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{Manifesting the glory of God}

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JUST BEFORE WE BEGIN

Our salvation is a call unto glorification, not shame and reproach. In the beginning, Adam enjoyed the glory and colour that God designed for man. Man had no limits, everything was subject to man including knowledge and life. But when man sinned against God, the glory and colour was altered. The more man sinned, the more the glory reduced, even to a point that God had to reduce the lifespan of man.

Rom 3:23 explains that ***"all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"***. If you want to know what the glory of God upon a man looks like, study how Adam lived before he fell. Adam was so glorified that God visited him daily. He didn't go to school, yet he perfectly gave names to all the animals. When the glory of God comes upon you, your natural qualifications or disqualifications would become irrelevant. God's glory is far beyond any qualification on earth; likewise, His glory has capacity to qualify

you for anything. Haven't you heard of people who get amazing jobs without the necessary qualifications? You most likely would have heard of people who fixed problems that were not related to their profession? I have good news for you, by the revelation you are about to encounter in this book, the last shame and reproach you experienced will be the last one ever!

That's right! What you're about to read wasn't titled "THE CURE FOR SHAME" to entice you, it is actually the cure for shame. And my prayer is that you'd be attentive enough to catch the fire. Have a good read!

And the Glory Begins...

The glory of God basically means the manifestation of the presence of God. While it is true that God is everywhere, He doesn't manifest Himself everywhere. He manifests Himself to individuals or people who meet certain scriptural conditions. Let's read a few instances from scriptures:

Psalm 114: NIV

1 When Israel came out of Egypt, Jacob from a people of foreign tongue

2 Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

***3 The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back;
4 the mountains leaped like rams, the hills like lambs.***

5 Why was it, sea, that you fled? Why, Jordan, did you turn back?

6 Why, mountains, did you leap like rams, you hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 who turned the rock into a pool, the hard rock into springs of water.

When the people of Israel got out of Egypt, verse 2 tells us that they made the whole tribe of Judah God's sanctuary, and then the whole of Israel God's sphere of dominion. In other words, they gave God absolute dominion over the affairs of their lives from that moment.

Imagine that you belong to a family tree named "Chukwuma", and the Chukwuma's have several sons who have their own family, which also means that they have their own names. So within "The Chukwuma's", you may find sub-families like, "The Emeka's", "The Nnamdi's", and "The Chinedu's", all of them still identify with Chukwuma. Now when the bible says they made Judah God's sanctuary, it's like making the Emeka's family God's sanctuary. In other words, the Emeka's family were assigned to give continual praise to God. If you wanted to visit God literally, you'd have to go to the Emeka's family. However, the Emeka's family is still a part of The Chukwuma's. As if that was

not enough, they still gave God absolute dominion over the whole Israel. The last time I checked, nobody has withdrawn that dominion from God.

So, when they had established Judah as God's sanctuary and Israel God's dominion, the next thing we began to hear was that the sea saw them and fled, Jordan turned back, mountains leaped like rams and hills like rams. When an enquiry was made as to why those obstacles couldn't maintain their natural position at the appearance of the children of Israel, the response was that they carried the manifest presence of God.

So you see, there is always what to do to secure the manifest presence of God. We'd find another instance of the manifestation of God's presence in 2 Chronicles, where Judah was threatened by 3 nations. Let's read from scriptures:

2 Chronicles 20:

1 It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

10 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not;

11 Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that

cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;

15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

16 To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.

17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever.

22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

The summary of all that is that they sought God in their trouble and God manifested Himself. If they didn't seek God's help, perhaps that would have been the end of Judah.

Talking about doing what is required to manifest the glory or presence of God, there are quite a number of things that can be done, but in this book, I'd be talking about two major things.

Praise

PRAISE! Yes, praising God.

