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Valour means courage for war and battle. Men of Valour means men with the courage to face and fight battles of life with ultimate victory mentality, having anchored their faith on the truth of the accomplished work and victory over life's challenges and pressures through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary.

They are men fully equipped with the know-how of divine strategies for calming storms in all dimensions of life. They are men with full identification with God's kingdom based on Sanctified relationship with the King of the kingdom, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God.

This book will not only equip you with the knowledge you need to be the man God's kingdom principles expects you to be, it will also equip and empower you Supernaturally to take your place in destiny with outstanding observable results.

1. Men of Valour Identified

There are certain unique attributes that characterize the Men of Valour. A few of these have been carefully enumerated in this chapter and they include the following:

They are common men drawn from the crowd. They are God's choice-men drawn from various family crowds for exploits.

When the Israelites were moving into Canaan, Joshua recommended the men from a few families that were to settle east of the Jordan, the command of Moses to them before he died. He said:

“ Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan, but you shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour and help them.”

Joshua 1:14

They are armed men on the assignment of family deliverance, restoration and enthronement. They are family Armour Bearers. They bear the protective cover of families and nations.

They are men that ensure that every member of the family obtains and enjoys his inheritance.

They ensure that every member of the family enters and enjoys divinely appointed destiny.

Moses commanded the armed men to ensure others gained access to their inheritances and fully occupy them.

They are common men equipped with the knowledge of God's divine principles of effective spiritual warfare.

By equipment with right knowledge of God's counsel, they lead their families through raging adversities and battles of life. They wisely lead by the exclusive knowledge of God's word that says:

“Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.”

Proverbs 20:18

“Good Advice” refers to scripture instructions in forms of God's counsel. Proverbs 24:6 says:

“For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.”

Their equipment with wise counsel gives them an outstanding leading position and posture in their various communities.

They are choice men placed with the responsibilities of family destiny procurement and protection.

They are men whom God had saddled with responsibilities of family deliverance and restoration. They contend against satanic alliances and networks against families.

When the five Amorite kings conspired and formed an alliance against the Gibeonites because of their alliance with Israel, Gibeon invited Israel to fight against the Amorite kings. Joshua in response mobilized his men of war who were also men of valour for the conquest of the league of Amorite nations (Joshua 10:7-10).

They are men with the knowledge of the power of divine alliance. Your alliance determines your reliance. This could be observed from the reliance of the Gibeonites on Israel because of the existing alliance.

Israel, by the hand of God on the men of valour, delivered the Gibeonites- families and destinies from the invasion of the allied forces of Amorite nations.

Every man has been set for the deliverance of his family and marriage. The impact of God's glory on their lives is virtually seen on the lives of other members of their families. Because they are genuinely converted, they ensure other members of their families have personal transforming encounters with Jesus Christ and blessings on their lives also affect others.

They draw others around them into the godly alliance that has brought them divinely appointed and apportioned inheritance.

Joshua was a great man of valour and was committed to bringing others into their divinely apportioned inheritance. He ensured that Caleb obtained his commanded inheritance (Josh.15:13).

They are not selfish but large hearted with a consuming zeal to ensure total family reserve.

They ensure the restoration of stolen family blessings. They retrieve lost inheritances and possessions and ensure they are properly restored to family members.

Naaman, captain of the Syrian army, was one of such men of valour through whom God gave Syria deliverance and victories (2 Kings 5¹).

Men of valour are defenders and protectors of marriages. They strive hard to ensure that their marriage does not bear the marks of reproach and shame. They protect their marriages from demonic harassment and torture. They keep unreasonable friendship and demonically arranged relationships away from their marriages to maintain a virile and healthy marriage relationship.

They understand the truth that the wife is a weaker partner of their marriage relationship and by the God's wisdom, protects her from satanic agents' invasions. He accommodates her flaws and failures and encourages her as they build themselves into godly perfection. 1 Peter 3:7 is their watch text:

“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.”

They are defenders and builders of nations. Gideon was one of such men mightily used of God to rescue and defend Israel (Judges 6:12-14).

