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Faith in God and life of patience will give you peace and victory over all circumstances. Never give glory to Satan over the happenings in your life and family. Be worried for nothing, but in every circumstance by prayer and faith, wait patiently for God and you will see God manifesting His Wisdom, Power and Miracle in your life.



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#### INTRODUCTION

We must have scriptural views concerning all matters of life. A proper view of situations made Job to be peaceful and he maintained his righteousness in the face of personal and family adversities and challenges.

Job 1: 8, 20-22

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? <sup>20</sup>Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

<sup>21</sup>And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.

<sup>22</sup>In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

Job 2:2-3,9-10

<sup>2</sup>And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

<sup>3</sup>And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou

considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

<sup>10</sup>But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Many Christian families are been challenged on the issues of children. This book presents Seven (7) challenges many families face concerning the issues of children. They are as follows-

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The book brings the Christian families facing any of

these challenges to scriptural understanding and wisdom that will keep them peaceful, righteous and victorious in life.

The book advises Christian families not to look into their personal feelings, words of men around them and the traditional beliefs of their people.

The book shows the affected families or persons how to obtain solution to the particular problem(s).

#### 1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

#### Isaiah 26:3-4

<sup>3</sup>Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

<sup>4</sup>Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

#### Psalms 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

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## CHAPTER 1

## THE CHALLENGE OF NOT HAVING CHILDREN

### 1.1 Know that God's view of Childlessness is not the same with the World's view on same.

Not having children is considered a challenge in the world. That is how the world sees it. The person who has many of them might be crying, "I have too many children." While the person who does not have any might be crying, "I don't have a child, I need children! The world is like that. Some are going up while some are coming down. They meet themselves on the way. Some are educated, some are illiterate. Some are rich, some are poor. Some have children, some don't have at all. That is the general trend in the world. Those who do not have go sorrowful. They do everything in their power to have.

How should a Christian man or woman or family tackle this challenge? The Scriptures show us how we can live peacefully in every situation. Husbands and wives are shown the way of peace and victory in

all circumstances through the knowledge and application of scriptures.

#### Luke 1:5-7

<sup>5</sup>There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

<sup>6</sup>And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

<sup>7</sup>And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

I am speaking here on childless Christian couple. In the world when you do not have any child, you are a nonentity. They treat you as they treat the poor. The poor are often ignored in the world, but the Bible says, "In Christ the poor are rich in the faith" (James 2:5). The Lord has decided to favour the poor with the gospel, in another word, the gospel should be preached to the poor.

#### 1Corinthians 1:26-28

<sup>26</sup>For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

<sup>27</sup>But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

<sup>28</sup>And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are.

Christianity is different from the world. If you want to see things in the eye of the world, you will fail. Do you not know that the gospel itself is foolishness to the world? In the eye of the world the gospel is foolishness, but in Christ, it is God's wisdom and power. The Bible says, if there comes two people to your worship service, a rich man and a poor man, do you think you will treat them equally? Will you not treat the rich man better and say to him, "Oh man, come in, Sit in this good seat." The pastor could even prefer the rich man takes his own seat, because he is rich. But will say to the poor man, "Man, come and fix yourself here among these people." Is that not what you do always? By this action you have become judges of persons and an offence to God. Why are you giving honour to the rich? Has not God chosen the poor to be rich in the faith?

**James 2:1-9** 

<sup>1</sup>My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

<sup>2</sup>For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

<sup>3</sup>And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

<sup>4</sup>Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

<sup>5</sup>Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him?

<sup>6</sup>But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

<sup>7</sup>Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

<sup>8</sup>If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

<sup>9</sup>But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

You can see it here that the world's approach is different from God's approach. The world sees the person who has much material things greater in value than the one who has little or nothing at all. But God sees things differently.

#### Isaiah 55:8-9

<sup>8</sup>For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

#### 1Samuel16:7,11,12

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

<sup>11</sup>And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

<sup>12</sup>And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

We see in this scripture that God's focus is on the type of heart a man has, not in his material possession. An upright heart makes a man great before God. Do not despise a man's spiritual wealth because of his physical challenges.

## 1.2 Know that God is Aware of your Situation and it maybe His Will for you

Jeremiah 16:1-2

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came also unto me, saying,

<sup>2</sup>Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.

It may be that God wants somebody to do something more for Him and does not want the burden of marriage on that person. He knows that if the person is free from marriage he will work better for Him. For example, God's plan for Paul the apostle, was, not for him to marry because he has so much work to do. It worked! Did it not work for him? But the world will laugh at a man like that and say, "Look at him, big for nothing. Big man, where is your wife?" The world may be mocking at him, but the Scripture says, he that is married shares his time between God and his wife, but he that is unmarried gives one hundred percent of his time to God. He has more time to serve God in his life time. God is much glorified by him and will greatly reward him.

#### **1 Corinthians 7:32-33**

<sup>32</sup>But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: <sup>33</sup>But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

God is saying, "I was the one that kept him from marrying. I did that for a purpose that he might have more time for Me". But if he, Paul, never knew the way of God, he would be living in sorrow and shame. But since Paul understood his case so well, he was peaceful.

#### 1Corinthians 7:8

<sup>8</sup>I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.

Seek to understand the mind of God towards you in your childlessness. This will give you peace and boldness among men.

I am saying this so that you will not go the way of the world. Do not think like them over matters of children because your life is in the hands of God. He is the one planning your ways. You live for Him alone.

#### Psalms 37:23

<sup>23</sup>The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delights in his ways.

It may be that God has envisaged the negative effect of children to your calling and is protecting you against it. But whatever may be the case, be peaceful and keep serving the Lord happily.

#### 1.3 Remain Righteous and Godly

#### Luke 1:5-7

<sup>5</sup>There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

<sup>6</sup>And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

<sup>7</sup>And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

Consider Zachariah and Elizabeth and understand their case well. The Bible shows that they were not wayward people. It was not that Elizabeth committed sin and did many abortions. No! It was not that Zachariah did a thing that brought a curse on his family. No! *They were both righteous before God.* Does God not fight for the righteous? Could not

God have risen on this matter and fought for them? He fought for them in many other areas, but on the area of children, He did not bother because it was in His will. Yet, He was going to be glorified in this area. So, He did not bother about it. And they were walking in all commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. They had no sin before God, and were not self-righteous but scripturally righteous. They are divinely declared as righteous by God, yet they had no child. It is not only for one year or few years, but until both of them were well stricken in years. You need to understand scriptures and think well towards your brother and sister in this condition. Do not make your brethren feel ashamed because they have no children.

