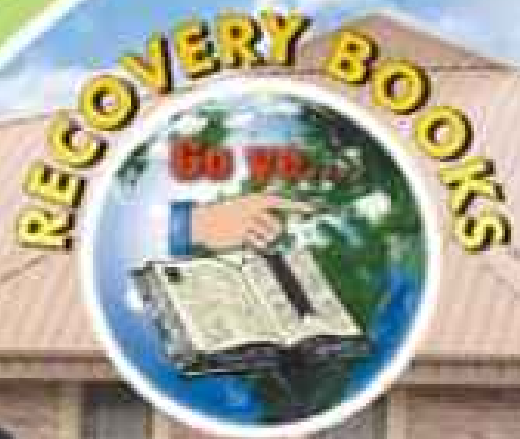


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DEDICATION

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PREFACE

The holy bible is the book of books, out of the bible scriptures the uneditable truth is extracted to refer the world to their Maker. What can the government councils of this world know enough about "Family" issue more than the Lord, the Originator of families? The whole idea of family set-up originated from God. The LORD God is an expert Mentor of every local family affair. Take note that God finishes the end from the beginning, because He knows all about it. He manufactured us.

He knows who will live to form a family. He knows all who will die at what time, and those who joke with family issues. The will of God is to bless every family today as He initiated the family of Adam and Eve with definite blessings when He said,

"...Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth" (Genesis 1:28).

Almost every creature on earth has a family, or is tied up to its kind of family. Animals in the air, land and sea, including plants, flies, insects, trees, etc., the LORD has set them up according to their families. The Lord wants you and your family blessed. He made it that without male and female there is no family; therefore, the family blessing is for all.

I recommend that you should have a copy of this booklet and own it. Seek to call the attention of a friend and neighbours to refer their family siblings' issues to it. Remain blessed as you do this. Amen!

Powerhouse.

INTRODUCTION

The Almighty God is a Father, because He has a family. The Church is the family of God. This family is spread from heaven to the earth Ephesians 3:15:

"Of whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named".

This family members in heaven are the holy angels. They are called the saints (Dan. 8:13, 15-18). Other members of this family are on earth. They are called the saints (Col. 1:12; Matt. 27:52; Eph. 4:11-12; 5:3, etc.). God is the Father of the saints. All the saints are sibs. They are both redeemed with the same precious blood of the Lamb: first in heaven (Rev. 12:9-11; 19:34) and secondly on earth (Jn. 1:29; 19:34).

Adam and Eve began the first human family on earth; and God was with them until they sinned by ignorance. Out of Adam's and Noah's families, souls were multiplied upon the face of the earth. Out of the families on earth, God is calling out repentant souls to form one holy family of the saints. This He calls

The chosen generation
A royal priesthood
A holy nation
A peculiar people
(1 Peter 2:9).

On this basis, this booklet was born with the concept of psychotherapy to address the issues challenging so many nuclear families on earth today.

The modernization of civilizations seems to undermine the parental mental therapy to parent the young people as chaste citizens for a healthy society. As the utmost commission of God to the Kingdom Church on earth, we hereby offer to all whom this booklet will reach, the hand of fellowship to return to basics for God's conventional dimension of full restoration.

This booklet is for parents and siblings, inclusive of young and experienced families. I enjoin you to read and pass on your appraisals to families you can reach.

Ikejiuno.

Chapter One

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAMILIES AND THE CHURCH

The Church and family are inseparable. The Church was born out of Family. Without Families there is no Church congregation. The everlasting, ever living immortal Body of the eternal image of God is the infinite Church. (Exodus 24:10; 33:20-23, Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). This is that eternal living image in which God said "Let us make man". The eternal Body was first shown to the Israelites (Exodus 24:10) and first touched Moses before being revealed in human form to the whole world through Jesus Christ. It was in this eternal living Body that the Blood that redeemed us came forth. It is known to us from the scriptures, "The blood of Jesus, or the blood of the Holy Ghost" (Act 20:28) by whom came the conception of Christ the Son of God. This was understood ages before now, and there is no question or shadow of doubt in that.

The Interwoven Relationship

Through the Church, which is His body, He gave birth to the family: for without the eternal image of God. there is no creation of natural families, and without the natural families the Church has no congregation.

"I am the vine and you are my Branches,"

Says the Lord (John 15:5). The branches are the families that proceeded out of the Vine, the eternal living body, the Church. The Church is the Body of Christ, according to Ephesians 1:22-23 and Colossians 1:18 also 2 Cor. 4:4. This is why family is very important to the Most High God; than a man who went into family desire by the instinct of God. Out of the eternal image came forth angels and mankind (Psalm 33:6; Genesis 2:7). These two unique units of creatures became God's family in heaven and on earth (Ephesians 3:15). Family affairs touch and affects God more than any man can think of.

Why? Because the family in heaven and on earth proceeded out of His eternal glorious Body which is His immortal Church. Families congregate in the church, for that is the eternal source of family origin. Therefore, it is in the Church that every family situation and malady are best resolved and dissolved. Many government and private sources have intruded into resolving family affairs without God, the Origin of marriage and families.

No man can do it as God would if He is let to do it by the power in His patterned word. Unfortunately, the secular minded world does not know, respect or understand the divinity of the Church. Moreso, this global irreverence to the church and the endowment of its theocratic authority is due to the bigots , who speculate and fake about the church, on the basis of private setups.

Reformation of unfulfilling Families

Break ties with negative genetic connection to the family chronicles.

The defunct grip on modern day family is based on 'not informed enough' of the origin of family decoration. The Lord God not only made families for man but also extended family issues to animals and plants. Let's face it: all fowls of the air, four footed animals, creeping things of the earth, domestic birds, all trees and plants of the earth, all the living creatures in the massive waters, have families of their kinds and multiply through their family sources, It is obvious that God, the Maker of heaven and earth instituted families as part of His creation. He did this to establish domination on the kingdoms of His creation- However, the angelic family does not procreate. They were created in multitudes of innumerable companies (Luke 2:13; 20: 34-36; Hebrew 12:22).

Although they have divided in two segments or factions after the angelic war in heaven caused by Lucifer, they still do not procreate from their celestial bodies. The only way the evil angelic families multiply is by spiritual possession. They demonize their human agents and empower them to operate exactly as demons, Lucifer and his loyal angels are rejected by the Lord, because they are evil. Presently, Lucifer, now the devil, seems and stands as the father and owner of evil angelic faction now called demons, and all liars among men (Jn. 8:44; Rev. 21:27; 22:15). They increase their population by possessing the mind and souls of human populace by influencing them to sin against God's will continuously. This is why 1st John 3:8 says, that whosoever continues to commit sin is of the devil, because Satan-Lucifer began with sin from the beginning.

Whosoever also turns away from Satan and sin by the empowering of righteousness of faith in Christ Jesus is automatically switched over and becomes the child of God. Therefore, by this form of the supernatural battle of faith, the positive angelic family of the Kingdom of God is also multiplying by spiritual conversion of the former victims and captives of Satan.

It is only God Almighty that holds the chronicle of families from origin. Families gave birth to races and many nations on earth. It is God alone who can settle family affairs by His Spirit and holy words from the bible, spoken and written by inspiration, to pattern families' by divine arrangement. If any one is converted to God through the Spirit of Christ, he is made to become a new creature by divine transformation (2 Cor 5:17).

