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INTRODUCTION

GOD AND EXAM MALPRACTICE

In as much as the world keeps decaying day by day, the word of God keeps revealing the great secrets of the devil the prince of this world, and all his points of target in the life of Christians especially the young ones. You are made the salt of the earth by Christ to stop this decay. The devil keeps on setting confusion before

the children of God who are willing – Philippians 4:13 and ready to lead a life full of purity and holiness before God almighty.

Tirelessly, the devil and his agents keep on setting their standard for the world and its inhabitants to follow, in every sector of life. The group of people who stand out as their worst enemy and major target are the young Christian youths who are just growing in Christ so that before they are fully grown up adults, he would have filled their hearts with all manner of evil to keep them connected to him, such that once he gives an instruction to their hearts or sends a signal to their thoughts, they'll do whatever he says. But if you know whom you've known very well and you're diligently following Jesus with the knowledge of what it takes to follow him, then know for sure that you are wise and have to belt up and stand firm so that you won't fall and your foundation scatter to bring you down.

Remember Daniel and his three friends, who stood firm for the one they believed in and for the truths they grew up with, which eventually became their life even in Babylon.-Daniel 1:8. You must therefore be ready to stand for whatever and whoever you believe in; but it should be *Jesus Christ* the son of the living GOD.

The devil has therefore devised several means through which he arrests the children of God. But do not forget what the scripture say, be not ignorant of the devices of the wicked one. And also

“Ye are of God, little children and have overcome them because greater is he that is in you than, than he that is in the world.”

1 john 4:4

Out of the numerous means which the prince of this world uses to arrest God's children, one of his major means is usually accompanied with the writing of exams, and that is *EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE*.

The world has coated, packaged and presented this life destroying scheme in such a way that it now looks like a compulsory exercise for success in any examination or a shortcut to ones success, but of course, it is not. It makes its practitioners liars and hell bound.

The scripture says in first Corinthians chapter three verse eighteen,

“Don’t fool yourselves. Whoever thinks they are wise in this world should become a fool. That’s the only way they can be wise”.

[Easy-To-Read Version]

It looks like wisdom but hear this:

“Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world’s standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise”.

[New Living Translation]

And indeed the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God.

As the Scripture says,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent. So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish”.

1 Corinthians 1:19-20[NLT]

Any word of God must not be altered or polished in a way that will please all men. The word of God is given for correction, direction, reproof, guidance and whatever the bible says stands sure. The word of God is yes and amen. 2 Timothy 3:16

A secret behind the world’s standard is that it has limited joy when practiced. It offers a short term joy to those committed to it no matter their level of commitment.

In fact, many people, and especially youths are traveling on the high way to hell fire because of different levels of involvement in this killer factor commonly called ‘*expo*’, but they sometimes say, well I can try to please God by keeping myself away from all forms of immoralities and every other works of the flesh but I cannot afford to fail my WAEC, NECO, TRANSITION, MOCK, JAMB, GCE exams or any other exam system including tertiary semester and final year exams.

God the almighty one will never compromise his standards for your sake; even if you are in for a professional paper test or exams, his standard remains his standard. His foundation stands sure. This is why Jesus seeing the crowds at a plain level decided to step up the mountain where he sat and watched to see those who will willingly come up unto him at that standard.

His disciples ascended with him but the crowd remained at the grass root level of the mountain, they were okay with the 'nitty gritties' and the elementary products of following the lord.

Mountain climbers are men of honour with a greater level of love for the master and his word. They will do anything to follow the master wherever he goes; such people will not compromise their very precious faith because of an exam that's constrained to be useful here on earth and expire after death, but that, its way of use will be a point for judgment before the father on the final day.

“And I saw the dead, great and small alike, standing before the throne. Books were opened, and then another book was opened, the book of the living. The dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books.”

Rev 20:12-13 [GNT]

Listen it is according to how you use your time on earth that you will be judged and it is the measure you use in getting any certificate at all and the manner of usage that determines the measure that will be used to judge you.

“For God will judge you in the same way you judge others, and he will apply to you the same rules you apply to others”.

Matt 7:2 [GNT]

The world system and its standards has made the many people who patronize her to believe that exam malpractice or cheating of any kind is an acceptable means of acquiring success, and that it's an eye opener which has become a common thing that even some faithful brethren get soaked into.

I have participated in an exam where honoured preachers of the gospel adopt this measure to pass I wept in my heart for their decisions and for the welfare of their congregation and even their children. *Hm*, This is not good at all.

Some of the men of God we see around living luxuriously have taken part and since they bribed not to be cut, they simply conclude that all is ready and that they are being smart. If you are a preacher of God's truth, a pastor and you've actually taken part in this but perhaps escaped, do not ever think it's all over until you cast it all down at Christ's feet, otherwise like Haman, you have successfully erected a gallows for yourself and Satan will soon have all of you over to himself.

You must repent from the act and from the certificates or results or contract papers falsely acquired. Cast it away from you like Jacob who had to cast away all idols (strange and foreign things to God), before he entered into Bethel. Because with the products of wrong medium or dishonest scales, you are like a man who tries building a three storey duplex on the foundation for a three bedroom bungalow, you will surely crash. The scripture says:

“So anyone who thinks they are standing strong should be careful that they don't fall. [ERV]

If you think you are standing firm, you had better be careful that you do not fall”. [GNB]

1 Corinthians 10:12

The devil is cunning; he's always manufacturing different means to trap down God's faithful children by attacking them through their lust of the flesh, for he says *“if I can't get him here, I can get him there”*. Therefore Christians beware! The world and its ruler (the devil) seeks your life. He keeps prowling around like a roaring lion seeking for the careless Christian to devour, do not be his prey. Stay away from whatsoever can make you one of them.

Don't be so concerned about the failure you can get in any exam. No. failure of a test is worst than failure to keep the lord's words. Do not fear this world's failure especially the exams that will lead you to the higher institution of any kind. If you write and pass with expo as it is commonly known as, what gains have you?

If you succeed on earthly achievements and fail your heavenly achievements what have you gained?

The lord is *vehemently* against cheating of any kind at all.

“The Lord hates cheating and delights in honesty”. [TLB]

***“God hates cheating in the marketplace; he loves it when business is aboveboard.
[MESSAGE]***

The Lord hates people who use dishonest scales. He is happy with honest weights”. [GNT]

***“The Lord detests the use of dishonest scales, but he delights in accurate weights”.
Proverbs 11:1[NLT]***

***“It may seem to be a good thing to get something by cheating, but in the end, it will be worth nothing”. [ERV]
Proverbs 20:17***

I realize that one thing that many young examinees fear is the pain involved in re-writing an exam a second time or more, but do not regard in their hearts, and also do not remember that the result they plan to acquire or have acquired by cheating [wrong ways], and making use of will surely stand against them on the awful day of the lord’s judgment. Do not call it help. All forms, levels and styles of expo is cheating and a use of dishonest [wrong, Incorrect] scales (means) of getting a success in life, Jesus hates the act and also hates those who joyfully practices it.

***“Do you gain anything if you win the whole world but lose your life? Of course not”!
Mark 8:36-38 [GNT]***

Also, that not everyone who calls me lord, lord will enter the kingdom of heaven. Only those who faithfully do the will of my father in heaven will enter.

"Not everyone who calls me Lord will enter God's kingdom. The only people who will enter are those who do what my Father in heaven wants".

Matt 7:21[ERV]

CHAPTER 1

THE LIMITED JOY ACQUIRED FROM EXAM MALPRACTICE AND THE UNLIMITED JOY OBTAINED FROM EXAM HONEST PRACTICE

These are two things combined together and mean that there is a temporal (short term) joy attached to the success acquired though exam malpractice at any level at all and there is surely an unlimited joy obtained whenever any exam is written with sincere honesty and faithfulness. Know you not that victims of exam malpractice [or bribed help in an exam] are slaves of sin and of the devil himself? See, the victory Jesus has won is for all mankind-**Titus 2:11**, but yet some may not be partakers of the already won victory for this reason.

By Christ's death the hand writing of ordinances against the lord's elect are forever wiped off but every man must work out his own salvation with all fear and trembling. Whoever sins is a slave of the devil; the devil has been a liar from the beginning, he's the father of all lies.

Working out your own salvation is so that you can win the final battle of the end time, so that you may be rapture -able and partake in the wedding super of the lamb and his church, that you might be spotlessly white like snow-**faultless and blameless.**

"Happy are those who wash their robes clean and so have the right to eat the fruit from the tree of life and to go through the gates into the city. But outside the city are the perverts and

those who practice magic, the immoral and the murderers, those who worship idols and those who are liars both in words and deeds.
Revelation 22:14-15 [GNB].

Whatsoever is the success that you have, but is not given of God is carnal, demonic and a temporal success which guarantees life on earth but to eventually end you up in hell fire.

“The true children of God are those who let God’s spirit lead them”.

Romans 8:14 [ERV]

My brothers and my sisters, God is not happy over the death of a sinner especially a son or daughter of his. Abstain from all appearances of evil and whatsoever association, friendship that is not taking you into the very heart of God in reverent worship through the spirit and the word.

Jesus never paid the price for God’s wrath against sin to be satisfied in vain.

No one can argue with God’s word. For **the spirit of God can never lead** anyone to cheat in any exam however tough it may be, regardless of your personality; because God has no favourite and his spirit is not a dirty and compromising spirit. Be wise O children of God like a serpent and yet gentle as a dove.

The god of this world and ruler (Satan) has so made it to be common and simplified cheating, making it to appear like the heaven sent help for an examinee from God, it’s a lie; it is of the devil. He sometimes terms it *help. Liar like him*. Malpractice is not a help; it is a mammon, do not be involved in it. All ye Saints, do not get soiled up with such acts of impurity, you will be un-presentable again on the last day before the almighty. It is fraud and an evil, **sin condemned**.

Satan coats it with simplicity and suggests that it has to be grasped by chance, don’t mind him, the serpent deceived Eve in the same way in the beginning, Jesus redeemed her seed, Satan is still trying to cage us from our father’s benevolent love. You are victorious; sin is conquered and swallowed up.

The devil says, “It’s an opportunity and must be snatched cleverly. It’s a lie from the father of all lies.

The wisdom of this world is nothing compared to the foolishness of God, and of course God is not foolish.

It's the works of darkness, that's why it is covered up and kept secret from the government. The teachers who are involved in it know so much that God hates it and even the educational body here on earth declares it a punishable act in the rules guiding the land.

For SSCE candidate, whenever this act is been perpetuated in your center, the pioneers sets up a security watch out to keep them informed of any external invigilator. The bible says but men love darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

"Their sentence is based on this fact: that the Light from heaven came into the world, but they loved the darkness more than the Light, for their deeds were evil".

John 3:19[TLB]

Teenagers and all young people, get this notion right that nothing at all in this world can ever keep you firm in Christ, God's word and obedience to it is the only criterion that is capable of guiding and leading a believer.

The lord Himself says,

"I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress. Don't be like a senseless horse or mule that has to have a bit in its mouth to keep it in line"!

Psalm 32:8-9[TLB]

For what shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and lose his soul.

Do not catch the wind.

"But then I looked at everything I had done and the wealth I had gained. I decided it was all a waste of time! It was like trying to catch

the wind. There is nothing to gain from anything we do in this life”.

Ecclesiastes 2:11[ERV]

Listen to this,

Do not save, store and prepare treasures/goodies for yourself on earth where various environmental and natural hazards can destroy, instead think of it and lay up for yourself treasures in heaven where no earthly hazard can attack and destroy; think of several hazards that are capable of destroying anything around which you can see, feel, touch and perceive] Matthew 6:19, 20 say,

“Don't save treasures for yourselves here on earth. Moths and rust will destroy them. And thieves can break into your house and steal them. Instead, save your treasures in heaven, where they cannot be destroyed by moths or rust and where thieves cannot break in and steal them”.