#### **Romans 10:11**

## <sup>11</sup>He that believeth on the name of the Lord shall not be ashamed,

Do not give shame to yourself. God will give you glory. You have no child but you will have the glory of God. Jesus was nailed naked on the cross but there has been nobody more glorious than Him. Adam and Eve were both naked but they were not ashamed. Why? This is because divine glory covered them. Zachariah and Elizabeth had no child, but they lived well among men. You too will live well among men. Be righteous. Be holy. Do not blame each other. Do not accuse each other. Do not listen to accusations

from outside. Do not bother yourself with the negative reactions of relatives who do not know the Lord. Your case is different. God is working all things for your good now and in the future, for your eternal good and for the glory of His name in your life. There fore, let both the husband and the wife, remain righteous and peaceful.

#### 1.4 Give Yourself to Prayers

Hannah committed her case to the Lord and received answer from Him according to His will and time.

#### 1 Samuel 1:26-27

<sup>26</sup>And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord.

<sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of Him:

#### For this child I prayed.

Pray! Isaac prayed for his wife. Pray! Zachariah and Elizabeth kept on praying before God; therefore keep on praying. That is your work. And when you pray, what sayeth the scripture?

#### Philippians 4:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

<sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

If you pray over your case you will not be ashamed. You will not be worrying. As long as you pray over your case you will remain peaceful and undisturbed. Therefore pray!

#### Hebrews 6:10

<sup>10</sup>For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

What you have been doing and are still doing, continue doing it.

#### **Hebrews 10:36**

<sup>36</sup>For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

As good as having children is, do not exalt having a child above measure to the point that having a child is better to you than God Himself. The greatest thing

and most precious in life is Jesus, not a child. Make sure you exalt God above a child.

#### Psalm 73:25

<sup>25</sup>Whom have I in heaven but Thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee.

#### 1.5 Wait Patiently on God

#### James 5:7, 10-11

<sup>7</sup>Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

<sup>10</sup>Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

<sup>11</sup>Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Let the husband and wife passing through the challenge of childlessness learn to wait patiently before the Lord and encourage themselves in the Lord regularly. This will keep them from losing their righteousness due to many temptations coming in this area.

#### 1Samuel 30:6

<sup>6</sup>And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

#### Luke 21:19.

<sup>19</sup>In your patience possessesye your souls.

Some cases of barrenness can be solved using medicines. Believers can seek medical attention where required.

#### Matthew 9:12

<sup>12</sup>But when Jesus heard that, He said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

#### **Proverb 15:22**

<sup>22</sup>Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

Not all childbearing problems can be medically handled. God must be relied upon for the answer according to His will and power. When God promised Abraham a child, Abraham endured in the faith until that promise came to pass. Therefore, wait patiently.

#### James 5:7

<sup>7</sup>Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives the early and latter rain.

Be peaceful, be patient and look on the bright side of life. Do not put your mind on the side that will draw you to darkness. You are looking too much on that spot such that it is enlarging itself and covering your whole view. Look on the side that has the light. Look on the promises of God that speak well of your future and you will be peaceful in Jesus name. Amen.

#### Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

<sup>9</sup>Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

We must not forget that there were some that died without children. They lived without having children and died without children. Were they the most miserable people on earth? Was it children they were looking for or heaven? Is it children or God that satisfies? They died without children and are now with God. They have children in heaven which are souls they won for God on earth. In heaven they are now rejoicing. Through the gospel, they have children all over the world and are going to see them in heaven forever. They have forgotten about the earth. Please, fix your eyes on what matters, where there is importance, where real life is. That is what the word of God is saying.

#### Matthew 6:19-22

<sup>19</sup>Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

<sup>20</sup>But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

<sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>22</sup>The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

The world sees having many children as glory, but only the righteous can bring up children in righteousness. Are children really a blessing to sinners? The Bible says that a stubborn child is a sorrow to the mother; he is a shame to the father. Many are passing through shame and sorrow. Why? It is because of children. Even many Christians

around you are lamenting because of their wayward children. Maybe the Lord saved you from this. Whatever it is, trust in your God and be peaceful. If the Lord does not give you children throughout your life, know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *His* purpose. Joy and glory are waiting for you in the future. See God's promise to godly Eunuchs and couples who practice true righteousness and holiness, but have no children.

#### Isaiah 56:4-5

<sup>4</sup>For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep Mysabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant;

<sup>5</sup>Even unto them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

### 1.6 There is something better than having many Children

Love your wife as a Christian should do. Do not hate or despise her because she did not bear children for you. Love and cherish her, she will bless your life better than seven sons.

#### Ruth 4:15

<sup>15</sup>And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.

You, as a wife, submit to your husband fully. Love and obey him. Do not despise him because he could not get you pregnant. In Christ, he will do in your life both now and for eternity better than what ten sons can do.

#### **1Samuel 1:8**

<sup>8</sup>Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

#### Philippians 4:13

<sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Do not allow Satan to worsen your case by suggesting that you should seek children through secret adultery or second marriage. That will mean you love a child more than God.

#### Matthew 10:37-38

<sup>37</sup>He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or

daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup>And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me.

#### Hebrew 10:36-39

<sup>36</sup>For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

<sup>37</sup>For yet a little while, and he that shall come

will come, and will not tarry.