The old universal genetic bondage is past away from him. Behold, all things have become new. New life in Christ. Now, despite every old mental carry-over of ancestral influence on your family, those ideas now become defunct things of the falsehood, to the origin of family Chronologist, that is the Lord Himself. God's power destroys or annuls evil hereditary genetic disease, sickness and mental depression.

Chapter Two
DELIVERANCE FROM THE DANGER
OF SOUL-TIE

New birth in Christ changes also the chronicle of negative chromosomes. The soul in man naturally relates to the embodied chromosomes, but the new spiritual birth in Christ rewrites the negative history.

"Chromosome" is a structure in the cell nucleus that contains DNA, histone protein, and other structural proteins: which may not come up in this book.

The Soul

This means the spiritual consciousness of material existence within the realm of human and animals, which is often regarded as immortal. This also determines the moral, emotional and the intellectual nature of a creature or person. This shapes the personification or pattern of individual humour. Soul is the main link of spiritual and material relationship. The things soul is tied up to before forming a personal family, could go a long way to militating negative or positive influence in the later family.

Some of those influences may occur through:

- (i) Mixture of copulation blood with possessed opposite sex before marriage
- (ii) Occultic related friendship.
- (iii) Compromise to the demonic beliefs inherited in the environmental influence of the upbringing etc.

Copulation is the quickest common way to go into lifetime covenant with strange spirits possessed in the opposite sex. Evil spirits have no blood to live on earth. And so, they live in the blood of any one they possess. The reason is, in the blood there is life (Lev. 17:11). The reason why Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of all mankind is tied up to His blood He shed to redeem us from unknown covenants we carry about. He shed His blood to neutralize the ties, or bonds that lay grip on many souls. Copulation makes two to become one says 1st Corinthians 6:13, 15-17 and Matthew 19: 4-6.

Vs 13 "...Now the body is not for fornication, But for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

Verse 15; "Do you not know that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of a harlot?

Verse 16: "What? Know ye not that he who is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

Verse 17: "But he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit."

Blood is too powerful. Blood is a soul. Many families on earth are facing unknown troubles and difficulties, because of soul-tie. A fornicator or an adulterer has so much spiritual problem than he can ever think of. This is more reason why the world is full of corruption and unrest. Many are

not what they are really destined to be, because of soul-tie with many abused and accursed bodies. The Bible says:

"Flee from fornication". Why? Every sin man commits is outside his body but he that commits fornication has sinned against his own body (1 Cor. 6:18).

This means that as the wages of sin is spiritual death, the victims of fornication are living with their bodies spiritually dead before God. The question is, does he or she know this? If two have promised to marry themselves and one of them turns aside to abuse his or her body, it is better to quit from proceeding further in that marriage than to continue. Why? That marriage shall definitely experience a bitter futility in the future process. The spirit behind soul-tie is hiding in the body of the victim, because he is hiding in him or her as the hypocrite of witchcraft. Soul-tie is a covering spirit, because of hiding of the immoral act. Soul-tie (immoral copulation) is an occultic covenant, because of secrecy.

However the freedom from soul-tie spirit carries some degree of shame. What is the freedom? Open confession. This begins to loosen the tie. You may be forgiven or not in the human realm, but you may be forgiven by God. If soul-tie iniquitous bondage is not broken, you may never have a relaxed peaceful mind in the marriage, though you try to do everything possible to be good. Soul-tie spirit is a secret partner in the marriage. It stands in between the committed trust needed in the marriage. It sits in the bottom of the heart with the memory of the experience.

Copulation Covenant Before Engagement

Such a copulation affair does the same damage, both before and after marital promise. In as much as the copulation was done:

- (i) Outside, or before the engagement
- (ii) With someone else after engagement to somebody, the impact of the reprisal hunts.

If the copulation is between the two engaged persons, it is very wrong. However, if they go on to marry, they may be forgiven by God. If they end up not marrying, they carry the bondage of soul-tie. Note that, that spirit is a stinking spirit that carries hatred. You can just be hated without any cause, either because you share your body with someone under the curse of soul-tie, or your own self. Therefore, it is a better blessing to keep far from copulation until marriage. There could be danger of the marriage not working out as planned for some reasons.

If copulated before the disarray your body remains abused before God.

I want you to be thinking very deeply of the horrible miry slime-pit the Lord Jesus Christ has come to get us out from. The bible says that He went to the pit of hell to deliver us out of reproach, blame and captivity of Satan's organization. If you have done all these before knowing Christ, you only need deeper prayer of deliverance. If you have done this having known Christ and the will

of God, you need an exclusive remedial grace. There is more to explore on this issue, but you are free to book for counseling session!

Inter-blood Sucking

There are men and women walking freely in the street without understanding the evil they have done to themselves by sucking the blood of each other in secret, in the name of "I love you". "We vow that curse should be upon us, if we fail to marry ourselves". Do you know that many have failed this deadly vow? Many have victimised themselves by failing their instifal vow; after they found another choice of flesh. Please read, James 1: 13-15

The LORD commanded in the unchangeable word that man should not eat the blood of animal, how much more blood of fellow human being? It is forbidden to suck blood. Witchcraft is acursed with death, because socerers suck blood. He commands that a witch or wizard should not be allowed to live. Many have freely destroyed themselves, soul-tied maniacs. Sucking blood by lust is classified under the second (2nd) other of soul-tie. The third (3rd) order are the consequences of deaths.

It is a cannibalistic abomination for a man to have such a heart that can boldly suck blood. He is pro witchcraft. Sucking blood is a bit more than shedding blood, because he sheds blood in which is life, and eats that he shed (Lev. 7:10). Warning Against Eating Blood. Read (Acts 15:20, 29; 21:25; Revelation 2:14, 20 and finally Leviticus 17:14). It is a fearful thing to eat blood deliberately, because it appears to be an immoral sin, which is not susceptible to death.

Nothing goes well in life for such persons if they fail to marry themselves. They need supernatural intervention even if they end up marrying themselves. Return to the only Saviour Jesus Christ, the Redeemer now, please.

Chapter Three

FAMILY HEALTH CONDITION

The domestic health of a family is the health that conditions the atmosphere of the race. Every race began with a family. The typical examples are Noah and his descendants, Abraham, Jacob and the twelve tribes of Israel etc. The future development of a successful society is shaped from the family domestic foundation. In a certain European society, flying news tales of how a woman reported her own son to the police for failing to pay tax on certain profit he made. This woman believed in building the welfare of her society from her domestic foundation. What and how she approached the issue might not have been the best, but that was her mental focus to contribute to the societal success. Many are comforted when their sons and daughters die in the war as a means of their sacrifice and contribution to their society. They honour them as heroes.

Every nation is a wider family built up from private families. If not for individual families, there will be no doctors to run the clinics; no engineers to operate machineries; no teachers to teach in all fields of knowledge; no industrialists; no rulers in communities and nations etc. The health condition of every family contributes either good or evil to wider society in general.

We are looking at training a child in a broader concept. The Holy bible commands training a child in the way he should go: and when he is grown older, he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). A whole nation begins from domestic family offsprings. Many impossible marriages began from the domestic family circles.

(i) Relationship of the Couples:

The fundamental structure of a family is the ladder with which the children climb to grow. You don't stop a child from stealing whereas he or she grew with parents who live by stealing. How can you stop a girl making changes of boy friends of her choice whereas she grew up in such a household?.

