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## INTRODUCTION

*“Wisdom increases the boldness of a man’s countenance. It is the secret of distinction. Wisdom sponsors exploits or mighty works; it gives outstanding results.”*

In the book, “BE WISE AND RISE”, to which this book is sequel, it was noted that wisdom is of vital importance: Wisdom prolongs life, and foolishness facilitates early death. Wisdom increases the boldness of a man's countenance. It is the secret of distinction. Wisdom sponsors exploits or mighty works; it gives outstanding results. Wisdom is better than weapons of war. It is better than physical strength. Wisdom uproots mountains. It is the secret of handling impossibilities. That is to say, if there are things you are facing in life today, they can be handled by just one flash of wisdom from God. These and many more, were enumerated as the reasons why wisdom is necessary.

Wisdom is behind the making of great men. It is the principal thing, so it is behind the making of principal people. To be a principality on the face of the earth requires the operation of wisdom. Daniel was a kingdom principality. Joseph was a kingdom principality. Jacob and Paul the Apostle, by the wisdom of God, were principalities in the kingdom. And you know something?

The principalities of the kingdom of God are stronger than the principalities of the kingdom of darkness, because, the light shines in darkness and the darkness cannot comprehend it.

Wisdom is very crucial. Jacob, Joseph and Daniel were all wisdom-made. This shows how vital wisdom is.

Daniel was called a man of wisdom, full of the Holy Ghost. Light and understanding was in him. Daniel dissolved all the puzzles of Babylon - all the puzzles of Nebuchadnezzar, and all the puzzles of Belshazzar - by the wisdom of God that worked in him.

Paul the Apostle was spoken of as a man that God gave wisdom. Peter, referring to Paul, said that he was given wisdom by God to write things some people found too difficult to understand(2Peter 3:15,16).

Jesus Christ Himself is the embodiment of wisdom (1Corinthians 1: 24, 30).

Beloved, to make a mark in this world, you need the wisdom of God. In order not to be buried in difficulties and impossibilities, you need the wisdom of God. You need the wisdom of God to stand out and command the attention of your generation. You need the wisdom of God to move in the ways of God.

The principal ways wisdom operates are the principal secrets behind the making of principal people. But what are the ways that lead to wisdom? That is the focus of this book.

**There are ten ways or channels of wisdom that will be considered here:**

1. The way of INSPIRATION. Inspiration gives rise to wisdom.
2. The way of MEDITATION. Joshua 1:8 says, “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”
3. The way of INQUISITION. Daniel inquired of the Lord concerning a particular secret and it was revealed to him in a night vision.
4. The way of VISION. People of vision are people of wisdom. People of purpose are people of wisdom. An aimless person is a 'wiseless' person. And so, a life of vision and purpose imparts wisdom.
5. The way of DESPERATION. Desperation, desire under pressure, leads a person into wisdom. What you do not desire, you do not deserve.
6. ASSOCIATION. Proverbs 13:20 says, “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise:...” Your association affects your discretion. Your Association affects your decision-making ability. Your association affects your wisdom. If you show me your friend, I will show you how wise you are.
7. INSTRUCTION. Proverbs 19:20 says, “Receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.” A man that has no respect for books and wise materials will abide in the congregation of fools.
8. OBSERVATION. Solomon studied the hyssop that sprang out of the wall all the way to the cedar of Lebanon (1Kings 4:33). He said, “Go to the ant you sluggard, observe her ways and be wise” (Proverbs 6:6-8). So, observation is a secret of wisdom.
9. ACTION. Your action determines your wisdom.
10. IMPARTATION. Impartation is the transfer of virtue from one person to another. The Bible says in the Book of Deuteronomy chapter thirty-four and verse nine, that Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses laid his hands on him. So, by the laying on of hands, a man can transfer whatever he carries to you. That is why you have to be careful regarding who lays hands on you; because both positive and negative things can be transferred.

*Impartation can also come by the spoken Word of God.*

These are the ten basic channels of wisdom. The chapters that follow will explain them in great detail. I believe that, through this book, God will usher you into the next level of your life - the realm of supernatural living.

# CHAPTER ONE

## INSPIRATION

*But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. – Job 32:8*

Understanding is the baseline for wisdom. It is the foundation for wisdom. And it is the inspiration of the Almighty that brings understanding.

### WHAT IS INSPIRATION?

1. Inspiration is light shone into man's spirit from the Spirit of God. When we say a man has received inspiration from God, we mean that light from the Spirit of God has shone into his spirit in a particular area of life.

When God's light shines into your spirit, it gives you direction in the particular area of life for which you seek help or guidance. Once the light of His Spirit shines on your spirit, you will know exactly what to do.

2. Inspiration is access into 'God-ideas'. Now, there is a difference between a 'good idea' and a 'God-idea'. Good ideas may fail, but God-ideas cannot fail. Inspiration is access into ideas from the God realm.

Good ideas may look good, but they cannot guarantee your future. In contrast, God ideas cannot fail. Inspiration is access into God's ideas.

3. Inspiration is connection with the thoughts and plans of God. When a man is inspired, he is connected with the thoughts and plans of God for his life, marriage, family, and destiny.

4. Inspiration is contact with revelation. Revelation is something that does not originate with you. To contact revelation is to know how to do what you do in a better way. When you contact revelation, you get to know how to run your business better. You get to know how you should marry. You get to know which school you should attend. When you contact revelation that did not originate with you, that is inspiration.

You see, you cannot rub minds with the all-wise God and be a dull person. Inspiration is literally rubbing minds with the all-wise God and connecting wisdom for your life.

### CHANNELS OF INSPIRATION

How does inspiration come? It comes in three basic ways:

**1. Inspiration comes at the place of prayer and communion with God.**



Talking and communing with God brings inspiration.

*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. – Jeremiah 33:3*

Many Christians pray, but they do not care to hear what God says. Prayer is a dialogue, not a monologue. You are not to talk for one hour and then run off. You have to quiet your mind, and calm your spirit. You have to learn to take up a Scripture in your mind and wait, perhaps God has something to say.

You may not hear an audible voice. It may simply be a gentle impression. It may be a little picture. It may be an anointed thought. It may be a powerful imagination. It may be a voice that comes up.

He says, “Call unto me and I will answer you and I will show you great and mighty things which you knew not.” So, the next time you have the opportunity to go before God to pray, do not pray and quickly run off. If He does not say anything at the time, remember He says, ‘Be still and know that I am God.’ There is knowledge in stillness. In that stillness emanates inspiration.

If you truly need inspiration, you need to take the place of prayer and communion with God seriously in your life.

## **2. Inspiration comes at the place of worship.**

When your life and environment is surrounded with anointed worship, a time will come when you will begin to get direction.

In the second Book of Kings, the third chapter and the eleventh verse, the prophet Elisha needed to hear the voice of God and he asked that an instrumentalist be brought. While the instrument was played, light broke out on the prophet’s spirit. The hand of the Lord manifested upon him and he began to hear and receive wisdom.

But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah. – 2Kings 3:11-17

Again, Acts 13:2 says,

*One day as these men were worshipping and fasting the Holy Spirit said, “Dedicate Barnabas and Paul for a special job I have for them.” – The Living Bible*

If you are a worshipper, you can never be direction-stranded. Worship - intense worship, deep worship - brings inspiration.

### **3. Inspiration can be accessed in the night season.**

The night season is a season of inspiration. In Psalms 16:7 the Bible says, “ I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.” The night season is a season of instruction. It is a season of wisdom.

In Daniel 2:18, Daniel had an issue for which he went before God. The secret was revealed to him in a night vision. People who sleep through the night all their life, will work through life without wisdom. When you sleep through the night all your life, you deprive yourself of substantial wisdom. There should be some time in the night - even if it is just one hour - that you pray, worship, and perhaps study.

The night time is a very serious time of wisdom - a time of instruction and direction. Even people who do not know God - big time business men, multi-millionaires - work a lot at night, because at that season, the mind is quiet. The noise of the environment is down, and everywhere is silent. It makes it very easy to hear the still small voice that comes from the Spirit; because the voice of the Spirit, at times, is very still and gentle. You need to be careful in order to catch it.

Understand this: When you spend time with God, you begin to acquire the thoughts of God. You begin to think like Him. You begin to talk like Him. And you begin to act like Him.

You have to know that it is a rule of life that anyone you spend a lot of time with, you learn to acquire the lifestyle of that person: his thought pattern as well as behavioural pattern.

Some time ago, I heard my wife speaking and I had to ask her, “Why are you talking like me?” And at times she too will ask me, “Why are you trying to imitate the way I talk, behave, and do things?” The closer you are to a person, the more you acquire their lifestyle. The same goes with God. When you spend time sufficiently with God in prayer, worship, and in study, all of a sudden, you begin to think like Him. You begin to talk like Him. You begin to act like Him. Your mind becomes saturated with thoughts from God.

I want you to know that, just one dream after an anointed interaction with God - one dream, one revelation, one vision - can change your life forever. It changed the life of Jacob. It changed the life of Joseph. It changed the lives of all the prophets of old. Just one insight, just one idea from God, will change your life forever.

Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carva did a lot of research on

peanut and produced all manner of butters and creams. They had over two hundred inventions from groundnuts. Booker T. Washington said that every time he went into his laboratory, he worshipped and studied his Bible. And all of a sudden, it looked like a curtain opened and he began to see the several things groundnuts could be used to achieve. He did not get it from a textbook. He got it from revelation. And you know, revelation is higher than education. And that revelation put him on top. I believe that you are going to the top, if not you would not be reading this book.

One woman, a grandmother, was changing nappies for her daughter's child. She always had difficulties changing the nappies. So she became extremely concerned about inventing something that is more effective. All of a sudden, one night she saw a dream of exactly how to do it without challenges. She invented something for children and became a millionaire instantly. Think about that: Just one vision, one dream, one inspiration!

Today, I command the doorways of inspiration to open for you. Because you have come in contact with this book, I command your mind to be opened. You will never be dull another day of your life.

**SPEAK INTO YOUR LIFE NOW:**

Place your right hand on your forehead and declare:

*In the Name of Jesus, I command my mind, open to the wisdom of God;  
I command my mind open to the inspiration of the Spirit of God, in Jesus' Name.*

## CHAPTER TWO

### MEDITATION

*And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. Genesis 24:63*

Those who give themselves to meditation discover that everything changes when they lift up their eyes.

God Almighty knew the importance and the power of meditation. That is why he instructed Joshua to give meditation a priority of place.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. – Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success. – Joshua 1:8 – The Amplified Bible

The instruction was simple: Meditate in the Book of the Law day and night and you will make your ways successful.

*Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. Psalms 119:98-99*

*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2Timothy 3:15*

It was given as charge to Timothy that the Holy Scripture makes wise.

#### WHAT IS MEDITATION?

1. Meditation is the act of thinking God's Word.
2. Meditation is allowing God's Word to occupy your thoughts deliberately.
3. Meditation is mental focus on the Word of God.
4. Meditation is reasoning the Word of God.

You have to understand that how you think determines how you live. What you think determines how you live. Your thoughts control your life. Your thoughts determine your results.

*For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: – Proverbs 23:7*

*Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs  
4:23*

Some time ago, I was typing a text message on my phone, in reply to someone's message while something else was on my mind. I unconsciously began to type what was on my mind instead of the reply the person needed. Then I read what I typed and realized that I typed my thoughts rather than what I intended. Then the Holy Spirit reinforced the truth: What goes into your mind determines what flows out of your life. What goes through your mind determines what flows out of your life.

Please note that those who think negatively, live negatively. Those who think positively, live positively. Those who think failure live as failures. Those who think success live successfully. Those who think like God live like God over circumstances on the earth. That is why the best thing that can happen to anyone is to think God's Word.

To allow the Word of God - the Word of victory, the Word of success, the Word of preservation, the Word of deliverance, the Word of dominion, the Word of hope, the Word of expectation - to dominate the bulk of your mind, is the best thing that can happen to you. It is the secret of wisdom.

The words of a person communicate the wisdom of the person. In the same vein, the Word of God communicates the wisdom of God.

**There are four things about the Word of God that are worthy of note:**

**1. God's Word is God's wisdom bank.**

God's Word is the bank of wisdom. You see, when someone answers a question correctly, they say, "That is a wise person". When elders are gathered and one of them makes a sensible input, they say, "That is a wise speech". The same way, to contact God's wisdom is to contact His Word - His wisdom bank.

**2. God's Word is the container of God's thought pattern.**

The way God thinks is contained in His Word. God's Word is the container of His thought pattern. And you know, the pattern of a person's thinking is what determines his wisdom. God's Word is the container His thought pattern.

**3. God's Word communicates God's decision-making process.**

How does God make decisions? His Word shows us how. That is what wisdom is all about. When you are confronted with a situation, what do you decide?

Many times in the Bible, we see Jesus surrounded by the Scribes and Pharisees

in an attempt to trap Him. They say, “This woman was caught in adultery...” But all they want is to trap Him. He took a decision, and escaped their trap.

At another instance, they say, “Look at this coin; should we pay tax to Caesar or not?” They wanted to trap Him. He escaped. God’s Word is the container that communicates God’s decision-making process.

#### **4. God’s Word gives solutions to life’s challenges.**

Yes, the Word of God gives practical solutions to life’s challenges. That is what wisdom is all about - solution to problems. God’s Word gives solutions to life’s challenges.