<sup>38</sup>Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

<sup>39</sup>But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

## CHAPTER 2

## THE CHALLENGE OF HAVING ONLY ONE CHILD OR LESS NUMBER THAN YOU DESIRED

Many people are still passionate about children. They are saying, "We gave birth to this one child and cannot understand why we are not able to give birth to another one. For ten years now, a second child has not come." So, they still live in pain and sorrow. Having only one child, the person is sorrowful and unhappy in life. Again, that is the way of the world. The Bible says,

#### **Romans 12:2**

<sup>2</sup>And be not conformed to the world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

When you look at things with the eyes of the world, you will be in trouble, because the world is in the flesh. The world is a place of carnality. The world does not know God. What the world glories in is neither the word of God, nor the things of God

#### **1Corinthians 2:12,14**

<sup>12</sup>Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

<sup>14</sup>But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

If you want to glory after the world, after the things of the world, you will never see the joy of Christ. That is why I am not speaking to sinners here. I am speaking to believers. Why can't you see things in the light of the word of God? How many children did Sarah have? One. Sarah and Abraham had one child, Isaac.

#### Genesis 22:1-2

<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and He said, Behold, here I am.

<sup>2</sup>And He said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

Can you see? **Thy only son Isaac**. Abraham and Sarah had only one child. It was God Himself that gave them only one child. That was the way of God

and that is the way of God up till now. Many times, those who have only one child say medical report shows that nothing is wrong with them that require medical help. It is just natural. Apply your mind to the scriptures and be peaceful.

#### **Romans 15:4-6**

<sup>4</sup>For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

<sup>5</sup>Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 2.1 Having Many Children Does Not Translate To Great Success

There is a difference between the only child Abraham had with Sarah and all other children in their day. Through other women, Abraham had many other children. Through Hagar, he had Ismael; through Keturah he had other children. But Isaac was different. He was the only child of promise.

#### Genesis 25:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.

<sup>2</sup>And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

<sup>3</sup>And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

<sup>4</sup>And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

<sup>5</sup>And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.

<sup>6</sup>But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

<sup>7</sup>And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years.

<sup>8</sup>Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people.

Where were the other children Abraham had with Keturah? There was no mention of them in scripture. They were there as vanity, not known to anybody and not connected to Abraham. He sent them to the east and had no connection with them. Even when he died, only Isaac and Ismael buried him

#### Genesis 25:9

<sup>9</sup>And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the

#### son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre.

The others were probably gone too far to even hear that he died. So, they were as if they did not exist. Manyparents who gave birth to battalion of children see no value in them. They have no resources to train them, to give value to them. The children do not even see the value of their father and mother. Some parents live only to see sorrow and regret over their many untamed children. They haveno joy or pride in them.

#### 1 Samuel 2:22-25.

<sup>22</sup>Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

<sup>23</sup>And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.
<sup>24</sup>Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I

hear: ye make the LORD'S people to transgress.
<sup>25</sup>If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

#### 2.2 The World now Regrets for Ishmael

Abraham had a child through Hagar that has been the trouble of the world till today. It would have been better if he had not been born. Everybody is saying,"That child went against the Lord. The descendants of that child went against the Lord. They have formed their own 'christ' and are forcing their own 'christ' upon the world." I am speaking about Islam. They are forcing their prophet, Mohammed, upon the world to take over the world as the saviour. Many have already gone after him. God is being rejected by men because of the offspring of Ishmael, Mohammed. Who told you that the one child God gave you cannot do more than what many children put together can do in this world? Why are you thinking like men? Why do you not think the thoughts of God? See the misery of having that other child due to impatience of Sarah and Abraham. Do not fear that your only child shall die. God is able to preserve him till old age as He preserved Isaac.

#### Isaiah 46:3-5

<sup>3</sup>Hearken unto Me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by Me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

<sup>4</sup>And even to your old age I amHe; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

<sup>5</sup>To whom will ye liken Me, and make Me equal,

and compare Me, that we may be like?

## 2.3 Be Content with the One Child God gave to you

God gave you a child and you are not satisfied. What is making you unsatisfied? What is making you very unhappy with the one child that God gave to you? How many of the children the Lord sent to this world accomplished His will? Not many! And God gave you one child in this world and you are complaining? Change your thoughts and learn to be satisfied.

1Timothy 6:7-8

<sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into thisworld, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

<sup>8</sup>And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

Learn contentment and peace with the one or few children you have. This is the will of God for you.

#### 2.4 The Case of Jepthah

Judges 11:30-36

<sup>30</sup>And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,

<sup>31</sup>Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon,

shall surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

<sup>32</sup>So Jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them into his hands.

<sup>33</sup>And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou come to Minnith, even twenty cities, and unto the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

<sup>34</sup>And Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: and she was his only child; beside her he had neither son nor daughter.

<sup>35</sup>And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go back.

<sup>36</sup>And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the children of Ammon.

Jephthah had only one child, a daughter, and besides her he had no other child. He made a promise to the Lord that if the Lord would grant him victory in the battle, he would offer to the Lord

whatever came out first from the door of his house to meet him after the conquest. When he got back home from the battle, it was his daughter, his only child, that came forward first joyfully to welcome her father. When he saw her he said, "Oh, you have hurt me now." But the daughter said, "Do not bother, father, do whatever you have promised God on me." What a godly child that wants the will of the Lord to be done! Do you have a child that is willing to dedicate herself to God? Be glad then. That was how that child was dedicated to God without marriage. He had no descendants after her. Jephthah did not have descendants and it did not mean anything to him. Does that mean anything to you? The earth passes away with their descendants. Where are the descendants of the rich man who denied Jesus? Where are his children's children? Where are the descendants of Nebuchadnezzar? Do you see them? What about the descendants of Peter? The world passes away. Fix your heart on that which is above and not that which is on earth. Be happy with your one child! God's only One Child Jesus did marvellously and satisfied both God and men to their eternal joy. May God bless your only child in Jesus' Name.

#### Proverbs 4:3

<sup>3</sup>For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother.

Solomon was the only son to her mother and the Lord chose him to take over the throne of his father David. He was beloved of the Lord. May your only child be blessed in Jesus' Name.

#### 2.5 Pray and Seek Medical Attention

#### Philippians 4:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all

understanding, shall keep your hearts and

minds through Christ Jesus.

Once again, take the matter to God in prayer. If there is anything that can be practically done, do it. If it is a medical situation, handle it. But if it does not work, be peaceful. Through medical treatment many families have gotten children. Medical treatment involves conventional medicine, traditional medicine, and food supplements. The Lord is not against your use of these. They are provision of His grace. But be careful not to involve yourself in demonism and witchcraft because of your desperate desire for children. Having Jesus, be content. Having your name in the Book of Life, be satisfied. Amen.