How do you stop a child who grew up with parents who live on drugs, not to do so? The Lord has set up revival and deliverance in the Church therapy, for the families and individuals who seem to have permanent damages to be saved and delivered. Therefore, it is an abject ignorance to keep away from Christ, the only divine source of restoration and reformation.

Every male and female can become a parent and must give account to God for the upbringing of any child. How do you think children have love towards God if they grew up in the environment of iniquity? Why is the fear of God dying out fast in the societies of this world? Children have very sensitive magnetic mentality. All they observe are stored in their memory for a very long time. Many Children will grow up to do exactly what they see their parents do.

If they grew in the presence of a mother disrespecting the father by harsh and quarrelsome words, the girls may grow up to disrespect and abuse their husbands before their children. By this, generation of iniquity is on the increase. They shall give account to God for all these. How can you convince a child that quarrelling in the family is not good, whereas he or she grew up with that and in that. Bad precedence may end up packaging a future divorce record for those whose husbands wilt not tolerate indiscipline.

(ii) Environmental Influence

Environmental atmosphere contributes to the shaping of mental focus. The influence is more pronounced in children. For example, what happens where you are at a time, is all you see and witness. You can tell the story. Affection: issues affect people who are present at a scene of event.

For example, people who are not in an accident vehicle are not part of the accident. Environment contributes to feelings and occurrences. Families that want to be good and accountable to God must beware of the environment they associate with. Association exposes the family children to relationships. A quiet environment may contribute to the peace and may add to the family a better quality of mental faculty.

(iii) Parents Spiritual

Responsibility to Children

In the olden days of Israeli apostasy, they killed the children of their choice to worship idols in the presence of other children (Ezek. 23:37, 39). What examples had such parents for

their children? If a single mum does not respect chastity before the growing children; what will they turn out to be in the future?

If a father will not work, but let the wife struggle alone and this creates some uncomfortable atmosphere between the couple, the children will certainly take side with either the mum or dad. A dangerous precedence has been set in such a family. The children have been brought up to be judgmental at their juvenile mentality; and this is either against the mum, or dad. Isn't this terrible?

The spiritual danger of any evoked negative practice is against the future of the children. The word of God has warned that children must obey, or honour their mothers and fathers, that it may be well with them: and that their days may be long on earth (Eph. 6:2-3). It is not good to expose the children to such a precarious peril for the devil to take advantage of their errors and punish them in future. The Lord is hereby telling my spirit to tell you never to be angry against your children for what you have brought them into. God shall forgive them and it shall be well with them for your love sake. Forgiveness shows love.

Food for the Children

- a. Teach your children good things; especially to know that there is a good God in heaven who loved them and made them.
- b. Read the bible stories to them.
- c. Teach them to know God's concern for them.
- d. Teach them to know that they can communicate with God through Jesus Christ.
- e. Not only praying for them regularly, but also you have to pray with them.
- f. Teach them how to talk to God.
- g. Teach them how to use their knees for prayer.
- h. Teach them to love each other and respect the elderly.
- i. Teach them how to apply Jesus' name in prayer to God.

It is not really good for children to see mummy and daddy quarrelling, because of another man or woman militating or sharing interest in the family binding covenant. Beware of what you let children go through. Remember you must give account to God for all your secret living now that you are free to use your body

(2 Cor. 5:10).

(iv) Children's Spiritual Responsibility to Parents

- a. Beware that none of the parents domineer the loyalty of the children to be one sided.
- b. It is better for parents to respect each other before the children for good examples.
- c. Teach children to greet parents in the morning and after food. By this they share gratitude.
- d. Children should pray that God should bless their parents.
- e. As they grow to working age, they must learn to bless parents with money and substances.
- f. Teach children how to respond to parental call and to any elderly.

The above few points and more will help children to attract more favour from God. Encourage your children to sow seed of tithe and offering to God for them to be prosperous in life.

(v) Family Moral Responsibility

This headline is to do with concern to human behaviour. It has to do especially with the ability to equate distinction between the levels of temperament and management of behaviour. The ability to manage diverse behaviour builds up the heart to have feeling and compassion for the weak-minded.

All the children in the family may not be as the best and second best. Some may be more vulnerable than the others. Coincidentally, one may end up going into marriage with that type of person that needed so much help to cope. This could be terrible as well if the partner in marriage has no idea of such situational management. There could be quarrels and possibly fighting in the family. At this point things are falling apart.

The ability to contrive or manage issues is the necessary tool for family governance. If you know your moral obligation to the family, there will be no room to condemn some and love some more than the others. Do not let this impression surface in the family. If some are made to believe to be unloved, it could create a very nasty desperation which may lead to building a terrible futuristic gulf that might enforce jealousy and envy to be in place. More so, the acute danger in such situation is the lingering for silent hatred and enmity.

We are definitely ignorant of many things which cause our problems. The ability to contrive issues could pass on as a mantle to a future generation. Some parents are so lazy from their youth. Through their laziness, they impose their domestic duties on their underage children all in the name of training. This is not right. A parent should be able to have the sense of moral contrivance. This will help to discern up-to-date necessities. Making children do manual works when they are under-aged, corrupts their minds, because of the excess of fatigue laden upon their juvenile mentality. Parents of now and parents to be, know your moral responsibility. Knowledge contributes to the output of love. If one is foolish, his love becomes an infatuation.

(vi) Parents and Children Living Apart

It is not always evil for parents to live in different homes from some of their children, except without family agreement. It comes to a time in life that children grow up to living in their own separate apartments as adults. Parents do allow this for that is the way of this life. However, it is more advisable that the adult children due to live alone should not live far from parents at the initial stages. Parents should not relax or give up on the adult child newly living apart. Parents must be curious to know how he or she is coping always. Living alone is a new liberty which requires parental monitoring until he is fully experienced to live independently. Definitely, new friends are bound to increase except there is an auxiliary control to efface the danger ahead.

The children who are not born again by the Spirit of God may use the opportunity of new found independent freedom to go into deeper sin of immorality and thereby attracting the wrath of God unawares. Therefore, the born again parents owe their adult children to lead them to God before they start off their independent life.

Once upon a time, a young man of almost twenty (20) years of age got employment which took him over three hundred (300) miles away from his parents. For the first time he got a home for himself, and existed in an uncontrolled freedom. He made friends who taught him to destroy his virginity with prostitutes. The third (3rd) time he went to the prostitutes and paid three pounds (£3.00) as usual. After three days he discovered that he had contracted venereal disease and could not urinate properly with ease.

He spent all he had to cure himself, but never got the right physician to cure him. He remained uncured for decades and could not produce children, because he was disabled. This story may help parents to get advised on how to handle children who have left home to live on their own.

Even before children grow into adulthood, parents should prayerfully give their children the right mindset to know the right persons to associate with. Evil communications corrupt good manners, says the bible (1 Cor. 15:33). This still refers us to Prov. 22:6 which instructs that you should train up a child the way he should go, and when he comes to his adult age he will not depart from it. The troubles and crimes in the street today are increasing day by day. Fierce violence is rampaging. All this declination began from relaxed attention to proper training. Secularism has given so much right to wrong doing, because they lost the guidance of the Lord. Listen to this; Let children not force themselves into new homes or marriage without assured parental consent

Chapter Four

THE INFLUENCE OF DIVORCE

Influence is a bond in Hebrew tongue. This is why influence is so powerful. If people are influenced by interest, they are bound by the control of that. Influence controls the mind and subjects the heart to obey. The influence of divorce simply means a situation or condition that releases an atmosphere that registers in the memory. This influence identifies a permanent mark of reference to both of them who were in a marital relationship. Divorce is only tied to marriage. Though fornicators may have children with several persons and go their ways; nobody calls that divorce. Those children might have become doctors and engineers, yet they are not related to divorced parents. At times children born outside marriage prosper more than those born in marriages, yet they have no legitimate covering.

