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MAXIMIZING YOUR THRONE

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JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN...

We are redeemed as kings, but many believers would rather live as kids. Kings take charge of kingdoms rather than making charts with ribbons. We were made to reign on the earth, not just to show the world that we have good shirts, or skirts.

The time has come for believers to take “Kingdom focused” responsibilities, instead of limiting their reign to personal or family-centered responsibilities. We are not redeemed to take care of our families alone; rather, we are redeemed to care for kingdoms. Get set; this book will open your mind to the responsibilities of a king. And I’m certain that your Christian walk will experience a dramatic transformation afterwards. God bless you richly!

DO YOU EVEN NEED TO BE TOLD THAT WE ARE...

REDEEMED AS KINGS

Salvation makes us royal beings, and specifically grants us access to a throne. Rev 5:10 says ***"He has made us kings and priests, to reign on the earth"***. You may have lived as a slave, but the day you became born again, you received a crown of royalty. You may not look like it, but that's what you are, royalty!

Jesus, The King of kings, had a similar figure; nobody recognized His royalty when He was just a carpenter's son. But as He began to

respond to the demands of His throne, He started gaining recognition.

Don't worry about how you look right now or how overwhelming the situations around you may be; but like Jesus, focus on your throne. The truth is; your present look is temporal and subject to change, but the reality of your royalty is eternal. That's why 2 Cor 4:18 says ***"we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever"***. If you won't give up on your throne, you'd soon begin to physically reflect royalty. The troubles you may be going through now will soon be gone, and your royalty will certainly be established. All you have to do is "Take Responsibility" for your throne.

YES, KINGS HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES...

At the conclusion of the 2017 Winners' Chapel International Youth Alive Convention, which was tagged "Empowered for the throne", I asked my spiritual daughter, Faith Azi gbemi, to relate Proverbs 25:2 with the theme of the convention she had just attended. I found her feedback very inciting and decided to include a portion of it in this book. Let's see what she said:

"Enthronement indicates responsibility and hard work. No irresponsible crowned king would remain on the throne for long. If you don't want to be dethroned, then you must engage in a quest for knowledge to lead well. In Proverbs 25:2, the Bible says "it is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter".

That further tells us that, as a king, your job is not just to sit on the throne, you need to take responsibility and search things out".

I COULDN'T SAY "AMEN" ...

I was also at that convention. The prayers made by our father, Bishop David Oyedepo, was really compelling, but I just couldn't open my mouth to say "Amen". At some point, the sound from those who were responding to the prayers began to ache my head.

"Papa, how can you do this to us?" was the question that was running through my mind. He released so much grace upon us; one of the things he said is that "our generation will accomplish things that will make his own accomplishments look like child's play". Well, I said "Amen" to that one, except that I was the only one who heard it.

The impartation service finally ended. And while others were leaving the auditorium with happy faces, I left with a straight face, but with an action plan on my mind. The prophetic words that were released in our direction painted a clear picture of the volume of grace that was available to us. But the availability of grace doesn't make a man great, it's the work you do with the grace that will. This is a general kingdom principle that has been since inception. Jesus made reference to this kingdom principle when He taught about faith in James 2:14-26. Let's read what it says:

14. What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

15. If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,

16. and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17. Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

19. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

20. But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

21. Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

22. Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

23. And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.

24. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

25. Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

26. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Yes, faith is not the same as grace, but they both have a "work" connection. While work is a proof of faith, greater works are proofs of grace. While you may require faith to start

your Christian journey, you'd need grace to reach where God has destined for you. While faith passes open doors, grace opens new doors. The bible says "***a great and effectual door is opened unto us, but there are many adversaries***". Faith clears the adversaries and enters the doors that grace opens. Anytime you receive a blessing or prophetic word, you've simply received grace or an open door. But you'd need faith to access it; and work is the only proof of faith. All those prophetic words that I received at the convention are great open doors, but if I don't pass through them, I won't experience the content of those words. And this is why I couldn't say "Amen"; rather, I was thinking of what to do to make the most of them. The other disciples had more access to grace than apostle Paul; but the bible records that "***Paul became greater by the grace of God; nevertheless, he worked***

more than them all". The grace was available, but work made the difference.

OKAY ANSLEM, SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW?

Proverbs 25:2 is what to do! That was the scripture that God gave to me after the impartation service. It says;

"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter".