So, when you are in touch with the Word of God, you are in touch with the wisdom of God. When you are in touch with the Word of God, you are in touch with the way God thinks - the thought pattern of God. When you are in touch with the Word of God, you are in touch with the way God makes decisions. When you are in touch with the Word of God, you are in touch with solutions to life’s problems - financial, marital, etc.

God’s Word shows you how to be a husband, a wife, a pastor, an employee, and an employer. His Word shows you how to serve as well as how to be a boss. His Word has the solution to every puzzle in your life.

#### **WHEN YOU THINK GOD’S WORD**

There are two basic things that will happen to you when you think God’s Word. The first is that it is impossible for you to be a fool, thinking God’s Word. Impossible!

The second is that it is impossible for you to fail, thinking God’s Word.

#### **KEYS TO MEDITATION**

When you meditate on God’s Word, what do you meditate on? And how do you meditate? There are three basic keys to meditation.

##### **1. Meditate for life.**

Remember that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God. You meditate on the Word for life in order to live. Take in the Word. Chew the Word. Masticate the Word in order to be alive. If you remember to eat physical food, you must remember to eat spiritual food on a daily basis. It is a diet that guarantees your destiny.

When you swallow raw beans or corn, it comes out in the faeces undigested. It profits you nothing. But when it is well cooked and is taken into the stomach, it undergoes the process of digestion. Following digestion is the assimilation of

nutrients. And that profits you everything.

Meditation is a spiritual digestion process. Do not just read the Word, also think on it: “What is this Word saying to me? What do I do about these things? What is my responsibility?” When you ask these questions and act on them, the Word will profit you. If you study without knowing what to do about it, it profits you nothing.

After you have looked into God’s Word, you must ask yourself, “What does God expect me to do with what I have read? What will I do to get the results I need?”

You must meditate on the Word on a daily basis. You do not just have to read through it and that is all. No! You should have a phrase, a passage, an utterance, a statement, to keep on the table of your heart. Then think them throughout the day. That is meditation.

## **2. Meditate for progress.**

What this implies is that you settle down with the Word of God. Be frank with yourself: “This is where I am now. What do I need to do to move from where I am to the next level?”

You see, beloved, there is a time to pray; and there is a time to sit down and think. There is a time to pray and there is a time to sit down and reason.

Praying without wisdom is dying without knowing. Sit down and think the Word on your situation. Meditate!

A pastor might be saying, “What do I do to move this church to the next level?” Simple! Sit down and find out your responsibility as a pastor from the Word of God. Apply yourself. Meditate. Look into the Scriptures. Get a Bible concordance. Get a chain reference. Look at all the passages that tell you about moving from where you are to where you want to be. Meditate!

## **3. Meditate for solution**

Get involved in solution-oriented meditation. As you think on God’s Word, you can take up a very difficult issue and break it down.

For instance, you can say, “All the time, there is no peace between my husband and me. What are the causes of the problem? What makes him angry? What makes him disdain me?” Sit down and outline them. Then, under the atmosphere of the Spirit of God, begin to pray, “Holy Spirit, I am here to receive answer. I am here to receive direction. I am here to receive solution.” Continue to write it down: “What does he hate? What does he like? So, what can I do to avoid further problems?” Pick up each issue and handle it by meditation.

**Meditation is not worry. There is a big difference.**

Worry is problem-centred thinking. Meditation is solution-centred thinking.

There are people who think, but their thoughts are worry, anxiety, pressure, and tension. They keep on analyzing how terrible the problem is, and how it cannot be solved. But meditation is solution: There must be a way out. The Bible says, "There has no temptation overtaken you except that which is common to man, and God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able. But with every temptation he will make a way out"(1Corinthians 10:13, paraphrased). You have to ask yourself, "Where is the way out?" and you think and break it down.

If the devil has ever cheated you out of life with worry,

I prophesy to you from today, that you are moving from the realm of worry to the realm of meditation. Every difficult problem in your life will be dissolved as you meditate on the Word of God.

**SPEAK INTO YOUR LIFE NOW:**

*I move from the realm of worry to the realm of meditation.*

*I will not think on the problem. I will think on the solution, in the Name of Jesus Christ.*

**PRAY A LITTLE:**

Drop this book for a moment and say to the Lord,

*Please give me a passion, a yearning and hunger for Your Word.*

*Deliver me from empty heartedness.*

*Deliver me from emptiness of life.*

*Open my eyes to see what I have never seen in your Word before, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen!*



## CHAPTER THREE

### INQUISITION

*Inquisition means enquiry or the act of asking questions. An inquisitive mind is a probe-oriented mind. An inquisitive mind probes into issues.*

**There are four things you should note about asking questions:**

1. Wisdom belongs to the inquisitive mind.
2. Those who do not ask questions do not deserve answers. In a classroom, the teacher does not answer everyone. He answers those who ask questions.
3. Those that are too big to ask are too small to be wise.
4. When you ask the right questions, you get the right answers.

Ecclesiastes 1:13 says, “And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.” This is how wisdom is achieved. A man must be inquisitive to know.

The wise man says, he wanted to find out, to search, to seek wisdom.

*What you do not seek after, you are not permitted to find.*

In Daniel 2:18, Daniel went to God and enquired of God concerning the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. There was a death sentence on the head of Daniel and his colleagues. Then Daniel sought for time. And the Bible says, he enquired of God. He required of God. He desired of God.

Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel 2:17-19

For there to be a release upon your spirit, there must be an inquisition upon your mind.

### WHAT DO YOU ENQUIRE ABOUT?

If wisdom is your desire, what do you enquire about, to attain the heights of wisdom?

#### **1. You enquire about God.**

To demand for God to reveal Himself to you is a wisdom way.

What you do not seek after, you are not permitted to find.

In Exodus 33:17-18, Moses said to God, “If I have found favour in your sight, show me your glory; reveal yourself to me.” Beloved, at the place of prayer, you can say to God, “Reveal yourself to me.” I want to know you. Paul the Apostle said in Philippians 3:10, “That I may know him and the power of his resurrection...”

To know God is to know wisdom; for God is the embodiment of wisdom. The reason many people are living lives without wisdom is that they have no time to know God. Say to God, “Reveal yourself to me. I want to know you.’ Asking God to show Himself to you is a way of wisdom.

## **2. Enquire about the Word of God.**

To enquire about the Word of God is to ask God to teach you His Word. Psalms 119:18 says, “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.” So, every time you carry the Bible, you have the responsibility to ask God to show you what you have not seen before. And when you know the Word of God, you must be wise, because the Word of God is the bank of wisdom.

## **3. Enquire about the purpose of your life.**

Nothing brings wisdom like purpose. So, enquire about the purpose of your life. Ask questions like, “Why am I alive? What is the meaning of my existence? What am I on earth to achieve? In this season of my life, what is my assignment?”

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. Habakkuk 2:1-2

A purposeless person is a ‘wiseless’ person. Whoever does not live with an aim is wasting in life. When a person has no purpose for existence, he does not know the reason why he should do the things he is meant to do. Such a person cannot live with wisdom. It is wisdom to find out from God what you should do with your life; what you should do with your time; where your impact will be registered on earth; what you are on earth to contribute to your generation; the solution you are on earth to offer. When you pursue such a purpose or vision, the wisdom to achieve it will be released.

## **4. Enquire about direction.**

It is wisdom to enquire about your direction in life. Learn to say, “Lord, which way do I go? I am at a junction now”.

In the second Book of Samuel the fifth chapter and the nineteenth verse, David was surrounded by the Philistines when they heard that he had been anointed king. So he began to ask God, “Lord, what do I do? Should I pursue this troop?” And the Lord gave him the answer - “pursue”.

Again in verse 24, David asked God, “Should I pursue this troop?” And God said, “Do not go after them as you went at other times. Wait until you hear the going forth on the top of the mulberry trees and then you shall go after them: for then the Lord has given the enemy into your hands.”

In the first Book of Samuel, chapter thirty, after David had been hit by the Amalekites, he asked, “Lord, what do I do?” And God said, “Pursue, overtake and without fail, recover all.”

*God speaks to people who think, not people who worry.*

Now get this truth: Frustration is the outcome of assumption. Never rush into anything in life; ask God. Before you get married, ask God, “Is this the right person?” Before you get into business, ask God. Before you step into that career, ask God. Frustration is the outcome of assumption. David defeated all those enemies by one style. He thought he could go by the same style the next time. But God said, “Do not go the way you went last time. Even though the enemy is the same, the approach must change now”(paraphrased).

That you did a thing one way and got results at one time, does not mean you will do it the same way again and again and get the same results. The ways of God are dynamic.

Before I stepped into marriage, the Lord spoke to me: “It is time for you to settle down in marriage. Set times apart. I want to reveal her to you.” And I took some days off to wait. I did not wait for seven days but it took me prayers for about seven days. And within seven days, He began to reveal different aspects and parts of who I would marry. By the seventh day, the picture was clear. Then it took me six months of checking and cross checking before meeting the person. Some people see something today, they rush into it tomorrow. So they rush in and rush out, with all manner of broken relationships and engagements.

It took me six months to see the person I wanted. And when it was time, I told God everything I needed to tell Him. And by time I discussed with the person, she was already waiting, because God had already worked on her. When it was time to get married, I set three days apart to identify the right date.

When it was time to step into Ministry, I said, “Lord, what are you saying?” I spent three days waiting on Lord: “Lord, what am I to do? Where am I to go? What is it I should do?” And on the second night of the fasting the light came.

The Lord gave me direction.

*Assumption brings frustration.*

## **5. Enquire for solution.**

You must learn to enquire for solution to problems, mysteries and puzzles in life. In Daniel 2:18, Nebuchadnezzar dreamt a dream and he wanted people to interpret the dream for him. He did not tell them the dream. It was a puzzle. It was a problem. Daniel decided to enquire for the solution to the puzzle.

You have to enquire about certain puzzles in your life:

Why is it that I have a first class and I cannot get a job? Why is it that I am not ugly but I cannot get married? Why do I have this challenge even when I am spiritual? Why is that I have all the qualifications but they could not give me visa?

Why is it that this is recurring in my life?

When you have identified the problems, go for the solution. Begin to enquire of the Lord, "Lord, what is happening? What do you want me to do? What am I doing that I am not meant to do? What am I to do that I am not doing? Open my eyes. Show me. Tell me."

Please, never feel bad about asking God questions. Those who do not ask questions do not deserve answers.

## **INQUISITION BOOSTERS**

There are five good ways to boost your inquisition - five things you can do to facilitate easy answers from God and from His Word. These are five things you can do to get direction and solution.

### **1. Separation**

Separate yourself.

If you want to ask God questions, strategic questions; you want to find out certain things, find a day and lock up yourself somewhere. Take some days, move out of your environment and seek God's face. Many times, our lives are too noisy to receive any answer from God.

When it was time for Ministry, I separated myself from home and from town. I went into an isolated and quiet area.

You know also that before God could give the Book of Revelation to John the Beloved, he was on the Island of Patmos separated from everyone else, in quietness.

As an individual, at least, each year you must have seven days during which no one else disturbs you. Within that period you go to God and get direction for your life. At least, once in a month, you must have some time of separation, some time when you can 'intermeddle' with wisdom.

In the eighteenth chapter of the Book of Proverbs and verse one, the Bible says, through desire a man separates himself to intermeddle with wisdom."

*Separation assists inquisition.*

## **2. Prayer and fasting**

Sometimes, when you want to ask God questions: You want to know more about Him; you want Him to open your eyes to His Word; you want to find out your purpose in life and receive direction to move forward; you want solution in certain areas of your life; you can separate yourself and include fasting and prayer. You may decide to go without food and water, or take water without food. That intensifies your desire and opens up your spirit to hear from God and receive answers from Him.

## **3. Worship**

Worship is an enquiry booster. When you surround that atmosphere of separation, of fasting and praying, with worship, while you are asking God questions, you will receive unparalleled answers.

Isaiah 30:29-30 says, "You shall have a song in the night as when a holy solemnity is kept... then the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard..."

*An atmosphere of worship will assist your questioning.*

One of the problems we have is that we come to God under tension: "O Lord, why am I where I am now? I need to know. Tell me!" You will not hear anything in such an atmosphere.

Imagine someone going to God to say, "Lord, all my friends are married, except me. I have been going to church without a testimony; yet, new comers have been testifying. Lord, where is my testimony? Lord, tell me now! What do you want me to do?" The next thing that happens is that the person begins to 'blow' in tongues - praying under annoyance - and nothing happens. This is one sole reason for not hearing from God.

We ought to go to God giving Him praise and saying to Him, "Lord, I know there is always a solution." Worship Him. Let that excitement be in you. Under that atmosphere, it will not take long before the answer comes.

## **4. The night season**

Psalms 16:7 says, "I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons."

When you separate yourself, pray and fast and surround yourself with worship, you may wake up one to two hours in the middle of the night to worship God and ask Him questions for direction. If you do that, His light will flood your spirit and you can listen at the same time. If, indeed, you receive nothing, you can sleep with expectation and you will wake up with a revelation.

## **5. Meditation**

Take the time to think. Ask and think. Ask and wait. Think on the Word and think on the solution you need.

In the tenth chapter of Acts, Peter saw a vision while he was fasting and praying. A vessel was let down from heaven with all manner of four-footed beasts. And he heard a voice that said, "Arise, Peter, kill and eat." And he said, I have never eaten anything that is unclean. It has never crossed my mouth before. It repeated three times and it went back to heaven; and Peter was confused. But in the nineteenth verse, the Bible says, "As Peter thought on the vision, the Holy Ghost said..."