Marriage is the legitimate glory for children born in it. Divorce makes children feel the loss of combined parental union. This distant communication to either father or mother leaves an instant vacuum. Divorce means to remove out of place completely. The Hebrew tongue calls it "garish" meaning "drive out" as if expelled. In the days of Moses, divorce was common and normal. Let's read some accounts of divorce from the bible.

Deuteronomy 24: 1-4

Vs. 1: When a man hath taken (a woman as) a wife, and married her and it came to pass that she did not find favour in his eyes, because he had found some uncleanness in her; then let him write her a letter of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

Vs. 2: "And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.

Vs. 3: And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;

Vs. 4: Her former husband who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after she is defiled, FOR THAT IS AN ABOMINATION BEFORE THE LORD; and you shall not cause the land to sin, which the Lord your God is given you for an inheritance.

The unclean things husbands and wives find on themselves in those days are most of the things the gospel teaches us to forgive one another today as Christ forgave us and died in our place to take our sins away. However to avoid fighting and perhaps imprisoning and killing each other, they were commanded to divorce.

God permitted that, but it was not entirely His perfect will. The Lord Jesus says that it was allowed due to the hardness of their hearts (Matt. 19:8). However, He went on to explain more reason why, He Himself allowed divorce. It is better to stay without divorce besides certain prime inevitable developments. Among others the Lord mentioned one point. And this is, "And I say to you, whosoever shall put away his wife except it be for fornication, and shall marry another is committing adultery; and whosoever marries her that is put away does commit adultery.

(Matt. 19:9).

Spiritual Whoredom

Besides fornication as mentioned in the New Testament, there are principal factors that lead to divorce during engagement and when in marriage. One of them is witchcraft.

Exodus 22:18

"You shall not allow a witch to live"

Leviticus 19:31

"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them; I am the Lord your God." Witchcraft in marriage defiles/destroys the potential progress of home and establishment. Marriage authority covers a witch to operate very successfully under cover. God does not forgive witchcraft practices, because He groups it under rebellion (1 Sam. 15: 22-23). Active witchcraft does not allow progress to grow. It is better for a witch to seek for God's

deliverance, if it is possible before going into marriage with a normal person, the same is the case of a wizard.

Every wizard seeking to marry a normal woman for wife is hereby advised to repent from Satanism and seek deliverance and freedom from demonism. Or the best bet is for witches and wizards to marry themselves and go far from the Church of God. The Lord is about to destroy all the on-going secret occultism hiding themselves in the congregation of the living God.

Chapter Five EVIL OF BELIEVING SOOTH-SAYING

Lev. 20:6

"And the soul that turns after such as, have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people."

Verse 27

"A man also or woman that has a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones; their blood shall be upon them."

The scriptures you have just read condemns:

- (a) Going after those who divinate in the name of Christ by soothsaying, but misgives the word of God outside His pattern.
- (b) To put to death any one who has the familiar spirit or wizard, that is witchcraft.

Analysis

Like we read in Acts 16: 16-24 of how a lady who had familiar spirit divinated for St. Paul by soothsaying. How are we entirely sure that many prophecies in many congregations of today are not motivated by unclean spirits, those rebellious angels that were cast out of heaven? They know the word of God, but they are not part of it. This was how Satan deceived Eve by the word of God. He came to Christ to deceive Him when He fasted (Luke 4: 1-11). I say be aware that in this last days they are swiftly taking over the congregations of God's people in the name of prophets.

Now listen to the Lord's warning.

Matthew 7 vs. 15

"Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are reviving wolves".

How do you know them? "You shall know them by their fruits vs. 16.

Matthew 24 vs 24-25

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and (lying) winders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Vs, 25: "Behold, I have told you beforehand".

They know Christ

Hear one of them in a certain congregation.

Luke 4: 33-35

And in the synagogue there was a man, he had a spirit of unclean devil, and he cried out with a loud voice

Vs. 34: Saying, "let us alone; what have we to do with you, you Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are; the Holy One of God."

Vs.35: And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "shut up your mouth, and come out of him." And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and could not hurt him.

Those spirits in that man saying "let us alone" might have served that congregation for a long time as their profound and applauded prophet- But Christ cast them out and needed not their prophecy. Many today will go for it. St. Paul cast them out in his days. We must cast them out today, for Christ has authorized us and empowered us to do so.

If you take out time to read St. Mark 5 vs 2 to 20, you will discover that familiar spirits not only known Christ, but also call Him by His name. The Lord does not associate with whoever is comfortably possessed of them to make great name for themselves in the name of Christ.

To kill those who are possessed with wizardry, familiar spirits and witchcraft according to Lev. 20:27 means to divorce such a husband or wife if they reject deliverance from the Lord, by His word, because they are anti-Christ. They only pretend to profess God with their lips, but are set for hidden destructions.

Once upon a time, a woman complained bitterly of her husband's performances in the night and in the long run, her fervent prayers made the man very uncomfortable. Not as if she shouts when praying, but prays quietly. Finally, he confessed to be a wizard.

There was another case that a man went to the gents in the night; and coming into the room, saw a cobra. To lift up his voice to shout, the cobra quickly ran into his sleeping wife's private part. Quickly she sat upright, but the serpent has already gone inside of her.

There was a woman who confessed of her witchcraft activities in the church against her congregation. Being the head of the women in her centre, they cook in her place: and in the night she will mess on the food in the basin prepared against the next day. Whoever eats that food, she said, must hate the church and leave after a while.

The next terrible thing that happened was that after the confession she just died and gave up the ghost before every one. As soon as she died, her first daughter of eighteen years old began to confess to their pastor of her own role. She confessed that her mother possessed her to live on human blood. There are many instances of men and women in marriage possessed with witchcraft and familiar spirits. Please you have no wife or husband if any of these is possessed with witchcraft. You can never be who you should be in life if you are in such marriage. A nation ruled by witchcraft leaders must be seduced into abject corruption and abominable hearings, or news.

Another attraction that lure people into curiosity of copulation after engagement is the unrepented heart of sin given up to the control of the spirits of lust of the flesh and foolishness, controlled by stubbornness and wickedness. By this, many have set up future problems for themselves. Demons never work with any one to let him or her remain free. Work with Satan is a covenant to pay back.

More so, if anyone has the love and courage to continue in his or her marriage after a partner in matrimony has estranged the body, he should keep his marriage. If there are bearable circumstances surrounding your family should a vacuum be created, you have the right option to keep your marriage provided you should still live in matrimonial love and harmony. A man had caught his wife on three (3) different times in immoral affairs through the help of spies. On the fourth (4th) time was on his own bed in his own house. His Pastor told him at that point to continue in his marriage that, that was his cross to bear. Quickly he ordained the man to become a deacon in his church. The man continued in that marriage for a while, but only the Lord knows what happened latter. The pastor told me this story personally before the Lord. Only God knows if that Pastor would have been able to hold on to his marriage, if such a situation had happened to his own marriage.