The second part caught my attention; ***"...the honour of kings is to search out..."***. In other words, the honour of a king lies in searching out the things that God has hidden. Kings are rated according to the level of honour they command. Remember how the mighty Queen of Sheba went to visit King Solomon. We may

all be kings, but our honour can never be the same. Our honour increases as we discover and apply the secrets that God is hiding. Solomon became the wisest king that ever reigned because he was ruling with divine secrets. Job was the greatest business man in his time because he was operating with divine secrets. Job 29:4 particularly says ***"as I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle"***.

Daniel understood this principle; he began his reign with divine secrets. Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that no one could unveil or interpret, not even the magicians or soothsayers. But when Daniel was given the opportunity to meet the king, he clearly told the king that only God could unveil such secrets. Let's see how the bible explains it:

Dan 2:27: Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king;

Dan 2:28: But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

Dan 2:29: As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.

Dan 2:46: Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him.

Dan 2:47: The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret.

Dan 2:48: Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

Isn't it beautiful how discovery of divine secrets can elevate a man? I perceive that this is how believers are going to take over territories for Christ. We'd be gaining access to secrets that the world cannot, and in turn, take over highly esteemed positions.

These secrets can be in form of divine ideas for business success, family growth, academic

growth, career development, and so on. All we have to do is to consciously ask God to show us secrets to flourish in those areas of life. Bishop David Oyedepo had often shared his testimonies on how he asked God to show him the secrets to financial prosperity, divine health, and blissful marriage; and the responses he got has made him a ruler over those things forever.

BUT GOD ONLY SHOWS SECRETS TO THEM THAT LOVE HIM...

Obviously, those magicians and soothsayers couldn't access Nebuchadnezzar's dream because they didn't love God. On the other hand, Daniel didn't have a problem accessing the dream because he loved God. 1 Cor 2:9 says ***"But as it is written, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined***

the things that God has prepared for those who love him".

Divine secrets are the exclusive reserve of those that love God. Daniel loved God; he couldn't defile himself with the king's food. Job loved God; God personally testified of him. Joseph loved God; he refused to sin against God by fornicating with Potiphar's wife. Abraham loved God; he was willing to sacrifice his only son.

Abraham's love made him the Father of many nations. Daniel's love made him second in command in a whole nation. Joseph's love made him relevant for decades. Job's love made him the greatest business man in his time. Solomon's love made him the greatest king that ever reigned.

People who prove their love for God easily gain access to divine secrets. Abraham proved his love for God many times. Daniel was threatened, but he preferred to be eaten up by lions than to denounce his God. Job was advised to curse God, but He loved God too much that he couldn't. Even with his deadly predicament, he still prayed for his friends.

BUT WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN TO LOVE GOD...

It means "doing what He likes". And what He likes are the things His word commands. 1 John 5:3 says ***"for this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and His commandments are not grievous"***. If keeping God's commandments feels too hard for you, then you need to check your love level.

WHAT WOULD GOD DO?

That's the question that most God-lovers ask. Matt 6:33 says we should "***seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...*** ". In other words, our first consideration to resolving circumstances should be God's view. Before you pass through that man that has no food to eat, think of what God will do. Before you condemn that prostitute that doesn't know Jesus, think of what God will do. Before you do what you'd like to do, think of what God would do. Before you do what you think is right, check out what God thinks is right.

Loving what God loves is one of the best ways to prove your love for God. For instance, John 3:16 tells us that "***God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that***

whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life". If God doesn't want anyone to perish, but that all should come to Him through Jesus Christ, then reconciling the world to Him through Christ will definitely prove that you love Him. Come to think of it, if you hate the world that God loves, won't that make you a hater instead of a lover? If you watch souls perish instead of showing them the way to God, won't that make your love invalid? 1 John 4:20 says ***"if any man says he loves God, and hates his brother, then he is a liar"***. You just can't despise the things that God loves and still claim that you love Him. This is relative in our personal relationships with people; if you claim to love a person, then you must be ready to love what that person loves.

If you claim to love God, then you must love the characteristics of God. People who love

God do things, not necessarily because they like what they do, but because God loves it.

FIGHT FOR YOUR KINGDOM...

Let's go over Matt 6:33 again. The bible paints a clear picture of what God is looking for. It says ***"Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"***.

God is looking for kings; but the challenge is that, the kings He is looking for are behaving like man - who is always looking for things. Remember that Jesus had ordained every Believer as kings and priests unto God, and they shall reign on the earth forever. Every king naturally has a kingdom; that also implies that every believer has a kingdom on the earth where he is expected to reign - forever.