Men of valour are men with strange burden and compassion for the lost. This reflected in Joshua's command to the Reubenites, Gadites and half tribe of Manasseh, who had gotten their apportioned inheritance in east of Jordan. They were to be burdened with the prosperity of the rest of the Israelites before they could return back to their rightful inheritance (Joshua 1:12-15).

Men of valour are burdened with the pressure and impact of sinful living on the unsaved. Their hearts groan for the deliverance of the lost and bound of the devil. They cry in God's presence day and night for divine intervention in people's aching and ailing problems.

One of such was Moses, who placed his life on God's alter in exchange for the deliverance of Israel and company of God's presence (Exodus 33^{1-3; 12-17}).

They are armed frontiers men who stake their lives to ensure the safety and advancement of others.

They are valorous men armed with the knowledge of divine times and seasons in respect to God's move on earth.

The children of Issachar among the valorous men that came to the help of King David said:

“ And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...” 1

Chronicles 12:31

They are men with horrible past but have fought through their past to press through a glorious future. They are men with battered past but with a transformed future. One of such men was Jephthah the Gileadite. Judges 11:1&2 says:

“Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah.

And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of a strange woman.”

Though with a ridiculous past, he looked beyond the mess that seemed to have gripped his foundations, but pressed through to a fulfilled destiny. He was a mighty man of valour (Judges 11:1-11¹).

Men of Valour are leadership and rulership fire carriers. 1 Kings 11:28 says:

“And the man Jeroboam [was] a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.”

The summation of their attributes sees them as valiant, brave, steadfast, helpers of destiny (1 Chronicles 12:21), famous (1 Chronicles 12:30), and willing offerings to the Lord (2 Chronicles 17:16).

2. Limitations of Men of Valour

Mighty valorous men contend against certain forces that exert much pressure on them. These forces tend to weaken them in hurting offences against God as to lose divine presence for their easy affliction. These limiting factors are enumerated as follows:

A. Sexual Lust

Sexual Lust means intense longing or unbridled sexual desire that is directed towards someone that is not your spouse. This is induction and seduction to sex outside marriage.

This is one of the greatest challenges and weaknesses of men of valour. It is an extreme pollution that prevents them from standing in God's presence. It prevents them from being valorous men with a focused attention on divine assignment.

The Spirit of lust is a powerful spirit of immorality and pollution. It is tactical but persuasive and manipulative. It could prevail over you without your wilful submission.

It tactfully prevailed over Samson and robbed him of his power and assignment for a notable period of time. It also left him blind and a captive to the will of his enemies (Judges 16:1-23).

The Lords of the Philistines studied Samson carefully and discovered he had a weakness with women. They decided to go through his weakness to capture him.

You can resist and prevail over this force of destruction. Pay attention to yourself spiritually by building up yourself in God's Word and effective praying.

Pay due attention to your marriage and family life and invest into your relationship with your spouse. Find sexual satisfaction in your wife and make her your strongest admiration (Proverbs 5:19-21).

Resist the pressure to lust, and fight the spirit of lust with the choice word of God. The Scripture says:

“How forcible are right words!”

Job 6²⁵

Flee all appearances of evil, resist and rebuke lustful spirit's agents like Delilah with obvious divine hatred.

Judah was a mighty man of valour who was subdued by the spirit of lust. He lusted after Shuah, a Canaanite lady and committed fornication with her without due marital process (Genesis 38:1-2). This was against God's command that prevented the Israelites from inter-marriage with the Canaanites because of their idolatrous nature.

King David was a great man of valour who was subdued to sexual relationship with Uriah's wife whose husband he eventually killed (2 Samuel 11:1-16).

King Solomon was a mighty man of valour who was eventually prevailed over by lustful spirit's dominance. He had many strange women in his life that never allowed his heart to follow after God committedly. The Scripture said:

“But King Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart.”

1 Kings 11:1-3

When you sense your sexual passion burning towards the opposite sex that is not your spouse, know that the spirit of lust has projected attack on you for your destruction. You must deal with it immediately and decisively by the word of God. Minister to yourself by the word of God's command and the release of the anointing of the Holy Spirit on yourself.