In Psalm 24:7-10, the bible says, ***"Lift up your head, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory".***

God is called by many names. King of kings, Lord of lords, Jehovah Rapha, Jehovah Nissi, Jehovah Shikenu, Jehovah Rohi, The God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, The God of Israel, The God of Elijah, and many others. If you call Him by these names, He'd respond accordingly.

If you call Him Jehovah Jireh, He'd provide for you. If you call Him Jehovah Rapha, He heals your body. If you call Him your Judge, He'd vindicate you. If you call Him your lawyer, He'd advocate for you.

But there's one name that many of us are not familiar with. It's one name that contains all His power. "King of glory"; yes, that's the name, "King of glory".

When God comes into a situation as the king of glory, gates and everlasting doors lift up themselves. That scripture says, "lift up your heads oh ye gates, and be ye lifted ye everlasting doors, that the king of glory may come in". Did you see that?

This means that there are doors that only this dimension of God can open. They call them everlasting doors. For some eligible singles, no matter how many times they try, they may never get married until they engage this dimension of God. Perhaps somebody locked up their marital destiny and lost the keys, and

except the king of glory comes into that situation, they'd remain single.

Fast and pray all you want, you may remain there until the king of glory comes. And the king of glory only comes when we give Him praise. That dimension of God is only activated via reverence and praise.

Habakkuk 3:3 says, ***"God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise"***. Did you see that? His glory covers the heavens when the earth sings His praise.

Glory is the name given to the totality and overwhelming presence of God. And according to scriptures, God's habitat is praise. The moment you start praising Him, His habitation extends to where you are. And when He gets there, expect limitations and restrictions to His presence to be removed.

If you extend the sea, then expect the shark to get there. And if obstacles see it coming, they

run for their lives. That's the way challenges flee when God is approaching with His glory.

Now you'd see the value of Ps 114. I think we should read the entire chapter this time:

Psalm 114:

1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;

2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.

5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

8 Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

Verse 2 tells us that Judah was their sanctuary. In other words, they made praising God a habit. The literal meaning of "Judah" is the praise of

God. And clearly, as they praised God, the glory of God manifested.

I believe this is why verse 3 says, "the sea saw them and fled, the Jordan River ran back". Mountains and hills disappeared like a wild animal chasing after a Lamb. The moment the mountains and hills sighted God's glory, they took off, just as a deer will take off when it sees a lion coming.

Praise lionizes you. The moment you are soaked in His praise, you become clothed with His glory. At that point, it's no longer about you getting free, but Him manifesting His glory. Anything that contests with His glory will be levelled out. Amazingly, they clear off on their own.

Don't praise God because you want your challenges to end, but because you want His glory and presence to come. Challenges don't hang around His presence. You must understand this. If you don't understand this, you may dance and praise all night and still not

see results. It's about giving Him a habitation, not getting you your supplication.

Let me show you a few scriptural examples.

PAUL AND SILAS

Acts 16:

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

From verse 25, they sang praise unto God, not unto their challenges. Any praise that is not unto God is a complain, and God hates complains.

In verse 26, as they continued to praise God, there was a great earthquake that informed them of God's arrival. This earthquake shook the earth to the point that all the prison doors

opened, and even the bands on their hands were loosed.

Isn't this amazing? No challenge remains with us once God comes. Unfortunately, many believers are unaware of this dimension of God. We pray to God for intervention when we can just extend his habitation to where we are.

You can extend God's habitation to your house, your office, and even your car. This explains why some people will never be involved in a road accident, God is constantly driving with them.

There's this Yoruba song that resonates in my spirit, ***"eru ogo e bami, eru ogo e bami o, olorun ogo, eseda ogo, aladewura ogo, eru ogo e bami oooo"***. In summary, it's translated to, "Lord, I'm in awe of your glory".

No obstacle can withstand His glory, physical or spiritual. Not the prison gate, not cancer or ulcer, not barrenness or childlessness, not

marital delay or financial crisis, not joblessness or lack and want.