#### 1Corinthians 2:9

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

#### John 14:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.

<sup>2</sup>In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

<sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.



## THE CHALLENGE OF HAVING ONLY FEMALE OR MALE CHILDREN

## 3.1 God gives Children for His Own Glory, not yours

God gives children for His own purpose, so it does not matter whether you have a mixture of male and female children or you have only female or male children. In some parts of the world, to have only female children is a curse. It is as if you should not even have had children. That is how they look at it. In some areas, to have male children only is wonderful; that is the greatest thing, although the woman would be sorrowful because she does not have a daughter. All these things are of the world; do not go by them. I am addressing Christians; I am speaking to Christian families. These things are of the world; do not go by them.

#### Acts 21:8-9

<sup>8</sup>And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the

evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

<sup>9</sup>And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

How many men will you want to replace Phillip's daughters with? Should you be given ten boys to replace these girls? They were virgins! Well-kept girls! They feared God. They were born again and filled with the Holy Ghost. Which set of boys would you want to replace them with? Which man do you think should take over the place of Mary, the mother of Jesus, that you are despising female children? Did God give them for your sake or for Himself? Are you despising the gift of God? Are you calling the gift of God a common thing? Did not the Bible say children come from God? What if He decided not to give you male children according to His eternal plan? Do not allow scientific theory of how sexes of children are determined to blindfold you to God's role in giving children of a particular sex to people.

#### 1Samuel 1:11

<sup>11</sup>And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if Thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of Thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget Thine handmaid, but wilt give unto Thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

If you want the blessings of life, follow the God of life. And if that God of life gave you female children in His perfect judgment, know that is the best for you. Are you not just a caretaker? Are you not going to leave anytime He calls you to leave the earth? So do not be sorrowful because you have only female children because they are a blessing from the Lord. Again I say, do not be sorrowful because you have only female children, they are a blessing from the Lord. Can the congregation of the Lord be complete without the women?

#### **1Corinthians 11:11-12**

<sup>11</sup>Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

<sup>12</sup>For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.

These women, Philip's daughters, were born again and kept themselves from immorality. The four of them prophesied bringing message from the Lord to mankind. Is any activity better than that? Philip was not sorrowful. Where is Philip now? Where are his daughters now? We all come to serve and go. We all come to this world to serve and when we finish, we will leave the earth. Whoever the Lord sends, receive her, she is the Lord's messenger. Any female child the Lord gives you, receive her, she is the Lord's

messenger, she is the Lord's servant. Be happy. Let there be no difference between the male and female child to a Christian family.

#### 3.2 Do not Look for Satisfaction Outside God.

Philippians 3:7-8

<sup>7</sup>But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

<sup>8</sup>Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

Now, you who have all males might be lamenting for one female. Why are you lamenting? It is because you want personal satisfaction outside God. You have either forgotten or you are ignorant of the fact that children are not the ones satisfying you but God. Since you have removed your eyes from the One that satisfies, even if they give you balanced mixture(five boys and five girls) you will never be satisfied because your eyes have left the place of satisfaction. Your eyes have left God. It is God that satisfies and not material things, nor sexes of children. But you are sorrowful. Why? It is because you have removed your eyes from God and are now thinking like the people of the world. That is why you are sinking in sorrow and saying your children are

all females or all males. If you have any service that only a female can render, the Lord shall provide that female in His various ways. So, let God be your satisfaction and not sexes of children.

I once said in a message Titled: 'God, the Believers' Fullness' or 'God, the Believers' Satisfaction'. If a man is riding a wonderful jeep, either a Hummer jeep or Range Rover, and another man is riding on a bicycle, which of them is enjoying God more? The satisfaction derived or gotten by a man because of material things is like the peace a man gets when he puts his burnt finger into cold water. It gets cooled immediately, but after one or two seconds, the burning sensation continues. God is the peace of mankind.

Every other thing is transient and cannot continue. But if this man that is in a beautiful car is a Christian, born again, a child of God, his happiness will not be from that car but from Jesus. The one riding on a bicycle, who probably is climbing a hill may need to stand up to propel his bicycle is in happiness too. Why? It is because of Jesus in him. As the brother with the special car passes him, does not envy him in any way because his feeling and thinking is, "Although I am riding a bicycle I am fully satisfied; Jesus is my satisfaction". And the one in the car also says to himself, "Although I am in the car, I am not even seeing the car; I see Jesus. Jesus

is my satisfaction". The one in the car will park his car and the one on the bicycle will also park his bicycle, perhaps under a tree; and both of them will greet each other saying, "Brother how are you? How was that program? It was wonderful. The presence of God came in a mighty way". Both of them will not remember the hummer jeep and the bicycle.

The person they both focus on is Jesus. It is imperative to know that Jesus is your satisfaction. If you begin to make material things, which are temporary, your focus, you will not have real joy. Therefore, do not say, "Eh, I do not have children" or "I do not have male children," or "I do not have female children". Those things are not the things that matter. You can live without them, if you know your God. They that know their God shall be strong and shall do exploits. God said to Abraham, "I am your all sufficiency, satisfaction and comfort, not children".

#### Genesis 15:1-2

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. <sup>2</sup>And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?



## THE CHALLENGE OF CHILD TRAINING

Genesis 18:17-19

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

<sup>18</sup>Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

<sup>19</sup>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.

## 4.1 Child Training is a Labour andit requires Time and Energy

#### Proverbs 22:6

<sup>6</sup>Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Child training is a labour. It is a work to be done. It involves vision and action, because the Bible says,

"In the way." You must design the way you want your child to go. Child training is an activity that takes time. It means, you must create time to be with the child. You have to reduce your involvement in other things for the training. How do you put people in a class for training and the teacher is not there for them? You have to create time for the child. Child training is a challenge. It is a challenge because many things go against it. What do we say about the lazy man? What about the man who occupies himself with other things? What about the travelling man? What about the man that stays too far away from the family? What about the mother who is occupied with business or office work?

#### **Proverbs 24:30-33**

<sup>30</sup>I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

<sup>31</sup>And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

<sup>32</sup>Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction.