Rebuke the spirit of lust and command its activities against you to cease in Jesus' name. Command the sexual pressure on your sex drive to release you in the name of Jesus. Command the flow of the Anointing of the Holy Spirit from your spirit to overflow your emotions and set you free in the name of Jesus. As you do, you will be freed and joy and peace will be restored.

B. Pride

Pride is a great enemy of a valorous man. It makes him to unduly arrogate his success to himself and his personal abilities. It makes him replace divine grace and mercy with personal efforts and capabilities.

He sees himself in the center of every successful activity. This also prevents him from attaining God's destined height of glory for him. As for the proud, King David said:

“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.”

Psalm 10:4-5

The proud walk in disobedience! King Saul manifested pride when he consciously and purposely disobeyed God's command. He was wise in his own conceit as against God's purposeful instructions. (1 Samuel 13:5-14; 15:3-23)

Saul was a celebrated valorous man that lost the glory of an established dynasty in Israel because of pride and self-will.

The proud is self-willed and self-centred. He pursues personal agenda without divine approval.

Pride is not only on the looks of the proud but is reflected in his mentality and emotional disposition. He is arrogant and disrespectful. The opinions and feelings of others would not count with him. Hurting others' feelings is not a matter to be considered to the proud.

Pride is an issue of the heart that only the power of the Holy Spirit through God's word can break the hold of pride in a man's life. Besides, there must be a constant hunger and prayer for sanctification and deliverance.

I command the hold of the negative force of pride on your life to be broken in the Name of Jesus!

The proud would not consult with God before taking and implementing personal decisions. He does so because it would bring him pleasure and not God's pleasure. God is not paramount in his thoughts and imaginations. His motives are selfish and self-devised.

“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.”

Psalm 10:4

The pride of the proud is expressed in his utterances. His words are uttered boastfully and in disregard for God (Psalm 59:12).

C. Mismanagement of Success

One of the weaknesses of a valorous man is the inability to judiciously manage his successes and attainment in life.

Some men are obviously carried away with God's blessings that they forget the basic principles of self-discipline and commitment that helped them gain access to God's wealthy place. They ignore the price they paid in holy walk with God that gave them access to God's help for divine lifting they enjoy.

Samson, for example, forgot the self-disciplined life his parents exposed him to as they were instructed by the Angel that appeared to them. The Angel said:

“Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”

Judges 13:4-5

When Manoah, the father of Samson met the Angel that first spoke to his wife, he asked of the disciplined steps they had to take to be able to enter into the prophesied greatness. In his request he said:

“... Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?”

Judges 13¹²

All they were instructed to do; they did receive the promised blessings.

As long as Samson lived within the content of God's instruction, he encountered greatness and success. However, at the height of his success, he derailed from those principles and fell victim to oppressive hands of his enemies.

Some loosen their loins to ease tension at the height of their success. They no longer lean on the content of God's sanctification and surrendered obedience that made God raise them to glory. When King Saul disobeyed God at his glorious lifting, Prophet Samuel said to him:

“When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel?

And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.

Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?”

It is very easy to walk in disobedience when you are successful. When others begin to celebrate your success, it becomes very easy to walk in your own ways because whatever you do and say would become a norm to the people. It is easy to be off guards when on top of the ladder. “The higher you go, the cooler it becomes” they say.

In relationship with God, “the higher you go, the hotter it becomes.” It takes the disciplined and the determined to maintain a stable walk in that realm. The heat of His presence would not allow you frailty and inadequacies to thrive. Carnality is not celebrated there but sanctification and consistency would keep you there.

When God's presence showed up on Mount Sinai, the Israelites in their carnality could not stand it but Moses in His Holy walk with God, went up to the mountain. The Scripture said:

“And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.”

Exodus 24:17-18

The deeper you relate with God, the stronger the demand He places on you to walk in His will and the greater the pressure to walk in His Holiness and fear.

In the light of His glorious presence, your glorious attainments in life will fade into insignificance and reveal your emptiness. It will reveal how much of Him you will ever need to rise in life (Isaiah 6:1-5).

The deeper your fellowship with Him, the stronger the impartation of His life of self-discipline and self-control. The closer the walk with Him, the more you are emptied of self and the stronger the hunger to be like Him.

