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**KEYS THAT MAKES  
EVERY YEAR  
COUNT**

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# INTRODUCTION

I don't feel this book needs an introduction. But if you think it does, well, you just read the introduction.

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**WARNING!!! WHAT  
YOU'RE ABOUT TO READ  
MAY GIVE YOU AN  
INSTANT TESTIMONY**

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*The first key you'd need to make the best of any year is*

# **A WORD FROM GOD**

No matter what your plans and thoughts are for the year, God's plans and thoughts towards you are higher. If that's the case, why should you settle for less?

I know we have the mind of Christ, but you can't be so sure of what God will do except He tells you. Oftentimes in scriptures Jesus would remark that He can of his own self do nothing; rather, he acts as His Father speaks or directs.

If Jesus' earthly ministry gave priority to God's word or direction, shouldn't we be concerned? Isn't this an example for us to follow? He lived for a very short time on earth, yet His life has been the most impactful till date. The Psalmist says **"the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"**. I can tell who is leading you by the wants that arise in your life.

This is something I've always looked forward to every year. I remember back in 2017, God told me that He was going to give me multiple promotions. As at the time He told me, I had not authored a book, but before 2017 ended, I authored 27 books.

While I try to imagine how such a thing can be humanly possible, I can only relate it to what

God told me. I felt an unusual grace to write all through that year. I remember writing a bestseller in 6 hours. I sat on my PC and wrote that book till I was done.

In 2018, God told me that He had reserved distinction for me. To my amazement, everyone that was a competitor back in 2017 suddenly left the radar. Not that they stopped doing what they were doing, but I just entered my own space - a space beyond contention. My Facebook profile hit 5000 friends that year, I wrote more books, and a lot of transformations occurred in my life.

In 2019, God told me that He was going to get me praise and fame. Between January and February, I struggled with the 5000 friend limit that Facebook put on personal profiles,

then I started reminding God of His word through prayers. In March, He inspired me to create a page, and within 9 months, that page had grown to over 130 thousand followers with over 4 million people reached monthly.

Asides that, I started getting opportunities and connections to prominent people - even people I used to watch on TV.

I've made it a point of duty to receive a word from God yearly. I won't forget 2019 in a hurry, I truly experienced praise and fame. For 2020, God has commissioned me for greater works, and that's exactly what will happen.



*The Second key you'd need to make the best of any year is*

# A HEART FOR GOD

The unit of a close fellowship with God is a heart for God.

Where is your treasure? Or what do you consider treasurable? The bible says ***"Where a man's treasure is, there also his heart shall be"***. I can tell the value you place on God by the attention you give to Him and His kingdom.

I've heard people say, "I want God to use me"; but the truth is, God only uses those who have separated themselves for Him. God

won't use you because you said you are available; He'd use you because He can see your availability. There are many people who will give anything just to ensure that their treasure house is safe. Men naturally put their hearts into what they consider treasurable. If you consider God treasurable, nothing else will matter but God.

Anything you can't give to or for God is unveiling a treasure you've not given to Him. A person who considers God treasurable on all fronts will never have a hard time giving God his heart.

God bless father Abraham, a perfect example of a man who had a heart for God. His son was his treasure but God was his treasure house, and he wouldn't hesitate to give his

son to God. Be careful how you ask God to use you, because it will cost you the things you consider treasurable. Check those who are greatly used by God, they're people that won't withhold anything from God.

When the bible says "Give me your heart", he simply means that you should redirect the things you consider treasurable to Him. This is a natural law; if you don't like a thing, the moment you start investing in that thing, you'd suddenly begin to like it.

It's amazing how our treasures can genuinely redirect our hearts. If a man doesn't like a woman, the moment he starts spending and investing on her, the likeness will suddenly appear. A woman may think she doesn't like a man, but that's only because she hasn't given

him anything yet. That's why wise parents advise their daughters not to receive gifts from a man they don't plan to be with. Because they may not have the plan or desire to, but the gifts would stir up something.