Though our kingdom is on earth - which is a limited place, but our resources are drawn from an unlimited realm - which is heaven. Matt 16:19 tells us that ***“Jesus will give us the keys of the kingdom of heaven, so that whatever you don't permit on earth will not be permitted in heaven”***. That also means that, if you don't permit poverty and sickness in your kingdom, heaven will make the necessary supplies to make that happen.

If this is the case, why are believers still seeking things, and not seeking the welfare of the kingdom? Does it mean that they don't understand the benefits that is attached to seeking the kingdom?

Kings are supposed to be kingdom-minded, and not "things-minded". In plain English,

Matt 6:33 is saying ***"My son, take the responsibility of a king, and you'd freely enjoy benefits that ordinary people struggle to get"***. Honestly speaking, do I need to be told that kings enjoy benefits?

LOVE IS THE WAY OUT...

I used to think that no man deserved my honesty, not until I realized that I wasn't being honest for them, but for change.

Love changes the way people think about you, it changes the way people see you, and it ultimately changes the way people relate with you. I once shared an experience on how my director believed that I'm a Christian because I acted in love towards the company, by purchasing office needs and reporting the exact amount I bought them.

Love is not just the feeling or compassion; it's truth and sincerity, it is peace and tranquility, it is righteousness and obedience to God's word.

We don't have to cheat on people, we don't have to steal from people, we don't have to lie to people, because we've had too much of all that already. True change can only be effected by love. If the government loves the people, they won't lie to us. Love is God, and a man without God can't love. The reason why many nations are struggling is because their elected leaders don't know God; and since they don't know God, they can't truly love the people. And if they can't love the people, they'd never lead a peaceful government.

Many families are suffering, not because they don't have money, but because the father of the house does not have love in him. The abundance of money doesn't destroy the yoke of suffering. As a matter of fact, the abundance of money without love is a platform to exhibit hatred.

OBTAIN A LOVE DEGREE...

My pastor once remarked that "if the only thing you have is love for God, you would still enjoy the best things in life". I thought about it and discovered that; love is not just a qualifier, but also a "dignifier".

Love can place a man in a position where no qualification or virtue can place him. Daniel and those three Hebrew boys were in the same class with other students; but the Bible records that God gave them wisdom and

understanding in everything they learnt. And because of what He gave them, they were ten times better than their peers.

Solomon was the greatest king that ever lived; and that was because God gave him wisdom. He was the son of King David, and that means he must have enjoyed teachings from the best teachers. But none of those qualifications could get him such a dignified position. Of course, he would have become the king, since he was the heir of King David; but without the wisdom that God gave to him, he would have been just like any other king.

Love for God add things to you that nothing else can. Personally, the only qualification I have to write to you is "my love degree". The proof that you have obtained a love degree is

that you would be operating with divine virtues. You would have wisdom, sound knowledge, supernatural intelligence, and skills that you never learnt from anywhere. If you take away my love degree, then I am no longer qualified to write to you. A love degree is able to multiply the value of all your qualifications, even ten times. That was what happened to Daniel and those three Hebrew boys.

Let me also mention that love can overturn any negative situation. It shut the mouth of lions for Daniel; it calmed the fiery furnace for those three Hebrew boys; it disinfected Paul from the snake's poison; it delivered David from Saul's wrath; it set Joseph free from captivity; it will also deliver you. All you need to do is increase your love for God, and the lines will begin to fall unto you in pleasant places.

SHE GIVES BIRTH TO WISDOM AND DIVINE IDEAS...

When Faith Tabernacle was under construction, it got to a point where they needed to move a forklift, a four-wheeled industrial machine, into the Tabernacle. But they could not, because the forklift was higher than the height of the Tabernacle's entrances.

They thought about it and decided that they would break the upper part of the entrance so that the forklift could drive in easily. They went ahead to seek permission from Bishop David Oyedepo, who also is the president and founder of the church.

But to their amazement, he asked them what the size of the tyres were. And when they told him, he suggested that they should deflate the four tires, tow the forklift inside the

Tabernacle, then pump them. He said it would be far easier to pump a tyre than to rebuild the entrance.

That is the power of wisdom! None of those professional contractors could think like that. But it made sense to them the moment they heard it. The Bible says the foolishness of God is wiser than men. That also means that ideas from God can make any profound theory to become foolishness.

They say wisdom is "knowing what to do and doing it", but it is love that gives birth to wisdom. If you do not feel wise enough, just check your depth of love. Love will distinguish any student, and even make him wiser than his teachers. With love for God, you can dissolve any complex situation. That's

probably why the bible says that love never fails.