<sup>35</sup>Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep.

Laziness! You have no time but you spend a lot of time for yourself. You have much time for your pleasure, for that which gives you comfort. You want to get your own satisfaction, so you leave the child untrained. There is a saying "As you make your bed, so you shall lie on it." In other words, whatever a man sows, that shall he reap. Child training is generally a challenge for parents. It is similar to the law of sowing and reaping.

#### Galatians 6:7-8

<sup>7</sup>Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

<sup>8</sup>For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Train your child and he shall give you peace and blessing, or leave him untrained and reap the shame and sorrow that follow later.

## 4.2 Child Training involves Planning, Battling, Prayers and Wisdom

You must plan for it and take action according to your plan. Ask God for his wisdom and grace to achieve good result.

#### James 1:5

<sup>5</sup>If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

It involves prayer; praying to God for yourself to make you fit for the work. Pray for resources, effective materials and good connections, in case you are not where the child is. Seek for the method or methods that you can use to succeed in this good work. It involves prayer and fasting; battling with forces of corruption that go about corrupting children. Right methods and right persons all have to be employed in the business of child training. It is because the child is not trained that she behaves badly. When your fingernails are not trimmed, we see dirt under them. You were too busy to cut them. You kept on forgetting. Your forgetfulness keeps on increasing the dirt inside your fingernails.

#### Proverbs 6:4, 9-11

<sup>4</sup>Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.

<sup>9</sup>How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?

<sup>10</sup>Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:

<sup>11</sup>So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.

Your face is becoming bushy because you have not been able to shave. You did not have time. Your face is beginning to change such that we are finding it difficult to recognize you now. Beard has taken over your face. Why? This is because you are not shaving your beard. Likewise, with child training, if you fail to train your children, they will become wild. Ask God for grace. Ask Him to help you, and empower you to train them. Children they that are well-trained are a blessing. Happy is a man that has a number of well-trained children. They are a blessing! It was said of John Wesley's mother that she had many children, nine of which survived to adulthood and she decided to train them all to become ministers of God. She worked on them all, except one, probably that was not a minister of the gospel. She gave them good training. She gave them time. You can do so too. Have a goal in training your children.

#### 4.3 Child Training requires Loving your Children

Titus 2:2-5.

<sup>2</sup>That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

<sup>3</sup>The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

<sup>4</sup>That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

<sup>5</sup>To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

"That the word of God be not blasphemed". There are people that are ready to blaspheme the name of the Lord. Their pleasure is in blasphemy. They go to various churches as journalists looking for news. They are looking for blasphemous stories. There are Newspapers that tell what a man of God did, what the child of a man of God did, what a woman of God did. "Eh! This man of God committed immorality with this person; they were caught under the bridge." That is their work.

#### 1Peter 2:12

<sup>12</sup>Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

God says, "Woman, that the name of the Lord should not be blasphemed, love your children." If you love your children, you will lead them to truth, you will teach them the truth, you will keep them in the truth. So work on your children; otherwise, you will get your children destroyed! That is not love. Please love your children. Train them well and present them to the Lord blameless, that the name of God should rather be praised than blasphemed. True parental love and friendship has great influence on children. It makes them to love their parents and

yield to the guidance and instruction. Train your children by love and not by harshness.

### 4.4 Proper Training of Children is a Requirement for Ministerial Duty

1Timothy 3:1, 4-5

<sup>1</sup>This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

For if man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?

There are qualifications for the ministry of a Pastor. Good behaviour of children is part of it. Children, your well-behaved character is required for your father's ministry. Be well-behaved, serve God faithfully, read your bible, participate in vigils, participate in fasting as well, and do some beautiful work for Christ like singing and playing on instrument in a holy way. Do some preaching too. Wherever children are gathered doing something for God, you too should be there playing your role, and God will be happy with you. Your father will be happy with you. Other men and women of God that are watching you will be happy with you because you are giving your father a certificate for ministry. You are closing the door against people who want to laugh at God and at your father. You are closing the

door of accusations against him. You are closing the door of accusations against your mother. Therefore, children, labour to be the right child. Do not give sorrow to your father. Do not bring shame to your mother.

#### Proverbs 23:15-16,24-25

<sup>15</sup>My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine.

<sup>16</sup>Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak

right things.

<sup>24</sup>The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

<sup>25</sup>Thy father and thy mother shall be glad, and she that bare thee shall rejoice.

Bring up your children in subjection with all gravity. Children are full of self-will. Force them against their self-will because that self-will is dangerous. Let them learn to drop their will and pick the will of God and say, "Not my will, but Thine O' Lord be done." When Jesus became a Son to His Father, what did He say? "Nevertheless, not My will but Thine will be done." So let the child lay aside his will, never insisting on his will. Let him learn to listen to counsel, to listen to instruction and submit to the word of God. Ministers of the gospel, if we want revival at this end time, we must not be like other ministers that have polluted children. They handed

over the church to polluted children. The musical instruments are played by polluted children. Everything is done just to satisfy those polluted children. They may be thinking that if they do so their children will be born again. Such ministers are not born again themselves, because if they are born again they will not give holy things to dogs. They will not give the vessels of God to unclean people.

#### Matthew 7:6

<sup>6</sup>Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

That is why we are saying you should train them. It is a challenge but take it to God in prayer. Ask Him to help you.

#### 4.5 Some Children Reject Truth and Choose Evil

#### 2 Samuel23:1-5.

<sup>1</sup>Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His

word was in my tongue.

<sup>3</sup>The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, he that ruleth over men must be just,

ruling in the fear of God.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

<sup>5</sup>Although my house be not so with God; yet He hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although He make it not to grow.

This was David speaking towards the end of his life. David was an exalted and anointed man of God. He said God told him to be just and righteous. His house should be righteous and just also. "But my house was not so; yet I found favour before God." Why was his house not so? It is unfortunate! Amnon his son, deceived him to bring Tamar his step-sister to him in order to commit immorality with her. What a sorrow! What a sorrow to their father, King David, that his son used him to bring his daughter to him for immorality. What a sorrow to that righteous king! At what age did Amnon do this? Surely, he should be far above twenty and was not a child. But with all the home training, he chose evil. Then Absalom killed Amnon. "Ah! What is happening in my house? Oh, these children! You are a problem to me. With all the effort I made on you."