There are also some well-behaved ladies who believe that it is disrespectful to bring in another man into their marital beds when the husband is away. They rather advise that they should have their copulation outside the marital homes. They even count it as hastily for squatting brother or sister to have affairs in the house when their elderly one is away. They also advise that they should look for somewhere else to do such things.

There was a very good religious housewife who knew the story in John 8:1-11 very well. She is so committed to her whoredom not only going outside, but also brought some of them on her marital bed. She was married to a prime active figure in the church. When she was finally caught, some people blamed her. Her actions were condemned by the members and she quoted the above scripture in her defence, citing how merciful Christ can be when a woman commits adultery.

There was again another eye-witness story of a woman who was one of the senior prophetesses in her congregation. She was a tall gorgeous looking lady. In the black race she is said to be fair in complexion. She was quite an active member of her Church paying tithe and giving good offering. She was known to be carrying one of the best looking bibles. However, she was living in a place then known as City Hotel. She not only lived there, but worked there as a prostitute. Notwithstanding, what both herself and her church believed about God is only what themselves can say. Their church was known to be wearing white garments for worship: and her one dazzles as she walks majestically with her bible on her armpit

There was yet another case where a man suspected that his spouse or wife was already having carnal affairs with unknown men. She denied it very strongly at hearing this. But later in the process of days, he got back to her asking what wrong things he had done against her. She certainly affirmed there was nothing except that he does not satisfy her sexually, though she had denied the flatting accusation. The man continued in his marriage to see if he could meet up with the demanded challenge.

Now for all the above and more, feel free to call us for counseling to brighten your life.

Chapter Six

HOMES OF SINGLE PARENTS

It is wrong to blame a single parent in judgment with knowing the detail of why he or she is single. It must be noted that things are not going the same way with every person as the other. It must also be realized that situation in life leads to occurrences. Let's look to the seven points of what could lead to single parentage.

(i) Death could lead to singleness. If a wife or husband dies according to the way of all the earth, the one that is left alive is bound to be single. If one did not kill the other, the left alive is justified before God.

(ii) Pregnancy without marriage

So many men are sexually corrupt, but hates to marry corrupt ladies. This is because they do not have the confidence in themselves. When they think of how corrupt they are, they associate the same to someone else. If a lady has an illegitimate pregnancy she is not condemned forever if she repents by embracing the salvation of Christ and receiving him into her spirit wholeheartedly as her Lord and Saviour to eradicate her sins. The same thing applies to young men who are found in the same predicament.

If they repent and vow never to go the same way in life; God has received them. They are fine and good for marriage.

Successful marriage is that which the Holy Ghost, that is, the Spirit of God, controls the partners in marriage. If any lady likes to live alone to raise children for herself through any man of her choice without legal marriage, she may live well through the social welfare benefits, but after her life on earth she shall give account to God like every person will do.

Note that some women are already confused in this life; having tried several marriages, but never lasted to any end. Therefore some preferred to live single in search of peace, I therefore introduce to you the Lord Jesus Christ who alone is the Prince and King of Peace. He gives perfect peace of mind now and in eternity (Jn. 14:27; 16:33). With Christ there is no end of the road.

Moreover, some single-minded women may never be loyal to the control of a husband, because they were raised by single mothers of the same attitude. Some parents push their daughters into the streets to look for food for the family, because of hardship. All this could lead to future single addiction. God never created Adam single, but calls us back to His standard of having a legitimate pair. The original plan of God is to have children in marriage, but Satan has long attacked the human kingdom on this. All hope is not lost. Christ is still the only way out. If we yield to God's kind of changes, the Lord shall ameliorate.

(iii) Divorce

Divorced man or woman is definitely single. That is another ground to be single.

(iv) Separation in Marriage

Some of the causes why couple separate is due to regular troubles in the home. Anyway the bible says in 1 Cor. 7 vs. 11.

"But if she depart, let her remain unmarried without fornication to avoid terminating the marriage permanently before God: or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.

(v) Separation Due to
Childlessness

Once upon a time, a man whose name was Mr. Sunday had something terrible going through his mind, but was undisclosed to any one. It fell out on a day that he could not endure the situation anymore. He took for himself a container full of petrol and went to the garden side of their compound and soaked himself with the whole liquid fuel and lit himself up with matches and burnt to pieces.

His problem was that he had married three (3) women plus other private trials, only to discover of lately that he could not procreate. Unfortunately, he did not try Jesus before the suicide. Such condition could bring a woman or wife to a single life again. She had thought that she had gone into marriage, but only to discover she was stuck. Think of the lives of those three others. What

became of them? It is advisable for who ever knows himself to be unhealthy or has infection, to keep away from seeking for marriage until he gets himself cured. This will also helps to reduce crisis in the streets.

Once upon a time, a man made a choice of a wife among the ladies in their congregation. It came to a time that they wedded and lived as husband and wife, now a couple. Quickly the healthy Christian young man caught gonorrhea, that is, venereal disease from his newly wedded wife. He remained ashamed for a very long time to confess the shame to any one. When they went for prayer of blessing for pregnancy from a curious minister, there they confessed the ordeal for the first time. They had long been treating it privately, but to no avail. The infection had prevented them from having the fruit of the womb. If we don't come craftily to God to receive blessing, but come with truthful confession of our sin, God shall hear us and heal us. May the Lord forgive our foolish wickedness.

At somewhere called Barakin Abdullahi, there was a man who already had two to three children with his wife. A certain unfortunate week fell but to him that he caught venereal disease from his wife; and began to produce purple before passing urine. Most of these sexually transmitted diseases STD, destroy the male procreative fluid. He could not hide the predicament, but began fighting his wife publicly, and it was known to all openly.

Currently, many family fathers and mothers have died, because one passed HIV aid to the other. Their children were also affected and are dying. There are many diseases people had deliberately passed to each other. This is a willful destruction before God. If we confess our sins, God will even heal victims. The Lord is good.

Suppression and Domineering

Some women have punished husbands, because of the strange men in the street. Same with some men who for the sake of strange women punish the wives they have at home. This must be repented of and live right before it becomes too late to repent and turn to the living God of mercy. Read Isaiah 55:7-8.

Chapter Seven

ATMOSPHERE OF SINGLE HOMES

(i) Children under single parent

Such children do not have enough parental domestic care especially when the single mum or dad had to leave home for work to win bread. If they are very young and entrusted to the care of child-minders, it may never be as those moments the actual parents spend with the children. If they are fully grown adolescent, they still lack serious parental check. While the parent is away to work place/ he or she is not very aware of the companionship the children associate with. It is not quite enough for a single parent to satisfy the need of children's growing health.

(ii) Children Growing at a Separate Home

If a parent could not cope keeping all the children all alone due to other commitments, he/she may be forced to allot one or some to relatives, or friends to help and keep. I bet you that the child may be happy out there, but not with same feeling when at his real home.

(iii) Children Growing Without Knowing Mother or Father

There are some situations where children find themselves under fostering all through their infancy. At times this condition is caused by mothers who abandon their babies and flee. Such children end up growing under foster care when they are found. They lose their biological love, but grow somehow as public children; except if put under an individual to grow up for a lifestyle. Childless families go to fostering homes to adopt them as their own children.

In many cases they end up in good hands and looked after as biological children. However in the future when they are fully grown, they may get to know the history of their life and feel a bit uncomfortable. I say to all who find themselves in this atmosphere to rejoice evermore for there is eternal hope and comfort in Christ.