Remember, the devil is very clever and never be ignorant of his different strategies to bring you to himself from following the lord.

Well, if you are heavenly minded you would know that all the worries and physical achievements of life are temporal and total vanity.

For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever

2 Corinthians 4:18[GNB]

Vanity upon vanity, all is vanity

Meaningless, meaningless, all is meaningless

“It is useless, useless, said the philosopher. Life is useless, all useless”.

Ecclesiastes 1:2[GNB]

Every joy or sense of fulfillment and successfulness you'll ever have by a false means is a short term one before God, like the blinking of an eye. It is a useless joy. On these ways also, there's joy for honesty in every examination and end pains for cheating in every examination.

So many youths and in fact Christians who are called by the name of the lord have swerved defiantly from playing in honesty and faithfulness in the exam world. They have in this way denied the non believers of seeing Jesus-the right life they should live with.

Jesus urges us as lights in this world to shine very brightly for the world to see and be turned into light, so that the people of this world being caught in the world's darkness might see Jesus.

You are called by the name of the lord. You are surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses at almost every corner you turn to.

Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us!

“So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us”.

Heb 12:1

Jesus Christ strongly desires that you might reveal him to the other human creatures. You are called by his name, you worship him, you've shone a little light, and people know you a lot. Don't be fooled by their silence. They desire silently to see the reality made fully manifest unto them. They know that you are different. Why then will you just choose to show them a wrong image for their expectations? Whenever your life reveals the work of the flesh like this one or any other, you reveal the wrong image and you lie about the life of Christ in you. You deny them of beholding the true nature like Moses who covered his face against the Israelites. When you do this, you indirectly block their spirit within (God's candle) from actually seeing the exact image of Christ which they hope to see, which should lighten up their spirit. This is not good at all, God isn't happy at it.

“Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them around your neck; write them on your heart”.

Proverbs 3:3[GNB]

Quickly ask yourself this question and thoughtfully but sincerely answer also.

Do I desire eternal life at last or death in hell at last?

You see, it is better to suffer on earth here temporally, than to live on this earth and yet miss the journey to heaven which you have already started.

If you suffer and die with Christ on earth, it is temporal, only for a while, and you will also live with him at last in his kingdom forever. For God’s sake, Christ did not deceive us; he notified us of going to suffer as he has suffered for righteousness. Since you know what you are running for and the crown you wish to receive, why not patiently work out your salvation with diligence. Give all of you unto righteousness to receive the crown of glory from Jesus Christ on the last and final day.

THE PLACE OF GRACE

Well determined Christian youths, teenagers and other adult Christians have drank the bitter cup of examination honest practice in the midst of the corruptness of invigilators, fellow students, external supervisors and others. This is what Christ mean by, **denying oneself, taking up your cross and following him.** The grace of God is always available for anyone who is willing to stand firm on the right way to use the correct scale.

That grace instructs us to give up all ungodly living and worldly passions and to live self controlled, upright and godly lives in this world. Titus 2:11

Some, all in the name of grace for all men, indulge in this act and continues in it.

“What shall we say [to all this]? Are we to remain in sin in order that God’s grace (favour and mercy) may multiply and overflow? Certainly not! How can we who died to sin live in it any longer”?

Romans 6:1-2[Amplified]

May we not frustrate the saving grace of God. Whoever wants to prove his/her love to God should hearken to the instruction which the grace instructs, to give up all ungodly living and worldly passions.

This act when embraced in the atmosphere of grace will certainly create a loop hole in the believer's life for the devil, and *whoever breaks the hedge, the serpent will bite*. May the serpent not bite you; but you must be mindful not to create a loop hole by breaking a hedge.

God's grace is not for sale. God's grace is not for you to deliberately jump into sin and be forgiven repeatedly. No, prove your love for the lord by obeying his commandments.

The effectual side of grace is when it now instructs those who accept it with teachings on turning away from all ungodliness and fleshly acts.

God's grace always keeps his true sons during every exam, however difficult it may be.

I have relied on the grace and it never disappointed me. I am bold to ride on the wings of his grace into any kind of exam and come out best and successful!

Many who are writing their exams with honesty still remains honest because the word of God urged us already that we must not flag in zeal but to be steadfast. Decide to write your exams faithfully and pray for God's will which is best on the result to happen per time- His plans for you are all good ones, do not be afraid of God's plans, stop suspecting God!

"I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for".

Jeremiah 29:11[GNB]

Whenever you write an exam faithfully without cheating (expo), there will be joy in heaven for you, your mind will know peace accompanied with true happiness because you defeated the devil and gave him a hard knock, you'll have also refused to let him have a foot hold in your life.

Always make God happy and the devil sad. Never please a man to displease God nor please Satan to sadden God.

If after you receive Christ as lord, you also get involved in cheating of any form at all in an exam, you displease the God of holiness and please the devil, the destroyer. Therefore your conscience is impure and you will not enjoy the peace of Christ through the Holy Spirit, and you grieve heaven for that.

Jesus weeps for such evil and you know what that means, allowing the flesh to have control over you.

“Walk by the spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

Galatians 5:16

It is like, you crucified Christ a second time allowing him go over those rigorous pains he went through once for all time.

When you deep into sin again after coming unto the lord, it is like crucifying Jesus a second time on the cross in disgrace, in public shame, but God forbid.

It is also like you left a burnt down house to a new and well furnished one and all of a sudden you just say, “I can longer stay in this good house again, I think I still prefer to go back to my former house and live inside” as it is when you left.

Only a pig goes back into its clay when washed. A Dog returns to its vomit.

But Titus chapter two verses eleven is established for you and I.

“For God has revealed his grace for the salvation of all people.” [GNB]

Repent and return to Jesus today and he will forgive and save you, so that the crave may not have power over you.

***“In returning and rest you shall be saved;
In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.”***

Isaiah 30:15 [NKJV]

Hear this that Jesus says:

The suffering of now is nothing compared to the glory that is to be revealed. If you die with him, you’ll also live with him.

Therefore the joy of honesty in an examination is that there is heaven for you and the end pains/sorrows in cheating in an examination is the eternal destruction of your life in hell.

The *moment* you put your hand into falsehood, you sign in for *a change of eternal destination*, God's plan for you will not be done.

And while yet on earth, you'll live with fear of condemnation over an impure conscience. Jesus died for you. His blood cleanses all our sins so that we might all be without any stains.

God forbid that you find yourself in hell. Amen.

While cheating for an exam, you may have a happy beginning, but it will ever bring about a regretful end. It is better to pass to heaven than to prepare to fail into hell.

CHAPTER 2

THE COST

There is always a painful beginning and a joyous end for every godliness and purity practiced in an examination as concerned with following Jesus. You must carry your own cross daily in all situations, deny yourself of all worldly freedom and achievements and then you can follow him.

“And He said to all, If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also].”

Luke 9:23-24[AMPLIFIED]

Jesus never deceived us of not seeing troubles, he did not lie to us or cajole us; for that he made it clear to us that we have to face tribulations to follow him but that he has overcome the world.

However, since the cost of following Jesus is not naturally easy, we must all get up, gird up our loins with the helmet of salvation.

“So stand ready, with truth as a belt tight around your waist, with righteousness as your breastplate, and as your shoes the readiness to announce the Good News of peace. At all times carry faith as a shield; for with it you will be able to put out all the burning arrows shot by the Evil One. And accept salvation as a helmet, and the word of God as the sword which the Spirit gives you.”

Eph 6:14-17[GNB]

Also from Luke chapter six verse twenty four, Jesus mean,

“If you come to me but will not leave your family, you cannot be my follower. You must love me more than your father, mother, wife children, brothers and sister even your own life. Whoever will not carry the cross that is given to them when they follow cannot be my follower.”

"If you wanted to build a building, you would first sit down and decide how much it would cost. You must see if you have enough money to finish the job. If you don't do that, you might begin the work, but you would not be able to finish. And if you could not finish it, everyone would laugh at you. They would say, 'This man began to build, but he was not able to finish.'"

[ERV]

“If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and figure out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job. If you don't, you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who

see what happened will make fun of you. 'You began to build but can't finish the job!' they will say." Luke 14:28-30 [GNB]

As a Christian youth/teenager in a school where expo is fully or cunningly allowed, who knows if you, like queen Esther were brought there by God to define changes by making your own light of righteousness to shine and consume the dark acts of Examination Malpractice in that school.

God was not okay with the darkness, formlessness and void-ness of the universe at the beginning, but guess what he did? God simply introduced light into the darkness to turn the darkness into light and not to even command or curse darkness away he only had to bring in his light (his nature) and spoke his words to eliminate the formlessness and void-ness. So you see that all God will do to destroy the mammon exam malpractice is not to kill its practitioners because he's never happy over the death of sinners.

***"Do you think I enjoy seeing evil people die?
Asks the sovereign LORD
No, I would rather see them repent and live."
Ezekiel 18:23[GNB]***

Did you just hear that? That means the lord's best interest is to see light shine in darkness and turning the darkness into light. Darkness is the weakest force in existence. God needed not mind it or take too much thought on how he must crush the darkness. The dimmest light can shine in the midst of darkness. The uncompromising righteous in any place is a literal light of Christ, deliberately posted by God into the midst of a dark situation (evil) to dispel the darkness and bring the people into light. Don't fail God and disappoint Jesus who had hoped in the light in you to consciously effect honesty as a lifestyle and quench the fire of exam malpractice in your school or in any exam setting, the little world around you and your entire generation.

The least Christian in the midst of evil is mandated to destroy the evil by shining out righteousness. Let Christ in you be seen as you stand out against evil of any kind and declare God's righteousness where you are now by not compromising the truth for any reason at all. You've got no excuse!

Also, you must be ready to serve representing as an ambassador for Christ, right where you are; that's why he didn't just save and carry you away into heaven immediately, bodily.

“I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil one.

I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world.”

John 17:15, 18 [GNB]

You must also be ready to deny your friends' and family's suggestion to cheat (steal) to pass the exam, and make Jesus proud to talk about your own good deeds on the last Day of Judgment. In fact, your family, friends, the world of corrupt invigilators or fellow examinees will say all manner of evil words against you about your right choice for honest practice in exam and to shun every form of cheating-related exercise. But remember Jesus says, “If you deny me I will deny you and the suffering of now is nothing compared to God's glory that will be revealed over if you trust him. If you die with him in faithfulness and holiness, you'll also live with him in glory.

Nevertheless, do not please a friend or satisfy a friend's wishes to displease God, destroy the salvation and displease God and his Spirit's desires for you as stated in Jeremiah chapter twenty verse eleven. Be careful, watch out and pray.

CHAPTER 3

GOVERNMENT AND EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE

Do you actually believe that God's government supports Examination Malpractices? Do you think the earthly government authorities which include federal, state or local government supports Examination Malpractice? The just and true answer to the above question is, No!

Take your time to ask any secondary school principal, or any other academician about his opinions of government's policy on the act. Also try and ask examiners in

the tertiary institutions about their own views and policies on cheating in examinations. Even the ministry of education stands vehemently against it or haven't you seen any instruction always written at the bottom of any exam question paper or answer sheet? Instructions such as:

**Shun examination malpractice,
Avoid every form of examination malpractice,
The use of mobile phone is not allowed e.t.c.** These instructions have been stated as rules and regulations and are sometimes said orally as a guide to cuddle lawlessness.

Hear father speaks "where there is no law, there is no sin."
No sinner must go unpunished; always submit to the governing authorities". These warnings are guide from the scripture for the well being of examinees who plan to do wrong. There are simply spiritual laws that you obey and it will be well with you here on earth.