MARRY GOD...

Marriage is a way of sealing the love and commitment between two people. A man may have an undying love and affection for a woman, but the woman would not be entitled to all that he has until she commits herself in marriage. He may give her things, but he cannot give her everything. It is not the wedding vows or rings that really seals marriage, it is the commitment to one another that does. This is why if you are not ready to commit yourself to the demands of marriage, then do not get married. Couples should practice commitment before they exchange rings. However, you do not have to put a ring in God's hand, just commit yourself to His interests.

God has an everlasting love for us; and that means He is willing to give us everything He has. But the fact that He is willing does not mean we will have it. I once had a very deep affection for a lady which lasted for very long. I was always willing to give her things; sometimes I gave, and some other times I withheld my gift because she did not feel the same way. The Bible says ***"eyes have not seen, nor ears heard, neither can it be imagined, the things that God has prepared for them that love Him"***. You may have seen God's blessings, but what you have seen is nothing compared to what you would see when you commit yourself to His interests.

Commitment is a proof of love. Let your love for God be visible in your home, office, or in any place you are represented.

LOVE ELIMINATES DELAY...

God does not delay, but our level or depth of revelation of how He works is what determines the time and speed of our accomplishment. From observation, I have discovered that an increase in revelation will definitely reduce time and increase the speed of accomplishment. For instance, a three thousand seat auditorium was built in 3 years; but when revelation increased, a fifty thousand seat auditorium was built in one year. An auditorium that should take about fifty years to build took only a year, because of revelation.

Revelation reduces effort and terminates struggle. Revelation can give a student a double promotion in school. Revelation can qualify a person who is disqualified even

among the unqualified for a promotion. Revelation means becoming aware of who and what God really is; and you cannot have such awareness except God Himself reveals it to you.

Our love for God is what increases our depth of revelation. The Bible has not stopped telling us that no man has seen, heard, or thought about the things that God has reserved for people that love Him. God has a reservation of blessing, but only the eyes, ears, and minds of those who love Him can access them. Revelation is what creates a distinction between believers. If the blessings you have is not enough, check your level of revelation. And if your level of revelation is not enough, check your love level.

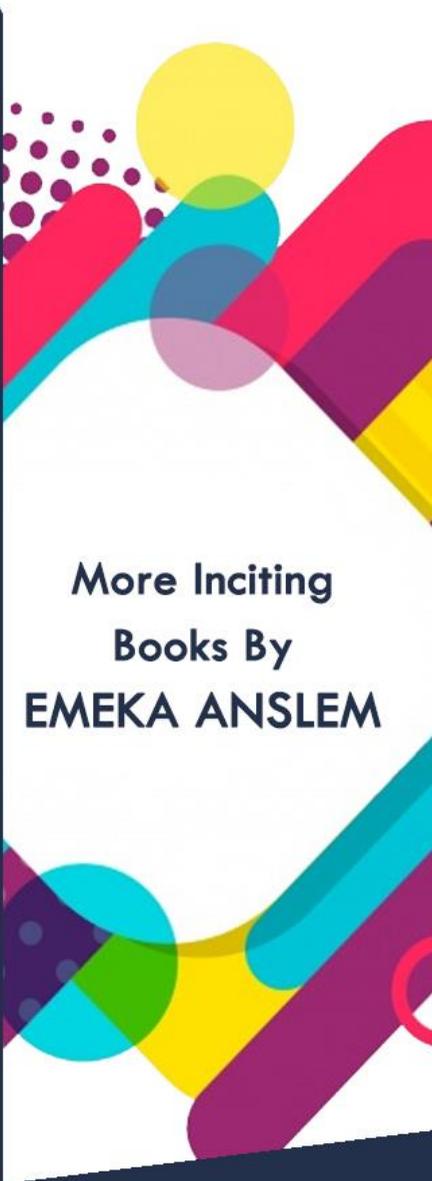
LET ME CONCLUDE WITH THIS...

Now that you've been enthroned, seek divine ideas or revelations on how to reign in your various fields of endeavours. These virtues will make you a man of wisdom; and remember that it is by wisdom that kings reign.

Also, work on improving your love for God on a daily basis. The more love you have for Him, the better your access to divine ideas. It is my prayer that the grace of God upon your life will not be in vain, in the name of Jesus!

God bless you, I love you, and enjoy your reign!

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