The second example we'd be looking at is:

JEHOSHAPHAT

I referenced this story earlier, but let me touch a few verses.

2 Chronicles 20:

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23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped.

So 3 cities formed a coalition against Judah and ofcourse, they were going to prevail against them. Judah knew that it wasn't a battle that could be won by strenght, but by their God. They also knew what to do to extend God's habitation to that war front.

As they began to sing and to praise, we're told that God sent ambushment. Another word that could best describe "ambushment" is "A Surprise Attack". I believe it was surprising because what happened shouldn't be possible on a human habitation. If only they knew that God's habitation had been extended to that place.

This message should stair up joy in your heart. You've finally found the missing key! Hallelujah!

Issues are free to come to you in the absence of God's presence, but they can't remain when God's presence manifests. Therefore, let today be a day of praise for you. For Paul and Silas, He sent an earthquake. For Judah, He sent

ambushment. For you, He'd also send something as you praise Him.

Now let's talk about the second thing you can do to manifest God's glory...

Love for God

Praising God seems like an easy way out of challenges, however, just because you're able to praise Him doesn't mean your heart is right with Him. God knows this, and that's why He prepared a reserved glory for those who love Him. Let's see how scriptures put it:

1 Corinthians 2:

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

One of the beautiful things about the manifestation of God's presence is that it makes unthinkable things happen. How do you explain a sea fleeing, or the Jordan River driven back? How do you explain a mountain disappearing? That's right! The mountain over your business, over your career, over your

family, over your children. You won't be able to explain how they'd dissappear when the reign of God's glory starts.

How do you explain Joseph who was a prisoner one night becoming the second in command in Egypt by the next morning? How do you explain Daniel who had been issued a death sentence becoming a prime minister? How do you explain David the Shepherd boy becoming the king? How do you explain Sarah giving birth at age 90? Unthinkable heights!

Eyes have not seen, nor ears heard, neither has it entered the heart of man, the things which God has prepared FOR THEM THAT LOVE HIM. That's it! The condition to walk in that level of glory is LOVE FOR GOD.

Many Christians don't love God. They love the idea of God, they love the fact that they can pray to him in times of need. But clearly, from that scripture, God wants more from us. A woman may take advantage of a man's love for her by making all kinds of requests, but there

are certain things she can't get except she really loves him. Likewise, we can take advantage of God's love towards us by making requests for our needs, but He has reserved unthinkable things for those that truly love Him.

Loving God isn't something you just declare with your mouth, there are specific signs that shows if you love God. Let me show you four of these signs:

Number 1

If you love Him, you'd love to
fellowship with Him

It's natural for you to want to spend time with a person you love. You can't claim to love God and not desire fellowship with Him.

King David loved God, and it was clear by how much commitment he put into fellowshiping with Him. In Psalm 119:164, he said, "**Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments**". I'm sure you've probably read that scripture, but have you really sat down to meditate on it? Seven times a day? How many times a day do you fellowship with God? I don't mean how many times you ask Him for your needs, that's probably countless; I mean how many times a day do you fellowship with Him just to praise and bless His name? Let me guess, once a day, and for some other people, once a day is a luxury.

Just because you're born again doesn't mean God is close to you. Salvation may give you a ticket to access the riches and possibilities in God's kingdom, but it is your commitment to the principles of the kingdom that draws God closer to you. Fellowship is one of those principles. The bible says "draw near to me and He will draw near to you"

We really should receive mentorship from king David. In Psalm 122:11, He was glad when they said "let us go to the house of the Lord". That's to show how much he loved to fellowship with God.

Fellowship moulds resemblance between lovers. The reason why a husband and his wife eventually resemble each other is because of fellowship. They may not have that resemblance before marriage, but few years into the marriage, the resemblance would begin to form.

That's what God wants. The bible says in 2 Corinthians 3:18, ***"But we all, with open face***

beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord". You can't change into the image of God without fellowship. The more you fellowship with Him, the more you look like Him. No wonder David was invincible on the battle field. Fellowship is powerful!