Absalom had run away into a foreign land. When

Absalom came back, he wanted to take over the throne. At what age did he do this? Certainly, it was at an age more than 30 years. "They made Absalom to commit immorality with David's wives, the concubines, publicly in the sight of others." They have come to old age and have wilfully chosen evil. This was the lamentation of David: "I have done my best over my children. I have done all and they have come to the age of personal decision and they willingly chose evil! That is between them and God. God who knows my innocence, my effort, justified me and still fulfilled His promise over my life."

Some children can overpower their parents, when they get to the age of deciding for themselves. At this stage, God does not judge you as being responsible anymore. He knows the personal efforts that you have made. He is seeing you do all that is in your power to do and the child has come to the age where he says, "I am no more a child, I am an adult. To the Government, any child that has attained the age of eighteen is an adult. I am no more a child, I am an adult now. You cannot force me." At this point you may say, "Okay, I leave you with God."

God knows. Even God Himself left Israel to their evil ways when they chose evil. When human beings chose evil He left them to their will. He did not force them. Your child has come to the age that is beyond forcing him against his will. If you want to use force,

it may result to fight and he is stronger than you. What do you do? You have used all strength, all methods and God is your witness. At this point you are justified. "Though my house was not so, I found favour in the sight of the Lord." Let this comfort the father, let it comfort the mother that has used all their strength and yet could not achieve the desired result. Leave the matter before the Lord. That does not mean you stop your efforts completely. As you receive new light from God, still do as He guides you. Leave that child in the hands of God. The future shall be determined between the child and God. As for you, it will be sin if you cease praying for that child. It will be sin if you cease doing whatever you think or see is good for that child.

#### 1Samuel 12:23

<sup>23</sup>Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.

My fervent prayer is for God to show mercy to those parents who got converted to Christ when their children have already grown up in evil.

### 4.6 The Challenge of Parents in the Western World

#### Mark 9:23

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

#### Mark 10:27

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

In the western world like Europe and America, the government gives false protection to children by prohibiting effective child discipline and training. The children are told to report their parents if they hurt their feelings. Parents leaving in this kind of society must know that this is satanic and must not be considered as the law of God.

#### Jeremiah 10:1-3.

<sup>1</sup>Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:

<sup>2</sup>Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.
<sup>3</sup>For the customs of the people are vain.

You must at all times obey the word of God rather than the rule of man and human Government.

#### Acts 4:19-20

<sup>19</sup>But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. <sup>20</sup>For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

#### Acts 5:29

<sup>29</sup>Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

God must be relied on by prayer and faith so that you may boldly discipline the children according to scriptures, as a measure of training them up for the Lord

#### Ephesians 6:4,

<sup>4</sup>And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

#### **James 1:5-7**

<sup>5</sup>If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

<sup>6</sup>But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

<sup>7</sup>For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

Faith in God will give protection to the righteous from the wicked.

#### Psalm 91:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;

<sup>10</sup>There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

<sup>11</sup>For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

<sup>12</sup>They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

#### Joshua 1:6-9

<sup>6</sup>Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

<sup>7</sup>Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses My servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

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.

<sup>9</sup>Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

The gain of this world are grossly insufficient comparable to the souls of our children. They must be raised up in godliness every wherein the world as the Lord commands. If the environment cannot allow for this, it must be changed for the children's sake.

#### Mark 8:36-37

<sup>36</sup>For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

<sup>37</sup>Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Many righteous parents are succeeding in child training, even in the western world! Therefore, seek counsel.

#### Proverbs 15:22.

<sup>22</sup>Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.



## THE CHALLENGE OF SATANIC INTERFERENCE IN CHILDREN

5.1 Children left to themselves will become the devil's Tools

1 Samuel 2:12

<sup>12</sup>Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord.

We are speaking here about the children of Eli. They were children of Belial; children of Satan. They were wicked children. **Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord.** Can you see? They could beoccultic, they were demonic; they were probably wizards. They did not know the Lord. How did this happen? Eli, how did you live with your children that they came to the point that Satan fully took over them? How did you live with the children that they became witches and wizards? That they joined occultism and have become members of illuminati? How did you treat them? Eli! You did not train someone to replace you as the high priest? You were busy so much in this work that you forgot those

that will succeed you. You did not know that succession in this work required righteousness? Why did you not give much time to these children? The Bible says, "**Train up a child in the way he should go**" Did you take time to train one of your children to become a faithful high priest before the Lord?

You missed it from the beginning, because the Bible says that you should train up a child early. Start early. Eli, you missed your early work. You were negligent. You left these children to be on their own and you were busy doing another thing. Eli, in all your movement you were swinging only one hand; you were not exercising the second hand. You did not know that if you left it too long it would become paralyzed? See it now! You preserved it without using it. Brother, Sister, the child that is left to him self shall be of sorrow to you tomorrow. You left that child and whatever he wanted you gave him. You said to the child, "Take! Sleep as much as you want. Do whatever you want to do as much as you want." No training! Whatever she cried for you say, "Oh, okay, take it, take it." Even when she wanted to take a knife, you gave her because she was crying. You said to yourself "I better give her the knife so that I can rest." You may rest today but tomorrow you will wake up in tears.

Look at that scripture again, "Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the Lord."

These were the people that took over the temple. These were the people that took over the ministry. Do you want to present rotten children to God? What efforts are you making for those righteous children to take over the ministry for God? I mean if you are not there, that they may continue the work of God. I am not saying that your personal ministry will be inherited by your children. That is not what I am saying, but that they should take over your place in the service of God. If the Lord wants to give them the exact ministry you are doing, fine, that is God's choice. What are you doing about the challenge of satanic influence on children?

#### 5.2 Exercise your God given Authority

Isaiah 54:13-15, 17

<sup>13</sup>And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

<sup>14</sup>In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

<sup>15</sup>Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by Me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

<sup>17</sup>No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,

and their righteousness is of Me, saith the LORD.