Success is not in your attainment but on the atonement of Jesus Christ. When you realize your success is actually the result of God's response to your candid and committed obedience to divine commands, you would not be puffed up. In handing down success button to Joshua, God said to him:

"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

Success that comes by divine visitation comes with divine wisdom to manage it properly. It would not drive you out of God's presence but onto deeper intimacy with God.

Job, at the height of his success said:

"I put on righteousness, and it clothed me..."

Job 29:14

D. Anger

Anger could be a strong weakness of a man of valour as in the case of Moses who, in his anger, struck the rock twice as against God's instruction to speak to the rock for it to give water for the Israelites to drink (Numbers 20:7-21). The consequence of this act was judgement of God on Moses and Aaron. God said:

"Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them."

Numbers 20:12

Anger can disrobe a valorous man of his glory. It can deprive you of your God appointed inheritance. It can relegate to the rare though you have been empowered for great heights of attainment. Proverbs 16:32 says:

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh the city."

Anger will reduce you to a fool in the presence of God. The Scripture says:

"Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools."

Equipment of Men of Valour

Men of valour are thoroughly equipped to contend with challenges of life.

1. Salvation Encounter (The New Birth Experience)

The paramount equipment of a man of valour is deep salvation encounter. He must have a resounding and assuring experience of the new birth.

He is primarily a new creature in Christ Jesus. He has obtained forgiveness of sins through personal identification with the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross. He has consciously and committedly received Jesus as his personal Lord and Saviour and lives the new life in Christ by His grace. He says like Apostle Paul:

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God...”

Galatians 2:20-21

2. A valorous man groans with a deep hunger for intimacy with God. Righteousness is his garment for daily life. King David, the valorous man said:

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?”

Righteousness is one of the strongest armour of a valorous man. It is his instrument of establishment against all satanic insurgence. (Isaiah 54:14)

3. A valorous man is equipped with holiness and has holy living as his life style.

He despises iniquity and flees its appearances. He lives by operational commands of God which says:

“Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 20⁷

“And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.”

Leviticus 20²⁶

4. A valorous man is strongly armed with faith. He believes God for all victorious exploits. Giving a catalogue of valorous men of faith, the writer of Hebrew said:

“And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.”

Hebrews 11:32-34

He will never give up even when all natural signs reveal the fact that his anticipated miracle would not become a reality. He believes in the scripture that says:

“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”

Hebrews 10:35-38

Like Joshua, he presses through walls of limitation with the absolute assurance that God would partner with him for a breakthrough. He is ever courageous.

5. A man of valour is a visionary. He has a strong mental picture of his pursuits in life and zealously executes them.

Joshua was strongly focused on envisioned victory over Jericho as a result of God’s command to him. God said to him:

“... See, I have given unto thine hand Jericho, and the King thereof, and the mighty men of valour.”

Joshua 6:2

This became the basis for his envisioned victory over the city of Jericho irrespective of the shut gates and high walls of the city.

His actions are propelled by his vision. A careful observation of his activities will reveal a clean pursuit of well defined achievable goals in life.

6. A valorous man arms himself with a quality family life. He takes his place as the head of the family and leads everybody into an intimate relationship with God.

He pays attention to scripture details and leads his family members through total obedience to such scripture details. Joshua said:

“...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

A valorous man organizes his family to prepare it for godly generational impartation and blessings. God said of Abraham:

“And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”

Genesis 18:17-19

He ensures that his children are kept scripturally in subjection. He carefully and dedicatedly rules his family well (1Timothy 3:4-5).

The promise of divine greatness to a man of valour is strongly attached to his family life. He pays attention to his family as to enforce manifestation and continuity of generational blessings. God said He knew Abraham would command his children to keep justice and divine judgement to attract the fulfilment of divine promises to his family.

7. A man of valour is fully armed with the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

Apostle Peter was a typical man of valour who was filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in the new tongues. This singular encounter with the Holy Spirit transformed him and empowered him to live a fulfilled life. (Acts 2:2-4, 14-17)

His exposure to the controlled-life of the Spirit enables him to partner with the Holy Spirit for fruitful exploits.

He knows by the Holy Spirit how to go about challenges in life and meet them with definite solutions.