Let me show you a few more scriptures that unveils great benefits of fellowshiping with God:

Scripture 1:

Matthew 18:

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

This means that you can secure God's presence in your family through fellowship. Isn't that a jackpot! If you understand this, you'd schedule a daily fellowship time in your family. Each time you gather in His name, He comes

into your midst. Before you leave your house in the morning, call your family together and have fellowship with God. Before you start the day's work in your office, call your colleagues together and fellowship with them. Once you do that, you've secured God's presence. Imagine God going with you everywhere you go in your day. Imagine the wonders that can happen. Don't imagine, Zephaniah gives us a hint. Let's read from scriptures:

Zephaniah 3:

17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I

turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

We need to put these in a list so we can have a full understanding of what God will do when He's in our midst.

- He'd be mighty
- He will save you from trouble
- He won't sorrow or mourn over you
- He will undo everything that afflicts you
- He will get you praise and fame in every land where you may have been put to shame
- He will make you a name and a praise

All of these happen when God is in your midst. Hallelujah! No wonder the fiery furnace could not burn those 3 Hebrew boys. No wonder those lions could not eat up Daniel.

Scripture 2:

Psalm 16:

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

I remember an encounter I had with God many years ago. I had just left Sunday service and found myself singing beautiful songs, songs I had never heard before. I was so full of joy that those songs flowed so easily through me. Suddenly, I heard the voice of the Lord say "My son, do you know it's easy to know when you are in My presence?". I responded with "how", and then He quoted that scripture. "In My presence there is fullness of joy". You can't be in God's presence and be sorrowful, it's impossible. His presence his immune to mourning and sorrow.

The moment he said that to me, I quickly asked him how one can maintain such a joyful state even with challenges and problems on his mind. To my amazement, He responded with the concluding part of that scripture, "... Because in My right hand, there are pleasures forever more". The solution to every man's

problem is in God's right hand, that's why it's impossible to remain sorrowful once you're in His presence. You can't be seeing the answer to your problem and still be worried, just as you can't be crying by the door when you have the keys in your hand.

When you see people who get sorrowful over every situation, it's a pointer that God's presence is scarce in their life. In His presence there is fullness of joy, the same joy that we need to draw water out of the wells of salvation.

The opening sentence of that scripture says, "Thou will shew me the path of life...". This means you'd never be misdirected or confused about your life". Being in His presence will put you on cause at all times.

Scripture 3:

Mark 10

27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

I love this one. His presence will place an end to impossibility in your life. If you tried something that failed before you read this book, go and try it again, but go with His presence this time. There is no impossible case with God.

So they may have denied you that visa the first time, don't give up, go back and re-apply with His presence. They may have denied you that job even though you were their best shot, don't give up, go back there with His presence. His presence is powerful!

Scripture 4:

Hebrews 12:

22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels

23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect

24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

This scripture gives us a list of personalities that accompany God's presence. Let's outline them:

- Innumerable company of angels

Ofcourse, you don't expect God The Almighty to move alone, His army has to move with Him. That's clearly why Innumerable company of angels accompany His presence.

You don't have to see that, but you need to be aware that they are there. This also means that no matter how many adversaries gather against you, you'd always be more than them. You'd recall the experience Elijah's servant had, he feared that the Syrians had a great army and would probably destroy them, but Elisha who was conscious of God's presence knew that innumerable company of angels were available to him. But just so that his servant would have

courage, he prayed that the Lord would open the eyes of his servant. Let's see how scriptures put it:

2 Kings 6:

8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

Honestly, a man with God is majority.

- The spirit of just me made perfect

Asides the innumerable company of angels that accompany God's presence, the spirit of just men made perfect are also there. Think of all the men who did great things for the kingdom, beginning from bible times to our contemporary

times. Think of Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Elisha, Joseph, Daniel, Apostle Paul and many others. You can tap into their wisdom to get things done.