Bishop David Oyedepo has often shared how he went to worship God alone in a church, and while he was at it, God asked him what he had brought for Him. He took a deep thought and figured out that the only possession he had was his salary that was yet to be paid. Amazingly, he offered that salary to God - even before he was paid. Why won't God use him to do great exploits in the world?

You can tell that a man is hiding something treasurable by his reaction when you

approach that thing. How do you react when people touch the things that concern God?

God will not give you what you can't give back to Him. Also, God will not give you what you'd keep to yourself alone. God wants to share His love abroad, but He'd need faithful men to do the spreading.

*The third key you'd need to make the best of any year is*

# IDENTIFY WITH A PLACE

God is place conscious. Your salary in your current job may not pay much, but as long as it grants you the opportunity of being in a place, stay there.

There are two things that God does through a place; He either establishes us in that place, or promotes us from that place. A believer who isn't identified with a place will give God a hard time prospering him. That's why the bible says ***"whatsoever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might"***. The salary may

not pay the bills, but do it with all your might. It may involve too many sacrifices, but do it with all your might.

You may have made a lot of mistakes, but it's no coincidence that you're where you work right now; it's probably God's strategy to elevate you. In this kingdom, we don't judge our future by the environmental conditions, but by future scriptural prospects. That's why God told Abraham to look "from" where he was into the future; He didn't tell him to look "at". Many people look at their situations, that's why they don't make progress.

Of course, there are times you look inwards, but when you can't see a future inwards, look "from" where you are to where God is taking

you. It is as far as your eyes can see that God will give you.

The situation in your current place may seem like a prison, but look from there to where you're going. I believe that Joseph understood this principle, the bible says "until the time that his breakthrough came, God's word proved him right". Even in prison, he didn't have a cause to complain or blame God. As far as he was concerned, prison was a place - even though it was a place no one wishes to be in; and as long as he was in a place, he was qualified for God's blessing.

I've worked in a place where I wasn't paid salary for 3 months, yet I was punctual at work. "How did you feed?", "How did you pay transport fares?", "How did you pay the



bills?". I paid, because no matter what place life or God puts you, you'd certainly find favour there, you just need to open your heart. That's why Joseph received favour in prison. That's why Daniel received favour from a prison guard. The place may not be desirable, but it doesn't mean your God cannot work out favour for you there.

Did the bible not say "even though you walk through the valley and shadow of death, you will fear no evil, because God is with you"? Did it not say that "He prepares a table before you in the presence of your enemies"? I've heard of Christians who resigned from their place of work because their bosses maltreated them, didn't they maltreat Joseph?

Some of us just need to have a slave mentality like Joseph, so that we can allow God complete His will in our lives. But the problem is that we're too intelligent, and our intelligence often make us canalize spiritual things.

I remember how a colleague was fired because of her arrogance and pride towards others. Her "confidence" in God was seen as an abuse before her superiors. Confidence in God doesn't mean you shouldn't be humble. In fact, humility is often the best way to transmit God to any individual. The bible says, "Follow peace with all men without which no man shall see God". But unfortunately, some believers would rather cast out their bosses - as if their bosses were the "devils" the bible spoke about.

Your home is not a place, except you've also turned it into a workplace. This was the reason why God told Abraham to leave his father's house to a "place" He'd show him. If you can understand what I'm sharing with you, then you won't despise any place you find yourself. Beyond the small or large salary you may earn there, it would also give you a creative space.

The job I got in 2016 after a 21 day fast started with about a hundred and ten dollars per month. I was discouraged, but thank God I understood this principle. Just a year into that job, God gave me business ideas, I've authored close to 50 books, I've experienced fame and an amazing shift in my finances. Guess what? I'm still in that job.

*The fourth key you'd need to make the best of any year is*

# **CONFRONT CHALLENGES**

When challenges tarry for too long - beyond supplications and intercession, then you need to confront them. What you don't confront has a right to remain.

Some people struggled with a particular challenge all through last year because they kept making intercessions for the challenge instead of confronting it.

Bishop David Oyedepo remarked that ***THERE ARE 3 KINDS OF PRAYER:***

- 1. Supplication prayer*
- 2. Intercession prayer, and*
- 3. Confrontational prayer*

You don't intercede or make supplications to the challenges oppressing you, you confront them. Jesus confronted the fig tree when He cursed it. David wasn't praying to Goliath, he confronted him. What you don't confront, you cannot conquer.