*God speaks to people who think, not people who worry.*

There is a difference between the two. As Peter thought on the vision, the Holy Ghost said... If you are reading this book and you are ready to obey and practice what God is saying to you, then get ready, the Holy Ghost is about to say something to you. The direction you are looking for has already arrived.

If God gave me direction into Ministry and I have not failed, He will give you direction into your destiny and you will not fail.

If God gave me direction into marriage and I have not failed, He will give you direction into marriage and you will not fail, in the Name of Jesus.

You do not need to be a prophet to hear God. All you need is to be a child of God. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice..."

Because you have come in contact with this work of grace, I prophesy to you that,

*This is your time.*

*This is your season.*

*That difficult situation in your life will end now.*

*Before this week runs out, you are returning with an answer that will amaze your enemies.*

*You will amaze the devil. In the Name of Jesus!*

## **CHAPTER FOUR**

### **VISION**

Vision is the secret of light. Living a life of vision is living a life of illumination. Vision brings light. It brings wisdom.

#### **WHAT IS VISION?**

##### **1. Vision is insight into God's plan for man's life.**

Everyone is existing for a purpose. No one is created just for fun. You do not live in this world just like anything living on the road. No manufacturer manufactures a product without a purpose. God Almighty manufactured you with a purpose. Understanding that purpose is what is called vision. Vision is insight into God's plan for your life.

I studied to be a medical doctor. I came out of the university, and practiced very briefly, then all of a sudden, I connected with vision - the plan of God for my life. Here I am today on the path of vision. I could not have been in a better place than where I am today. Vision is insight into God's plan for your life.

##### **2. Vision is a picture of your destined outcome**

That positive place that God has destined you to end. When you have the picture of your destined outcome: how your life will end; the level of impact, the level of generational mark you will make; the level to which you will feed thousands and literally, hundreds of thousands in your life time, then you are a man of vision. Your picture of your destined outcome is vision.

##### **3. Vision is the focal objective of a man's pursuit.**

Why do I sleep every night? Why do I wake up every morning? Why do I eat? Why do I move? What am I out to achieve? The focal objective of a man's pursuit, of a man's existence is vision. Why do I work? What direction am I heading? Where do I want to land? What am I pursuing in life? That is vision.

##### **4. Vision, literally, is the reason for existence.**

Why am I alive? When you can picture and discover that, then you are a man or a woman of vision.

Now, vision is the secret of wisdom. To be a person of vision is to be a person of wisdom. Show me a purposeful person and I will show you a wise person. Show me an aimless person - a person who does not know the reason why he is alive; he does not care about why he is alive; it does not move him why he is alive - and I will show you a person who lacks wisdom.



An aimless person has no wisdom for time management. He has no wisdom for financial management. He does not have wisdom for his relationship, or any other thing, because he has no reason why he is alive. So, anything goes. He can do anything with his life. Wisdom is birthed and nurtured in vision.

Look at Joseph. They called him a very wise man. Pharaoh looked at Joseph and said, “Who is wiser than you are? You are the person that will be over everything in Egypt”(Genesis 41:38-40, paraphrased). But who was Joseph? He was a dreamer, a visionary, a man who saw his future from afar. When he was a young man, he dreamt a dream about his future. That dream occupied his mind and he pursued it until he arrived there. No wonder Pharaoh looked at him and said, “You are a wise man.” So you see, there is a relationship between vision and wisdom.

Do you remember the story of David and Goliath? You remember when Goliath stood before Israel and no one could face him. No one could dare him until David arose with a vision. What was the vision? “I will bring you down and I will cut off your head.” The moment David caught that vision, wisdom came on how to bring down Goliath. He saw Goliath’s forehead; and he saw that he could catapult a stone into it. The vision birthed the wisdom.

Jesus had the vision of feeding five thousand people with only five loaves and two fishes. The moment He got the vision, He got the wisdom.

...He himself knew what he would do. John 6:6.

*Knowing what to do and doing what you know, that is wisdom.*

To be without vision, is to be without wisdom. Any man or woman of vision is a man or woman of wisdom.

## **HOW DOES VISION COME?**

### **1. By revelation at the place of prayer**

Vision comes at the place of prayer when you begin to ask God, “What is your purpose for my life? Why do I exist? What do you want me to do with my life?” As you keep praying, when the atmosphere is ripe, God will reveal it to you, in a night dream, in an open vision, in a trance, or by any other means.

For a very long time, many years back, I saw myself ministering to a huge crowd for about nine years. It was not time for Ministry then, but it kept on happening. Other persons kept seeing me too. When the appointed time came, the vision

spoke.

In essence, God can show to you by revelation at the place of prayer, the vision for your life. That is why, every man of prayer is a man of vision. Show me a person who has value for prayer and I will show you a person of revelation. Jeremiah 33:3 says, “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” So, a vision can come at the place of prayer.

## **2. By inspiration from Scriptures**

A vision can be received by inspiration from Scriptures. The most important thing you should know is that the Scripture is calculated to give you a picture of your future.

*Every time God says something, people are meant to see something.*

The Scripture gives you a picture of your future. It shows you how not to be poor. It shows you how not to be sick. It shows you how to be the head and not the tail.

There was a young man whose name was Josiah. Before he was born, there was a prophecy that God would use him to kill all the prophets of Baal and to destroy all the evil altars. That prophecy came about four hundred years before his birth. Josiah became king of Israel at the age of eight. Imagine! He was just a little baby.

Josiah just kept going about his young life until, one day, they opened the Bible and he saw his name there and the prophecy concerning his life. He must have exclaimed, “What! Do you mean this is what I am to become?” His eyes opened; his life changed. He stepped into the realm of vision, because of what he saw in the Scriptures(1Kings 13:1-2; 2Kings 22 and 23).

That is the way it is. While you are studying your Bible, you begin to see yourself in Paul the Apostle. You begin to see yourself in Queen Esther. You begin to see yourself in Moses. Vision can come by inspiration from the Scriptures.

## **3. By insight into personal potential**

God can open your eyes to see the graces and unction He equipped you with. Then you can begin to understand the direction your life is going to take. When your eyes are open to it, certain gifts, endowment, and graces inside of you begin to open you up to what your life is all about.

## **4. By hindsight**

Hindsight implies what you passed through. What this means is that what you

passed through can sometimes become the foundation for what will pass through you.

Your misery of the past can sponsor your Ministry in the future. The mess around you can bring forth a message from within you. What the devil used against you, God can use against the devil.

Moses passed through the wilderness and God gave him the Ministry of passing others through the wilderness. Where you have passed through in life, at times, can be a clue to what God wants to use you to take others through.

I was a very sickly child, with very terrible pains. My mother could hardly sell in the market. She would have to run home many times because her child convulsed. The black spot of my eyes would turn up, leaving only the white, with jerking and all manner of unbearable afflictions and pains, including internal undiagnosable swellings. I had, at birth, an organ condition in the body. But it has long been restored by the power of God.

Now, see how mesmerized the devil has been. The same fire of healing anointing by which the sickness he tried to use against my destiny was healed, God is using me to deliver people from all manner of cancers and afflictions. Your mess can become the foundation for your message. Your misery can become the foundation for your Ministry.

Some people reading this book now may have suffered unusual poverty as children or young adults. If you are one of them, get ready, because God is about to use you to empower people into prosperity.

Show me a purposeful person and I will show you a wise person. To be without vision, is to be without wisdom.

Vision can come by hindsight. If you can remember where you are coming from, God can use that as a tool for deliverance. But this is also to be confirmed by revelation from the Lord.

## **5. By passion**

Vision can be revealed by a passion to solve a particular problem. Imagine that every time you see orphans, something happens to you. Every time you see prostitutes on the road, you want to do something about it. Every time you see hungry people or you receive news about people that are hungry, you are sleepless at night. You lose your peace. You want to do something about it. It is a clue to your vision. That was the secret of Nehemiah. When he heard that the walls of Jerusalem had broken down, he lost his peace. He could do nothing else except to go and rebuild those walls. The passion brought the vision.

*Every man of prayer is a man of vision.*

Those are five ways by which vision comes.

## **VISION BOOSTERS**

Now, what are the boosters of vision? What are the things that help a vision to come to pass?

### **1. Prayer and fasting**

When you have received a vision, you can nurture it in prayers. You can pray it into manifestation. That is to say, you can pray it into happening. You do not just get a vision and go to sleep. When you have received a vision, then it is the time for praying and fasting.

It took Joseph about thirteen years of incubation for his vision to come to pass.

Jesus was born King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He came as the Saviour of the world, to save the lost, heal the sick and cast out devils; but it could not come to pass until after those forty days of prayer and fasting. Then the Holy Ghost came upon Him and He moved into the realm of that manifestation. Vision can be nurtured by prayer and fasting.

### **2. It is nurtured by continuous review**

On a continuous bases, perhaps weekly, if not daily, you should look at why you exist: Why am I alive? What does God want me to do with my life and how can it come to pass? Have a continuous review. Write down your vision; make it plain. You need to write it somewhere and keep reading it. Look at it continuously. Tell yourself, "This is why I am alive. This is what I must achieve before I die. This is where my life is heading." Do not just write and drop it somewhere. Look at it continuously.

### **3. Vision requires the right association and environment**

You need the right friends - people who, themselves, are visionaries; people who are optimistic, enthusiastic, and positivistic. Those are the people you surround yourself with.

Understand that there are many dream and vision killers. They will tell you, it is not possible. They will ask you, "Who do you know that has ever achieved that kind of a thing?" They will tell you, "That man is not going to be a good husband."

There are all manner of people. And you know, many people reading this book now, would have been far better than they are today, if not that someone

discouraged them. Someone said something contrary to what they believed.

If you want your vision to be alive, you have to surround yourself with the right association. That is why it is an asset to marry the right husband and to marry the right wife. Some men have run out of Ministry because of their wives. Some women became shadows of themselves because of whom they married.

To keep your vision alive, you need the right association and the right environment.

#### **4. Vision is nurtured by persistent pursuit**

Persistent pursuit nurtures vision. Do something about your vision daily.

Whatever is the plan of God for your life, do something about it daily. Whether you are taking a course, or improving your life, on a daily basis, itemize where God wants you to go and find out what you need to do to get there. Pursue it persistently. If your eye is single, your pursuing this thing persistently will make your body full of light.

#### **5. Vision is nurtured by role model influence**

Someone ahead of you has already achieved what you are planning to achieve. That person can act like a coach or a mentor. He may be a pastor, or someone who has reached where you are going. He can assist you to find your way. He is the one that can encourage you that it can be done. He will motivate you and challenge you to get to where he is like Jesus challenged Peter to step out of the boat and walk on the water.

Your mentor is someone that will challenge you to take risks. He is someone that will give you the permission to fail. He says to you, "Even if you fail, stand up and try again." He is someone that will not kill you because you failed. That is role model influence.

When you put these factors together, you must necessarily fulfill your vision. And I want every person reading this book, who is still battling with aimless existence, to know that by the grace and the anointing of the Holy Ghost, that battle is over forever. God is going to show you something that is going to change your life, and give you a positive direction, in the Name of Jesus.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### DESPERATION

*Desperation is a secret of wisdom.*

#### WHAT IS DESPERATION?

**1. Desperation is an unquenchable yearning after a well-defined objective.**

It could be after God. It could be after the world. It could be after wisdom.

**2. Desperation is desire on fire.**

The Psalmist says, “As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God”(Psalm 42:1). Desperation is desire on fire. You desire it and you are on fire for that desire.

**3. Desperation is desire under pressure.**

Someone can look at your eyes and see it in your eyes. Everything about you communicates what you desire.

**4. Desperation is desire beyond conviction.**

Now, when you are convinced about something, you do not just stop at the conviction, you desire what you are convinced about. You desire it so strongly that no one can convince you against it. You want the anointing, for instance, and there is nothing anyone can tell you, to change your mind. You want to know God, and there is nothing anyone can tell you, to change your mind. You want the wisdom of God, and there is nothing anyone can do about it. You are determined to get it - no matter what!

When you have come to that point where you cannot be confused about what you want and you cannot be convinced against it, then no devil or man can stand between you and what you desire.

*Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom. Proverbs 18:1*

You separate yourself and begin to seek and to ‘intermeddle’ with wisdom. You desire it, so you separate yourself because of it. You seek and begin to interact with wisdom. You seek it, then you interact with it.

Ecclesiastes 1:13 says, “And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.” That is desperation.

Ecclesiastes 7:25 says, “I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek

out wisdom, and the reason of things...” That is desperation.

### **THREE FACTS ABOUT DESPERATION**

#### **1. Men of great desires are men of great discoveries.**

Great desires sponsor great discoveries. Daniel is an example. Joseph is an example. David is also another example.

#### **2. Desperation is the secret of revelation.**

Understand this: You get insight only where you have interest. God will not bother you with what does not concern you.

#### **3. Desperation is the secret of attraction.**

Desperation is magnetic. Desperation in the heart of man attracts what is desired.

What you desire, you attract.

What you desire you acquire.

When Elijah was to be taken to heaven, he asked Elisha, “What do you want me to do for you?” Elisha said, “Give me a double portion of the anointing that is upon your life.”

Elijah said, “If you see me when I am taken up, you will receive it”(2Kings 2:12-13). Now when Elijah was being taken to heaven, he carried his mantle with him. And when Elisha saw him going up, he cried: “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horse men thereof...” In other words, I can see you. I can see you. And while he was shouting, Elijah’s mantle fell. Elijah did not drop it; it fell.