"For the sake of the Lord submit yourselves to every human authority: to the Emperor, who is the supreme authority." [GNB]

"Be submissive to every human institution and authority for the sake of the Lord, whether it be to the emperor as supreme." [AMPLIFIED]

1 Peter 2:13

So you see God's injunction about the various institutions that he has established on the earth. They all represent God and his authority. What they have is given to them of God. Remember what Jesus said to Pilate.

"Jesus answered, "You have authority over me only because it was given to you by God."

John 19:11 [GNT]

So no human authority exists on its own. God almighty who owns the earth gives his authority to whoever he wishes to give to enact justice and fairness. When they are unjust, they'll have themselves to blame; it is God who will judge them and do whatsoever pleases him to them.

Therefore since they represent God's rulership on earth, any who dishonour their leadership, the same disregard and dishonour the LORD'S leadership and authority bestowed on them. Be wise in the lord!

Now several other Christians (children of God) cheat in exam because of the strong negative influences from peer group causing peer pressure, friends' mockeries and people's attitude towards it. But as a child of a holy God and loving father, you don't get wearied down by their actions towards you. Jesus warns us about standing firm and instructs us to have our foundation laid on the solid rock foundation (Jesus), relying on him to take care of us. 2 peter 5:17>>>**He cares for you.**

CHAPTER 4

INFLUENCES THAT LURES A CHILD

The multitudes agreement (public opinion) and pressure makes a teenager to do the act. But **because everybody does it doesn't make it right.** Do not do something just because everyone else is doing it. If a group of people are doing wrong, don't join them. Remember Korah, Dathan, Abiram and the 250 followers in Numbers chapter sixteen. The ground swallowed them all up for following these men. You must not let them persuade you to do wrong things. You should always do what is right and fair. God's grace is always sufficient to keep you instructed and empowered to say no to all forms of ungodly practices, believe in it and walk in this grace- **Titus 2:11.**

***"That grace instructs us to give up ungodly living and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this world."**[GNB]*

"Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong."
Exodus 23:2 [NIV]

Ask God for grace to stand firm. Beware of the Devil's tricks; he can use anything and anybody to stop your journey with Christ. You must not backslide.

PARENTS/GUADIAN

A major strategy which the Devil has been using to burden several young persons with sin and to lure them into this very evil act is the *parent/guardian*.

So many parents have failed on their children in many different areas of life, and one of the major areas is based on exam.

Let me ask you if you are a parent reading this: how do you know your child passed his WAEC, NECO or any other exam? Have you tried to ask what method they used to succeed? Some of you know so well that your son/daughter is not the very serious or hard working and studious type of student, but he's got very good grades in past exams. Call him and ask him to truthfully explain the process he went through to get such excellent grades and you'll be so shocked to know that the world has passed through your child. God made you watchman over that child, to follow only the right way and do only the right things for him, so that he might reach his destination for life in Christ while in this world, but you have become so preoccupied with other issues of life and have left this divine assignment, *your child*. You have left the poor child like a free range animal into this dark dangerous world to take decisions by himself at that tender age, he's so carried away by the world system and his life is chattered without an ever living foundation unknown to him, and yet you feel all is well and that he is a bright student. Don't be deceived, not all successes are godly successes.

A lot of people give testimonies even in the house of God about the way they succeeded on a venture and the leaders are not sensitive enough to call for explanation about how the contract was awarded, how the car was gotten, how the house was built, how the job was offered or how a student graduated. A lot of the means of the success achieved by children of God can be traced back to the worldly system of getting such things.

Look, the time has come for judgment to come upon whores who are married to the world and yet nicknamed Christians. Repent from all evil ways; for every man who names the name of the lord must depart from iniquity. The foundation of

the lord stands sure with the seal on it that reads *“the lord knows those who are his”*. Do you really belong to him? Do you really resemble him? Do you really reflect his life for men to see? Are you an expression of the life of Christ? Have you put to death the works of the flesh at work within you?

When you make use of a wrongly acquired certificate or result to earn favour, get a job or get anything else, do you think heaven is happy? With the presence of the Holy Ghost in you, you are carrying a stuff acquired in sin to get wealth or make a living. Do you think the Holy Spirit that leads the lord’s children into all truths, will also lead you to use a certificate, a contract paper, or a result sinfully acquired, and that’s not given you as a gift from the father? Will he ask you to use a thing he didn’t give you for righteous purposes? Judge it for yourself and do just the right thing.

Many parents have also refused to let their sons/daughter know God’s words and instructions against cheating, some simply because they are living victims who have refused to cast their false results down at Christ's feet and are not grounded in the faith, and do not know God’s word about it. Some are even scared of practicing the precious faith which they profess.

“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” [KJV]

“They will hold to the outward form of our religion, but reject its real power. Keep away from such people.”

2 Tim 3:5-6 [GNT]

It is not enough holding unto the outward form of Christianity of attending weekly activities, celebrating religious festivals and doing every other outward show that declares you a church member. There is power in the gospel you received. That power to save a Christian from failure and shame of defeat over an exam should not be denied. That power of the gospel is experienced as you walk constantly with the Holy Spirit in leadership.

“For in union with Christ you have become rich in all things, including all speech and all knowledge.”

1 Corinthians 1:5-6 [GNB]

Only when you become and remain uncompromising will the power work for you. When you deny it, influence over you, you step into the worldly means of passing an exam by cheating called **HELP**.

“The Food you get by cheating may taste delicious, but it turns to gravel.

Proverbs 20:17 [CEV]

Rely on God and lean not on your own understanding, it is a crash programme and a crash investment if you receive help from man in an exam when it is against the law of God and the government’s law of the land. Let the saving and excelling power of God’s spirit in you be allowed leadership over you and guide you to write and you’ll surely smile. *I am a testimony to this!*

When it is God himself giving you help, it is a holy, if by the help of the Spirit.

Parents/guardians, some of you have failed to devote yourself unto knowing the scriptures, God’s divine oracle for life. If you have not planted your own life on this word which is to be your very life, how do think you can raise a child in that way? You can never deliver or transfer what you do not have.

“These teachings are not empty words; they are your very life. Obey them and you will live long in that land across the Jordan that you are about to occupy.”

Deuteronomy 32:47 [GNB]

Because the pathways you followed to have what you have is not godly, you are not able to also tell them about that way since it was not an instruction from God for your life that gave you the job you have or the contract you pursue. Perhaps those contracts, results and certificate(s) you own are not a result of your effort and not by God’s grace, you must lay them all at the feet of Christ.

Parents, some of you have failed on you children especially adolescents or teenagers. You have not known God’s word, you have rejected true knowledge. You have refused knowing God’s word and for that you cannot teach them God’s word.

“Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life.”

Proverbs 22:6 [GNB]

Listen fathers and mothers, many children’s blood will be required from your head on the last day if you fail to take care of what God gave you to take good and proper care of.

You rejected knowledge for your life and so you lack the divine oracles to raise them up with, in the standard which the lord requires.

Why not take Timothy and the life of his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois as a very good example. He took after their faith and knew Christ faithfully. Although not so much is written of them but behold this testimony of Paul about Timothy.

“I remember the sincere faith you have, the kind of faith that your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice also had. I am sure that you have it also.”

2 Tim 1:5 [GNB]

Not too many parents can testify of their own faith and that which they pass unto their children. As a father, as a mother, do you live the faith practically for your children to see? What they see you do sticks much more to their hearts than what they hear you say to them. Are you a revelation of the divine nature to children who are growing up? They will eventually become more of your life deeds than your words if the words are not Spirit and life, like Christ said,

“The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”

John 6:63 [NIV]

Study the life of Zechariah and Elizabeth and about their son John (the Baptist). They diligently heeded God’s warning and never gave John what they were warned not to give him- *Luke 1:15*, read your bible well. In fact in so many other areas of life, fathers and mothers has dishonoured God’s commands by refusing

to teach them properly in God's ways so that they can be acquainted with the lord's ways of life- *proverbs 22:6*

Parents please know that you are also to determine whether the children God has given you are to become righteous or unjust and ungodly by training from childhood. Carry out your own responsibility and let the children do their own, and then whatsoever becomes of them by their choice is left for them alone. What you sow, you reap.

CHAPTER 5

SHOULD CHRISTIANS ALSO TAKE EXAM MALPRACTICE AS GOD'S STANDARD FOR SUCCESS?

Of course not. By no means is it God's standard and that is not how to live for God if his standard is to be followed.

Expo as called is sinful, a godless act of the world system and we must never gratify these desires of our flesh (self).

Let every child of God allow himself be influenced by the Holy Spirit and fully taken over by him instead of your friends and you won't find it difficult to satisfy the lord's desires.

"For all who led by the spirit of God are sons of God."

Romans 8:14 [AMPLIFIED]

Without the Holy Spirit's guidance, one is bound to do what the sinful nature craves.

"So I tell you, live the way the spirit leads you, then you will not do the evil things your sinful self wants."

Galatians 5:16 [ERV]

You may have deceived and made up your mind to fully serve God and God has been helping you seriously but once you begin to sin, God detests you and your offerings.

“The LORD says, “All their evildoing began in Gilgal. It was there that I began to hate them. And because of the evil they have done, I will drive them out of my land. I will not love them any more; all their leaders have rebelled against me.”

Hosea 9:15 [GNB]

And if he hates you, he will leave you and if God leaves you, you will ever live to regret it.

“...When I abandon these people, terrible things will happen to them.”

Hosea 9:12 [GNB]

Never try to taste the world and see. Don't be scared and afraid of failing an exam with honesty in practice. God is surely on your side.

No man who waits for his help will be disappointed. Isaiah 49:23b

What should you do?

“Study to show yourself an approved worker who needs not to be ashamed of his works.”

2 Timothy 2:15

God determines your success at his will. You may write without cheating and yet not get it (fail) but try again; as soon as he is done with what he's doing in you, you will surely make it.

“No man who wait for my help will be disappointed.” Isaiah 49:23

You do not have to crucify Jesus our ever loving Saviour a second time for a sin he already wiped out.

Don't make an attempt to have a taste of the evil world you already left another time because repentance could be difficult.

“For how can those who abandon their faith be brought back to repent again? They were once in God's light; they tasted heaven's gift and received their share of the Holy Spirit; they knew from experience that God's word is good, and they had felt the powers of the coming age. And then they abandoned their faith! It is impossible to bring them back to repent again, because they are again crucifying the Son of God and exposing him to public shame.”

Heb 6:4-6 [GNB]

Word for Parents

“Point your kids in the right direction, When they're old they won't be lost.”

Proverbs 22:6 [MESSAGE]

I wish to write this short note to everyone who is given the privilege to raise up a child. If your child decides to write any exam or take a test without expo regardless of the level of the exam, do not fear; as a godly parent your work is to encourage him/her to study, prepare and pray for it. Allow him shine his light and do not use his peer group or mates who cheat to challenge him in order to lure him to join them, God won't be happy with it.

If perhaps your child writes in truth and honesty and uprightness of mind, and yet fails while trying to maintain his stand in the midst of unrighteousness, I beseech you not to harass him and provoke him.

“Parents do not irritate your children, or they will become discouraged.”

Colossians 3:21 [GNB]

What to do is to encourage them with words like:

Son, I love you no matter what happens,

Try again my dear.

Winners Never Quits.

God Is On Your Side.

You Have Chosen the Right Way, Go Ahead.

God is happy with your choice and your actions.

USE WORDS LIKE:

Be Strong,

Stand your ground firmly on what you believe is right,

It Is Well E.T.C

Your words mean a lot to his performance.

With these and many others, they certainly believe and know that God as well as you is there for them. Encourage them.

“I will speak out to encourage Jerusalem; I will not be silent until she is saved.”

Isaiah 62:1[GNB]

Encourage him to read better, register him and let him attend tutorials near by or get a private lesson teacher for him. Do not try to put an obstacle before him by taking him the places people know as ‘miracle centers’ where he may not have a choice; all so-called miracle centers are hell bound!