He is a man of the spirit that lives and moves by definite instruction of the Holy Spirit's inner voice. King David was an exemplary man of valour that lives a Holy Spirit-filled

and controlled life. In his moment of great challenge he still relied on the directives of the Holy Spirit before he acted (1 Samuel 30:8).

A spirit controlled valorous man would definitely have notable and successful exploits in life. He would flow in strange Supernatural wisdom to execute divine assignments with celebrated results.

8. He is equipped with the anointing of the Holy Spirit for family redemption exploits. Jesus, a valorous man while on earth said:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Luke 4:18-19

The anointing of the Holy Spirit is the crucial empowerment of the Holy Spirit that enables Him to fulfil divine headship and leadership mandate on his life (Acts 1:8).

The Secrets of Strength of Valorous Man

A valorous man functions on unabated strength. The account of Moses in the Scripture reveals that he was a man of stable strength:

“And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eyes was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

Deuteronomy 34:7

Moses strength maintained a constant intensity till death. What was the secret?

1. Moses had deep fellowship relationship with God. This reflected in his constant hunger for divine presence. He found pleasure in staying in God’s presence. When God invited him to his presence, he waited patiently and found satisfaction being there (Exodus 24:12-18).

He refused to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land without God’s presence and fellowship (Exodus 33:15-16). This was one of the secrets of his enduring.

Valorous men draw inner strength from being with God. God is strength personified. His presence imparts strength to those who abide there (Psalm 84⁷).

Inner strength is the source of physical strength. In other words, physical strength draws empowerment and energy from inner strength, while inner strength draws empowerment from God.

Revealing the impartation of strength that accompanies God’s presence, Numbers 23:22 said:

“God brought them out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.”

King David was a man that found strength in God. Giving the secret of enduring strength, he said:

“God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect. He maketh my feet like hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places. He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.”

2 Samuel 22:33-35,40

Valorous men have rooted source of strength in God. It is the secret of unending strength.

King David was deeply rooted in God's presence hence the unabated strength he enjoyed. Over and over, he ascribed the source of his strength to God. He said:

“The Lord is my strength.”

Psalm 28:7

“The Lord will give strength to His people...”

Psalm 29:1

“For thou art the God of my strength...”

Psalm 43:2

“I will go in the strength of the Lord God...”

Psalm 71:16

2. Valorous men draw strength from deep fellowship with God's Word.

Angels draw their strength from harkening to the voice of God's command. They pay attention to God's word and become strengthened. Psalms 103:20 says:

“Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in strength, that do His commandments, harkening with the voice of His word.”

They excel in strength because they are submissive to God's word. Valorous men also excel in strength by simply harkening to God's word. They maintain stable deep fellowship with God's word. God commanded Joshua to keep deep fellowship with

His word as that would keep him connected with divine strength and prosperous living (Joshua 1:8).

King David was a valorous man who knew the secret of unending strength to be a strong connection with God's word. He said:

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

Psalms 119:11

Job, a valorous man revealing the secret of his strength said:

“Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips; I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.”

Job 23:1

Those men waited for God's word as farmers would wait for the early rains. They declared their emptiness in the absence of God's spoken word. David ordered his moves by waiting for God's spoken directions. He said to God:

“And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? Shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.”

1 Samuel 30:8

Though David had encountered great loss, he still leaned on divine direction for empowerment and physical strength for combat.

Beloved, God's word is to be esteemed more than your necessary food if you will encounter inner and outer strength. The Scripture said:

“...man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.”

Deuteronomy 8:3

3. Fellowship with Other Believers

Valorous men draw strength from their fellowship with other believers in the household of faith. He finds pleasure in the company of other sincere believers and draws spiritual edification and strength through such company. They hold on to the divine injunction that says:

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

He treasures valuable and godly relationships. He identifies with a local assembly and becomes strongly committed to fellowship responsibilities.

4. Submission to Divine Leadership

A valorous man is submissive and responsible to divine leadership. He obediently flows with set leadership order.

He is teachable and easy to be led by others. These were observable attributes of King David's life. Even when he had knowledge of his divine appointment to the throne, he still respected and honoured King Saul who, though rejected by God, was still reigning as King in Israel (1 Samuel 16:13-23).