Elisha carried the mantle of Elijah that fell. Elijah was, probably, ready to carry his mantle along. He did not want to leave it behind. But the Bible says Elijah was going with it, then it fell. The question now is, “What made the mantle fall?” The desperation in the heart of Elisha! What was in his heart, pulled the mantle down.

Desire is magnetic. Desperation attracts. It pulls in your direction. That is why, to have an empty heart is to have an empty life. When the heart is empty, life is empty. When the heart is light, life is light. You need heavy matters to matter heavily. Heavy matters in the heart of a man cause him to matter heavily in his generation.

In the fourteenth chapter of Acts, Paul the Apostle was preaching somewhere and there was a cripple sitting at Lystra(Acts 14:7-10). He heard Paul the Apostle attentively. A point came where the Bible says, “And Paul perceived that

the man had faith to be healed.” All other sick people were there, but he only perceived that in this man. What was in the man’s heart pulled the anointing in Paul. And Paul said, “Stand upright!” And the man stood. Because healing and miracle was his desire, healing and miracle was what he attracted.

Watch what is in your heart because it will look for you - whether it is success or failure; whether it is holiness or iniquity; whether it is prosperity or poverty. Whatever your heart dwells on will suddenly begin to look for you. For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he(Proverbs 23:7).

*What you desire, you attract. What you desire you acquire.*

## **KEYS TO DESPERATION**

What are the keys to desperation? What are the things that make a person to have a very unusual desire?

### **1. The perception of need**

When you perceive your need for God, for wisdom, and for power, then you will become desperate to know God, to get wisdom and to receive the anointing. When you see your helplessness without God; when you see your powerlessness against the devil; when you see your foolish actions in times past; then you will eventually become desperate to get solutions.

A person who does not think he needs anything, will move about like a wanderer through life. What makes a man to go into fasting and praying? What makes a man to stand up seven to eight hours praying in the spirit? It is desperation. He perceives his need for God. He perceives he needs more power; he needs more anointing; and he needs wisdom from God. It pushes him into a search. That is why a person must consistently evaluate his life: “Where am I supposed to be, and where am I now?” When you look at your life consistently, it pushes you into desperation.

### **2. Connection to the Almighty**

Connection to the Almighty will put upon you desperation. This is how it works: The closer you get to God, the more God will drop in your mind His burden and concern for your life, your generation and your family. The moment He drops that concern (burden) in your heart, you will no longer be at ease. The Bible says, “Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion.”

When a person sits down doing nothing and is afraid of failing, he will never go forward.

The closer you get to God; the more you worship; the more you pray, the more



God will drop His burden or concern in your heart - that you should be wiser than you are now. He is concerned that there are many helpless people, afflicted by the devil, who need healing and deliverance, and you are doing nothing about it. He begins to show you what He feels about your country and that places a burden in your heart. That burden moves you into action.

### **3. Inspiration from people of impact**

When you receive inspiration from people of impact, it will put desperation in your heart. When you see people ahead of you, generating results effortlessly - results that you are struggling to get - it will stir your desperation. When you see people effortlessly manifesting the kind of things that you have been praying about, it will put you under pressure. You will begin to tell yourself that if the same God you worship is working in the other person's life, then you desire what you see.

One day I was watching A. A. Allen's tape and this man just sat on a chair and pulled people out of wheel chairs. He sat down normal, cool, calm, without any pressure. And as a medical doctor, I was inquisitive to know what kind of cases they were. Was it arthritis of the knee, spinal tuberculosis, cancer of the spine? This man of God just jerked them up out of wheel chairs. It put me under pressure. God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

I was inspired.

You know when a person does not get inspired, he will soon expire. When there is no one ahead of you to motivate you, you will soon lose relevance on earth.

Desperation is fueled by the influence of people of great impact.

Every time I go to Canaan Land and see the primary school, secondary school as well as the university, with a fifty thousand-seater auditorium, it puts desperation in me. If God did it there, He can do it anywhere in the world.

My wife and I traveled to the US some years ago and we toured Oklahoma to look at Oral Roberts University. We stood before the University in front of Praying Hands. We went round to sight the University: "This is what one man did in the name of God. Then it is possible anywhere in the world."

We stood at the foot of a sixty-storey medical centre, and looked up - built by a man, not the state; built by a man called Oral Roberts, who just went to be with the Lord recently. He did it through the anointing of God upon his life.

The influence of people of impact pushes you into desperation.

### **4. Assimilation from association**

What this means is that 'iron sharpeneth iron'(Proverbs 27:17). When you are

surrounded with the right people - people on fire; people who are going far - they will get you to go with them.

Desire is contagious. Passion is contagious. When you hang around a passionate person, a person that has not arrived, a person who wants to become everything God wants him to be, you cannot be complacent. Woe betides the person who hangs around a Draught or Ludo player, sitting down every morning drinking alcohol. Woe betides the person who is surrounded by NFA people - not Nigeria Football Association but No Future Ambition.

One of the greatest things God has done for me is to surround me with people who put me on my toes. I am not just talking about mentors here, but people with whom God is raising us together. They put me on my toes. With such people, you never ever assume that you have arrived, because you have seen someone that is moving, and that puts you under pressure.

## **5. Revelation from the Scriptures**

When you look into the Scriptures and see where you are meant to be and you see the difference in the physical, then you are under pressure to be what Bible says you should be. You say to God, “Lord, is this what the Word says? Is this how wise I am meant to be? Was this how Jesus operated? Was this how Joseph operated? Then I refuse to be where I am now.” It puts you under pressure.

### **DESPERATION BOOSTERS**

There are three keys or boosters to desperation. There are three ways you can maintain a desperate heart.

#### **1. Prayer and fasting**

Fasting intensifies hunger physically and spiritually. Every time you feel hungry in the physical while you are fasting, it also intensifies your spiritual hunger. Your desire for that which you want is intensified by fasting and prayer.

#### **2. The right environment**

When you stay around people, listen to messages and read materials that put you under pressure to keep on desiring God and what you are meant to desire, it will boost your desperation.

#### **3. Persistent pursuit**

Persistent pursuit boosts desperation. That is how it works. I continuously pursue wisdom. I continuously pursue the anointing of God. When I was much younger in the university, anytime I prayed for people to be healed, whether the person was healed or not, it moved me to another level. I just kept on praying.

Somebody once asked Lester Sumrall, "If they put five hundred people before you, and you lay hands on them and none is healed, what would you do?" He said, I will ask for number five hundred and one person and keep on praying. Again, when I pray, whether someone is healed or not, it moves me to another level.

How does that happen? When I pray for a deaf person and the person hears, I move to get the next deaf person. It moves me to another level. When I pray for a cripple or a blind person, if he is not healed, it pushes me more into prayer and fasting to unravel why he was not healed. So whether the result was positive or negative, it moves me to the next level. That is the purpose of pursuit.

When a person sits down doing nothing and is afraid of failing, he will never go forward.

By the concentrated power and wisdom of God revealed through this book, I welcome you to a journey of success. I welcome you to a journey of wisdom. You will never be classified among fools. You will be among the wisest people on earth in the Name of Jesus Christ.

## **CHAPTER SIX**

### **ASSOCIATION**

One of the ways to acquire wisdom is by connecting the right association. And by association, we mean the right relationships, company, and friendships. They determine your wisdom. There are five things that association will do in the life of a person.

#### **1. Your association affects your discretion and decision**

People make decisions based on the kind of association they have in their lives.

#### **2. Your association influences your thought, opinion and mind set**

The way a person thinks is affected by who he calls his friends; who he calls his pastor; who he calls his wife or husband.

#### **3. Your association affects your action**

Your association affects your action, your habit and your lifestyle. Someone who was not smoking before can begin to smoke because he got a smoker friend. Someone who was not immoral or adulterous before can become immoral or adulterous because he got an immoral friend. Someone who was not telling lies before can begin to tell lies and become dishonest because of the kind of friends he keeps.

#### **4. Your association affects your destination**

The person you befriend will affect where you will reach in life. There are those who have not gone very far in life because they are moving with people who are not going far. There are people who have not achieved much in life because they are moving with people who have not achieved much. So your association affects your destination.

#### **5. Your association can do or undo you**

Your association can make or mar you. It can hurt or help you. It can raise or ruin you, depending on who you call your friend. Your friend is either helping you or hurting you. He is either doing you good or undoing your destiny.

The voice of the person you listen to determines where you will end in life.

### **WHO IS A FRIEND?**

Now, who is your friend generally? How do you know the person to call a friend? A good knowledge of who should be your friend will help you go farther in life.

1. Those who speak into your life; those are your friends.
2. Those whose opinions you value are your friends - whether that opinion is a bad one or a good one. Anyone whose opinion you value is a friend, and that person affects your wisdom.
3. Those you consciously or unconsciously pattern your life after are your friends. If, all of a sudden, the way you talk, walk or dress changes because of someone, that is a friend. That person is either affecting your life positively or negatively, depending on the kind of person he is.
4. Those whose counsel you hardly question are your friends. There is a person whose counsel you hardly question. When he counsels or advises you, you hardly question it - that is your friend. And that person is either affecting your destiny positively or negatively, depending on who he is. If you hardly question his advice, he is your friend.

Some of your so-called friends have broken many of your relationships. You are engaged to be married to a man, and your so-called friend says, "I do not like the man," and that is the end of that relationship. Your friend says, "This job is not a good job," and that is the end of that job. That person whose counsel you hardly question, is your friend. And he is affecting you positively or negatively, depending on who he is.

5. The person you have taken into confidence is your friend. He is your close confidant. You confide in him; he confides in you - that is your friend. You have taken him into confidence. You share your secrets with him and he shares his with you. That person is affecting your life negatively or positively, depending on whether he is a good or bad person.
6. The person whose presence you cherish, that is, you want to spend time around him or her - that is a friend. The person whose presence you cherish, whom you long to hang around with; that person is affecting your life either positively or negatively. That person is a friend.

Daniel was greatly assisted by his friends: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The disciples were greatly influenced by their Master, Jesus, because they spent time with Him. Amnon the son of David was destroyed because of an evil friend called Jonadab (2 Samuel 13). Rehoboam, the king of Israel, lost his throne because he hearkened to the voice of some young men that taught him how to be hard on the nation. He discarded the counsel of some elders in Israel. As a result of that, the kingdom of Israel was divided into two because he did not hearken to the voice of the people (2Kings 12:1-15). You will have to understand that the voice of the person you listen to determines where you will end in life. The

person whose voice you listen to is affecting your life positively or negatively.

### **WHO IS A GOOD FRIEND?**

1. He is the person who brings out the best in you. The person who motivates you to please God, to live by the right principles of life. Such a person will affect your wisdom positively. He is not the person giving you cigarette. He is not the person who advises you to commit immorality with a woman. That is not a friend.

*The richer a person becomes the more difficult it is for him to know who really loves him.*

If someone close to you says, “You mean you do not know how to steal money from your office without being caught? Let me teach you how to do it.” That is not a friend. Your friend is the person who brings out the best in you; who encourages you to live by the right principles. That is a friend.

2. Your friend is the person who pushes you out of your comfort zone, like Jesus did to Peter. He stretches you to release your potentials. He says, “You have had this OND (Ordinary National Diploma) for too long; why not you move ahead for HND (Higher National Diploma)?” He says, “You have toiled around this realm of business for too long, “Why not do something bigger?”

Your friend pushes you out of your comfort zone. He stretches your potentials. He challenges you into excellence. That is a friend. He fights mediocrity in your life. An authentic friend will influence you positively.

*A real friend loves you the way you are; but he loves you too much to leave you the way you are.*

Jesus Christ is a friend that sticks closer than a brother(Proverbs 18:24). He loves you the way you are but He loves you too much to leave you the way you are. He loves you too much to leave your life in a mess. He loves you too much to allow you live a life that is a mockery to your generation; a life of shame where everyone mocks you. A real friend will not allow you to live such a life. May God give you such quality people in Jesus’ Name.

3. A quality person(real friend) is the one who will love you enough to tell you the truth; the person who will not keep quiet and watch you sink. He will not keep quiet and watch you mess up. He will speak the truth into your life, even when it hurts. It may hurt you but he speaks the truth. Other people want to please you. They want to be in your good books, but the person God will use to help you to reach your destiny will tell you the truth: “You cannot live with a man to which you are not legally married. I do not hate you but you cannot do

that.” He will tell you the raw truth.

A real friend will tell you that you cannot buy a car of ten million naira when you are still living in a rented apartment. It will pain you but he will tell you. He is the man who will tell you the truth even when the truth does not look true. God is going to give you such relationships in the Name of Jesus.

4. A good friend is the person that is comfortable with your success. He is excited that you succeed. He is not agitated that you are progressing. There are people that the moment you begin to increase, they get intimidated. Some so-called friends, all they do is to engage you in competition. You will never learn wisdom from such people. Such people will never improve you. Such people get jealous when you succeed. They begin to make some derogatory comments when things are working. Run away from such people. You will never learn any wisdom from them.

5. A quality friend loves you for who you are and not for what you have. There are people who love you because you are rich. A quality friend rather loves you for who you are and not for what you have. When we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. While we had nothing to offer, He laid down His life for us. The Bible says, He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. He loves you for who you are.

You know, in prosperity, some friends know you, but it is in adversity that you know your friends. When you are a Minister of the Federal Republic, you will get many Christmas Greeting Cards but the moment you are no longer a Minister, watch out for the number of cards that will come the next Christmas. Cards will still come, no doubt, but they will come from real friends. So, a real friend is the person who loves you for who you are, not for what you have.

