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... DISCOVER THE UNLIMITED POWER OF GOD'S WISDOM

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JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN...

Never mind, let's begin!

WHAT YOU DO IS WHAT YOU'D GET...

Bishop David Oyedepo has often defined wisdom as "knowing what to do and doing it". However, what you do also determines what you'd get.

A certain man had an accident that broke his ankle-joint. He traveled from Nigeria all the way to India for an operation. They had to use a metal to hold his joints together. And even with the metal in-plant, he still felt deep pain on a daily basis. He had to travel back to India from time to time for treatment, and every

time he did, he paid a huge sum of money. Years past, back in Nigeria, and he was still suffering the same pain. Financing his treatment was already becoming an issue, considering all that he had spent. Then he decided to change his approach. He started going out for gospel outreaches, winning souls into the kingdom of God. Meanwhile, he was still in pain. One day, after one of his outreaches, where he won about 21 souls to Christ, he heard the voice of God say "My son, go home, I want to operate on you". He got home, laid on his bed and slept off. And by the time he woke up, he saw the same metal that was used to hold his ankle-joints right beside the hand. And when he checked his hand, all the pain had disappeared. There was no scar, neither was there any spot of blood to show that an operation was performed. God had delivered him completely.

Another man who had a similar challenge, but on his leg, heard his testimony and applied the same wisdom, and it worked for him. He said he went to wash his leg, and he saw how all the metals that were planted inside his leg were dropping off miraculously.

Again, wisdom is knowing what to do and doing it. But what you do also determines what you'd get. Those two people went through the best medical interventions, but the best they could get was a metal in-plant, and so much pain to live with. But when they applied a different wisdom, they also got the best of that wisdom, which was a complete restoration.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE KINGDOM...

Normally, you should work hard, save up money, before you can afford a car or a house. But in the kingdom, your commitment to promoting the cause of God's kingdom can add those things to you.

"But how can that be?", well, that's how the wisdom of God's kingdom works. Matt 6:33 says "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you". Other types of wisdom may strive to get things, but godly wisdom enjoy addition of things. Bishop David Oyedepo paraphrased Matt 6:33 as "seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things that others are dying to get shall be added to you".

BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SEEK GOD'S KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS FIRST?

It means "giving priority to the things that are right in God's sight". It's about viewing life through the eyes and heart of God. It's about seeing the wounded and helping them, knowing that God would want to help them. It's about seeing the poor and teaching them how to get wealth, knowing that God would desire to do so. It's about loving what God loves, and doing what God will do.

While Jesus was on earth, He went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed by the devil. Peter and John didn't hesitate to heal the crippled man at the Beautiful Gate, because they knew that's what Jesus would have wanted. As a matter of scriptures, Peter said "I don't have silver or

gold, but I will give you what I have. In the name of Jesus, rise up and walk". And the crippled man began to walk.

If Peter had considered his pocket, maybe that man would have remained crippled. Many people and businesses are still struggling, probably because they're applying conventional principles where they should apply God's principle. The truth is, you can't truly advance the cause of God's kingdom and not experience advancement in life.

A woman shared a testimony of how she started a fashion business behind her house, after 18 years of idleness. According to her testimony, the only thing they did to advance the business was kingdom advancement engagements. They prayed for souls to be saved, went out to speak to the souls they

prayed for, and probably turned the office to a fellowship center. And in less than 3 months, the fashion business gained world recognition, that it was even on Newspaper. In less than 3 months, they were paying tithes in millions. There is no conventional business strategy that can do that in 3 months.

IT'S A BIG TIME BUSINESS...

Seeking God's kingdom is a big time business. It's the kind of business that the 13-year old Jesus couldn't resist. He particularly said to his parents "why will you be looking for me? You should know I will be doing my Father's business".

However, I should mention, that the initial capital you'd need to start this business is love for God. If seeking God's kingdom is not love-motivated, then you will not get any

result. If you're helping or praying for a person to be saved, let it be because you love God, and not because you'd get returns from God. People who seek the Lord with that mindset rarely have anything to show for their engagements. Those who seek the Lord don't expect blessings, they enjoy blessings. Blessings naturally follow those who genuinely seek God.