(iv) Children Visiting Parents at Different Addresses

Children are somehow mixed up visiting their parents' separate homes. When they grow up seeing other children live with both parents, they will get to know that they were not born in a peaceful home. It tells on their mental faculty. In time to come they may need counseling for psychological balance.

(v) Children Desire Over Their Parents

Every good child desires good livelihood and peace for his parents. They wish to play and associate with other children living with their parents. They wish to see their parents being successful and prominent. They want to get their love and wish they were even in prime minister's position. They wish their parents were very rich and have enough respect from everybody. But at times their expectations fail, because of what the devil had done on earth.

(vi) Visitors to Single Homes

There is a void in the minds of every visitor to single homes. The homes of the singles do not command the same respect as that of peaceful couples even if they have no child. The homes of couples appear more fortified by command of respect. It definitely appears that some degree of unrest confronts a single until the significant void is covered.

Take for instance, the young single women and men are more exposed to the approaches of opposite sexes, craving for relationships. At times they return home with the memory of disrespect they went through in the hands of relationship seekers.

Especially ladies, who have good communication skills, do not tolerate ill-manners from irresponsible men.

They fight by nose twitching, by eye looking, by face squeezing, by silence and other sorts of body language. In order to put these relationship seekers at bay, some end up wearing finger rings to avert their vulnerable position. Most of their visitors come in with the mindset to dominate. But when they are coupled, their visitors have more respect for them, because of their partners. The homes of the coupled seem to be more respected. May the Lord bless each one with the good desires of his heart in Jesus' name. Amen!

Chapter Eight

CHILDREN SEEKING NEW SELF APARTMENTS

- (i) The right age of seeking alone house
 - a. Although the government of the land may have its specification, but children and parents must be in agreement before moving to new homes.
 - b. It is necessary for the parents to know when the new home is found and give their consent.
 - c. The desire for a new home must not be totally based on pleasure, but of necessity.
 - d. It is comely that children in their own homes should not see their parents as strangers to their homes, because out of your parents you came to the world.
 - e. Moreso, children must always remember that they were born at such a vulnerable condition and lived all their lives in their parents' homes and duly cared for.
- (ii) The underage desire for self home
 - a. It is good to be full of age before reasonably looking for self home.
 - b. Why do you need self apartment at such a nearly age?
 - c. Who and what is motivating your ideas?
 - d. Let's talk about it.
- (iii) Motivation to seek early new home
 - a. Lack of peace between parents at home can cause this.
 - b. When a child feels very uncomfortable.
 - c. When example is drawn from an external influence of a friend who now lives alone.
 - d. Desires to go out of parents' control
 - e. Other undercover reasons could lead to the child seeking for an early premature independence.
- (iv) Exposure to young singles living alone
 - a. They are subjected to bills such as: electricity, gas, telephone.
 - b. They are exposed to weekly, monthly, annually house rent.

- c. They will be subject to buying new stuff to decorate the house, and for the appraisal of visitors.
- d. They must pay their taxes and buy clothes for their bodies.
- e. They may defiantly be tempted to go for loans to meet up with expenses.
- f. All these and more are capable of great temptation of seeking for sponsorship from either a male or female helper and...

(v) The future of unadvised home seekers

- a. Every first time new home seeker must seek advice before seeking for a home.
- b. The Lord Jesus Christ talks of sitting down and counting the cost to build before commencement
- c. If a new home seeker is not duly advised, the unforeseen future may be very chaotic.
- d. Draw reference from this section, subject 6, paragraphs III and IV

(vi) Therapeutic concern to you new home seekers

- a. As already highlighted in paragraph v, read through the whole articles once again and seek first a standard theme, before taking off for a new beginning that will endure for all your lifetime.
- b. If you follow the instructional guideline of your therapist, you may do very well.
- c. However, if you turn to your God and earnestly pray to God our Father through the name of Jesus Christ you shall do even better.
- d. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof Ps.24:I

Chapter Nine

FAMILY UNPLEASANT SICKNESS

(i) The opposite minded in matrimony:

- (a) Two cannot work except they agree (Amos 3:3).
- (b) There may hardly be a peaceful home.
- (c) Children shall pick up the wrong precedence.
- (d) Their children may grow up to treat their own households in the same way.
- (e) It is advisable to make a proper search before going into marriage in any family, in search of peaceful foundation. It is advisable to pray properly for God's clear leading before marrying from a disorganized household; that is, a house which is divided against itself.

(ii) Permanent disagreement of rivalry mindsets in matrimony:

- (a) Jesus Christ says that a house divided against itself cannot stand (Matt. 12:25).

(b) A home of permanent disagreement due to estranged mindset may defiantly collapse into permanent separation.

(iii) Exposing family division to outsider(s) for advice:

(a) It is dangerous to invite a non-therapeutic person to come in and give a sub-standard advice to worsen the fragile situation in place. An inexperienced advisor can cause permanent damage to the marriage.

(iv) Permanent memorial
resentment in marital
relationships:

(a) The problem has to be resolved and called off.

(b) Permanent memorial may pack up the marriage very soon.

(c) We must note that marriage is dead without love.

(d) Permanent damage could be caused by sexual tension outside the matrimonial bed and everything divinely detestable.

(e) Inviting secular police to chastise each other may finally pack up marriages and evoke the concept of reprisals.

(v) Cause of Disrespect in Matrimony

(a) Negligence to one another must definitely cause disrespect in marital partnership.

(b) The cause of negligence is frequently caused by external interest by one party.

(c) At times one among the couple wishing for remarriage does lead to disrespecting your marriage without cause.

(d) Thinking that you should not have married this; but that, does cause unnecessary disrespect.

(e) A troublesome wife or husband gives lead to inviting disrespect.

(f) Stubbornness in marriage leads to regret, disrespect and negligence.

(vi) Childless Parents

(i) Adoption of non-biological child could be risky if mismanaged

(ii) How to get related with an adopted child,

(iii) How to influence and shape an adopted child for a great future,

(iv) Biological link to the adopted child.

Analysis:

Abraham adopted men and women and inherited their children. If any one wishes to adopt a child or more he is free to do so; provided due consultation is made with God in fervent prayer. An adopted child must be loved and regarded as the biological child of the family. This will evoke a deep relationship to grow, because of having the sense of belonging on both sides.

Even if the child grows into adulthood and gets to know a link to his biological genealogy; he will never depart from his fostered relationship. Why? He got all he needed for life. Somehow, many adopted children may never get to think or know his uncaring so called biological source.

(vii) Early Marital Commitment:

(i) Benefit of early marriage.

(a) It is most advisable to marry early enough.

(b) If children are born into early marriage it rears up a better historical future if they need to acquire proper training.

(viii) Doom for un-Programmed Early Marriage

(a) Giving out a daughter in marriage at a tender age due to family poverty is not too good.

(b) Early tender age marriage without ability to train up siblings may create generational poverty.

(c) Genetic poverty could generate into the habit of stealing to make ends meet, and thereby get involved in criminal record.

(d) After early bearing of children, such parents could get back to school.

MISCELLANEOUS

- * Positional promotion in matrimonial homes.
- * Development on commitment to resuscitating family values.
- * Family financial resources.
- * Never been loved
- * Some husbands have never been loved
- * Some wives have never been loved.
- * Some have always been loved.
- * Mentality of the loved and unloved as a couple.
- * The unloved wife with low self esteem,
- * The unloved always expects the usual experience.
- * How to live with a person of low mentality.
- * How to reshape the inferior thinker.
- * How to live with the ever loved one.
- * Successful matrimonial life.
- * Peacefulness.