That's right! You can tap into the wisdom of Daniel once you secure God's presence. You can tap into the holiness of Joseph. You can tap into the zeal of Apostle Paul. You can tap into the leadership spirit of Moses. You can tap into the authority of Elijah. The presence of God is powerful.

- Jesus the mediator and the blood of sprinkling

Isn't that amazing? Both Jesus and His blood speaks for you once you carry God's presence. No wonder challenges automatically disappear the moment God's presence manifests in a place. You don't have to tell God what the problem is, the blood and Jesus your mediator already did. Wow!

Number 2

If you love God, you
will love His word

Psalm 119:

97 O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. 103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

David seemed to have all the features for someone who loves God. He loved God's word to a point that it became his meditation all the day.

Think about that for a minute, what's it like to meditate on God's word all day? Does it mean he didn't worry about anything? Ofcourse not, it just means God's word was the final authority, no matter what he worried about. When some bandits attacked his kingdom and robbed his people, God's word was his meditation. He proved this by seeking God's concerning what to do about the robbery. He was probably meditating on the scripture that says "lean not on your own understanding..." when the incident happened. Someone else who have acted in the flesh and pursued after those bandits, but David loved the word and was only going to do what the word said. Isn't that beautiful?

You would know how much you love God's word by how much it occupies your mind and replaces your worries. So when your child is sent home from school because you haven't paid school fees, your reaction shouldn't be a feeling of fear, rather your medication should be Philippians 4:19, "God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ". When you are diagnosed of a sickness, your worry shouldn't be on the worst that could happen, rather, your medication should be on the word of the Lord concerning your healing and restoration.

You need to love God to a point where His word becomes the final authority over the affairs of your life, a point where you let God be true and all men liars. Lovers of God don't promote lies, they promote God's word because of their love for Him.

Let me show you some unique scriptures about the word of God:

Hebrews 1:

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

The word "Uphold" used in that scripture simply means to support, sustain, or keep from falling. Isn't that good news? God's word can keep you from falling. No wonder David said His word was a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his path.

So if you don't want to fall in life, let God's word be your guide continually.

2. Hebrews 4:

12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Did you see that? So God's word can deal with slow motion in your life. If you feel your business isn't moving as fast as you planned, or your family isn't progressing as much as you desire, or your education isn't advancing as much as you want, apply the word to them. The word is quick! It can quicken everything about your life.

I looked up the meaning of quicken in the dictionary and among the very interesting things I found is "to hasten or to speed up". So the slow motion in your life has an explanation, you don't run the affairs of your life with the Word of God.

From experience, there are 3 ways to apply God's word:

- Actions in obedience

Most scriptures would often leave you with a responsibility. And until your part is played, God is not committed.

- Through declaration

There are scriptures whose action of obedience would only require you to declare what you believe. There's literally nothing to do than to declare the word in faith.

- Through prayer

Some scriptures appear as promises that requires prayer to manifest in your world. You can't just declare them, neither is there anything to obey. You found something that you're interested in, that's why prayer is required.

So don't pray when you should be making declarations, neither should you be making declarations when you should be walking in obedience. An incorrect application of the word can still cause slow motion in your life.

3. Mark 16:

20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Every word you speak from your mouth is backed up by an authority. If you speak your own words, your authority backs it up. If you speak God's word, God's authority backs it up.

Signs and wonders would always follow the word of God. If signs and wonders are scarce in your life, it's probably because you've been speaking your own words, which may not generate the level of signs and wonders you need. Of course, when you speak within your own family, you may command authority, but when you go outside your jurisdiction, you'd need a greater authority.

Speaking God's word over situations and circumstances puts you in command of the affairs of life. Your limitations would naturally be destroyed, because obstacles would respond to you as though God was the one who spoke.