Jesus never prayed for money, but He had an accountant who followed Him everywhere He went. Blessing-consciousness is what actually releases blessings. It was this blessing-consciousness that made Jesus curse the fig tree. He expected to find fruit in the tree, whether it was fig time or not, all because He was conscious of blessing. Many years ago, something abnormal happened around me that made me scream "what were the angels doing?". I was so blessing-conscious that I

expected the angels to fix that matter in my absence.

GOD IS LOOKING FOR KINGS...

In Matt 6:33, 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.

Rev 5:10 tells us that Jesus has ordained every believer as kings and priests unto God, and they shall reign on the earth forever. Every king has a kingdom; that also means 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 we 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?

BACK TO WISDOM...

From experience, prosperity doesn't answer to what you know, but to what you do with what you know. The bible particular says that "... Whatsoever you do shall prosper". In other words, prosperity is for doers, and if you don't do anything then don't expect to prosper.

However, even though prosperity answers to what you do, prosperity is in levels. Job was the richest man in his time, and if you check the scriptures to see what he did, he simply traded divine secrets. Let's read a few verses about Job;

Job 29:4 - As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;

- 5. When the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;
- 6. When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;
- 7. When I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!
- 8. The young men saw me, and hid themselves: and the aged arose, and stood up.
- 9. The princes refrained talking, and laid their hand on their mouth.

- 10. The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
- 11. When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me:
- 12. Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.
- 13. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
- 14. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.
- 15. I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.
- 16. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.
- 17. And I brake the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

Isn't that amazing? Princes and noble men kept quiet to listen to Job, all because of the kind of results he was getting. The kind of results you get depends on the kind of secret or wisdom you trade with. Perhaps, those princes and nobles traded with a different kind of wisdom, and that's why they could not resist the wisdom of Job.

But what was this divine wisdom that job traded with? While others were busy employing marketers, he was eyes to the blind. While others were doing promos, he was ears to the deaf. While others were paying bribes, he put on righteousness. Of course, they all got results, but the results that Job got was greater than them all.

WISDOM IS IN LEVELS...

Prov 12:8 tells us that "a man is rated according to his wisdom". And wisdom is rated by works. If your work is not highly rated, check the level of wisdom you applied.

In Matthew 13:54, Jesus taught the people in the synagogue such that they became astonished and said "whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?". They saw the works and couldn't but relate it to the operation of wisdom in His life. If you want to know how much wisdom a person possesses, just check his work.

James 3:13 says "who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him

shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom". This further shows that there is no other way to prove that a person is wise except by his works.

BUT HOW DO I KNOW WHICH WISDOM I'M OPERATING WITH?

James 3:14-17 has a lucid answer to that question, let's see what it says;

James 3:

- 14. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
- 15. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

- 16. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
- 17. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

In other words, when you notice bitterness, hypocrisy, partiality, envy, and strife in your works, then you're operating with earthly, sensual or a devilish wisdom. These three types of wisdom would always have confusion and every evil works within them.

But see the fourth type of wisdom, it's called:

THE WISDOM FROM ABOVE...

This wisdom is pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and

good fruits. That's why those people at the synagogue marveled at the wisdom of Jesus. They couldn't find any flaw, He didn't use any magic, it was clearly from above. They were probably used to the other types of wisdom; they expected Jesus to cheat in order to do those kinds of mighty works. Their amazement led to the question "what kind of wisdom is this, which has no flaw, yet most effective?". Daniel operated with this kind of wisdom; and when they were looking for ways to afflict him, they couldn't find anything against him, except the law of his God. People who operate with this kind of wisdom don't have hidden agendas, yet, their results are undeniable. Job didn't have any hidden agenda, the wisdom he traded was visible for all to see. I'm sure they also marveled at the exploits of Job, "this man doesn't have marketers, yet he is doing far better than we all".

This wisdom makes you more valuable than gold. Isaiah 13:12 says "I will make a man more precious than fine gold...". Which means, people will be willing to give up their gold just to keep an appointment with you. Don't tell me you don't have customers, what you don't have is wisdom from above. People who operate with this wisdom don't look for customers, customers look for them.

I remember the testimony of a man who buried a mantle in front of his shop. He sold mobile recharge cards and offered phone call services in his shop. Meanwhile, there were many other shops close to him that offered the same service. But something happened after he buried the mantle. Anytime he opened his shop, none of the retailers that also offered phone call services will have

network on their phone, except him. And that also means the only shop that customers could make phone calls was his shop. After a while, the other retailers got tired of the situation and decided to rent small spots in front of his shop. And yes, their phones were able to make calls from the front of his shop. I'm sure they must have wondered too, "what kind of wisdom is this brother using, which has no flaw nor side effects, and yet far greater than ours". Perhaps they've tried diabolical or other types of wisdom, but they just couldn't compare the results.