Do not allow anyone marry you because of your money. Never come to the point where someone relates with you in order to take advantage of you, or because of what he can get out of you. Never come to that point.

*The richer a person becomes the more difficult it is for him to know who really loves him.*

6. A real friend is the person whose character, vision, convictions and aspirations are similar to yours. You do not drink alcohol; he does not drink it either. You do not smoke cigarette; he does not also. You are not a womanizer; he is not one also. You do not steal; he does not. You do not lie; he does not. You trust God; he also trusts God. Your character, vision, aspirations, and convictions are similar.

If you call someone a friend and he is a smoker; if you sit down there to gist and drink a bottle of malt while he drinks a bottle of beer, he is soon going to destroy

your destiny.

If you believe in giving 10% of your income to God, while the one you call your friend does not want to give; but rather says, it is the pastor that is trying to get the money, your convictions and beliefs are far apart. If you continue with him, He is going to ruin your destiny. It takes iron to sharpen iron. When iron sharpens wood, the two of them will lose. The wood will reduce in size and the iron will be blunt. The wood will lose size and the iron will lose sharpness, because they are not meant for each other. When you move with people of different convictions; people who do not have your convictions, your visions, your character, and your lifestyle, you must lose something.

I taught this kind of message, some time ago and my fifteen-year-old daughter asked, "Who can find a friend then? She said, "If these are the qualities of friends, how do you get them?" I will give here, two ways you can do that.

### **1. Be a friend.**

Whatsoever a man sows that shall he reap. Concerning everything that has been said about a real friend, get someone into whose life you can make such a sowing.

*To have good friends, you must be one.*

*A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24*

Anyone that must have friends must show himself friendly. In other words, you must be a person who brings out the best in other people. You must be someone who motivates people to be their best in life. You must be one who pushes others into the release of their full potentials. You must be someone who loves people enough to tell them the truth. You must be someone who is comfortable with the success of other people. You are not intimidated when some other person is progressing. You must be someone who loves people for who they are, not because of what you can get out of them. You must possess positive character, visions and aspirations.

When you are such a person, then God will send such people into your life. Like attracts like. God sends your type into your life and removes different types away from you. In order to have friends, you must be a friend.

2. Every relationship you find yourself in, work on them. Relationships require workmanships. If Someone calls you and you do not call the person too; someone sends you a message and you do not send a reply; someone sends you an e-mail and you do not write back; the person keeps on trying his best, but you



are not working on your relationship, then you will never have any meaningful relationship that can change your life. Whether it is marital or any other relationship, you must be a person who works on positive relationships.

If you see a good friend, pursue the person. When Elisha saw Elijah, he pursued him. When you see someone with positive character, with quality, the kind of quality you desire, you do not just sit down there, proud, with raised shoulders, you pursue him. You make sure what he carries rubs on your life.

For coming thus far in this destiny renovating book, I welcome you to a journey of positive association that will affect your discretion and cause you to abide among the wise. This is a new day for you. Arise and shine, in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ.

### **TALK TO GOD A LITTLE WHILE:**

Lift up your hands now and give God praise, honour and adoration for what He has opened you to, in this book. Say to Him,

*Lord forgive me for the relationships I have allowed to influence me negatively.*

*Lord give me the grace to be a friend, and to affect my generation positively.*

*Heavenly Father, give me the gifts of wise friends, relationships, company, and association, in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### INSTRUCTION

*Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Proverbs 8:33*

The way of instruction is one of the highways of wisdom. Instruction will supply information; and information applied is what is called wisdom. A person of limited instruction is a person of limited wisdom.

*A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent.  
Proverbs 15:5*

The hatred of instruction is the mark of foolishness. It is the identity of a fool. Anyone who does not like to be taught is a confirmed fool. Someone has said, "If you want to hide anything from a fool, put it inside a book; because he will not open it". The Bible says, "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding"(Proverbs 4:7). That means instruction is a principal part of life.

#### WISE BY INSTRUCTION

Below are four examples of people who became wise by instruction.

##### 1. Solomon

Ecclesiastes 1:13 says, "And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven..." Solomon gathered information. No wonder he was one of the wisest men of his days.

##### 2. Daniel

Daniel 9:2 says, "...I understood by books..." He was one of the wisest men in Babylon. He was a man of books.

##### 3. Jesus Christ

Luke 2:46 says, "And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions." This shows that our Master, Jesus, was a man that gave Himself over to instruction.

Jesus Christ is the embodiment of wisdom. What was it He wanted to hear again? What question was He asking that He did not have the answer to? He confirmed that He was the wisest man that ever existed. Anyone who cannot sit down to learn and ask questions is a confirmed fool.

**4. Paul the Apostle was a man of wisdom.** Look at what Peter said concerning Paul in the Book of 2Peter 3:15, "...even as our beloved brother Paul also

according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you.” Paul was a man of wisdom; and by his wisdom, he was a writer.

*You cannot be knowledgeable and not be marketable.*

Now, what was the secret of Paul? 2Timothy 4:13 says, “The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.”

Paul was in prison, and while there, he sent for books and his diary. No wonder he existed among the wise.

The way of instruction is one of the highways of wisdom. Wisdom makes a man’s face to shine and the boldness of his countenance is increased.

Every trace of foolishness in your life, I curse it to die from its root, in the Name of Jesus.

## **PRODUCTS OF INSTRUCTION**

What are the products of instruction? What will instruction do for you?

Knowledge is in levels. When your level changes, your result changes. If you know better, you will move further.

### **1. When you rub minds with wiser people, you sharpen your mentality.**

True. When you rub your blunt mind with wiser minds, it sharpens your mentality. Iron sharpens iron. Wisdom sharpens wisdom. Mind sharpens mind.

### **2. Quality information provokes quality decisions.**

Many of us have made terrible mistakes in time past. You made a decision that was a wrong decision. Why did you make such a decision? It was because of the level of information you had.

Everyone behaves to the best of their knowledge. If you know better, you will behave better. Quality information determines quality decisions. Quality decisions will provoke quality actions, and quality actions will bring about quality outcomes. If all a person does is perfect, that person is acting from some realm of information and revelation. He makes decisions, the decisions become actions and the actions become outcomes.

You will never make any dumb mistake again! In the Name of Jesus.

### **3. Secrets are discovered from searches.**

Someone once said that the secrets of people are in their stories. When you listen to a message, you can get some of the secrets of the preacher from the things he says. When you read a book, you can get some of the secrets of the author.

When you ask, “Why is this man always able to deal with the devil? Why is he never poor or stranded? How is it that he does not quarrel with his wife at all? What is his secret?” When you expose yourself to the information coming from that person, you will know some of the things he does that you do not do. When you make his secret your secret, you will make his success your success.

The reason why so many people remain at the same level is that, for a whole year, they do not open a book. For six months, they do not play a tape. They are left alone to their level of knowledge and understanding. So they keep on making the same mistakes and terrible blunders throughout life.

The secrets of men are in their stories. When you connect with instruction, you make discovery. When you make searches, you see secrets.

#### **4. Instruction gives light, and light handles darkness.**

Nothing handles darkness like light and nothing handles insult like insight. Something you read from one book can end your barrenness forever. One revelation you hear from a tape can deliver you from satanic operation for life; just because you got the light. In the course of instruction, illumination is released. And by the release of that illumination, darkness dies. Crying from place to place never saved anyone. Begging for prayer has never saved anyone. God says, “Arise, shine, for your light has come.” When your light comes, you must rise; and when you rise, you must shine. That is the place of instruction.

#### **5. Knowledge brings progress; illumination brings acceleration.**

If you know beyond what you know now, you will move beyond where you are now. Anywhere you find yourself in life now, spiritually, financially and otherwise, is because of what you know now. If you know better, you will move further.

Never enter a meeting, a conference, a seminar, or a church, without a pen and paper; except you do not know how to read and write.

If someone who had an OND Accounting, studies and becomes a Chartered Accountant, it is absolutely impossible for the office to keep him at the OND accountant level. His level of information has changed, so his level in the office must change. He will be moved to a new level, because knowledge enforces progress. If you know better, you move further.

If you know and you are not moving, it means you do not know it yet. The man who has been in a storm knows it better than the man who just saw it afar. The man who saw it from afar also knows it better than the man who only read it in a book.

Knowledge is in levels. When your level changes, your result changes. The moment I knew more things about the healing Ministry, I began to see more miracles than I saw before. The moment I knew more, I saw more. Knowledge will definitely bring progress.

## **RECEIVING INSTRUCTION**

### **1. Increase your knowledge about God.**

Increase in the knowledge of God is the foundation for any other knowledge. Increase in the knowledge of God will produce results in your life. Daniel 11:32 says, "...the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."

Increase your knowledge of the Word of God and your rights in God. Everything in the world has a root in the Bible. Whether it is financial prosperity, leadership, government or success, whatever you call it, every one of them is written in the Bible. The knowledge of the Word of God is the beginning of all other knowledge. Daniel was ten times better than his contemporaries were; because he was connected to the knowledge of God.

### **2. Increase your knowledge of what you do for a living.**

If you are a doctor, increase your knowledge in medical practice. If you are a lawyer, improve your legal knowledge. If you are a pastor or preacher, increase your knowledge of the Word of God. That is wisdom.

In the first Book of Kings, the ninth chapter and the twenty-seventh verse, the king was going to send some people overseas. But you see, it takes those who have knowledge of the sea to be sent overseas. The Bible says, "And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon."

You see, you cannot be knowledgeable and not be marketable. It is wisdom for you not just to be a tailor or mechanic, but to be one who knows it better than anyone else. It is wisdom for you to increase your knowledge of what you do for a living.

### **3. Increase your knowledge in your area of challenge.**

Any area of life where you are challenged, determine to search the Scriptures in that area. Look for books on that matter. Look for tapes on the issue. Read, study on it, until light comes. Then, arise and shine, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

### **4. Be humble enough to learn from those who know more than you do.**

Realize that it takes humility to be instructed. Be humble enough to submit to the instruction of whoever God will choose to use. There are times that, the person you do not like is the person God uses to teach you. God used grass to speak to Moses. He used the donkey to speak to Balaam.

Identify people who know what you want to know. Identify people who know more than you do and connect with them. That is the place of association. Identify and learn from someone who does well in what you want to do.

### **5. Learn from the Masters.**

Learn from experts. Seek to learn from those who have proofs. I read books a lot but not every book. Many people read books that are not relevant to their destiny; books from people who have no proofs of what they say.

Do you want to be a software architect? Read from Bill Gates. Are you into investment? Look for Warren Buffet. What about property and real estate? Look for Donald Trump. Are interested in church growth, read Dr David Yongi Cho. What of faith and financial prosperity, read Bishop David Oyedepo. Just find out someone who is an authority in the area where you seek to be an authority. Settle down and learn from them. Let them instruct you. Do you want to learn of healings, signs and wonders? Look for those who have similar Ministries.

*Do not look for a man who slaps his wife to teach you marriage.*

Any blindness of the mind restricting you from receiving what God has for you, I curse it, in the Name of Jesus.

That distaste for knowledge and lack of appetite for instruction, I curse it to die in your life, in the Name of Jesus.

Right now, I release upon you hunger- fresh hunger - for knowledge and instruction. Receive it now, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## CHAPTER EIGHT

### OBSERVATION

Solomon observed trees, the hyssop that springs from the wall, beasts, fowls, creeping things and fishes. He learnt from them and spoke about them in wisdom. Observation is one of the highways of wisdom, because observation is a channel of instruction.

Wise people have eyes that do not only look but also see. In life, many look but few see.

*Wise people have eyes that look and see. They have the capacity to see what others do not see and to hear what others do not hear, so they do what others do not do.*

I discovered that life is full of lessons and that the universe is a university. People who refuse to enroll in the university of the universe never graduate from the institute of failure. When people fail to look, observe, see and learn, they remain as failures for life.

*Not every noisemaker is a news maker.*

Two people could look at the same scenario or circumstance, one person learns something and the other person sees nothing. It is a matter of the wisdom of observation. Two people were born into the same family; they experienced the same life's circumstances; one grew up to be an outstanding success and the other grew up to be an outstanding failure. Now, the difference is in the wisdom of observation. An example is Jacob and Esau.

People who refuse to enroll in the university of the universe never graduate from the institute of failure.

As Jacob grew up, he observed that he was not from an ordinary family. He observed that there was something special about Abraham, and that there was anointing upon Isaac. He wanted to perpetuate the blessing that was in his father's lineage. He schemed by whatever way he could to become the first born, in order to become the transmitter of the Abrahamic blessings, because he had observed that theirs was not an ordinary family.

Esau, on the other hand, looked but he saw nothing. As a result of that, Jacob became the first born and received the birthright. He got the blessing and Esau died empty-handed, because, those who see nothing get nothing out of life.

God said to Abraham in Genesis 13:14, that as far as his eyes could see, He would give to him.

And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward. Genesis 13:14

*It is what you see that determines what God gives.*

The Bible tells us that when Moses was born, his mother noticed that he was not an ordinary child. I do not know exactly how she noticed it.

*And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. Exodus 2:2*

Jochebed saw that the child she had was different from Miriam and Aaron, her first two children. There was something unique about the child. In the book of Hebrews 11:23, the Bible puts it in another way. It says that the mother perceived that the child was a proper child.