Stop interceding or making supplications to those challenges and start confronting them. Ezekiel was driven to a valley of dry bones - bones that were potential soldiers, and all he needed to do was to confront them by the

word of the Lord. As he did, bones literally became an army. Hallelujah!

So that's what you do when you're faced with challenges, you confront them by the word of God. I remember many years ago when I had a stomach ache; I had just finished eating but it seemed the food didn't go well with my body. The instance I noticed the pain, I addressed it saying, "Stomach, while I was blessing the food, I didn't ask it to ache me, so stop aching now". And that was it!

Someone else will start praying to God about it. There are things you pray to God about, and there are other things you use God's word to confront - just like Ezekiel did.

As long as what you're going through has a name, then you can confront it. Call it by its name and address it by the word of the Lord.

*The fifth key you'd need to make the best of any year is*

## **SET GOALS**

Once you receive a word from God, the next thing you need to do is set goals according to what God spoke to you. Note, it has to be according to what God spoke to you, and not according to what your resources can reach. If your resources can help you reach those goals, then they are not goals at all.

Goals are desires set in motion. Many people have great desires, but they don't achieve them only because they lack motion. If you do a research on people's desire for last year alone, you'd discover that many of them desired to start a business, some desired to



further their education, get married, buy a land, or even build a house. But many of them couldn't reach those desires for lack of motion. Goals are desires set in motion in order to reach them.

In Mark 11:24, the bible tells us how to maximize our desires. It says, "What things soever you desire, when you pray, BELIEVE that you RECEIVE them, and you shall have them". I had to capitalize "believe" and "receive" just to lay some emphasis.

Once you pray about a desire, don't wait around till God sends an angel to get it across to you; instead, believe that you've received that desire. And if that's the case, all you have to do is set goals that would enable you reach them.

There's no proof that you believe what you've prayed for without setting goals to receive them. It didn't say you believe that an angel will deliver to your doorstep; it says believe that you've received them.

If you desire to build a house for instance, and you've prayed about it, believe that God has approved it. What you have to do next is set goals that will enable you to see the physical manifestation of your desires. That's it! Goals are desires set in motion.

I wrote a book titled “REACHING YOUR GOALS”; it would show you how to set goals and reach them. I recommend you read it.

**ALRIGHT, THAT'S IT FOR THIS EBOOK. BUT BEFORE YOU GO, CONSIDER PRAYING THE FOLLOWING PRAYERS:**

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**PRAYER 1:**

*Father, in the name of Jesus, stir up a fire within my heart that will empower me to want more of you this year.*

**PRAYER 2:**

*Father, in the name of Jesus, put an anointing upon my life that will amplify my usefulness this year.*

**PRAYER 3:**

*Father, in the name of Jesus, let my life become like the Tabernacle of the Lord's presence that houses the solution to man's challenges.*

**PRAYER 4:**

*Father, let the grace for wealth come upon my life, so I can have abundance in all things, and abundance for every good work.*

## **NOW, LET ME PRAY FOR YOU...**

*Your destiny will be accelerated this year!*

*What you could not achieve all through last year will be achieved this year without stress!*

*Everything that stresses your life will begin to give you comfort this year!*

*You shall have sufficiency in all things, and abundance for every good works!*

*I command your mind to begin to think great innovations! When organizations are looking for advisers, they'd consult you first!*

*This year, no organization will be able to reject or neglect you!*

*This year, the things that should have taken you five years to establish will be established in a twinkling of an eye! There'd be no delay for you this year!*

*God will give you the gift of men this year! It will be a privilege for men to respond to the cause of your needs!*

*So shall it be! In Jesus precious name!*

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I TRUST YOU'VE BEEN BLESSED BY THIS  
EBOOK. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO  
CONTACT ME IF YOU NEED ANY FORM OF  
COUNSEL. AND YES, I LOOK FORWARD TO  
READING YOUR TESTIMONIES.  
CONGRATULATIONS!

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