Think about it, it's called "The Word of God", and it doesn't matter who declared it, it's still the word of God. We're told from scriptures that wherever the word of a king is, there is power.

So wherever the word of God is declared,
God's power backs it up.

Number 3

If you love God, you will love
what He loves

One of the keys to building long lasting relationships is to learn how to love what your partner loves. No matter how much you love someone, if you hate the things the person loves, your relationship will not stand the test of time.

God loves to see souls saved, and this is clearly state in John chapter 3. Let's see how scriptures put it:

John 3:

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Did you see that? He so loved the world that He sacrificed His only begotten son, just so that

He could redeem the world. If you claim to love God, then you must love the world and be willing to sacrifice your resources to see souls saved. If you feel uninterested to save souls, then you don't really love God.

LET ME SHOW YOU A FEW SCRIPTURES:

SCRIPTURE 1:

Joel 3:

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

As long as this scripture remains in the bible, then you should know that multitudes would always be in the valley of decision. They are in a crossroad and would really love someone to counsel them on the right path to take. If nobody shows up to counsel them, they may sell their soul to the devil. That's what it means to be in the valley of decision.

SCRIPTURE 2:

Matthew 9:

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Did you see that? Jesus was moved with compassion because the multitudes were like Sheeps having no shepherd. In verse 37, he reveals that the reason why the situation was like that is because the laborers are few and the harvest in plenty. He further encouraged us to pray so that God would send laborers to the harvest field.

Just imagine that, Jesus's prayer advice was that God should send laborers. This should give us a clear picture of how many souls needs to be saved on a daily basis.

SCRIPTURE 3:

John 15:

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

This is clear enough, part of the reasons why God saved you is so that you can also save others.

Now let me show you some unique scriptures about soul winning and establishment:

1. Daniel 12:3 ***And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.***

I've often said that, "Righteous living without soul winning will only make you an average believer". If you want to rise to stardom in this kingdom, then the quickest way to do that is to win souls. They that turn many to righteousness supernaturally becomes stars in the kingdom. The more souls you get saved, the more you rise to stardom. Isn't that beautiful?

2. Mark 8:36 *For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

There is really nothing God cannot give in exchange for a saved soul. Heaven literally throws a party for every soul that is saved.

A testimony was shared by a brother in my church how that he told God to give him one million Naira for every soul he wins. To his amazement, God responded. As at the time he was sharing that testimony, he had won two

souls and God had given him two million Naira. There's really nothing God cannot give in exchange for a soul. If He could give His only begotten son, then what won't He give?

Number 4

If you love God, you will give
to Him and His Kingdom

This is actually the greatest proof of love. It's natural to always want to give to the people you really love. However, my emphasis here is giving to God and His kingdom, not just any random giving.

There's a difference between giving to the poor and giving to the needy within the church. In Galatians 6:10 the bible says, ***"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"***. So even if you have to give to the poor in general, your priority should be to those ones within the kingdom, those ones that have received Christ.

Many Christians give, but not necessarily to God and His kingdom. And it's probably why they don't see returns as they should. David

proved his love severally by giving to the Lord.
Let's read from scriptures:

1 Chronicles 29:

1 Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God.

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

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

4 Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal.

Did you see that? He prepared to build the house of the Lord with all his financial might. He gave gold, silver, brass, and all precious stones. According to verse 3, considering his love and affection for God, he even took from the resources he was supposed to use for himself and gave to God. That's deep love! David held nothing back when it came to proving his love for God.

A lot of controversy has gone forth about tithing, how that New Testament believers are not obligated to give the ten percent anymore. Well, what many of us do not know is that the ten percent was only a training process that should bring us into a phase where we give God our heart, which is hundred percent.

Proverbs 23:

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

That's right! It was never about ten percent, but about your heart. If you struggle to give God ten percent, when will you give God your heart?