I always love to share the testimony of Pastor Adeniyi Adeyemi. He worked with a real estate company that was almost collapsing. But one day he met his director and suggested to him that they should try a different kind of wisdom, since the conventional wisdom for business success

had failed them. And when his director consented, he suggested that the whole company should embark on a three-day fasting and prayer time. And as they did, the company that was almost collapsing was restored.

"What has fasting and prayer got to do with business growth? ", well, if it's a wisdom that worked, then it has a lot to do with growing a business.

WISDOM IS THE PRINCIPAL THING...

You don't necessarily need marketers to be uncovered or famous; what you need is the wisdom from above. In Luke 4:14, the bible says Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit, and His fame went abroad. Ecclesiastes 7:12

tells us that "wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it". In other words, this wisdom is powerful enough to give life to anything. That's why fasting and prayer could revive a company that was dying.

A certain man worked as a sales person in a particular company. And one day company had an issue with one of their industrial machines. They invited experts from home and abroad, but all to no avail. While this sales man thought about the challenge, he decided to even go to the machine and have a look. And as he got there, he had a nudging that he could do something about it. Then he asked the Holy Spirit to tell him what to do. Suddenly, he heard the Holy Spirit say to him "Press this button, pull that switch, press this button...". And as he did, the machine started working. This wisdom makes the foolish things of this world to appear wiser than the conventional methods. A salesman that had no engineering background fixed a machine that no professional engineer could fix.

Our approach to life doesn't have to be too complex. Remember that the wisdom from above is easy to apply. Jesus said "Learn of Me, My yoke is easy". We mustn't allow the simplicity of the gospel to deprive us of great benefits. Surprisingly, the greatest accomplishments I've seen only required simply steps.

Many business owners and employees need to understand this; fame naturally responds to the one with wisdom. If you want people to see you from far, then you need to travel far in the realm of wisdom. The truth is; we are in the end times, and your expertise will not sustain you. A marketer who doesn't know how to speak in tongues will have a hard time finding and retaining clients. After the disciples received power in the upper room, they began to speak in other tongues, and immediately, their acts were noised abroad. People practically came to meet them. There are marketers who companies call to book appointments with them, instead of the other way around. Why do I have to send proposals when I can easily get an offer?

I don't need to argue with my boss over any matter, I only need to pray about it. I've met people who argue with me the first time, but by the time they see me again, they apologize. And that's because I've gone to pray on their head. The wisdom from above doesn't waste people's energy. That's

probably why Zech 4:6 says "not by power, nor by might, but by the Spirit". The Spirit of God naturally follows the application of the wisdom from above. And that's why it will always work.

APPLYING THE WISDOM FROM ABOVE...

The wisdom from above is the wisdom of God. And whatever comes from above is above all. That's why Job was caring for the poor, and yet he was doing better than those who hired marketers. He was doing what God would want to do, and God was doing what he was supposed to be doing. While he was feeding the poor, God was acting as his marketer.

To operate or apply this wisdom, the following must be met;

Fear the Lord

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. To fear the Lord doesn't really mean to live in a state of fear; rather, it means to hate evil. It means to surrender and dedicate your life to Jesus. Joseph hated evil, and that's why he had free access to this wisdom. Potiphar's wife tried to force him to lay with her, but he said "How can I do this evil thing and sin against God?". God testified concerning Job that he was a man that eschewed evil. And scripture tells us that the secret of God was upon his tabernacle.

Study God's word

Remember that we defined wisdom as knowing what to do and doing it. And if that's the case, then you must invest time in knowing what to do. God's word is the source of God's wisdom. Just as we study business books to get wisdom for business success, we also need to study God's word to get wisdom.

In cases of emergency, when you really can't find a word, you can seek the voice of God. Remember that sales man that fixed the industrial machine? It was the voice of God that he heard. It was the voice of God that helped David to recover all that was stolen by those bandits. A pastor shared a testimony of how he was called to intervene on a fire outbreak in a member's house. And as he got there, the fire had already broken out through the windows, and there was nothing anyone could do but to watch. Then he said to God "Lord, there must be a way out". God

didn't hesitate to respond with, "use the name of Jesus". And as the Pastor did, the fire ceased.