The listed fifteen (15) points are made to be deeply discussed by families' instructors and scholars to build up families for the church, and the church families. If the points are discussed by hypothesis, the facts from discussants will evoke the substantial meanings. Make notes of all contributions and summary arrival of the truth.

Chapter Ten

CASTIGATING THE SENIOR BEFORE THE JUNIORS

It is written that honour should be given to whom honour is due. The young shall grow. Although a child is vulnerable and defenceless, he shall still grow if he lives on. Children grow into adulthood based on the temperamental treatment they were groomed with. There are treatments which could lead a growing child into dullness and timidity mood mentally. Such could be:

1. Harassment
2. Cheating
3. Beatings without due cause.
4. Disrespect.

If the junior siblings always see how relegated the senior child is treated, they may not owe any respect to him.

In a house where the senior child has lost all regards or the right as firstborn, there is a shaky family earthquake in such house.

There is a spiritual attack to dishonor who honour is due in such a house. There is blessing in a household where the Word of God is honoured and kept. It is the will of God to teach the junior siblings to respect without abuse, the seniors according to age grade.

Even if the junior ones are more brilliant and intelligent than the senior, they should be taught how to apply their brilliance to respect their seniors. Respect is regard. Regard to children could create an atmosphere of growing in love and adequate mental health.

Correction Of The Senior Sib

The futuristic brightness of a child can be ruined through hatred, abuses and disregards. It is an unforeseen danger to form the habit of shouting on the senior before the junior ones. If the senior has done something wrong, the parent(s) should find a good chance to correct their child in love outside the presence of the younger ones. The seniors among the siblings learn to love and regard the younger ones based on the precedence set up by the parental sense of humour.

Beating And Smacking

So many children may end up growing in violence due to violent upbringing. Beating and hatred on children have their side effects. Some may grow up timid, and others grow up violent and others may grow foolish. There are parents who are addicted to beating and smacking children and servants. This could be what they had inherited from whoever had raised them up. It is barbaric to adopt the habit of brutality in training and giving such treatment to young people.

Impatience could lead to the fighting of both wife, the husband and the siblings. The children in such a family wouldn't cease to be so angry, fighting and injuring each other. This sort of rough atmosphere is capable of bringing police services to quell such ugly situation. Yes, a mismanaged family setup could grow into that. Parental ignorance could grow or create hatred among siblings that may be hardly ameliorated.

Chapter Eleven

PARENTS FIGHTING BEFORE CHILDREN

It is very salient, or important for the parents to foresee futuristic results of how their behaviours will shape the mental approach of their children. We have heard that charity begins at home. The Lord Jesus has also said that the gospel should begin from Jerusalem, and spread to the whole wide world. People have also said that ignorance is a disease of the mind. If parents are entirely ignorant of what their activities and behaviours could cause their growing children, it is pathetic.

Attitude is a dressing which everyone is wearing on his or her own style. Even as individuals reshape their dresses as their body shape changes, so must we think of redressing our behaviours, because of our responsibilities as role models. What of, if we are destitute of this knowledge? It simply means that we lack the mental faculty of leadership. The adverse growing societal corruptions or decays are based on lack of qualitative leadership.

Leadership is not limited to institutions or financial organizations. Leadership begins from the family grooming. Remember that every leader originates from a family, I bet you that all leaders you know are objective leaders whether in good or evil. Leadership is inborn in people. That is to say, that leaders are born with the natural impulse or initiative to lead, for example: like the animals are guided apparently acting independently of reasoning and leading their subjects.

Parents who are ignorant of home management are capable of raising wrong future leaders of either the nation or viable and reputable organizations. Future responsible leadership begins at home today, When parents fight and quarrel most often than not in the presence of their children, they are very successfully setting up crises instead of Christ in the minds of their children. Wrong parents raise wrong leaders. Children raised in crises homes imbue the temperamental influence of the environment. Environment may grossly influence behavior, especially that of the growing children.

The most important reason why parents shape their children to their choice is, because they are not aware of how God Almighty the Maker of the children wants them to be raised. Children are more precious to God than the parents, please. Prostitutes train their children in their own way; so do thieves and robbers. Murderers and sorcerers raise theirs in their own ways. Name them: sporting, athletes, and fans, witches and wizards, professionals and unprofessionals, etc.

Finally, dear parents, you should take note that the way you train up your children will definitely be accounted for at the judgment seat of Christ. It will finally earn you the kingdom of heaven or

the pit of hell. Therefore, let parents submit themselves to God to guide them by His Spirit to groom children for His glory. Parents are, but caretakers to nurse the children for God. Parents may either receive blessing or curse, based on how they relate themselves with child-training.

Chapter Twelve

PARENTS CONTROLLING MARRIED SIBS HOMES

Many mis-parented parents have always caused more harm than good. Most of them extend their pavilion of limitations to their sons and daughters after being married and left homes. They dictate to them still; though they have married. This act has always caused unimaginable distresses and discomforts in several homes. So many forms of divorces have been baked by parental interference in their children's marriages.

Most parental controls in these respects lead to either wife or husband resisting each other. This is not a coherent atmosphere. Married siblings should be allowed to co-exist and build up their homes in harmony. Some parents will attack their sons' wives by hatred, alleging that their sons are taking more care of them than themselves. This is unbecoming. The prayerful parents should only pray earnestly for the glory of God to rule the minds of daughters and son-in-laws, and their sons and daughter-in-laws.

It is evil in the sight of the LORD to see parents orchestrating the problems in their children's homes. What parents owe their married children and in-laws is to love both of them equally. Many unholy parents push their daughters to some marriages they feel they will have much advantage. They latter feel so disappointed when their hopes and focuses are not forthcoming. At this point, they become undercover enemies in disguise.

It is not right enough for parents to be more mindful of material things than to focus on the will of God. After the improperly and un-parented parents had successfully destroyed their children's matrimonial homes, they begin to urge either sons or daughters to leave that home for divorce. This is wrong. Such parents should instantly confess their sins to God; and receive the Spirit of Christ into them as Lord and Saviour.

There is another way we could still look parental interference to their children's marital homes as positive. This is just because of the misconduct and indiscipline in many parental homes. Take for instance, the wife was trained up by undisciplined parents, and their in-law also by other disciplined parents: and note that these two are of entire different backgrounds. You can see that the crises in a home could be a war between two different backgrounds.

What of when a child was properly trained modestly and only to get married to an uncaring rough fellow from a reproached background? This is an issue of a chaotic situation. At this point, it is not wrong for the disciplined family of the son or daughter to intervene to find out the cause of the awful development. The other end of the family will also definitely interfere.

What happens if the curious one among the couple has resolved to separate from such marriage? What will both family parents do to restore the marriage? The best answer is for both to return to God in prayer and seek the word of God to know what He says concerning marriage. If they fail to reconcile, let the will of God be done.

If it was not the instinct of marriage and copulation God had endowed mankind naturally with for procreative purpose, the best option was for man or woman to stay clean and holy without the so-called controversial issues of marriage. For what justifies a mother to be controlling her daughter in her matrimonial home against the harmony of peaceful marriage? Why should they do so to their sons as well? This is strange before God.