He draws supernatural strength from a life of complete submission to divinely appointed leadership.

5. Fasted Life of Prayers

A valorous man draws strength from living a fasted life of prayers. He observes spiritual fast when necessary but maintains a disciplined eating habit. He eats to maintain submissive spiritual life. He knows when to sacrifice a meal or two to keep a spiritually sensitive life.

Prophet Daniel in the Scriptures paid a similar price in maintaining stable feeding habit to keep spiritual sensitive relationship with God in prayers (Daniel 10:2-3).

Prophet Isaiah said:

“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

In God's presence is strength and power. He gives power to the faint and strength to those who have run out of strength (Isaiah 40:29). Men of valour seek Him for strength to fight battles of life. They stay on Him until their strength is renewed.

Men of valour maintain stable strength for consistent victorious living by their ability to stay in God's presence in prayers until they receive His touch for impartation of Supernatural strength.

6. Men of Faith

Valorous men are men who believe in God with unwavering confidence and the infallibility of His word. They would rather die believing God's word than submit to the temporal relief of doubt and unbelief.

A valorous man's life of faith is one of the secrets of his strength even in his old age. He said:

“Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old.

As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.”

Joshua 14:8,10&11

Caleb, by faith wholly followed the Lord. He believed he was going to inherit what had been apportioned to him by God’s command. He held onto that word and the Lord kept him in strength through forty years. At eighty years of age, he was still supernaturally strengthened for military exploits.

Your faith connection with God will keep you radiating God’s strength even in old age. The scripture has it that:

“By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.”

Hebrews 11:8-10

His faith in God gave him supernatural strength to take vital steps in life in positive response to God’s command. Uncertain though, these vital steps seemed in the natural sense, he still took them because he fully trusted in God who calls the supernatural and the unseen into natural reality (Rom. 4:17).

Faith would move you into God’s supernatural realm where the reality of His power and strength flow from. Moses in the scripture said:

“By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king:
for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible.”

Faith looks for that which God had already accomplished. He looks for the settled and finished. Hebrews 11:10&11

Faith calls on unseen realities by their real names as though they could be handled with human hands. It sees beyond limiting forces to hold on to God's word that is infallible, which sustains the promised beyond visible limitations.

7. Strong Family Life

Men of valour have strong family life as one of the factors of their strength. They are men with proven family life. They maintain wholesome commitment to disciplined family life.

Abraham was one of such. He built a stable and righteous family as to provoke the fulfilment of God's promise to him and his family. God testified of His family life and said:

“For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.”

Genesis 18:19

He had a strong commitment to family life. He pursued a spiritually and physically healthy family life with committed zeal. This was revealed when he had to rescue his brother's son Lot, from the invaders. His family formed a united front for this unusual confrontation and succeeded. He and his family in unison delivered Lot, his family and possessions (Gen. 14:11-16).

Jephthah had an enviable family life. Though he came from an uncelebrated family background, he restructured his life and founded a good family with a 'ruly' daughter (Judges 11:1,34-39). His commitment to quality family life could be found in the cordial relationship that existed between him and his daughter who was well brought-up with strengthened commitment to the father.

You must strengthen yourself by building a strong and virile family life. You cannot be a man of valour without a proven and reputable family life.

King David had an extra-ordinary commitment to family life. This was so strong that even when his son lost his life while attempting his dethronement, David wept bitterly for him (2 Sam. 19:1-4). His family was his treasure and delight. He endeavoured to bring them up in the way and fear of the Lord. He worked tirelessly to ensure family unity.

8. The Gift of Men

One of the secrets of the strength of successful men of valour is placement of great value on men who labour with them. They treasure them and see them as God's gift. They ensure such relationships endure productively long by strong commitment. They

invest time, love, money and whatever could ensure the pleasure of this treasured relationship.

These men as gifts, in turn bear burdens with a man of valour. This was typical of King David who had men with worthless and non traceable family roots. They were nobodies with no visible attraction but King David could see beyond their natural worthlessness to the inner deposits of untapped resources in them. He invested much in their lives and facilitated the unleashed potentials in them. The scripture later called those feeble and worthless men, mighty men of David. They became gifts to David and helped him wax greater and stronger.