If you do so, hear Jesus

“If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose his faith in me, it would be better for that person to have a large millstone tied around his neck and be drowned in the deep sea.”

Matthew 18:6 [GNB]

And if in the other way round they pass, hey! Please do encourage them to give their testimony so as to encourage other people in that situation as well.

Also daddies and mummies, allow your kids attend Christian camp meeting, bible study program, and you should give God your own life time to lead and direct you so that you can always be a mouth piece through which God speaks to us. Let God lead you to lead us on the right track. We need your instructions and corrections. Please, endeavor to always be on your knees in prayers for us. That's the best way you can prove to God that you love us. Speak God's word upon our lives. Declare what you want us to become like- using God's word, the word of God creates what is not from nothing, therefore speak out your good desires on us day and night and be always ready to counsel us when we need it.

I also like to say this here to parents that, God who has made you an overseer over these his sons/daughters shall also give you creative words that creates the right virtues and habits into them along the work of the Holy Ghost, so that you can create life into them using his words. Read God's word unto them always and live by the word. Make them to know that their new life in Christ is spelt out in the bible, the bible is God's word written for his children to become; the word of God became flesh in Christ Jesus.

Word to Teenagers and Youths

"So remember your Creator while you are still young, before those dismal days and years come when you will say, "I don't enjoy life." That is when the light of the sun, the moon, and the stars will grow dim for you and the rain clouds will never pass away."

Ecclesiastes 12:1-2 [GNB]

"Young people, enjoy your youth. Be happy while you are still young. Do what you want to do, and follow your heart's desire. But remember that God is going to judge you for whatever you do."

Ecclesiastes 11:9 [GNB]

Expo [chokes, logistics, exam fee, sorting, help e.t.c as it commonly called (**you know the names**)] is not heaven's standard and all who really want to make it to heaven will never be a participant.

Know your God well while you are young. Plant your life upon Jesus' righteousness and his ways/standards in everything you do. God gives you a distance apart when you sin. Do not crucify Jesus second time. Be determined to study, pray, prepare and pass your exams. You can do all things through Christ that strengthens you; trust him with all your heart!

Friends are serious factors of negative influences. Don't be deceived. Studying to show your self an approved student is the right way. Study to show yourself an approved worker and servant of God.

Don't be frustrated and discouraged if you write in honesty and have more passes in your result. Look, it means failure to the world but yet distinctions to heaven.

Let God's word dwell richly in you. Always give the Devil hard knocks out. Always disgrace the Devil in everything you do.

Never give room to the Devil; he is not wiser than you if Christ's wisdom lives in you. Be wise as a serpent and gentle as a dove. Always trust in God for success. Pray continually for God's will to be done in your life on every area.

If you have written and failed before and you still have life, there's room for you to try again; you are not the first to fail in that way.

Be determined to know God deeper daily, and do not eat the world's rich food so that you will not become unclean before God, Daniel 1:8.

My boyfriend, my girlfriend, my special friend and all those type with no spiritual purpose of God is evil. Any friendship which makes you not to know God more and more but rather distances you from God is Satan-sent, break away from it.

The world's way is **directly opposite** the lord's way.

Occultism is satanic and a pathway to hell fire. Live your life like Samuel who will never want to get influenced by the old way of, and the evil life lived by Eli's sons. He was *chaste* and *upright*.

Always pray for God's mercy not to fall into temptation. God's grace will lead you through in Jesus name.

Example from Samuel

Taking example from Samuel, his qualities right from childhood is such a modeled example to follow.

He was very humble and respectful, obedient to both God and man. If you can't love your fellow man which you can see, how can you love God who you can't see? Samuel was a loving child.

He was accepted by God and the people living around him. He slept close to the ark of God (the presence of God) and it was while he slept close to God's ark that God called him, let us always dwell in the Lord's presence.

Samuel gave himself away to be used of God totally. He was very submissive and he nurtured his relationship with God diligently and he was very intimate with God. *Is God your best friend?*

Because of his closeness to God, he was not infected by the bad influence of the sons of Eli –Hophni and Phinehas. Samuel was consecrated for God and separated from the world (crowd) – Exodus 23:1-2.

Also, he refused to cooperate with Eli's grown up sons in evil whether they considered him or not. They did evil things before God. Samuel started serving God from a very young age. That you are living in an environment where sinful habits are not strictly frowned at is never an excuse for you to become spoiled as a youth- submit yourself to God. –

“So remember your Creator while you are still young, before those dismal days and years come when you will say, “I don't enjoy life.” Ecclesiastes 12:1 [GNT]

He started behaving like a priest from his childhood. Do you know that any one who comes to Jesus is of the *Royal Priesthood*?

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

1 Peter 2:9-10 [NIV]

That means we must all live our lives with the consciousness of the priesthood call upon every one of us and stay pure day and night, twenty four hours so that we can be always ready to intercede on others behalf and live as arrows held in God's quiver-Isaiah 49:1

Samuel grew up in the presence of the lord (with God's word guiding him), let God's word guide you into all things. Eli didn't receive any ill report about Samuel from the people like he received about his sons; and Samuel was different among similarities, he was separate.

This boy even though he was among corrupt brothers he stood out rather than joining in and his generation was happy with him, they were very fortunate to have him amongst them. Always do the things that will generate good reports about you so that your generation can be fortunate to have you amongst them.

The presence of God was always with him even till death. He used his opportunities in God's presence appropriately and laid off procrastinations. Samuel was rather intimate with the word of God and not the world. He feared God all his life, grace and success followed him as a reward.

See the life of Daniel and his three friends

Daniel, Shedrach and Abednego, who were they?

They were young men of the same heart as to being with God's desires.

They were men of great determination who knew God very deeply and in consistent intimacy with God. They operated from a very high and firm knowledge of God. They set their minds to gain the understanding of God [especially Daniel]. These boys were not babies in the practice of godliness and so always stood on what truths they believed were right.

In every of their dealings, you could see positivity displayed and were highly conversant with the ways and capabilities of the lord.

They had and used the wisdom God gave them which was why all their deeds from the start were known for excellence.

They all suited the king's desires for service. *Daniel 1:4, 6.*

Do you know something special about them also? It is very clear that their knowledge and love for God was given them before the captivity.

Because, despite the fact that there was no temple of the lord in Babylon, these four faithfuls could worship God in Spirit and truth and always remained in constant communion with the Holy Spirit. A lot of people do think that being religious is when you live in the temple or are so used to going to the church for religious activities; *no! You yourself are to be the lord's temple.* From the life of these young men, we witness that without a physical building to name temple, they still held unto God in a strange land.

As for you, if all the church buildings are destroyed today, what will become of your love for God and your fellowship with the Holy Spirit?

Daniel and the other three had become temples right from when they were in Israel before the exile. Jesus Christ wants us to be *living temples*, God's mobile dwelling place, carrying and showing His life even as you live everyday and every night.

Also the eyes and the hearts of these boys were opened to God's instructions, and their hearts and minds were being enlightened to understand the lord's ways. Can you imagine this? They changed the land there were living as exiles [slaves]. The Babylonians who worshipped their ancient gods and bowed to idols received the decree by king Nebuchadnezzar in *Daniel chapter three verse twenty*; he commanded that no one must speak disrespectfully of God almighty whom they stood for. Any time you stand for God, he's aware and will certainly show forth in your favour. He will always stand with you to back you up in your decisions to defend the faith of the gospel of Jesus Christ-*the power and wisdom of God.*

God made the king even promote them for disobeying him and obeying the king of kings, so what do you fear that you cannot stand for God?

Know this that, God will not make a mistake of using you to trash out a particular wrong doing which you are part of, because it will be an abomination unto his holy name.

Their hearts were always ready for the lord to visit, and to make use of.

“They had to be handsome, intelligent, well-trained, quick to learn, and free from physical defects, so that they would be qualified to serve in the royal courts.”

Daniel 1:14 [GNB]

All these qualities that qualified them were inherent within them. You cannot be a proper child of God and not bear these qualities. These ones were built into them as they grew with the lord from their own land. If your relationship with God personally is cordial and consistent, all of these Christ's traits and more will be formed in you effortlessly; making you fit for service in any place in the world were the lord posts you to.

Before any man can actually be relevant to serve the almighty, he must be without blemish and be free from all blames.

When you **cheat**, you become contaminated and the lord cannot use you *wholly* for his purpose since you didn't give him your own self *wholly*.

These friends also had a firm foundation built upon Christ's qualities that was why they were ready men who would serve in the royal courts.

Their lives were not so influenced with the technologies of Babylon, that great city of arts and sciences. In the same way we must not agree with the suggestions technological advancements makes for us in our own time. *Your lifetime is your timeline*, if you misuse it, you have yourself to blame.

As youths and children of God, let's not align our lives with technology so much that all our deeds and decisions are determined or suggested by the world's technology. These four folks were not tossed by the winds of doctrines of their time. The riches, goodies and treasures of the world's leading political empire and a foreign land couldn't influence them a bit; their lives have been so rooted upon God's command that they could not be moved. So many Christians of this generation are not serious with God's ways.

Many people do not personally go for the understanding, the knowledge and the insight into God's word but desire to declare God's ways to the world, impossible! God will send out only disciples who were with him from a set time and who are made by him. God will deliver divine oracles to the faithful followers in his steps. He brought Adam into the garden only when He had finished making him. The garden where you will work for the lord is ready; you only need to surrender yourself unto him to be made, and this is done as a discipleship process.

Daniel

Who is Daniel?

Daniel, the first among his equals was an Israelite exile to Babylon who in equality was ahead even amongst God's own people.

This young man was always leading, always seeking God's face to know his ways. He was a fore-man and a mighty defender in Israel. Daniel never jokes with prayers. His spiritual eyes were always very sensitive to hear the lord's voice and watched himself obey it. He was obedient to both God and man but will disobey man to please God when necessary. A man with very uniquely different character who always had God's mind and always relied on God.

Daniel was always seeking God's decision and waiting for an answer before taking actions.

The kings rich food is the Devil's free gift, like Examination Malpractice is to us, and just as Daniel and his friends refused to take the kings cheap meal, you also must never consent to accepting this other cheap food before you, [cheating, expo, chokes, logistics, help, sorting e. t. c. as it is called].

Daniel said of the king's meal, *"it will pollute me"* and for that reason we should suffer ourselves with the same mind Daniel had like Jesus.

Jesus was offered to us as a sacrifice for freedom. He could deliver himself from death and suffering; but he knew if he's freed up till now the devil will remain victorious over us and we wouldn't be given power to be called the sons of God, so he choose to suffer.

"Since Christ suffered physically, you too must strengthen yourselves with the same way of thinking that he had; because whoever suffered physically is no longer involved in sin."
1 peter 4:1 [GNB]

Clear enough right? May the lord give you more insight. Amen.

For in that same way you have really proved to God that you love him and have totally refrained from sin.

This is the time to refrain from sin. It is no more time to consent. The time for compromise to any sin has come to an end with you in Christ, believe and walk in it because the world might *fold up* on you like mat anytime, a dream unaware that suddenly blinks away. God forbid.

Listen, just as God gave Daniel and his friends an unusual aptitude and success as results for their faith [believe] and reliance on him, he will also give unto you excellent spirit within you so that in all you do, you will be ten times better than your contemporaries, only **trust in the lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.** Proverbs 3:5

The scripture says,

“At the end of ten days Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king.”

Daniel 1:15 [NLT]

My friend, what do you think of this now, any objection that taking the rich food of the king of this world will pollute you before God? Please do not object or argue anymore. No matter how you paraphrase it, judgment is coming and every hidden truth and concealed matter will be displayed, it will be more dangerous and shameful then. Take heed to the bible (the word of God) as raw as it is.