A particular business man in Nigeria shared in one of his speeches that he gives God 95 percent tithe from all his income. The shocking part was, even with the 5 percent that he keeps to himself, he still lives the best life. He caters for widows across the nations of the earth, he gives to the poor, all within the 5 percent. His children go to the best schools, he has over 40 printing offices within Taraba State - Nigeria.

Matthew 6:21 says, ***"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"***. So anyone that cannot give to God and His kingdom cannot claim that he loves God. Love is not just in words, but in action. I can know how much love you have for God by how much of your treasures or resources you give to Him. Frankly speaking, if all you give God is ten percent, your heart can't fully be with God.

Believe me, this will remain the greatest proof of your love for God. If you struggle to give to God, your love for Him will also be a struggle. Every other proof I've mentioned anchors on

this one, giving to Him. Think about it, how would you establish the souls you reach out to during evangelism without resources?

Let there be nothing in your life that you cannot give to God. Anything you cannot give to God is an idol.

Let me show you some unique scriptures about giving to God and His kingdom:

Scripture 1:

Psalms 102:

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

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

Did you notice verse 14? You'd qualify for God's favour because you first favoured His kingdom with your resources. It's impossible to live in disfavor when you deliberately favour God's kingdom.

Scripture 2:

Matthew 6:

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

Believers are not supposed to struggle for things, they're supposed to enjoy addition of things. That's right! Everything you so desire in your life should be added to you, even without a single prayer point about them. But the key is to give God's kingdom a priority in your resources.

Scripture 3:

Proverbs 18:

16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

I love this scripture. It's not necessarily your good presentations and business plan that will bring you before great men, it's your gift.

In our contemporary world, giving a gift to a man naturally makes the man interested in your progress. He'd do anything in his power to connect you to people of influence or at least put you in a place of influence. If a natural man can do this, how much more when you give to God?

CHANNELS TO GIVE TO GOD AND HIS KINGDOM

1. Tithe

This should be a priority in your giving. Although the old testament recommends that we give ten percent of our increases to God as tithe, the new Testament recommends that we give ourselves - which is literally hundred percent. Let's see how scriptures put it:

Leviticus 27:

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

Romans 12:

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

1 Corinthians 6:

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

So you see, practicing the old testament ten percent is good, but don't stay on that level for too long. Let it be a training process for you to keep growing, possibly by increasing it by ten percent yearly. If you can give twenty percent, then you'd be able to give thirty, and then forty, till you're able to give all.

You have been bought, you are now the property of God. Which means there's nothing you own that is not already His own. If He lets you have it, then it's because He wants to train you to become someone who He can entrust true riches to. But if you do not pass the

training process, chances are that you may never rise to that level.

You've read the stories I shared in the previous chapter, giving God ninety-five percent isn't something easy, but because they understood that what they had already belonged to God, they were able to adjust to that revelation. Despite the volume of what they gave, they still emerged forces to be reckoned with. They became so blessed that they were operating with true riches. True riches is not money, it's everything that pertains to life and godliness.

Perhaps you're wondering how you'd live when you begin to give God all, the examples I've shared should motivate you. After you've given all, blessings will remain. And it is that blessing that makes rich and adds no sorrow to it.

2. Kingdom projects

Generally, the tithes should be used to run the affairs of the church, however, this doesn't

exempt you from participating in kingdom projects.

Asides sponsoring projects within the church, you can also create kingdom projects outside the walls of the church, as long as the objective is to win souls into the kingdom.

3. Taking care of the needy in church

It's okay to give to the needy outside the church, but your priority should always be to those that are within the church. Galatians 6:10 says, ***"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"***. Did you notice the word "especially"? That's right! Do good to all men, including those who are not within the kingdom, but let your priority in doing good be in favour of those that are within the kingdom. This also means that it's hypocritical to ignore those who are in need within the church and take your good outside.

I'm really glad you took out time to read this book. I'm convinced that as you begin to practice every light you caught, shame and reproach will be far from your life. I look forward to receiving your testimonies. Remain ever blessed!



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