“So David waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hosts was with him.

These also are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, and with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.”

1 Chronicles 11:9-10

Every man of valour values and builds intimacy with the men God gifts him with. These gifts of men eventually make way for him to pursue and fulfil divine mandate and purpose. They bring up their expertise to enthrone the man of valour.

I command the men whom God has set as gifts to you to show up in your life. I command them to help bring your destiny to the spot of accomplishment and celebration.

The Stability of The Man of Valour

A man of valour is not faltered by storms of life. He is stable and well rooted in the factors of stability that will be discussed in this chapter. Isaiah 33:6 said:

“And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.”

This verse simply tells us that a valorous man is not afraid of change because of the forces of wisdom and knowledge which stabilize him and his pursuits. When the wind of change blows around him it simply blows him to the next phase of his glorious pursuits.

Knowledge

Knowledge is one of the forces of divine stability that a man of valour strongly upholds.

He seeks to discover through knowledge, the will and plan of God for the next move. Through divine knowledge, he is aware and thoroughly equipped for every change that comes his way.

He anticipates change as a very constant factor in divine programme and through the equipment of knowledge moves on with God's divine agenda for his life, uninterrupted.

King David, the man of valour, in pursuit of knowledge said:

“Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.”

Psalm 19:2

King Solomon the wise said:

“By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.”

Joshua the mighty man of valour heard from the lips of the Almighty God when He said to him:

“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

God was pointing out the power of divine knowledge as it influences and propels natural success and prosperity.

When the right knowledge is not pursued, it would lead to frustration and destruction (Hosea 4:6).

In summary, God says to you:

“Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee; they shall withal be fitted in thy lips.”

Wisdom

Wisdom is another factor that keeps the valorous stable amidst changing times and seasons. He keeps moving on when others are struggling to rise from their falls.

Wisdom means accurate, appropriate and timely application of principles discovered through divine knowledge. It is the act of doing what you have known of God's word.

When God drew Joshua's attention to His word, He concluded by commanding him to do exactly what the word had implanted in his outstanding success and prosperity (Joshua 1:8).

James rapped up actions based on knowledge as wisdom when he said:

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

James 1:22, 25

The action requirement of knowledge is what we call wisdom, and that is what brings you blessings.

By wisdom, the valorous is stabilized in moments of harsh change. By knowledge, he does confounding things that command the wind of change to blow in his favour.

Beloved, we are in turbulent moments when the wisdom of men is failing them. The end-times are here and the economies of nations are collapsing. The knowledge and wisdom of God will ensure ease and stability. As you desire and pursue them, may you move by God’s push while others are struggling to rise from their multiple falls!

Consistency

To be consistent means to maintain a particular way of behaviour, acting in a particular identifiable pattern. It is the case with a valorous man. He identifies divine instructions and sticks to them. He is immovable but keeps divine instructions.

Consistency marks out the path of a valorous man. His acts reach towards perfection resulting from repeated submissive practice of God’s word.

He treads the path of God’s command and pleasure in pleasing the Lord.

Prophet Isaiah, a valorous man, expressed a die-hard commitment to God’s commands when he said:

“For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.”

Isaiah 50:7

James pointed out the power of consistency when he said:

“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deeds.”

James 1:25

The consistent enjoys God's blessings in what he does because he would do it according to divine injunctions. He consistently looks into God's commands and does what they say.

You cannot live better than what you see constantly and treasure. It gradually captures your emotional life and gradually rests on your heart, and then it becomes your treasure and a part of your life practice.

As you practice the acts of God's word on daily basis, your life will gain divine stability by divine impartation. When change comes, by wisdom, knowledge and constant practice of the life of victory, you will keep moving in divine direction.

Job confidently said of those living in consistency, divine knowledge and wisdom:

“At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh: neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.”

Job 5:25

Beloved, these are the days that men of valour will express the magnificence of the King of glory, Jesus Christ, who manifested valour and divine might while on earth.

Every man of valour is begotten of Him and cannot but express His glorious valour.

I command the beauty of the valorous King of glory, Jesus Christ to rest on you.

May you begin to conquer your territory by divine might from this day.

At your command, adversities will be turned around.