The other Jewish young men who had been eating the king’s food are a symbol of nominal Christian (church ‘goer’). The distinguishing factor between the Daniels and the other boys is compromise, Daniel and the other three Hebrews never compromised.

Despite the fact that they were same country men, went to the same temple (church in our days), perhaps attended the same school and Sunday school, these four made a difference. *Dare to be a Daniel!*

CHAPTER 6

YOUR STAND WILL BE KNOWN

“So after that, the attendant fed them only vegetables instead of the food and wine provided for the other boys.”

Daniel 1:16 [NLT]

You must allow everybody around you to know your stand in Christ generally. Declare it in every way possible that they may know. You must bring to people's knowledge that, *you are solely dependent and reliant upon God alone and trusts in the power of his might-* **Ephesians 6:10.**

What leads to sin is temptation; do not give in to fall into Satan's temptation by giving him a foothold. See the simple arithmetic:

Satan will give you temptation number three (3) recorded in Matthew chapter four verse eight, so that you can bow, kneel and worship him, for him to give you all the kingdom of the world and all its greatness.

He is a dangerous deceiver. **The earth is the lord's and the fullness thereof** –psalm 24:1

If your desire is to inherit the earth, the sacrifice is simple.

“Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.”

Matthew 5:5 [GNB]

Satan will have no chance into you, to work in you, to destroy you, confuse you and do all other kinds of evil to you. It is only when you yield too cheaply to accept his offers of the world's greatness, riches, fame, success, power and other results for bowing to him that he have a foot-hold in you.

Be wise! He prowls around like a roaring Lion seeking someone to devour. Satan always goes for the best. He won't trouble those already in his net.

You will ever be more sensitive spiritually if you refuse to eat Satan's (the king's) food for free [yet not free], however rich and easy or quick it may be; seriously it is never free. Your soul will be demanded.

“God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for understanding every aspect of literature and wisdom. And God gave Daniel

the special ability to interpret the meaning of visions and dreams.”

Daniel 1:17 [NLT]

This great reward for them was as a result of their complete trust in, and honest confidence in God.

After Studying

If after studying and praying for God’s success on an exam, you still indulge in any form of malpractice, what do you think that suggests to God?

What do you say? Is it, *“I have tried to write without joining my friends in doing Examination Malpractice and to trust in God and I failed”* or *I’ve written for about two or more times now just depending only on God’s mercy and in fact re-known as WAEC/JAMB form dealer’s regular customer*. Perhaps you have already written for four (4) times or over and still it hasn’t worked because you are trustingly waiting on God; don’t worry, **the foundation of the lord stands sure with this inscription “the lord knows those who are his”**

If you will only endure and wait for the lord to manifest his power and love for you, you will certainly see him come for you. This is have written this purposely to encourage your doubting mind. God never fails his faithful children. He never failed me. If you are sincere with the lord and obedient unto him, I assure you as a living testimony that he will surely show up in your favour; don’t rush ahead of him. A common adage says, *“if the leg of a hen becomes too fast, she will run and cross over her eggs without knowing.”*

Don’t lose faith in God. Determine to remain in his will. You may be passing through a refining moment by God, it is not forever; and you will surely come out as pure and neat as a refined gold. Do not give up yet. You will surely smile if you try again.

“For no one who waits for my help will be disappointed.”

Isaiah 49:23c [GNB]

You may be going through this now but, I wish to let you know that *God never fails you yet!*

Study for a few good hours, like 2-4 as much as you can assimilate daily prayerfully. Continue to study with the full consciousness of the presence of the Holy Ghost in you (that great teacher and reminder). Abide in him constantly, do all studies by his leading and God will surely support your input.

If you're still in school, meet teachers and lecturers to clarify you on whatever is confusing you. Be diligent with your studies as a child of God even from start of Jss1 or start of an academic pursuit. Make sure to do all assignments given you and also class work. Avoid copying a friend's assignment as your own and help no one to do same; that's not integrity and diligent of you as a child of God. It is stealing and a dishonest scale and God hates it so much.

It is also a form of Malpractice!

Get all necessary reading and study materials you are expected to have. Your academic books must not replace God's word (the bible). Balance up everything by following the Spirit's leading and keep quality time to study the bible daily. Several children of God have received directions on how to write and pass a test, an exam or an interview through the bible. The scripture is full of mysteries since it is the wisdom of God and the life of God in print.

Your performance should reveal the glory of God in your life. Success is never a gift but a choice. If you chose to succeed, then work towards it. Make it a goal that is God's will for you.

Identify your purpose for going into school and for being in school and work on that line, straight towards the purpose, living or forgetting everything behind you that easily *besets* you, it will guide your focus.

Being in school is to activate your mind for a great future in Christ's hand. Proper studying therefore must be part of your plans for that great future. To avoid bringing shame to the body of Christ, study diligently. Study to have what the Holy Ghost can remind you about!

God will personally take you through the secular education as part of the training he gives you for his service later on in nearest future; that is why you must faithfully prepare to enter righteously and also deal diligently with the studies. Like David did in *1 Samuel 17:28*, he left the sheep at the pasture for the battleground to see to the welfare of his brothers as his father urged him, and that was the day he was given the greater work to do. He was faithful in keeping the sheep and just at the right time he could be sent to save Israel.

That God is raising you, is to be a great defender of his Israel (the church), and you must not disappoint him!

Time management

“Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1 [GNB]

Always know when it is proper to do whatever is necessary for you, by faithfully following the Holy Spirit’s leading of your heart, and also taking counsel from the elders around; do not neglect elderly counsel.

You should not bargain your time for something not more necessary.

“Making the most of the time [buying up each opportunity] because the days are evil.”

Ephesians 5:10 [AMPLIFIED]

Make judicious use of your time, and avoid procrastination. You must be careful and able to include ‘now’ in all you do.

The person/place of the Holy Spirit must be always involved.

He is the best teacher and source of all godly and wholesome wisdom and knowledge.

Don’t give up. Fight the forces of diversion. Be determined to avoid all objects of distraction and diversion. Here Paul’s injunction on this:

“But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.”
Philippians 3:13b [KJV]

Guard against the forces of diversion.

The difference between the possible and the impossible is the determination. Like we see in Daniel, our actions and responses are guarded by our determination, so learn to always report back to the Holy Spirit.

Some other related factors that guarantee exam success are:

- Trust in God. Proverbs 3:5
- Adequate preparation. **Queen Esther. Esther 2:12**
- Reading, studying, meditation and memorizing. **Joshua 1:7-8**
- Use good study skills like writing down very key sentences, words and phrases.
- Engage the power of your pen and paper. You remember more than 60% of what you wrote down while studying for a test or exam, however bulky the course or subject may be.
- Test yourself from what you learnt.
- Enter the exam with confidence and a positive mindset to make it.
- You must keep yourself always pure, away from every object of defilement. Because everybody does something doesn't make it acceptable to God.
Daniel 1:8

The Lord's Will

“Better is a little with righteousness (uprightness in every area and relation and right standing with God) than great revenues with injustice.” [AMPLIFIED]

“It is better to have a little honestly earned, than to have a large income, dishonestly gained.” Proverbs 16:8 [GNB]

“From now on, then, you must live the rest of your earthly lives controlled by God’s will and not by human desires.” 1 peter 4:2 [GNB]

Every time I pray unto God, it is that, lord, all I truly want for my life, is the perfect manifestation of your perfect will.

In any of the moves I see myself making, the lord has always been faithfully ordering my steps, because I keep the place of the Holy Ghost and of the lord deep within me whenever his will is played in my life.

I want you to know and understand this that the lord’s thought for all his children are only thoughts of peace; and all that God has always destined you to be is as a result of the fact that he had already programmed your life to be as his own son/daughter, and will never allow you into the trouble that is not in his plans for your good and for your future, only obey his word and take only righteous steps per time.

“I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for.”
Jeremiah 29:11 [GNB]

From the scripture above, you now believe so well with me that, of a truth God’s plans for you are never bad ones.

“So that he no longer spend the rest of his natural life living by [his] human appetites and desires, but [he lives] for what God wills.”
1 peter 4:3 [AMPLIFIED]

This therefore is God's ultimate plan that we live the rest of our lives according to his will having come unto him.

"The person who sins is the one who will die."

Ezekiel 18:4b

Do you realize that this act really does lead one to death?

"Do you think I enjoy seeing an evil person die?"

Asks the sovereign LORD. "No! I would rather

see him repent and live."

Ezekiel 18:23

I do not want anyone to die, says the sovereign LORD. "Turn away from your sins and live".

The lord's most dearly intention for his children is true life full of prosperity that is given them only by him-**3 john 2**

Allow God's will to pass on in your entire life, in every aspect of your entire life. It is only at your agreement for his will that his good plans for you can be activated. Under the amiable command of God for me accompanied with working promises, he puts me in the way I am before making it really clear to me that following his will launches me into several encounters of painful experiences of different kinds which is a key unto great immeasurable height of success and prosperity in all the areas of my life, and ever since I submitted my will to God, allowing my will to be swallowed up in his, I testify everyday of my life that I'm truly enjoying what happiness and joy of the lord really is. True happiness is never when you have all your needs financially met, but when you find yourself doing the lord's will because you are always living in union with the lord.

CHAPTER 7

WINNING BATTLES OF THE SPIRIT

Physical exercises guarantees life benefits on this earth.

God discovered the folly of all men who desire to willingly follow him wherever he takes them to, even though Jesus would ask Peter three times to prove his love for him.

He preserved it down for us. Paul said to timothy; keep your self in training for a godly life. Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is valuable in every way because it promises life both for the present and for the future.

“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

1 Timothy 4:8 [NIV]

Now everything which a man does while still alive on earth here is an exercise but the question is, *what type of exercise is yours?* If it will not tend to your spiritual profit and credit your heavenly account, I beseech you to deviate from such exercise, it would ruin you forever.

An exercise of life that is profitable for life on earth alone is not *ideal*; it is temporal - *1 Corinthians 4:18*

“...what can be seen lasts only for a time.”

“For a life that is set on the flesh will of the flesh reap corruption and death, but for the life that is set on the spirit will of the Spirit reap life and peace.”

Romans 8:5-6

Every other activity of life such as work (job), academic pursuit, relationships, success, influence, desire for affluence [material comfort], leadership, feeding, business, politics and the likes are all physical exercises among many others. All these promises temporal benefits for life on earth (it has some value). Once you give up this life, all your certificates expires and all your properties regardless of worth and where it was acquired from, all perishes by the decay of the world.

There is no life apart from the life of the Spirit. Whoever has not the Spirit of God is no child of his, and has no life in him because the life with breath which literally declares a man to be living is just false to the life of the Spirit.

“For we fix our attention not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.”

2 Corinthians 4:18 [GNB]

Take a man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly (*flesh*) and the man who walks not in the way of the Spirit, examine him and you will realize that only a life lived in the Spirit of God is the true life.

Perhaps you are reading this book and your own life is still being lived, and controlled by your flesh (human nature) and not by the Holy Spirit of God, listen.

“And so people become enemies of God when they are controlled by their human nature, for they do not obey God’s law, and in fact cannot please God.”

Romans 8:7-8

*There is no life apart from the life of Christ.
No Spirit of God, no ever-lasting life.*

God’s expectations of us is for us to live our lives in him carrying out all forms of his Spirit’s exercise because *he is our home throughout all generations –psalm 90:1*

When you live in the Spirit, you don’t have to battle with yourself before God’s laws (words) are obeyed.

Bearing this spiritual exercise involves having a deep knowledge of God and love for his words.

“Christ’s message in all its richness must live in your hearts.”

Colossians 3:16 [GNB]

When your life is completely owned, taken over and controlled by the presence of the Holy Spirit in you, any of these spiritual exercises which is God's expectation of you will become easy to carry out [perform].