Job 22:28

<sup>28</sup>Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

You need to exercise your God-given authority to prevent your children from becoming the devil's tools. Break the devil's hold over them. What do you do to ensure that your child does not get possessed? What should you do? More prayers, more consecration, more devotion, more praying, more fasting together and more checking up on them are required. Job was offering sacrifices for his children regularly so that there would be no sin that would overtake them. He offered prayers constantly so that no sin would cover them up. You need help. You need prayer. You need to cry to God. You need to examine the children. You need to battle with the forces of darkness because of your children!

**Ephesians 6:10-18** 

<sup>10</sup>Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

<sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

<sup>12</sup>For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against

spiritual wickedness in high places.

<sup>13</sup>Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

<sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the

gospel of peace;

<sup>16</sup>Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

<sup>17</sup>And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

<sup>18</sup>Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

They are children under you; so, you have authority over them. The law does not permit somebody to go into any form of contractwith a child. That is an abuse. A child is too small for you to say, "Can you give me five thousand naira? I will pay it back later." Are you talking to a child of seven years? The law will condemn you. That child has not gotten mature reasoning to transact with you! So the devil should not take your child into bondage while you are there. That child has not come to the age of freedom from parental authority and the law

protects him. The law empowers the parents against anybody that does or claims anything over that child. You have the power to disannul it. The child cannot enter into contract with anyone. You have the power to cancel it because the child cannot stand on his own.

#### Isaiah 58:6

'Is not this the fast that I have chosen?toloose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

The law of God supports you to deal with the devil to protect your child. Satan cannot claim that child. No! Do not talk about how tough he is. No! The authority of the father and the mother rests over that child. Your prayers will prevail. You will win that battle.

#### Isaiah 49:25-26

<sup>25</sup>But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

<sup>26</sup>And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour

#### and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

#### Luke 10:19

<sup>19</sup>Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

If the child has come to maturity or adulthood and gives himself willingly to Satan, his deliverance will rest upon his repentance and confession. He is on his own. But not these little boys and girls are initiated into witchcraft without their consent. Never! They are still under your power. Rise up and handle their case. Get those things broken into pieces.

#### Isaiah 54:17

<sup>17</sup>Every tongue that shall rise up against you, in judgement thou shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me.

Rise up and free that child. By prayer, by supplication, by spiritual warfare, break that bond over that child. Break it! Your child shall be free again in Jesus mighty name. And do all to deliver that child from evil. For those children who are full grown and have willingly yoked themselves with Satan, continue to minister the word of God to them,

with prayers and intercession and wait patiently for the salvation of the Lord.

#### Galatians 6:9

<sup>9</sup>And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

#### Matthew 15:21-23, 28

<sup>21</sup>Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

<sup>22</sup>And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto Him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

<sup>23</sup>But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and besought Him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

<sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Stand firm before the Lord without discouragement. Be unwavering in faith, prayer and intercession with fasting, the demon will leave your child. In this way witchcraft shall come to an end in your house and in your children. Amen!



## THE CHALLENGE OF NOT HAVING ENOUGH PROVISIONS TO MEET YOUR CHILDREN'S NEEDS

6.1 Be Wise; Plan your Family Size

Proverbs 4:5-7

<sup>5</sup>Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

<sup>6</sup>Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

<sup>7</sup>Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Trust the Lord who gave the children to you. Ask Him to supply the resources to care for them and to educate them. That is faith and prayer. Keep praying for them and the Lord will hear your prayers in Jesus name.

#### **Matthew 21:22**

<sup>22</sup>And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

However, learn lessons from the following scriptures on the place of wisdom in the family.

#### **Ecclesiastes 10:10**

<sup>10</sup>If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.

#### Proverbs 8:14

<sup>14</sup>Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength.

As we exhort people to ask God to heal them of every sickness, we also counsel them to go to the hospital when necessary. There are people who do not want to go to the hospital. If your faith is so strong that you can receive healing always, fine! In that case you do not need a hospital.

There are also some people that, naturally, they are not prone to sickness. They do not easily get sick or if they do itis minor. Headache can come and go without any kind of treatment. But we do not have the same type of body, so we can not say everybody should stay away from the hospital. Some will die, if they do not receive medical treatment. We advise the sick brethren to pray and if it so requires, they

should not hesitate to go to the hospital also. Again, there are people that we advise to avoid the food they eat or the habit they engage in that is always bringing that sickness to them. Why must they suffer sickness always because of bad lifestyle or poor eating habit? For example, you may be working as a security man sitting up throughout thenight in winter. You may develop pneumonia fever as a result of this. If you know your bodydoes not respond well to the weather condition, it is advisable for you to resign from such work, so that you will stop being sick. You can get another job by the grace of God. If you do this, you are making use of wisdom and understanding for your safety and well-being. So, get this wisdom; get understanding.

The same thing applies to the issues of childbearing and child training. You know your financial level and you do not want to go begging or lose control over your children because of insufficient care. Wisdom and understanding will advise you to limit childbearing to the number you can adequately cater for.

#### Luke 14:28-30

<sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

<sup>29</sup>Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it

### begin to mock him,

<sup>30</sup>Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

Do not leave your children to fate, but plan for them. Decide on the number of children to have and how to raise them up for God. Experience has shown us that many Christian families suffer in feeding and training of children because they were ignorant of family planning. Family planning is the art of determining with your spouse how many children you would want in the family and using the right and godly methods to achieve this and, stop further childbearing. This is not an offence to God. Rather, it is good wisdom for spiritual advantage as the one who remains single by the will of God.

### 1Corinthians 7:6-9, 32, 33

<sup>6</sup>But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment.

<sup>7</sup>For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

<sup>8</sup>I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.

But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

<sup>32</sup>But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

<sup>33</sup>But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

### 6.2 The Implication of Inadequate Family Planning

### Proverbs 27:12

<sup>12</sup>A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished.