*By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. Hebrews 11:23*

At that time, whenever a Hebrew male child was born, he was killed and thrown into the River Nile or the Red Sea. So the Red Sea was becoming redder and redder with the blood of Hebrew children. But when this particular child was born, there was something they saw about him that made them to refuse to surrender him to death. In so doing, they saved a generation and the destiny of a generation.

I have learnt through life that those who fail to observe, abort their destiny. There are many destinies aborted because people have eyes that see nothing. The parents of Moses saw that he was not a child that should be surrendered to death like every other child. There was something about Moses and that thing came to pass with time. That was the power of observation.

Solomon gave proverbs about everything. He seemed to observe everything. And I have discovered that the failure of observation is the failure of discretion. Our Saviour and Master, Jesus, always said, "Observe the lilies... Observe the birds and fowls of the air... A sower went out to sow..." Now, all that Jesus talked about were based on what He observed with His two eyes.

Paul the Apostle spoke about athletes. He said, "Any man that striveth for mastery is temperate in all things"(1Corinthians 9:24-25). All these things talk about observation.

Now, ask yourself, "Do I have eyes? Can I see with them?" When was the last time you looked at something every other person saw, but you saw what they did



not see?

## **PRODUCTS OF OBSERVATION**

Now, what are the products of observation? What does observation bring?

### **1. Observation Brings Instruction**

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man. Proverbs 24:30-34

By looking at the field or farmland of a lazy man, Solomon received instruction. But there were a lot others that had looked at the farm and learnt nothing. It takes the man of wisdom to open his eyes and ask, “What am I learning from what I am seeing?”

I was going to preach at the Law School in Abuja, Nigeria one day. At a nearby junction, there was no traffic warden to control traffic, and everyone rushed to go his or her way. I had come in from one way. Others came in through other routes. Then all of us met at the centre of the road and stopped. The journey ended in the middle of the road. Despite the haste we were in, we could not move further. As I looked, I received instruction. In my heart, I heard, “Disorder is the foundation for stagnation. Anywhere things are not moving, something is out of order. Something is not working the way it should. As a result, movement is not taking place.” When I heard that, I decided to extrapolate it to every other aspect of my life.

I was somewhere praying the other day, and I remembered how a lizard falls from a height and I received instruction. The fall of a lizard from a height never kills the lizard. In fact, when it falls, it looks left and right; once it sees no one to praise it, it nods its head and says, “I have tried.” Then it starts moving again. Now, what is the instruction? Do not die because you fell. Do not die because you were rich and now you are poor. Nod your head and start moving again.

You must consciously be on the lookout. And as you are looking at things, ask yourself, “What is this thing saying to me?”

One day, I was in Lagos and the traffic was so congested. I was on my way to Canaan Land and I was thinking, “O God, when shall we reach that place today?” We moved gradually until we came to a place where there was a trailer parked by the roadside. By the time we passed by and went forward, we saw that

the road was clear. Then I received instruction.

If where you are now is congested, keep on moving, the front is free. You may be struggling now. It may be taking you time to move. You have tried your best to keep moving but it looks like, for every attempt, you only move slowly, all you need to do is to keep moving, because the front is free. Observation brings instruction.

## **2. Observation Brings Inspiration**

What does this mean?

Jeremiah 18:1-6 says,

*“The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.”*

There are people from whose life you will learn how to do it; and there are other people from whose life you will learn how not to do it.

God speaks to those who have eyes to see. He took Jeremiah to the potter's house; and while he was in the potter's house, God said something to him.

Beloved, if you can look well, you will hear Him. God can use your car to speak to you. If you open your eyes to see well, God can use a little baby in your house to speak to you. If you can open your eyes to see clearly, God can use your cheque book to speak to you. He can even use a sinner, a donkey, or a bush to speak to you, if you can open your eyes.

Observation is a secret of inspiration. God speaks to those who have the eyes to see. Many times, when I look at something, God speaks to me. One day, I was in the middle of the city and I saw a big vehicle - a truck with very heavy sound. Suddenly, a little car passed by with just a hissing sound. Then I received instruction and inspiration, that noise is not equal to speed; that there are those who make noise but do not have speed. And that it is better to insist on speed than to insist on noise. Not every noisemaker is a news maker.

*Those who fail to observe, abort their destiny.*

The next time you look at something, may you hear the voice of God speaking to you.

### **3. Observation Brings Conviction**

What this means is that what the eye sees, affects what the heart believes. Observation affects conviction. Lamentation 3:51 says, "Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city."

There is a connection between the eye and the heart. What the eye sees affects what the heart believes. Archbishop Benson Idahosa of the most blessed memory, toured Oklahoma and for the first time went in front of Oral Roberts University. He stood before that University, looked at its majesty, and he told himself, "If God can do it here, he can do it anywhere." He returned to Africa believing that such a construction is possible. He came home and made his mark.

#### **OSBORNE'S MINISTRY CHANGES**

T. L. Osborne was a young evangelist to India. He was in India for about three years as a failed evangelist. He preached and no one wanted to listen. He had no single convert. Then he returned home as a miserable failure in Ministry. One day, he heard that a young man, an apostolic prophet, was ministering and miracles were happening. So he went and sat there and began to observe things. All of a sudden, he saw a young girl with crossed eyes; and with just one single prayer, her eyes straightened. He saw a deaf girl whose ears were unstopped.

As he observed, he heard the voice of God like a thousand voices saying, "You too can do it. This was what Jesus did. This was what Paul the Apostle did. This was what the people of old did. You too can do this. You too can lay hands on the sick. You too can cast out devils." He said, his head was filled with voices. He returned home and said, "Lord, what are you telling me?" And the Lord said again, "You too can do what you saw."

When he was fully convinced, when his eyes had affected his heart, he returned to India - the same India where he failed. He printed handbills:

The blind shall see

The deaf shall hear

The lame shall walk.

At that time, he had not even prayed for a fly with headache. And the handbills were everywhere. About fifty thousand Indians gathered. This was about 1953.

T. L. Osborne then said, "Bring me any of your terrible sicknesses here." They brought a mature man born deaf, about forty-seven years old. He said to them, "I am going to pray in the name of Buddha, and in the names of the founders of your religions. I am going to pray in all the names. Any name that opens his ears, is the name to believe in." So he prayed in all the names and nothing

happened.

Then he said, “Now I will pray in the Name of Jesus.”

He put his hands on the man’s ears and said, “In the Name that is above every other name - the Name of Jesus - deaf ears open.” And at once, the ears were opened and the mature deaf man spoke for the first time in his life. When he said, “How many of you will give your lives to Christ?” the fifty thousand people lifted two hands each. They surrendered totally.

T. L. Osborne had made an observation, and what he observed affected his heart.

Why are you living to yourself without observing anything? Why are you not studying anyone? You have no mentor, no friend, no pastor, and no one to inspire your life! That is an error.

#### **FOUR SERVICES IN OUR CHURCH**

I travelled out of the country about thirteen years ago. That was before we started running four services in our church. I went to Bishop Charles Agyn Asare’s church in Accra, Ghana - Word Miracle Church International. I had met him briefly at a Ministers conference in Lagos, organized by Papa, Bishop David Oyedepo. So, I decided to visit his church. He was running four services between morning and afternoon. First, I preached at his School of Ministry, then eventually he asked me to preach in the four services. And while doing that, I observed things. I came back straight from there and we started four services in our church.

Your observation assists your imagination. Your observation helps your conviction and sponsors your acceleration.

#### **DEAF EARS UNSTOPPED**

One day, I watched a video in which nine deaf people were healed at the same time. That was the first time I watched such a video. I had seen one deaf person hear before but not nine at a time. I got so provoked, and to make the matter worse for the devil, I had an invitation for a crusade just a few days after that. So, I charged up myself very well with the scene I just watched. I went to the crusade ground and I called all the deaf persons out. I was still on fire from what I had just watched. And suddenly, all of them were healed. Not even one of them went back deaf.

I pray for you reading this book:

May the things you hear and see now, change your life forever in Jesus’ Name.

#### **4. Observation Births Motivation**

What does this mean? It means to watch a person's accomplishments for a while and receive the motivation to achieve the same things or more.

When Elijah asked Elisha what he wanted, he said he wanted a double portion of Elijah's kind of anointing. Having observed Elijah, he was motivated to be like him.

The mind is central to the quality of a man's life and destiny. That is why people with very poor minds are called fools. People with very sharp minds are termed wise. People who have lost their minds are termed mad. People who have mastery over their minds are called genius.

Of the disciples of Jesus, the Bible says they were ignorant and unlearned men, but all of a sudden, their lives changed because they were with Jesus. You will notice that Peter raised Dorcas from the dead the exact way Jesus raised Jarius' daughter. Jesus had asked the crowd to go outside, then he knelt down and prayed. Peter did it the same way he saw his Master do. Because he saw his Master do it, he was motivated to dare it.

A person that is not inspired soon expires. It is important that you get inspired. There is someone who should be a motivation to your life. I saw the life and Ministry of Kenneth and Gloria Copeland. I saw the life of T. L. and daisy Osborne. I saw Charles and Frances Hunter, husband and wife, stand shoulder to shoulder ministering together with the same anointing, healing power, and grace. And I told myself, this is the kind of marriage I want to have. I wanted to have a wife that would hold a microphone, preach, and minister as I do, and see the same kind of results.

Thoughts affect decision and mind set. A thoughtless person is a shallow person. I saw it in the lives of other people. I did not originate it. I saw it in other people's lives and I made up my mind that was what I will have. And by the mercies of God, I am having it.

My wife went to Benue State recently, and I received many calls from the place. They said, "She ministered exactly like you do. The fire was everywhere. There were words of knowledge and wisdom. The move of the Spirit was great. Deaf people heard, and there were all manner of miracles that took place there." Someone said to me, "We did not miss you, except your physical presence."

## **5. Observation Releases Potential**

What you carry inside you gets provoked when you see other persons working in that kind of Ministry with results. In the first Book of Samuel, the tenth chapter, Saul observed the prophets prophesying, and he too began to prophesy. While he

was in the prophetic company, he too began to prophesy. The atmosphere affected him. What he observed also affected him. That is the power of observation.

## **KEYS TO OBSERVATION**

What are the keys to observation?

### **1. Trust God always to see beyond what meets the eye.**

I am sure you have heard the proverb: “There is more to it than meet the eye.” For whatever you see, there is more. Trust God always, to see beyond what meets the eye. Beyond what your eyes see, there is a lesson; there is a revelation. Ask God to reveal to you what the situation is saying.

Say to God, “Lord, this is the third time I have a broken relationship. What are you saying to me? Is there something I need to know that I do not know?” If you find yourself in a situation and you appear to be in confusion, ask God. Those who do not ask questions do not deserve answers. Ask God. God speaks more to those who ask more. Ask God, “What are you saying to me in this situation? What do you want me to do? What are you revealing to me, Lord?”

### **2. Observe the lives of people of results, people of impact, and people of excellence.**

Observe the lives of people who have the kind of result you desire. For instance, observe someone with a high spiritual life, who is also successful in business. Let us say the person is a faithful Christian in Nigeria, and he is succeeding in Nigeria as a businessman. Find out, how is he doing it?

Observe someone with a solid family life; someone with the kind of result you desire in your future family life. Observe their lives; their mind set; their habits; lifestyles, etc. Make those qualities yours.

I observe God’s servant, Bishop David Oyedepo. I observe Pastor E. A. Adeboye. I observe Reinhard Bonnke. I observe Benny Hinn. I observe the men and women who have those kinds of drastic results; especially the one that is my father and mentor. I observe the lives of these people to see what their secret is. How do they live? What occupies their mind? How do they reason? Why do they do the things they do? I observe and make them mine.

### **3. Observe and learn from failures.**

Solomon said he went to the field of the sluggard, the man void of understanding, the lazy man, and he learnt something there. Observe and learn from the failure of your parents’ marriage. How did your mother and father do it to fail? Observe the failure of your father’s business. Observe the failure of that

Minister that went ahead of you and could not succeed. Observe, look at the lives of people.

*Spirituality is no excuse for stupidity.*

There are people from whose life you will learn how to do it; and there are other people from whose life you will learn how not to do it. From one man you know, this is how to do it. From another, you know how you should not do it. So, you know that if you do it this way, you will succeed, and if you do it the other way, you will crumble. Observe and learn.

*Those who apply mentality cannot be victims of satanic captivity.*

I cannot tell you how many things I learnt during my growing years. Coming out of a polygamous home, my eyes were opened to see so many things. As a result, I made a vow: My wife shall have a different experience from what my mother had. And my children shall have a different experience from what I had.

I had once been a member of a Ministry and I learnt from there how not to run a Ministry. The lesson was, how not to do ministry.

In essence then, in life, you learn from failures as well as successes. You learn from losers as well as winners. Open your eyes to see where it is not working, then find out why it is not working.

#### **4. Always write down your observations.**

I never go into a church without a pen and paper. I never sit in a seminar without a pen and paper. It is true that you may get the recorded presentation later on, but what you pen down reinforces your understanding. The process of writing down what you observed, what you heard, and what you learnt, doubles your retention capacity.

The wisest men on earth, including God's servant, Bishop David Oyedepo and Mike Murdock, start writing when you start talking.

Write down what you observe. Write down what you learn. Never enter a meeting, a conference, a seminar, or a church, without a pen and paper; except you do not know how to read and write.

#### **5. Act on what you observe.**

We learn things from people not for documentation but for implementation. The purpose of revelation is not documentation. Documentation is a part of it but implementation of what is learnt is what changes life.

When you ask, "How do I apply it to my life?" That is when your life really changes.