Just as physical exercise strengthens and straightens your contracted bones and enhances good health for the body, the spiritual exercises does even more to keep you connected to God, in this way God can keep flowing through you all the time.

If you find it difficult to obey God's word even when you want to while being controlled by your natural birth-life, return to the lord, switch to the Holy Spirit within, and obeying the lord will be made much easier.

“What I say is this, let the Spirit direct your lives and you will not satisfy the desires of the human nature.”

Galatians 5:16 [GNB]

Let's briefly consider some spiritual exercises.

→ **Prayer**

Prayer which is the Christian's way of reporting issues by talking to God has so much effects, but so many see it as a common religious act.

The scripture tells us to pray always as it is a way of holding tight unto God to work on earth. Before you can be sure of your right stand with God as a true Christian, you must be sure to have a well prayer laid foundation. Prayer leads to virtually every other spiritual exercise. The prayer of a believer must be *kingdom based* prayer; this has to do with praying with God's word, centered on discussing with God on the advancement of his kingdom in our lives and in the church and on this earth, this type of prayer is always effective.

→ **Fasting**

Fasting as a spiritual exercise helps to keep your body (flesh) light and under easy control by the Spirit so as to be more easily influenced by the Spirit.

Fasting is staying away from food and other objects of pleasure so as to be committed to praying unto God and to present pressing issues to him. Fasting enables a child of God to be conscious of God so much more and puts him in the condition to want to pray, *wait on God* and to receive divine oracles from God. When you fast, your Spirit becomes more actively sensitive to the Spirit world. You can easily receive words from the lord through his Spirit. Solutions to difficult problems are easily granted and received as one keeps pleasure away to seek understanding –*Daniel 10:12*

This exercise helps to keep you more spiritually conscious of your spiritual status and be concerned about growing. It goes alongside prayers and it keeps your Spirit ablaze. It prepares your heart to receive of the Spirit's will and God's intention for every occasion.

Fasting, a neglect of food, drink and other worldly pleasure is generally an acceptance of your mind to allow you draw nearer to God. It makes you willing to pray. Prayer and fasting now provokes your Spirit to be quickened and to grow steadily; while your physical body is diminishing, your spiritual growth is enhanced. The lord took me to this scripture on a day like this,

“For this we never become discouraged. Even though our physical being is gradually decaying, yet our spiritual being is renewed day after day.”

2 Corinthians 4:16 [GNB]

“Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

James 1:4

“Those who hope in the lord shall renew their strength.”

Isaiah 40:31

→ **Alone with God-Personal bible study**

***“For thus saith the LORD, the holy one of Israel;
in returning and rest shall ye be saved; in
quietness and confidence shall be your
strength: but you would not.”***

Isaiah 30:15 [KJV]

***“Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD
hath dealt bountifully with thee.”***

Psalms 116:7 [KJV]

You profess to serve Jehovah Adonai but do you even really know Him? Is His word in you?

A Christian who is too busy to mind God’s business and a Christian who neglects spending lengthy hours of his time with God alone on the mountain [above distraction, a secluded area] is not yet a serious follower of Christ at all.

A bachelor can never know the hidden likes and hates of his fiancé when their courtship is never making them share words by coming together once a while. A newly married man who rarely stays at home and always travels for business meetings outside will surely fail to know his new wife’s likes and hates great deal. A father who never spends time with his children will hardly know their hardships and challenges and would never be able to help out or satisfy their longings until they land into problem. This is how a Christian who neglects fellowship with God alone is, and God is not happy with it at all.

Your coming out of the world is living the Devil and all of his offers. Say no to the Devil and his rich meals, there’s critical need to keep moving forward, closely to God. Saying no to sin, the world and the Devil is fore won by saying yes to all holiness, righteousness, the word of God and God himself in all its fullness.

***“Let the word of God dwell in you in all its
richness.”***

Colossians 3:16

Giving good quality of your time to the study of God's word is allowing yourself to know more about the God you serve and his faith which you profess. Approval is when you study.

This however allows you to be hungry to unleash, to release what you learnt of God in the secret place alone with Him, unto the world that the world might be saved by it.

When your knowledge of God is in small measure, your hunger to serve Him and to administer Him to men in different ways as he desires, will be too minute.

You can never speak about and describe someone whom you've never seen before and also someone you do not really know much about.

I ask you, can you give details of a man you just met once for a first time? No! *The more time you spend to chat with a man, the more chance you get to know him in and out, his life story, achievements, failures, and every other thing is, to know about the man.*

It is same with the father! Only those who keep more of the time to be with Him, hear from Him, learn of Him and get familiar with His voice can really obey Him. You will enter your place of destiny in which God pre-ordained you at the right time, when you walk in **the light** of God's word.

If you are not even familiar with the different ways God speaks to you as a person, you will suffer later in life when it comes to the other serious matters of life and in important decision making processes.

“If they had known my secret thoughts, then they could have proclaimed my message to my people and could have made them give up the evil lives they live and the wicked things they do.”

Jeremiah 23:22 [GNT]

Our God is full of mysteries and really desires to let out secrets into man's life that will cause them to change and become better forever. The lord almighty wants to give out secret things to those who care.

It is the lord's secret thoughts that can only convict man of sin, and to repent of all his iniquities so he may live.

If you are a preacher of the gospel and you don't ever have the time to be in God's presence to learn of Him at His feet alone on your behalf and to get His secret teachings and thoughts for His flock in your care, they will starve, they will soon start feeding on decayed hay, if you don't go to the chief shepherd to collect fresh pasture grass for His flock in your hand.

A lot of preachers complain that they do not see the influence God's mighty power and the force of God's divine presence by His Spirit in their worship services. Some say their messages are too dry and do not move people to Christ or to know Christ the more.

Listen, if God has made you a voice for Him, he wants you to always return to Him and receive divine oracles that will keep His children growing up in their knowledge of Him and of Christ Jesus his son.

The new life found in a Christian is an execution of the word of God. Therefore these divine secrets that you'll receive as food for the flock is what will advance them in the knowledge of the lord.

Every Christian is to grow to the fullness of Christ's full stature.

You are appointed an apostle, a prophet, an evangelist, a pastor or a teacher for eternal reasons.

“He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ. And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature.”

Ephesians 4:12-14 [GNB]

See how verse thirteen is amplified.

“[That it might develop] until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension

of the [full and accurate] knowledge of the Son of God, that [we might arrive] at really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him."

Also see Jeremiah chapter twenty three verse twenty two in the amplified version:

"But if they had stood in my council, then they would have caused my people to hear my words, then they would have turned them [my people] from their evil way and from the evil of their doings."

And from *Isaiah 30:15*, we see that only in returning (retreating) and rest shall we be saved.

Also in returning shall we receive God's secret thoughts. Coming unto God is standing in the lord's council and counsel.

We see Jesus laid an example for us here to follow.

He needed to deliver God's secret thoughts, heavenly word; he wanted to teach people the life-style of the kingdom of God, a divine oracle, that's sacred and a mystery. He couldn't tell it along with the other acts of miracles which he deed, he couldn't deliver it on the plains; he had to climb a mountain. And His Disciples, who were chosen to lead the flock of Christ later on, left everything behind and went up with Him to receive, to become and so that they can have the right things to deliver.

"Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:"

Matt 5:1-2 [GNT]

Life transforming, renewing mysteries are divinely collected. They are not mere words, they are Spirit and life.

Every child of God is living now as the word in acts, but made flesh. The source of this new life is Christ. The source of this new life is the word of God. The life of a Christian is traced to the word of God (*divine sperm*).

You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin [seed, sperm], but from one that is immortal by the ever-living/ever-lasting word of God.

“But the word of the lord (divine instruction, the gospel) endured forever. And this word is the good news which was preached to you.”
1 peter 1:23, 25 [AMPLIFIED]

Now you see that the gospel you preach is a divine instruction and ever-living word of God. Its nature makes its delivery sacred and special.

On the plains everything can be spoken and heard by all men. On the mountain (*up with God alone*), only the heart that is prepared and has come can receive from the lord, *truths that sets enslaved souls free*.

Every born again Christian is born by the word of God as we see and therefore needs the word of God as the food to grow with. A man eventually becomes the word of God in flesh if he feeds well from the word of God most appropriately. He becomes what he speaks and hears. That’s why God will always refer fallen Israel back to His commandments when they sin even up till now, [for the church]. He said unto them,

“For it is not a vain thing for you, for it is your very life.”
Deuteronomy 32:47 [KJV]

GOD HAS BROUGHT ALL THESE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE MATTER OF GOING TO GOD IN A PLACE ALONE WITH HIM TO RECEIVE FROM HIM IS NOT A TRIVIAL MATTER, so serious that the flock (souls of men) under a pastor would suffer on

decayed food and suffer while receiving mere doctrines that's without holy effect on their lives.

Every preacher of the gospel, who wants to have eternal result over the lives of his listeners, must stand in the lord's council to be able to get right words for them, for every moment he speaks to them.

When a man's heart is chattered, only the word of the lord can amend his life and restore all back to him. I am not saying elderly counsel is bad, but you don't give man who is brokenhearted normal advice, No! He needs the replacement of the spare part of the broken part of his life. The word of God formed his life in Christ therefore you must have the word directly from heaven spoken correctly unto him so that he can believe be healed. Only the word of the lord can create a thing out of what is not.

“So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through preaching Christ.”

Romans 10:17 [GNT]

The congregation in your care all shares a single destiny –*heaven at last*. Their lives also share the same destiny- *they are to grow to become like Christ in His full stature* and it is only Jesus [the word of God] that must be given them, if not they would be formed into another image. They eventually become a product of what you feed them with. Feed them with the correct knowledge of Christ and help them by urging them to be practical with the life which your message forms, right inside of them beginning from their immediate homes.

Every Christian who wants to grow beyond asking for daily bread, to be praying effective kingdom minded prayers and to doing exploits for the master, can succeed only if he has a good knowledge of the lord his God. He can do exploits if he knows the lord's secret thoughts that even other Christians [members of the family of God] do not know- because they do not go to the lord.

“But the people who know their God shall prove themselves strong and shall stand firm and to do exploits [for God].”

Daniel 11:32b [AMPLIFIED]

Knowledge precedes exploits. *Know first before launching out to do exploit, otherwise, the people with the world's knowledge will exploit you!*

Knowing God is like exploring God, inquiring to know His ways, getting familiar with His words, getting familiar with all His precepts and having the knowledge of His standards so that you will not have to fail Him and be ashamed later on.

This is perhaps the most seeming difficult spiritual exercise to a Christian. I wonder how Christ's life will fully manifest in you when you do not ascend to receive the *be-attitudes* of the kingdom of God for your own life and for that of his people kept in your care.

Instructions for marriage, academics, ministry and other issues are delivered unto us from the secret place of the most high.

→ **Confessing God's words and promises**

"Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies."

Psalms 107:2 [NLT]

"We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;"

2 Corinthians 4:13 [KJV]

"I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:"

Psalms 116:10 [KJV]

One of our basic strategy which will make us benefit from who we really are here on earth by the new nature as God's children, is when we deliberately pronounce God's blessings and testimonies upon ourselves-using our own lips to create blessing meant for us. Often times, when I dedicate time purposely to declare

God's word back to Him over my self and over any situation, to remind Him of His promises for me in His words, because I know His words forms me, I accept His words and all blessings written for my soul, I'll become more confident in the power of God.

How can you say you are praying to God in the light of His will when you are off the track of His words and not ever speaking to Him from His words (*the bible*)? Know that praying in **Jesus' name** with the scripture is praying through God's will on a matter. But it is the word on your inside which the Holy Spirit reminds you of, that makes you able to know God's will for you so you can pray it.