A friend shared his testimony on how he resolved an impossible case. He was walking by the road when he suddenly heard a sharp sound; it was an accident that took the life of a man on the spot. The vehicle hit him with so much impact that his skull and brain dropped on the ground. My friend was compassionate about the tragedy, but he planned to walk away since there was nothing anybody could do. And just as he took the first step, he heard the voice of God say "is there anything too hard for Me?". He went to the body of the dead man, put the organs together, and prayed for him. And immediately, every organ that had dropped started forming, and the man came back to life. His testimony reminds me of Ezekiel at the valley of dry bones. Those

bones were the soldiers that Ezekiel needed, but unfortunately, they were already dead to the bone. But just as he prophesied as God commanded, those bones formed, and life was restored.

Have faith

Just as you have faith in conventional methods, you also need to have faith to operate this wisdom. Doing the works of this wisdom is not as important as having faith that the wisdom will yield good fruits. Just as Mary told those servants, "whatever God's word tells you to do, do it". Do it in faith, expecting it to produce for you.

It is believing the word that releases power to experience the word. The power that ignites God's word is faith. John 1:12 says "as many that received Him, to them He gave power to

become sons of God". If you want to become what you've studied from the word, then you must believe it. James 1:7 says "let not that man think that he will receive anything from God, except he believes". So, no faith, no experience.

Remember that wisdom is knowing what to do and doing it. After you have found what to do in the word, don't hesitate to do it. Hesitation creates doubt, and doubt delays your expectations. Just like the story of the pool of Bethesda, where sick people jump into the water anytime an angel comes to stair the water; jump into the word anytime you find what to do from it. God's word does not delay, the only thing that may delay the blessing is the absence of faith.

THE MANIFESTATION OF SONS...

Now we know what the world is waiting for. The conventional ways and wisdom is failing very fast, and they need a new wisdom. Don't be deceived by what you see around you; Romans 8:21-22 has made it clear that "the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now". The world system is suffering grievous pain, and they desperately need the implementation of the wisdom from above. Romans 8:19 tells us that "the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God".

But this new wisdom is the exclusive reserve of the sons of God. Let's see what 1 Cor 2:6-8 says;

- 6. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:
- 7. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
- 8. Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

God hid this wisdom till now so that we can reign on the earth. Surprisingly, this is what many believers feel ashamed to express. It takes so much faith in God for a staff of an organization to suggest to a real estate company to embark on fasting and prayer, just to revive the company. Bishop David Oyedepo will often say that "it is foolishness to be shameful of what is gainful". If you check, believers who feel ashamed of applying this wisdom are those who practicality live in shame.

There is nothing to be ashamed of; because very shortly, this wisdom will be known to all. Isaiah 11:9 tells us that a time will come when "there will be no more destruction in the land, because the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord". So what you may be ashamed of using now will soon become generally acceptable. My prayer is that it will not be too late for you.

IN CONCLUSION...

The light we need to shine in this dark world is the life of Christ. And the bible tells us that the life of Christ is also His word. Let's see how John put it;

John 1:1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

- 2. The same was in the beginning with God.
- 3. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.
- 4. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- 5. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

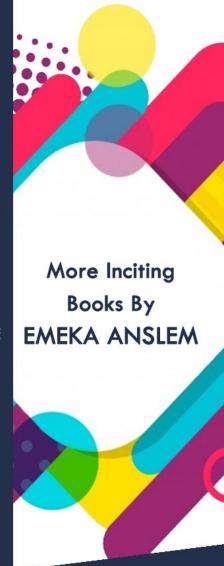
Isn't that beautiful? God's word is the life of Jesus, and the life of Jesus is the light of a believer. And that light shines in darkness, and the darkness cannot comprehend it. Which means no matter how hard things may become, the wisdom from above will always win.

Applying this wisdom may first appear foolish, but don't forget that the foolishness of God is wiser than men. Even if people mock you for applying this wisdom, don't worry, they'd soon return to rejoice at your making. Remember, this wisdom shines in darkness, and the darkness cannot comprehend it.

Thanks for reading. And I pray that your encounter with this book will direct tangible testimonies to you, in Jesus precious name!

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