**PRAY FERVENTLY:**

*Lord, give me eyes that can see.*

*Let these eyes not only look, but also help me to see.*

*As my eyes are open, let me see what You are saying.*

*Let me see what You are doing.*

*Let me see where You are going.*

Help me Lord, never to make the same mistake once. The mistake of others that I have seen, help me never to repeat the same mistake once, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.



## **CHAPTER NINE**

### **ACTION OF THINKING**

*For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: – Proverbs 23:7a*

We serve a God of plan, a God of objectivity. That means, He has objectives for everything He does. He is a God of deliberate intentions. He does not do things carelessly or haphazardly. God has a purpose for everything He does. Every organ in the body is positioned for a purpose. The eye, the ear, the hand, the legs and the mind are positioned for a purpose.

The brain is the centre of all coordination. You cannot see, if your brain is not working. You cannot hear, if your brain is not working. You cannot move, if your brain is not working. Although the mind of man is central to the life of man, the mind is the least used. We use our hands, legs, eyes and ears, but many times, people do not use their minds. The mind is central to the quality of a man's life and destiny, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." The mind is too crucial to be ignored.

It was Papa Oyedepo that said that, "God gave man brain so that man can give God rest." The mind is crucial. That is why people with very poor minds are called fools. People with very sharp minds are termed wise. People who have lost their minds are termed mad. People who have mastery over their minds are called genius. People born with brain defects are called imbeciles.

Great thinkers end up as outstanding success. Every great thinker will be an outstanding success; and every non-thinker will be an outstanding failure. Show me a man who knows how to use or maximize his brain, and I will show you a man who is an outstanding success. Show me a person who does not use his brain, and I will show you an outstanding failure.

Spirituality is no excuse for stupidity. In the sixth chapter of the Book of Acts, the apostles said it was not reasonable for them to leave the Word of God and serve tables, so they appointed men over the business. They used their senses. They reasoned in the midst of their spirituality. They saw that it was not reasonable for there to be the kind of confusion they had. So they applied their mind to see how they could get a solution.

As a matter of fact, once you get born again, your mind becomes anointed. You have the mind of Christ, so you have results above the ordinary.

Understand that your thoughts determine your result. Your thinking affects your destiny.

## **PEOPLE WHO USED THEIR MIND**

### **1. ISAAC**

In Genesis 24:63, the Bible says, “And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.”

Isaac went to the field to think; and at the end of the day, he became the envy of the Philistines. When you use your mind, your world must mind you. The world ‘minds’ those who use their mind. Have you never seen someone speak and others say, “Don’t mind him; he is not talking sense.” But anyone who uses his mind, the world must mind him. Your mentality provokes your publicity.

### **2. JACOB**

Jacob was a man of high mentality. By the use of his mind, he snatched the birthright from Esau. He wanted to be the first born by all means. He calculated until he collected the birthright from Esau. The Bible says, Esau was a hunter and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents. As Esau jumped up and down hunting game, Jacob sat down thinking of what to do so as to become the first born (Genesis 25:27).

Jacob wanted the blessings of Abraham and Isaac, so he calculated until he realized that Esau was a lover of food. He was addicted to food for his stomach. And Jacob realized that the only way to get Esau is on the grounds of food (Genesis 25:31). He calculated it neatly, and got the blessing of the first born by the use of his mind.

By the use of his mind, Jacob transferred the wealth of Laban by a spiritual genetic engineering. He transferred it by the use of his mind.

You see, you are not where you are now because the devil is too powerful. You are where you are now based on the extent to which you have used your mind.

### **3. JOSEPH**

Joseph was a prisoner until Pharaoh called him to interpret a dream that he could not understand. Joseph interpreted Pharaoh’s dream by the gift of God in his life. But he went beyond the use of the gift. He used his mind to calculate how to offer solution to Egypt on the basis of that dream. By the use of mentality, he brought out solution. At the end of the day, he became the Prime Minister of the whole of Egypt, by the use of his mind (Genesis 41:28-44).

### **4. JESUS CHRIST**

Each time they tried to set a trap for Jesus, He escaped. They brought a woman whom they said they caught in adultery - in the very act. They said the law

permits them to stone her to death. Then they asked Jesus' opinion.

Any answer Jesus gave them would have been wrong. If He agreed that they should "stone her," they would say He was not the Messiah. For the Messiah came to save life. If He said they should not stone her, they would say He was against the Law of Moses.

He looked up and down and His mentality went to work. Then He looked at them and said,

"Anyone among you that has never sinned, let him cast the first stone at her" (John 8:7).

And He began to write on the ground. In my understanding, it seems as if He wrote their sins on the ground: "You stole money yesterday. You slept with somebody's wife..."

The Bible says they began to leave one by one, starting with the eldest. That one must have been sinning for long, so he was the first to leave. Then followed the younger ones. He kept on writing until he looked up and said,

*"Woman, where are thine accusers? And she said she could not see them. He said to her, "Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more" (John 8:11).*

He escaped by His mind. Those who use their mind cannot be trapped by the devil.

*Those who apply mentality cannot be victims of satanic captivity.*

One day, the Pharisees came to Jesus and asked if they could pay taxes to Caesar. They wanted His opinion. Jesus asked for the silver coin. When they had brought it, He asked them, "Whose image is on this coin?" They said, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "offer to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God." They were silenced.

May God give you a mind that will silence your adversaries.

### **DECLARE FORCEFULLY:**

*In the Name of Jesus, I refuse to be trapped by the devil.*

*I shall escape every satanic trap in the Name of Jesus!*

### **PRODUCTS OF THINKING**

What does thinking produce? What will reasoning bring?

#### **1. Thought Brings Answers.**

The Bible says in the book of Proverbs 20:5, "Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out."

Get this: If you are poor, right in your mind is the answer to walk out on poverty. If you fight with your husband every day, right in your mind, in your heart, is the answer to stop the fight. If there is a condition of life you find yourself in, remember that the Word says, ‘Counsel in the heart of a man is like deep water; but it takes a man of understanding to pull it out. In the process of thinking over issues, your answers begin to surface. Solution is soon on the way, when you begin to ask yourself, “How can I be begging for food like this? How can I be begging for transport money before going to church? What do I do to stop this begging?”’

Solution comes as you begin to think and to reason in the Holy Spirit. All of a sudden, the answers that are already loaded in your spirit and mind begin to surface. But those who fail to think are buried in the problems of life. They run from pillar to post, instead of sitting down to think, “What should I do? What should I not do? Where should I start from?”

Counsel, advice, answer, solution in the heart of a man is like deep waters; a man of understanding will pull it out. The thinking process is like the process of drawing water from a deep well. Your thought process is like that bucket you use to draw water. It is like drilling for crude oil. The deeper you think, the deeper the answers:

I need to walk more in the power of God.

I need to see more anointing.

I need more yokes to be broken.

What do I do to move to a higher level of power?

The more you think the more you can think.

As you think, the answers begin to surface. This has happened to me many times. I have taken one, two, or three days to settle on certain issues. And before I am through, the answers come out most of the time.

Because you are in contact with this book, your answers must come, in the Name of Jesus!

## **2. Thinking Brings Inspiration.**

Simply put: God speaks to those who think.

In Acts 10:19, Peter saw a vision: the heavens opened, and a container came down with all manner of animals in it. He heard a voice saying, “Peter, kill and eat.” And he said, I have never eaten anything abominable. It has never entered my mouth. And the voice said, “What God has sanctified, do not call abominable.” It happened three times, then it went up.

The Bible says, while Peter thought on the vision: “What could this vision mean? What it is that I just saw? What am I hearing? What am I to do?” the Spirit of God spoke to him.... The reason why the Spirit of God is not speaking to most people is because they are not thinking.

There are many people that are mindless and careless. They have no time to reason out anything. But only those who think are candidates for the voice of God. As Peter thought on the vision, “the Holy Ghost said...”

You need to think: “I have been tied down for a long time. When am I going to get married? Lord, what is the problem? What do I need to do? What am I doing that I am not meant to do? What am I to do that I am not doing?”

As Peter thought on the vision, “the Holy Ghost said...” The Holy Ghost speaks to those who think. If you want to hear Him speak, you must take time to think. Note that I did not say you should take time to worry. There is a difference between worrying and thinking. Worrying is focusing on the problem; while thinking is focusing on the solution.

Thinking says, “How do I get from here to there? Worry says, “Why am I still here? For how long will I remain here? Everybody has left me at the back.”

As Peter thought on the vision, the Holy Ghost spoke.

### **3. Thought Affects Decision.**

People who think, know how to decide and decide correctly. Thought affects decision. The Prodigal Son was wasting away his life until he sat down to think: How many hired servants of my father have food to eat and to spare, and I am here perishing in hunger. While he was thinking, solution came - “I will arise.” And he arose.

Your thought affects your decision. Your decision affects your action, and your action affects your outcome. If you can think, and think well too, you will make the right decision. That decision will affect your action; and that action will, in turn, produce the right outcome in your life.

There are many indecisive people in this world today, because they do not think. People fail examinations because they do not think about the questions before they begin to answer. There are many people that do not know how to choose, because they do not think. If you know how to think, you will know how to decide. If you know how to decide, you will know how to act. If you know how to act, you will end well.

Congratulations ahead, because I know you will end well.

#### **4. Thoughts Affect Mind set.**

Scripture tells us that as a person thinks in his heart, so is he(Proverbs 23:7). Your thought affects the way your mind is set. You know, your mind set affects your lifestyle and your character. You see, a thoughtless person is a shallow person. Whatever he says goes with the wind. A person who thinks, when he speaks, sets others thinking.

A person who sits down to reason will ask himself these questions:

All these years that I have been drinking alcohol, what has it profited me?

All these years that I have been smoking cigarette, in what way has it assisted my destiny?

All these years I have been spending money aimlessly on rent instead of building my personal house, how does it profit me?

When he sits down to think, it will affect his mind set and his mind set will affect his outcome.

#### **5. Reasoning Affects Excellence.**

Show me a person who thinks and I will show you an excellent person. Anyone who does not think treats his life with recklessness. Everything about him is shabby.

I believe you have seen a madman before. I am sure he did not comb his hair. If he did comb his hair, he wore a red tie on a green shirt, with a black suit and a pair of purple-grey trousers. Meanwhile, his tie was not properly knotted. His tie and shirt hung out. He wore sandals with stockings inside. One side of the pair of trousers was rolled up. He moved about unmindful that anyone was looking at him.

Why has he lost every trace of quality? He lost it because he lost mentality. He does not know how to be excellent. The sense of quality has died because thought is lost. There can be no quality where there is no mentality.

When you go to some very cultured hotels, right at the gate, you are well received. You are given a warm welcome at the reception. And everyone just welcomes you in a special way. They speak to you cautiously, because from the top management down, they use their mind to serve people.

On the contrary, if you go to a local hotel somewhere, right from the gate, you receive very bad treatment. At first, you are going to wait outside for so long without anyone attending to you. Then suddenly someone will ask you,

“Anything?”

If you ask them, “Please, is there any vacant room for me?” They will say, “Wait, let us see how far we can go.”

Then you ask, “May I have a seat?” They say, “No seat; just stand there.”

There you will realize that you are in touch with people who are not using their mind. They are working as zombies, without the use of their mind. They care less for the dignity of the person being served and they care less for the quality of the person. That is why, wherever mentality improves, quality must improve.

Now you see, you cannot blame anyone for your excellence level right now. All you have to blame is the level of your mind, your thought and your reasoning that are currently at work. People fail examinations not because they do not sit for the examinations. They fail because they do not supply the facts. And because they do not supply the facts, they are not supplied the marks.

The use of the mind is the secret of excellence. I believe that you are moving into a realm of excellence. You must excel.

## **KEYS TO THINKING**

There are five keys to thinking:

### **1. Learn how to reason the Word.**

It is called meditation - the ability to think the Bible.

Ask yourself, “What is God saying to me? Is there any other passage that says the same thing? So what do I do about what I am seeing?”

When you know how to reason the Word, it will assist you in reasoning for your life.

### **2. Take in quality information on a daily basis.**

The quality of your mind is determined by the quality of the stuff you put into it: The Bible stuff you put into your mind, the wisdom materials you study, the tapes you listen to, all affect the quality of your mind. The quality of inputs into your mind affect the quality of your output. A small child who is learning, A for Apple; B for Ball; C for Cat and so on, cannot answer a question on Newton’s Law of Universal Gravitation. He cannot answer that because what he has so far taken into his mind has not reached that level.

There are people that begin and end a year without reading even one book. For such people, their mind remains at the same old, outdated level. The quality of your information affects the quality of your mentality. Put in quality information. Do not let a day pass without learning something new - whether from a book, a

tape, a DVD, a CD or the Bible. Let something new enter your mind. It will affect the quality of your mind.

### **3. Mentality is affected by association.**

The kind of friends you have will affect the way you think. Proverbs 13:20 says, “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.”

Show me a man surrounded by fools and I will show you a man that is bankrupt of wisdom. The quality of people around your life affects the quality of your thoughts. It influences your opinion. It affects your mind set. It influences your choices.

Imagine that you were not smoking before, but all of a sudden, you got surrounded with smokers. You will definitely begin to smoke, either primarily or secondarily (by inhaling the exhaled smoke of your smoker friends). You were not telling lies before, but all of a sudden, you are surrounded with liars; you will eventually begin to lie and become dishonest. The quality of your association affects the quality of your mind - the quality of your thinking. If you do not like the way a person is living, do not get so close. You can relate from afar. They say, if you want to eat with the devil, eat with a long spoon. In fact, I do not want you to eat with the devil at all.