Chapter Thirteen

WIDOW OR WIDOWER PARENT

Another precarious household issue is where either the husband or wife is demised, or late. It is a very precarious situation if there are children in that marriage who are not yet fully grown before the predicament. It could be worse if the children are yet of adolescent age. It does not imply that adolescence is a mad or bad age. The primary concern is the training background in place before the death. Another concern yet is where the situation, or predicament left the woman with children. It is already a popular story that children do not obey their mothers enough after their father's death. They tend to be more free for self-governance.

This is dicey. In a civilized society, therapists are invited for systemic diagnoses. This is meant to apply an act of taming the psyche or mind of the young people. Definitely, there are growing crises in the mind of young people which requires professional attention to be fixed. The question is, 'how will the single do or be comported when it comes to marital issues? If any among the siblings gets married, how much limit do widows and widowers get involved in case of any developed crises in their children's marriage? What must have caused the problem? Let us also think of excess freedom experienced after the death of the father or mother of the family.

Assuming that the husband was poor before death and left no wealth, wouldn't the surviving mother serve as liability to her in-law for supports? Can all young husbands take that lightly? All these questions and more are answerable. My prayer and counsel for all single parents is that God should see you through in all your predicaments, provided you are innocent of the demise of the other.

Chapter Fourteen

FAMILY SPEED

The above appellation, or headline represents family collective prayer service. The Lord Jesus used this word "Speed" when He taught how men should always give themselves to prayer.

St. Luke 18, verses 7-8:

7. And shall not God avenge His own elect that cry day and night to Him though He bears long with them?

8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of Man will (return, or) come, shall He find faith on the earth?

Analysis

The Greek call "avenge" 'Ekdikesis.' It clearly points to God's independent salvation over any penitent soul that cries to Him in prayer over an adversary. The LORD says that we should not avenge for vengeance is His. Reprisal, that is, retaliation, belongs to the LORD. As the family in Christ get together praying continually, the Lord shall fight for the family against the enemies of the household. Every single time the family gets together to share the word and pray, they are set on a speed, spiritual speed.

Who Are The Elect?

The holy bible has no provision for an individual as an elect, no. What the bible exhibits as elect is "the family of God." Just one family, not one individual. The only family of God are the saints in heaven and earth. Ephesians 3:15

"Of whom the whole FAMILY in Heaven and earth is named"

The family of God is just only one. They are called the saints in the light (1:12). As you just read, part of them are in heaven. They are the holy angels. Their body is immortal, or celestial. They do not die. The ones on earth are equally called the saints. They are the born again believers. Their body is mortal. This mortality shall die, but their spirit being, their main person, shall go to heaven to be with the holy angels, the saints forever. The heaven and earth that now exist shall pass away, but the heaven of heavens shall not pass away. There shall the saints join up and be together forever. This is the elect: not elects. Whether now or hereafter, they are the elect of God. Whether in heaven or on earth, they are the elect of God. When they cry to God in prayer night and day, the Lord shall hear them and avenge for them speedily.

Divine Connection

When the Family Speed is in session in a household fellowship, their conversation is immediately connected to heaven, Philippians 3 verses 20-21 confirm this by saying:

V. 20 "For our conversation is in heaven, from where also we look for (the coming of) the Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ:

V. 21 "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like to His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things to Himself."

The heavenly saints hang around the saints in a Family Speed session. By this they feel the awesome presence of the Lord. Why? because two, three, or more saints are gathered together in His name. Yes, the Lord says so (Matthew 18:20)

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

Not for His name's sake only. Not just because of His name. But gather within His name, the strong Tower. Prov. 18:10

He previously said in verse 19

"Again I say to you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them by my Father who is in heaven."

Rejoice in yourselves every single time the Family Speed is about to go into session of divine connection. It is always the best time a person ever spends on earth. It is a time of talking with God, and God our Father listening to you. What a glorious family to grow and live in the presence of the Lord at all times. This was the prominence of Daniel, Elijah, Elisha, the holy prophets, as well as Abraham, etc. Remember how Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah were thrown into the deluge of the fiery furnace and were not burnt. They all we have mentioned were the saints of God.

In exceptional case of these three saints, they had prayed and believed God intoto, and were saturated and transformed by the Holy Ghost. He covered and rapped them up with the holy fire which inundated, that is, overwhelmed the bitterness of the natural fire . God wants to bless every single family of the church.

All the families of the saints are a single family before God. They are who the Holy Bible proclaims as the elect church. Refer to:

Matthew 24:31

"And He shall send His, angels' with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds (four cardinal points), from one end of heaven to the other,"

This saying is from the voice of Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Have you now clearly seen how close angels, the heavenly saints, are relating with the saints on earth? Even on the last day of the end of the world, they shall harvest the saints from the earth into glory. We are the same, because of the same redeeming blood of the Lamb that redeemed us. They were redeemed in heaven, and we were redeemed on earth.

They are also called, the elect angels, as we are called the elect church. Refer to: 1 Timothy 5:21

"I charge you before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels, that you observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality."

FAMILY SPEED ACTIVITIES

1. The duration should not be more than an hour.
2. If the Spirit leads otherwise, follow on.
3. Opening prayer by a family member.
4. Sharing the word from the reading chart or the bible.
5. Before discussing the word, sing worship songs first.
6. Preferably discuss on the sermon or teaching from the church Service.
7. You are free to ask and answer questions from the discussion.
8. The holy prayer points to be highlighted.

SUGGESTION

- i) Thank the Lord for the day.
- ii) Thank the Lord for blessing and keeping the family.
- (iii) Pray against any challenge facing the family.
- (iv) Pray for continuous protection of the family.
- (v) Pray for the Lord to save unbelievers and bring them to Christ and the church.
- (vi) Pray for God to keep blessing The Church (World-Wide) International (a.k.a.) Kingdom Recovery Church.
- (vii) Prayer for the Lord to bless His servant with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- (viii) Pray further that the Lord use him and empower him for greater evangelism.
- (ix) Pray for the evangelical Field Sections, Quarters, and Vicinities and their leaders.
- (x) Pray also for all Church Centres and all the brethren.

Well enough, you are free to add more God-fearing prayer points. However, mind the time, if you are not able to pray all the points you intend to pray at a time, you can shift them to another Family Speed session.

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Tone of Admonition

1. Tell them how much God loves the family.
2. Remind them how God blessed the family of one Obededon in the bible, because they feared the ark of the Covenant of God.
3. Encourage them to love one another as Christ loves everyone of us.
4. Encourage them to love the Kingdom Recovery Church.
5. Encourage everyone to tell good news of all wonderful things the Lord is doing in the church with single heart.
6. Tell them to love their neighbours' wisely, even though they are evil minded against them.
7. Do not fail to bind any spiritual attackers, even if you show them the Lord's kind of love.
8. Encourage all to have a piece of tract or stickers always which they may give to others on daily basis, or every other day.

9. Ensure that all family members should form the habit of sharing the testimonies of Christ, they have heard. Make it a rule and habit.
10. Emphasise earnestly against lateness to the church, school, work place, etc.
11. See that all should keep well away from school and street friendships as much as possible.
12. Ensure that the fellowship with Christ is growing in the family
13. Let there be much close friendship with the holy bible
14. Emphasise on forgiveness from the heart.

NB

Please be very mindful of who is inviting you for visit; pleasure, function, party. Please keep far from worldly friendship, because it leads to corruption which grieves the Holy Ghost, and God will break this growing relationship very suddenly. Please God is a consuming Fire.



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