God created the earth by *speaking*. He formed you with His hands so that you'll live as His exact image and likeness. He gave you mouth (since he has mouth) for the purpose of confessing and pronouncing His glory.

Life and death lies on the power of your tongue, open your mouth and God will fill it so that you can speak forth His words.

God's word in you is creative. The word is Spirit and life in you as you speak it, *if you are renewed from the inside*.

Speak; declare His words written in the scriptures and in your heart as you hear Him speak to you anywhere! Speak to keep your heart glad in the knowledge of His purpose and promises made to you!

"These teachings (words) are not empty words.

They are your very life."

Deuteronomy 32:47

Talk about His words; declare His promises, goodness, victory and commands as you go out and as you come in, every where and anytime, in and out of season.

"Remember these commands and cherish them. Tie them on your arms and wear them on your foreheads as a reminder. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are far away, when you are resting and when you are working.

***Write them on the door posts of your houses
and on your gates.”***

Deuteronomy 11:18-20 [GNB]

You voice out what is full inside of you. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters.

No man can ever speak it and its effect is seen, if he is not filled with it.

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. As a man speaks out so is he and so he will become. You become your words; that's why you must only speak words from your mouth that has its root in the Holy Ghost. When you speak unwholesome words, demons are released to execute it; they will follow it, and process it until it is brought to manifestation. When you speak Spirit and life like Jesus did, you will reap peace and the Holy Spirit will act on it to bring you lasting riches of joy and peace.

You are just a product of what is on your inside and of what you speak out. Open your mouth; and declare God's love so that the Devil and his demons may know that you are filled with God's wholesome words and from the abundance of your heart, your mouth speaks.

Speak out and it shall be as you say; only let all what you declare be *positive* and *the lord's will* (of His word).

Practice the declaring of these words as much as the Holy Spirit wants to declare all the time, in and out of season. Keep saying it reminding your heart and Spirit, of them. Let the words and truths of the lord dwell richly in you, declare it day by day to remind yourself to obey them and let your heart and your life be established on these words of God –*they are your life*.

There is power in these words of the lord. When the right one for a season and an occasion is spoken as it is supposed to be presented. The situation must obey. As you declare any word of God, beware that you are saying it for the power it contains.

“We pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:5 [GNB]

“The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It cuts all the way through, to where soul and Spirit meet, to where joints and marrow come together. It judges the desires and thoughts of the hearts.”

Hebrew 4:12 [GNB]

“The word of the lord is like fire, it is also like hammer that can break any rock. Is not my word like as a fire? Saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”

Jeremiah 23:29 [KJV]

“I spoke because I believed”- 2 Corinthians 4:13

Allow God’s word to sink deep into you, only in this way can you become what the lord wants you to be, and what the lord wants his words to accomplish in you can be made possible, based on the extent to which you allow these words a platform to create the changes God planned to use them to create in your life and in every situation.

Whenever you read God’s words and pray for its effect to be revealed in you, it will be so. Begin to declare what you believe **now** and do not doubt God’s word which you speak-*for they are spirit and life!*

Jesus was to heal the man that couldn’t walk for thirty and eight years, and all he simply did was to speak out what he desired to see as seems God’s will for the man and it was so.

“Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick your mat, and walk.” Immediately the man got well; he picked up his mat and started walking.”
John 5:8-9 [GNB]

When you pray for God’s will, please pray for His word to come to be. Pray out the issue based on the lord’s will for them.

Do you have a stubborn situation, like a stubborn child who would not listen to and obey you? What are the words you speak to him when he annoys you? In your anger do not sin by speaking forth---out of the fullness of your flesh; it will worsen the child’s case. In faith speak creatively what you desire that he becomes. Your words carefully chosen from the scriptures as a child of God will definitely and literally create the unseen virtues you longed to see with time if you in faith speak, with patience; you will surely see him change.

Parents/guardians must learn to be patient with a child however difficult, stubborn or tough he may be. He is not *unbendable* when the right tool is used in patience. Retire to your knees on his behalf and tell God what you simply desire to see in the boy. You’ll have it. Your God is known as the ***impossibility specialist!***

Never pray and doubt. Do not pray on a situation and yet speak negatively about the same thing you wish to see changed. When you pray for a change on any matter at all, you in faith become positive about the matter and should fill your heart with results that you want to see soon, it will turn for your favour. Having prayed, speak what you hear and believe is God’s will for such situation. It is in faith and patient all through (*just know that*).

→ **Give God your attention**

In the scripture, all of the people who accepted to give attention to God to turn from sin and follow after Him, all succeeded; and even died at their own ripe age and those who backslided suffered at their own fate.

Men like Abraham, Joseph, Daniel and friends, Josiah, Joshua, Isaiah, Gideon, Samuel, David, Timothy, Noah, Paul, Stephen, the apostles (the list is endless) who

started well with God ended well. But take a look at Samson, Moses (the most humble man on earth who escaped judgment and destruction) they started well but never ended well as the lord desired.

The way you start with God, how you walk with Him and how you end up is His sincere concern and he has made all it will take you to succeed possible and available.

“For there’s nothing that God cannot do.”

Luke 1:37 [GNB]

“Because God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey His purpose.”

Philippians 2:13 [GNB]

The great men of God of the bible times and of this dispensation will have so many similar characters in common. I believe that the success of any relationship comes from as you give your whole love, trust, faith and attention into the relationship.

It is certain that no relationship either between man and man or between man and God can be perfect and successful without this factor ***‘attention’***.

What God truly requires of you before he can be able to walk with you is that ‘you must give Him all your attention’; you must let the lord to *conquer* you.

The almighty God our father is always ready and willing to take you, convert and transform you into His image –*Colossians 3:10*. He’s ready to release His Spirit greatly upon you, reveal Himself to you in diverse ways and to use you to *save* the world after which you will end up with him in Him. But to what level have you released yourself, your own *self will* and your whole self to Him? Has God fully *conquered* your own life for Himself? Does he now have every bit of your life? In academics, relationships, work and the likes?

He stands at the door of your heart knocking and seeking entrance into all the rooms in your heart (life) so He can occupy.

“Listen! I stand at the door and knock; if any hear my voice and open the door, I will come

into their house and eat with them, and they will eat with me.”

Rev 3:20-21 [GNB]

He never rejects sinners who come to be saved by Him and everyone else who calls unto Him from a pure heart.

“Everyone whom my Father gives me will come to me. I will never turn away anyone who comes to me.”

John 6:37-38 [GNB]

He never hides Himself from all those who find Him
Isaiah 55:1-7 [Read it]; Matthew 7:7-8 [Read it]

“Call to me, and I will answer you; I will tell you wonderful and marvelous things that you know nothing about.

Jeremiah 33:3-4 [GNT]

Here, God Himself calls us to tell us that we can and we should call unto Him because He will surely answer and willingly show unto us great mysteries and secrets which no man knows.

Think of this,

What will happen if you make [giving of your attention to God in everything you do] a physical exercise here on earth day by day? knowing fully well that God is invisible and mysterious- *2 Corinthian 4:18*, how wonderful will be the glory of your life if you allow the king of glory your creator [and maker of the universe and all in it, including all the heavens, the earth and all powers in the heavenly place and the earth and even below] to indwell you and control everything about you on earth. The problem of man is the cravings of his heart by the lusts of his eyes, that so much make the flesh to only seek to be satisfied by what is seen and touched.

The real word rulers are men of the Spirit who have been fully possessed by the Holy Spirit! Those whose activities are been influenced by the Spirit of God every

moment. You will certainly be in control of the world power when he is allowed to be actively at work in you every moment. Anyone who allows the outflow (output) of the Spirit from his life avoids carnal outflow, there are no two ways out of a man. Whenever you continue to live with the full consciousness of the divine presence and you are always dwelling in the divine circumference, God becomes your home-*psalm 90:1*, and every divine solution of the world's problem will always come to you for the people's sake, this will become your habit [your normal lifestyle] after sometime if you continue.

All the solutions to the world's problems around requires divine solution from heaven, and it can be received only divinely through the Spirit of God in man. The spirit enables a man of like passions living in the image of Christ, but totally renewed in mind and heart to always profound divine solutions to the problems of the earth.

Why do you think Jesus made us and called us lights of the world and salts of the earth?

Without him in you, the earth and its inhabitants will remain in darkness and pains. All worldly wealth put together and given unto a man does not give him rest for his soul. What gives the rest he needs is the lord's bountiful dealing, which is done by faith in the Spirit.

“Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.”

Psalm 116:7 [KJV]

A lot of Christians desires the believer's victory made manifest in their lives but fail to understand the need for spiritual discipline and spiritual dealing by the lord. God had to use the burning bush to seek Moses' attention in order to speak unto him. The same favour Moses had may not be there for you, but I pray you will have grace to seek the lord while he may be found by always directing your attention unto him. Are you battling against any sin, evil habit or any wrong attitude, return unto God, divert your attention from a human way of controlling sin's urge and turn to the lord's way for help. You can turn to the lord within and without; he's always there if you believe.

The almighty God is raising in our generation as a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation whose righteousness is leading to holiness.

“But you are the chosen race, the king’s priests, the holy nation, Gods own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”
1 peter 2:9 [GNB]

And

“And so now, offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.”
Romans 6:19b [NIV]

Do you know who priests are? In the Old Testament, the group of people known as priests is believed to be appointed by God to stand before God on behalf of the people, to sacrifice especially when they sin. Priests are believed to be actually much closer to God and holy in all. They are messengers.

“It is the duty of priests to teach the true knowledge of God. People should go to them to learn my will, because they are the messengers of the LORD Almighty.”
Malachi 2:7 [GNT]

In these last days, God almighty has chosen us as the royal priesthood, who will always have a heart prepared and kept ready to receive divine oracles (instructions), to receive revelation knowledge that carries all truth which sets men free from sin or whatever entangles them in slavery and also set them on fire for God to continue same in their journey.

The time arrived since Christ's death when the divine nature will be represented on earth for all creation to see in the *chosen race* and *royal priests*. You must now divert your attention back unto God, man’s first love in the garden before the fall. Let’s engage the Spirit of the living God in all the activities of our life day and night---in speech and deeds, let the Spirit do it in you, directing you

always so that the life of Christ may be invariably seen in you by others and for you to always be in peace and at rest.

You can walk out of every pressing sin lurking within you and elements of stress operated by demons simply by always having all your being placed in God as the *environment*.

“O lord, you have always been our home.”

Psalm 90:1 [GNB]

A lot of Christians worry and remain troubled and stressed up in frustration or doubt God’s love and care for them. It is like this: when you tell God about a problem, you need to continue in the habit of listening to heaven’s response within you. God is in you. If his Spirit is in you, he will receive whatever the father says about your discussion with him and tell it to you. Isn’t that great? That is a very great benefit for every Christian who’s always with the Spirit and conscious of His active presence silently within and without, he will tell you of the father’s will.

“...He will not speak of His own authority, but He will speak of what He hears and tell of things to come.”

John 16:15b [GNB]

As sons of the kingdom above, our operation here on earth should be based on the principles that characterize the kingdom of God. There is the right order of the life of any man who comes unto Jesus, born of the Spirit and sealed with it.

When any believer does a business, goes to school to study, reads, do politics, leads people, teaches (lectures) and/or do any operation on this earth with the divine law of the kingdom principles, even the world will testify to the glory of the lord. This is the beauty that makes the world to troop into Zion to say, let your God be our God, for we have seen His mighty acts.

“For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”

Romans 8:19 [KJV]

***“Let your light so shine before men, that they
may see your good works, and glorify your
father which is in heaven.”***
Matthew 5:16 [KJV]

But “*the earnest expectation of the creature*”, and the “*...may see your good works*” indicates that all you have been made of Christ, is not for you even. The incomprehensible manifestation of your sonship in Christ is only a show of the *nature* inside of you (God’s own life).

