more emotional. Why? I knew this beloved father and his heart for the work of the gospel.

On the occasion of his birthday some years ago, we tried all we could to celebrate him quietly in our little way. Even though he was thousands of miles away and living quietly, we got a brother in the faith to kindly reach out to him and give our gifts of love. The sense of gratitude that this beloved father showed was humbling. And yes! The brother we reached out to enjoyed private interaction and received fatherly blessings also.

Some men are silent labourers. They may not be in the limelight, but their labours made a lot of difference in our land. There was a time when he still hit the road preaching the gospel of Christ right after losing his son. Some men are just totally sold out.

As a young growing church, we showed appreciation to a dear steward. She would most times be the only one who would show up and clean up the church. It would take her hours sometimes. She would never murmur. You would not catch her with a sad face. She dealt with it joyfully. God sees those who labour quietly.

There was a special meeting where prophetic words were coming for those who were labouring in the kitchen with their ear plugged into the meeting. God does not forget.

Hebrews 6:10 NKJV
[10] For God is not unjust to forget your work and labour of love which you have

shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Just like God does not forget, you must make up your mind to also not forget the silent labours of men in your life.

Think deeply- who are those who laboured over you that you seem to have forgotten today? We have a little rule- we must never forget those who contributed their efforts in the days of our small beginning. There are people enjoying opportunities today because of the silent labours of people they will never get to meet. They are only enjoying the harvest.

There are men that I rarely say “No” to. They played unique and silent roles in my journey. No matter how you part ways, do all you can to only remember their sacrifices and not their shortcomings.

Never forget silent labour! Appreciate silent labourers too.

CONFESSION

I am generous towards co-labourers in the faith. I bless them with my resources.

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