### **4. Set time apart to think.**

Note this: Thoughts require the investment of time.

You need to sit down one day. Pick up a pen and paper and ask yourself questions:

“If I want to be at this level by this time next year, what should I start doing from now?”

Put your thoughts down in black and white.

Proverbs 18:1 says, “Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.”

By desire a man separates himself, gives himself time and intermeddles with wisdom. He tells himself:

“I need to move forward. I need to get married. I need to affect my generation. I need to know where to pour my energy, my talent and my resources. If I want to move beyond here, by this time next year, I must have saved 100,000 souls. I would have made 1,000,000,000 dollars. What should I start doing now?”

You cannot just sit down like that for ideas to drop on you. You settle down to



harvest ideas. Write it down. Calculate it.

Sometime ago, I sat down and wrote some things. God gave me the gift to do so many things. I can preach on so many topics. I can literally do several things at the same time. And that is a great temptation because it can stretch you so thin. So I asked myself, “How do I channel my energy? How do I pour my strength? How do I live my life so that I have no regrets at the end of my life?” I itemized some areas where I needed to deploy my potentials and the graces of God upon my life under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. And that gave me a very great focus.

You need to set time apart and ask: “What is happening between me and my husband? What do I normally say that gets him angry.” Sit down, and set time apart. And the fact of the matter is, the more you think the more you can think.

### **5. If you want to be a successful thinker, do not dodge challenges.**

Do not dodge problems. An unbeliever-musician says, “He who fights and runs away, lives to fight another day.” Do not dodge problems. Sit down and face it, each time you are confronted with an issue like the dream of Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel answered that dream. The other people were already dead emotionally; but Daniel refused to dodge it. He took time apart and settled down. He was determined to interpret the dream. And he knew there had to be a way out. So, he asked for help from the God of Heaven. God answered and the matter was revealed to him.

Do not get to a point where there is a problem that makes you turn your back. If you run a little bit, turn back and face it. Tell yourself, “There must be a way out. I must dissolve this puzzle. I must crack this nut, by the power of the Holy Ghost. There must be an answer. There must be a solution. No temptation has taken me except that which is common unto man. But God is faithful who will not allow me to be tempted beyond what I am able, but will make a way out of this temptation (I Corinthians 10:13). There is a way out. Lord, what is the way out?” Pray. Worship. Speak in tongues. That is the grinding process!

By the time you are through, thirty minutes, or may be one hour, the problems have been dissolved into molecules, atoms, electrons, neutrons and protons. And before you know it, the answer is in your hand.

Never dodge the challenge. There is an answer. All you need is His grace and mercy. Apply for grace and mercy. For that is all you need.

### **DECLARE FERVENTLY**

*Lord, I refuse to have a decorative mind (brain).*

*I have a mind that is working.*

*I have a brain that is functioning from this moment onward.*

*Help me Lord, to put this mind to maximum work.*

*I have a mind that is working.*

*I have a functional mentality, in Jesus Name.*

## CHAPTER TEN

### IMPARTATION

*And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses. Deuteronomy 34:9*

Wisdom can be taught by instruction and caught by impartation. There is a time someone teaches you wisdom, and there is a time you have to catch wisdom. The reason is that wisdom is not just natural or mental - wisdom is spiritual. There is a spirit of wisdom that is transferable. It is the transfer of the spirit of wisdom that is called the impartation of wisdom. You may struggle with instruction but you succeed with impartation. The impartation of wisdom was the secret of Joshua. It was also the secret of the Apostles.

*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13*

*...A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed. Ecclesiastes 8:1*

The disciples got boldness by being with Jesus. Wisdom gives boldness; and they got it by being with Jesus. The disciples were imparted with wisdom by hanging around with Jesus.

The impartation of wisdom was also the secret of Timothy.

*Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 2Timothy 1:6*

The hand is like an electric cable. It is like a connection that transfers something from my heart into the heart of the other person, and from my spirit into the spirit of the other person. By that impartation, something is transferred. That is how it is with every other grace.

Paul was saying to Timothy, "Something was transferred to you Timothy, by the laying on of my hands. Ensure you stir it up." And I tell you today that one of those things that was transferred to Timothy was wisdom.

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. – 2 Timothy 1:7*

From the above, it is clear that soundness of mind can be imparted. Hands can be laid on you for your head to be correct. When the mind is not sound, it means it does not reason well.

## RESULTS OF IMPARTATION

Below are the results of the impartation of wisdom.

### **1. The impartation of wisdom releases the spirit of wisdom.**

The release of the spirit of wisdom connects the spirit of man with the Spirit of God to receive direct wisdom from God.

*But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Job 32:8*

When the spirit of wisdom is imparted to you, you begin to connect to the way God thinks. The Bible says, God brought animals for Adam to name and whatever Adam called them, those were the names thereof. In other words, what God would have called the animals, those were the names Adam called them. He worked in the same mentality with God. His mind was connected to the mind of God.

When you receive the impartation of wisdom, you begin to do what God expects you to do.

### **2. Impartation produces soundness of mind.**

When you receive an impartation of wisdom, you begin to operate with optimal mentality, high frequency mentality, a mind in the topmost working condition.

### **3. Impartation brings a release of intelligence.**

That spirit was in Daniel. It was the spirit of excellence. In Daniel 5:11, the spirit of wisdom that was at work in Daniel produced intelligence and excellence. He was ten times better than his colleagues were (Daniel 1:20). That means when the impartation of wisdom comes upon you, you reason at a higher level.

### **4. Impartation of wisdom brings empowerment of the will.**

An impartation of wisdom empowers your will to make the right decision. You will be able to make the right decision boldly.

### **5. Impartation brings quickness of understanding and easy comprehension.**

Isaiah 11:1-3 says,

*“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him...And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD...”*

It all begins with the spirit of wisdom. As a result of the spirit of wisdom, knowledge, counsel, might, understanding and the fear of the Lord, follow. And

then, it shall make him of quick understanding.

I prophesy to you that nothing can confuse you under heaven after you have gone through this book.

There is no document that you will ever read without understanding all the days of your life.

There is no material or presentation that you will ever look into without understanding it.

The last time you failed an examination is the last time forever.

The last time you failed an interview shall be the last forever.

## **RECEIVING IMPARTATION**

### **1. Desire**

Joshua desired so much to experience what Moses carried.

Every impartation comes by desire. When you see an anointing you like, you desire it and become desperate for it. You can say, "Lord, I need this kind of an anointing. Lord, I need this kind of grace."

In Exodus 33:11, Joshua refused to leave the tabernacle. He was very desperate until he got it. The Bible says,

And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

### **2. Submission**

Everything flows from up to down. When you submit to higher grace, you contact that grace. If you position yourself with submission, what a man carries can flow into your life. Confirm that you do not know and that you want to know.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; Psalms 133:1-2

You need submission!

No proud person is a candidate for impartation. The day your pastor becomes your friend, everything inside him ceases to profit you. How can you see someone who is meant to be your mentor and you call him your friend? Jesus called His disciples friends, but they could not call Him friend. In other words,

He was friendly with them and that helped them to relax. But if they wanted what He carried, they had to bow for it. If the golden cup must take water from the tap, it must bow for the tap. Friendship, most times, implies relationship on the same level.

Whenever you come to the point of over-familiarity, you are disconnected from impartation. Have you never heard a new person in a church say, “I just came but when I heard a prophetic word, I received it and everything changed in my life”? Meanwhile, someone else has been there for a long time wondering why nothing has happened to his or her life. Probably, he has become too used to church. They say, “I have heard this kind of message before. I have heard this kind of prophecy before.” But the other person heard it for the first time and he received it with all his heart and everything changed. It happened by submission.

### **3. Connection to instruction**

*And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me... Ezekiel 2:2*

The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6:63

Anytime you connect with the words of a person, you connect with the spirit of that person. If a person plays and listens to a particular preacher’s message constantly - morning, afternoon and night - after a short time, the Spirit of God in the speaker will jump into the hearer. It happens in reading materials too.

### **4. Association**

When you hang around in a certain environment, after a while, anything in that environment will jump into you. That is why, as people keep attending church for a long time, they no longer feel the sickness that used to trail them. It disappears.

In the first Book of Samuel 10:7, Saul went down to the garrison of the Philistines; and the Spirit of God in that environment came upon him and he began to prophesy. That is why you should beware whom you hang around with. The spirit of people can enter people. Spirits are transferrable (2Kings 2:15). If you hang around a thief for a while, you become a thief. If you hang around a liar for a while, you will become a liar. If you hang around an immoral person for a while, you will be infected with the spirit that person carries. You receive that impartation by association.

### **5. Transmission**

By transmission, I mean the laying on of hands. Any time you have an opportunity for an anointed person to lay hands on you or to give you a mantle or handkerchief, never take it for granted for the rest of your life. Only one

mantle that fell from Elijah to Elisha, just one cloth, a waistcloth, and he went before River Jordan, called the God of Elijah and the river was parted into two. Handkerchiefs that left the body of Paul the Apostle cast out devils (Acts 19:12-13).

A man with the spirit of wisdom can lay his hands on somebody else and that wisdom is released. Joshua was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands upon him (Deuteronomy 34:9).

Proceed in the fullness of the blessing of all that you have received. And may you rise up to the realm of supernatural living through the wisdom of God, in Jesus' Name.

## **VERY VERY IMPORTANT**

Beloved, before you drop this book, I intend to address the most important issue both in time and eternity. It is the matter of the soul. It is the matter of life. It is the matter of life after death.

Please note the following:

### **A: LIFE IS TERMINAL.**

*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: –  
Hebrews 9:27*

*Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto  
God who gave it. Ecclesiastes 12:7*

### **B: DEATH IS NOT THE END OF LIFE.**

Beyond death, life continues either in heaven with God or in hell with satan.

*And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to  
everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2*

*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Psalm  
9:17*

*And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever  
worketh abomination, nor maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's  
book of life. Revelation 21:27*

### **C: HOW YOU LIVE ON EARTH DETERMINES WHERE YOU WILL END IN ETERNITY.**

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:

*Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For  
God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be  
good, or whether it be evil. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*

*So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:12*

### **D: WHO YOU LIVE FOR DETERMINES WHO YOU LIVE WITH IN ETERNITY.**

*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under  
heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. – Acts 4:12*

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto  
the Father, but by me. – John 14:6*

Beloved, in order not to end in a regrettable eternity in everlasting flames and



torment, you must answer the following questions with all sincerity and accuracy:

1. Who are you living for? Who controls your life? Who directs your actions and lifestyle? Is it self, the world or Christ?

*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. – Philippians 1:21*

2. What are the controlling desires of your life? What do you desire above every other thing in life? What drives you? Is it God, worldly pleasure or self?

*One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. – Psalm 27:4*

3. What is your public testimony? Do you represent Christ to your world? Are you living an exemplary Christian life to the world around you? Who do they think you are?

*And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. – Acts 11:26*

*.. be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. – 1 Timothy 4:12*

4. Does God know you as His Own? Is He proud of you as His child? Can you say that He is pleased with the way you are living your life?

*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. – 2 Timothy 2:19*

*And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? – Job 1:8*

5. What are you looking forward to in eternity? Are you sure that a pleasant welcome awaits you? If you had died before this time, where do you think you deserve to be, considering your action, lifestyle and life's priorities?

*For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. – 2 Timothy 4:6-8*

Beloved, are your answers in the affirmative to all of the above questions? If not,

it means you either need to surrender your life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by accepting His sacrificial death on Calvary for you or you need to re-dedicate your life to Jesus Christ.

**IF SO, PRAY THIS PRAYER WITH ME:**

Lord Jesus, I come before You today to surrender my life completely to You. I have lived a self-centered life that is far separated from God. I have had priorities that are not eternity-centered. I have always lived in rebellion, disobedience and sin up till now.

Lord, I am sorry for the way that I have lived and I ask for Your forgiveness and mercy. Lord, please cleanse my sins by Your Blood and take Your place of leadership and rulership in my life. Fill my heart Lord with the right desires and priorities. Deliver me from the vanity and fantasies of this world. Give me the grace to say no to sin and compromise. Give me the grace to live in righteousness and represent You well to my world.

Help me escape the tragedy of eternity in hell. Help me Lord to make Heaven at the end of my journey on earth. Help me Lord to live both in the consciousness of Your Presence and of eternity. Continuously reveal to me everything that would make me unworthy of Heaven.

Thank You Lord for hearing and answering me in Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.

If you prayed this prayer, please do the following:

- i. Send to us, your name, phone number and contact address by email: <mailto:info@dunamisgospel.org> or by phone: +234 803 3200 320.
- ii. Become serious with God by identifying with a righteousness and eternity-conscious church.
- iii. Study your Bible daily to receive the Word from God.
- iv. Speak to God daily in prayer and let Him know your feelings and challenges.
- v. Disconnect from every wrong association. Don't follow them to hell if they won't follow you to Heaven.
- vi. Speak to others about God. Share your testimony of transformed life. Be instrumental in assisting someone to escape hell.
- vii. Repent promptly. Do not sleep over unconfessed sins. Apply the Blood over your soul for cleansing continuously. Live eternity-ready.

The Lord bless you.

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN INSPIRED AND BLESSED BY THIS BOOK WE**

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2. Realize our true purpose for existence,
3. Comprehend our full potential in life,
4. Discover God's life-changing and life-lifting principles,
5. Connect with God's power to overcome the negative forces of life and above all, to
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