It is clear proof of the effectiveness and reality of the power of Christ vested in the principles (divine law) of His kingdom. These principles of which some are basically enlisted in *Matthew 5:1-11 (the be-attitudes)* are actually a revelation of the life God prepared man to live at the beginning. It was to be the principle on which Adam would coordinate the earth with, before he fell from glory.

What the lord wants us to do is to surrender all ourselves unto Him so that He can disciple us through the means He chooses as we surrender all, to be fully conformed to the image of His dear son, in that these be-attitudes is transformed into us as the discipleship process goes on; so that once you launch into any business regardless of low income rate, and yet do it with these principles stated all through the bible, your harvest will shock the world.

If you a man of like passion is using the principles of the kingdom of heaven to do business on earth, you can’t even imagine the success you’ll record. Desire it. Walk towards it; Work at it; Live [abide, dwell] in His presence every moment of your life and regulate all your speeches and deeds in line with these principles and apply these divine code (*God’s word*) in your education and job. You will be shocked at the harvest.

One first basic thing you need to do is that, with all humility (2 Chronicles 7:14), go before the father through the son by the way of the Spirit and make your need of *Him known* unto Him.

***“Seek ye the LORD while He may be found, call
ye upon Him while He is near.”***
Isaiah 55:6 [KJV]

“If my people, which are called by name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 [KJV]

In the two scriptural texts above, God’s injunction is to show up while you seek, no matter how *frequent* you seek Him. In all of your life’s endeavors, allow Jesus in, so that you can become what your creator created you to be.

An artist sang. See the lyrics...

*I will be what you called me to be
I say yes, lord I agree, my desire passionately,
Is to be what you called me to be, that’s what I’ll be.*

The song was actually done by Jonathan Nelson.

You and I must pursue God, chase God and be determined to become nothing less than what the lord desires.

It will be abnormal, if a man buys two writing pencils for his child for use in school to write with, and that child inversely uses the pencils as drum sticks. If the pencils breaks and the child tries to approach his father to ask for another pencil few days after breaking the pencils knowing fully that his father has known what he did with the pencils, before the child even asks, the father would have called him to order and punished him for being that mindless.

Let’s not frustrate the abundant grace of God-*Galatians 2:21*

Are you a young a man or young lady who is waiting for a prophet living or from the dead to come to you with warning like, “a little sleep, a little slumber and poverty will strike you?”

This is the message you need to hear. From now on make up your mind to give God your full and complete attention so that he can fully equip you, make you

[shape and transform] and furnish you, so that he wants you to be for Him, a vessel unto honour.

Do not let what God has planned to do through you be altered backwardly. If you do, you will live to suffer its consequences negatively and consequently die in the suffering. Samson was a man like that. Samson didn't become all that God made him for. He missed it; he never entered into the fullness of what God set him apart for.

CHAPTER 8 LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD EARLY

God needs you to walk into that family and stop all the different forms of evil practices committed in different manners. This family is the world that is filled with people of no like-minds, like sheep and goats, weeds and crops.

As a child of God, you have been charged to awake and put on the whole armor of God, *Ephesians 6:13a* - ***wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God...***

Sometimes back, the lord opened my eyes to see the significance of the scripture in John chapter six, please read it.

It is about the young boy whose little food was able to take care of five thousand men (women and children not counted).

This boy's five loaves of bread and two fishes were able to feed that great number of people following Jesus (both believers and unbelievers). He followed Jesus for his love for Jesus' teachings even at that tender age.

"There is a lad here."
John 6:9a [KJV]

As he was called, a lad [a very young fellow].

You'll realize that his following Jesus was that, he gave his attention to Christ's teachings at that age and that made the little he had and thought was useless and insignificant, *a blessing* for almost a village.

Even to a point that there were about twelve baskets full of the seven pieces of food gathered as extra, after everybody had eaten to their satisfaction. This is like the prophecy of Joel in Joel chapter two verse twenty eight and twenty nine....

“Afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on everyone; your sons and daughters will proclaim my message; your old people will have dreams, and your young people will see visions Even on the men servant and women servant I will pour out my Spirit.”

[GNB]

The power of God made the gift of the lad so large that it fed a large group of people.

Follow Jesus and the gift he has given you will be blessed to become the solution of the world.

The overflow of food as remnants is a fulfillment of the overflowing of Spirit of God to the men servants and the women servants.

May I ask you a question? Prayerfully answer within.

Who told you that you are empty and have no gift as a child of God? Now, no matter how little you are physically in faith even right now, hear this one,

“Do not let anyone to look down on you because you are young, but be an example...”

1 Timothy 4:12 [GNB]

God created you as a young person full of energy and agility, accompanied with wonderful potentials which need to be set ablaze spiritually to be for an example to believers and even unbelievers.

These potentials, gifts, talents, and special skills programmed into you before your birth needs to be developed and can be put to work from now, as you direct it to be used by the Holy Spirit and to be used for God’s glory.

Although the devil tried to make man fail in order to frustrate God's predestination but praise be to the lord. He [Satan] failed forever. By the blood of Jesus, what we lost in the Garden of Eden because of sin can now be regained through union with Jesus Christ. God has made him wisdom and power within the new creation man. We can harness the best out of our God-given wealth creation and solution providing resources (talents).

For God has revealed His grace for the salvation of the *whole human race*. As a born again child of God, our father (God) needs us in every part of the world and in all areas of survival whether comfortable or uncomfortable places. We should use these gifts to solve man's problems by representing Christ as we use it; we should tell them of Christ's wisdom that that has made you different in the use of such gifts while in the midst of several millions who do same.

We must work to cancel the race of all God's predestined children heading to hell fire with our gifts and talents, whether spiritual or natural. Why then should we soil ourselves or equalize ourselves with the world and engage its standards again? Why then should we allow the world or anything great or little creep into our lives to make us world-like.

"You should not fool yourself. If any of you think that you are wise by this world's standards, you should become a fool, in order to be really wise."

1 Corinthians 3:18 [GNB]

Whenever you decide to serve God and be in His will, you will definitely do exploits. But determine to render all of yourself to God while you are still young and there is a certainty for mighty exploits through the Spirit of the lord. Just be determined to give your all to Jesus and allow God to take over your whole life to the least from the highest point of your influence in life. Do not say "I am very young, with yet, many promising years ahead". *Everyday you live to see subtracts from your days left for exploits*. Every year you gather family and friends to celebrate your birthday, you are also celebrating a minus one anniversary of your entire years on earth. Take this to heart friend. The earlier you say yes to God, the earlier your discipleship training –becoming like Christ takes off. And the earlier

you are made ready, the quicker your perfection to be used as a vessel unto honour for noble uses –all through the active and working power of the Holy Spirit at work in you.

Take the decision to become a *God-chaser* as you are, even now. Make the decision now to live a purpose-driven life, doing everything for the purpose God made you.

Arise today.

“Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you-rise to a new life!] Shine [be radiant with the glory of the lord], for your light has come, and the glory of the lord has risen upon you.”

Isaiah 60:1 [AMPLIFIED]

It will be a whole new life to go higher unto knowing the lord even personally. If any man is in Christ, he is a whole new creation, old things have passed away, behold all things are become new.

Arise today for your light has come. And Jesus is that light. As soon as you get into Him, you’ve got Him who was come into the world for your sake.

Whatsoever your purpose, work at it, enter into it.

Are you skilled at writing, get into the secret place of the most high, alone with God that you might receive words of the new life God planned for man which has now come –***Christ Jesus our light!***

Are you a singer? The time has come. Get to the Spirit of light who is come into the world and in union with the Holy Spirit; and in deep selfless communion with the divinity get to receive songs from *heaven*. The **world** doesn’t need songs inspired by the devil and flesh to change back to God’s ways, you need to arise today.

Arise, o ye people of the lord with the new life and reproduce in the earth. Occupy until Jesus comes. Everywhere, fill it up like the waters that cover the sea, with the

*knowledge of the son of God who died, rose and conquered and is **coming back very soon.***

Arise, you whom the lord has preserved for Himself all these years, teaching you and telling you of words which will change man and turn the world around for the almighty. Package what he's been teaching you and making you for. Launch into the deep, catch every type and size of fish [souls of men] there are---big, small, black, white, healthy, unhealthy, rich, and poor and make them into disciples for their God.

“Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”

Matt 28:19-20 [GNB]

The time has come. It will never be by your power or by your might but by the Spirit of the lord which fills you and has taken possession of you.

O ye singers of our God, sing out louder, the rightful songs of Zion given by the Spirit which keeps the saint's heart focus upon holiness through the righteousness of Christ. Be filled with the Holy Spirit every second by second. The lord desires to have for Himself this generation, royal priesthood that are being and specially prepared to offer up the gospel anytime, anywhere, and like a soldier set up for battle, is only ready any moment to dish out God's own divine oracle to the elects of the lord.

The day of His salvation is here, whoever hears must **come!**

“But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.”

Romans 7:6 [NIV]

It is the day of the new order. *Selfless service in ministry and livelihood* must be in the new way called the way of the Spirit. With the words of Christ written on the *tablets* of our hearts and we as letters to declare unto the world what our sonship in God really entails, to show forth the praise of His glory in every word we speak and any action we carry out to make every unbeliever of Christ Jesus hear, and

understand by the revelation knowledge we are conformed to in the flesh that, it is the father's ultimate desire to have every man as a son, all came from Him and he does not desire that any should perish.

For this reason, Jesus went and proclaimed the LORD'S word to all those who died, even those who were destroyed at Noah's time that their spirits might also hear Him and believe and by that partake in the salvation he descended to deliver once for all. This is the day of the *new order!*-the way of the Spirit.

Every Christian must align his/her heart to it. All of our dealings in life with or without men, openly or in the secret must be a revelation of the life of Christ been executed in man even in his humanity. Be filled with the very nature of God by obeying His word, filled to the extent that each statement of your lips is a word of the Spirit which gives life, so that all your hearers might be edified.

Also, all our deeds must be a clearer revelation of the divine nature that's so full in us. When you go to the market, trade, buy and sell physically, let every action be shot out of the knowledge of the ways of the Spirit randomly excited within you like a fire shocked up in your bones.

Arise, O young lady and young brother! Become a God chaser and a mighty defender of Israel [the church] like Elijah.

“My father, my father! Mighty defender of Israel...”

2 Kings 2:12b [GNB]

God-chasers never quits until they have caught up with him who they chase after. Dear friend, make God chasing the highest goal of your life. Do not rest, until you are up with Him to an extent you want Him no more (*but you really can't have Him enough*).

There are several other millions who remain in regrets until now because of their incessant crave to satisfy the bodily lust of the flesh and eyes and refusal to chase God, run after him, to be full of only Him while still a youths.

Be so full of only Him while still a youth. This is the only way to success.

Come on, say yes to Jesus today. Let God's will guide you into all your decisions. Put your life back in His words for you. Position yourself to obey God on every of his word and you'll only be proving your love, which you sing about.

He says **"if you love me keep my commandments."** *John 8:31*

Why don't you now pour your heart on the alter of the almighty, so that you can become unto Him a living sacrifice.

Become a God-chasing youth; the youth full of the *revelation* and *knowledge* of God and of His purpose in God.

You can start it even now, if only you will believe
Say this prayer below in faith to God if you are willing to:

Father, I thank you so much for loving me when I didn't deserve it. You poured your life and shed your precious blood just to save a wicked sinner like me. I believe this lord. Please show me your mercy and save me today. Put your Spirit within me and fill me with the desire to run after you, to know your will for me, to know and eventually become like unto you even right here on earth, you predestined me to become like Jesus Your son, this is my destiny in you as a son. Thanks for the great provision and privilege granted unto me to be able to hear you, believe you and to return unto you even after the fall of man, and also to be called your own son, in Jesus' name. Amen.