### Luke 14:29-30

<sup>29</sup>Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

<sup>30</sup>Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

There are implications if you draw a plan larger than your financial power. You want to build a house? How much money do you have? By your estimation, can your money, build one bedroom? Why not build one bedroom? But you say, "No! I want to build four-bedroom house. My colleagues have four bedrooms, how will I build just one bedroom?" If you want to do so for this four bedroom, why not sit down and estimate how much would be required for the foundation; how much would take the building up;

how much you will need to roof it; how much is needed to fix the doors and the windows, and how much will be required for the finishing? Please sit down and make consultations. If you do, you may discover that for the four-bedroom to come to roofing level, you may need about ten million Naira. Now, look backward and calculate all the money you made in the last five years; all your salary and other monies that came through other means, how much did you realise within those five years? Having done so, you saw that all that came to you in the last five years was two-and-a-half-million Naira. Yet, you want to build a four- bedroom that will cost about ten million Naira? Of course, you will start the building but will not be able to finish it. It is wise to reduce that building to the size you can afford and build to completion.

Check up on how much it will take to maintain a child annually in this present world. How much does it take to care for two or three? Now consider your financial inflow in the past ten years. What is the size? Then, what does wisdom tell you? Wisdom tells you to get children according to the number you can train; otherwise, you may go marathon and have no power to train them well, and all that see your children will be laughing at you.

We know in everything there are exceptions, especially where God gets involved because of His foreknowledge. But then we are telling you of the

general principles of truth. There is the knowledge of truth that brings about family planning. Family planning is wisdom. A couple building a family is like a man building a house. How many children are you going to have that you can cater for and not be hurt or be ashamed? Do not talk about having faith in God. The same God is the one that talks about planning, use of wisdom and personal hard work to feed yourself and family.

James 2:14,20

<sup>14</sup>What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

<sup>20</sup>But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Acts 20:33-35

<sup>33</sup>I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

<sup>34</sup>Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

<sup>35</sup>I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

If you do not want to go about begging for family support from friends, relations and neighbours,

take family planning seriously.

#### Proverbs 28:9

<sup>9</sup>He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Do not yield to ungodly arguments of ignorant men and women in this matter of family planning. Take sound scriptural advice for your peace and well being.

### 6.3 The Mercy of God

### 1 Peter 5:7

<sup>7</sup>Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.

You may ask: "What if I already have a large family than I can cater for?" If this is your case, pray to God to show you mercy and provide for you to take care of them. You will tell God that you did this in ignorance and the scripture says that in the days of ignorance the Lord winked at. Ask Him to extend His mercy to you. Pray fervently and in faith. God will help you. However, you who already have the knowledge of family planning should not act foolishly. You need wisdom to tackle the challenge of education and insufficient provision of fund for your children.

#### **Proverb 4:5-13**

<sup>5</sup>Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

<sup>6</sup>Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

<sup>8</sup>Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.

<sup>9</sup>She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

<sup>To</sup>Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.

<sup>11</sup>I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

<sup>12</sup>When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straightened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.

<sup>13</sup>Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life.

# CHAPTER 7

## THE CHALLENGE OF HAVING A DEFORMED OR A SICKLY CHILD

### 7.1 Let your Heart be at Peace

John 14:2, 7

<sup>2</sup>In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him.

Many parents regret that a child was born to them because the child was born deformed, or with sickness. In fact, it is as if that child was born for the poverty and shame of the family. But I want you to know that you can view the situation in such a way that your heart and life will be peaceful.

### John 9:1-5

<sup>1</sup>And as Jesus passed by, He saw a man which was blind from his birth.

<sup>2</sup>And His disciples asked Him, saying, Master,

who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

<sup>4</sup>I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

<sup>5</sup>As long as I Am in the world, I Am the light of the world.

When such thing happens, the woman is the first to be accused by people. Some will say, "Maybe she had attempted to abort this child and it did not work; that is why he became deformed." Others may say, "May be the husband has been wicked, that is why God brought on him this judgement." Stories of various kinds can be composed. These stories bring greater weight of bitterness on the parents than the challenge itself. These accusations are dangerous. Their aim is to make you bitter against God. How do you handle them in order to overcome? Know first of all that you have not sinned. This child is so, not because of your sin. Remember this, because it will ease your burden. When they are accusing you of sin, know that God is not accusing you of sin for the condition of the child. You did not do anything to warrant this. If they say, this came as a result of abortion you attempted in time past, is it what happens to all who attempted abortion?

Do not consider such accusations. God is not reasoning like men. Please, comfort yourself. God does not see as man sees. Your God is not blaming you for this matter. You are not responsible for the child's condition. Some may say you are into witchcraft, that you were planning to kill the child, but the child overpowered you, that was why only one leg was affected. They will say all sorts of things. Do not let it bother you because you are not the cause.

### 7.2 A Deformed or Sickly Child is Normal and has a Perfect Soul

Is this child a demon? Why is he blind? Why did the child come out with a part of his body not working? Is the child a demon? Look at the child properly, is the child a demon? No! What happened is a natural thing. He is a normal child, only that he has physical challenge. Do not suspect that child to be a demon; otherwise, even you will become afraid of the child. If you begin to think that way, you will be discouraged. You may pity yourself for given birth to a demon. But the Lord says, he is not a demon. He is a normal child that is just having physical challenge. So, think well over the child and live in peace.

### Isaiah 55:7

<sup>7</sup>Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy

### upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Resist every evil imagination that Satan wants to plant in your heart concerning the child.

### 7.3 The Deformed or Sickly Child is for the Manifestation of the Glory of God

Again, there is something the Lord wants you to know. This child is for the power and glory of God to be revealed among men. This is what you should set your mind on. Something will be done on this child that the Lord will be glorified. Set your heart on that and you will be looking at that child with pleasure. Say in your mind, "One day, God's glory will manifest, One day, the Lord will do a miracle on this child." Hope will keep you in strength.

Many times and in many places, the glory of the Lord has been manifested in children that are physically challenged. What about this child that was born with only one leg? Have you heard about the child? There is a child without hands but with only one leg. He can bathe himself; write with the leg and type on computer. Is that not a miracle to the world? If the Lord chooses your child to be this miraculous child, will you not be a special woman? People will travel from all parts of the world to come and see you to get an interview. Your picture will be flashed around the

world as a father or mother to a special child. Be looking on that child in hope of the glory of the Lord. In the following Bible account, what happened was miracle healing.

### John 9:6-9

<sup>6</sup>When He had thus spoken, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, <sup>7</sup>And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

The Lord shall be glorified in your child's case too. God shall be made known to many by His wonder in your child's life. So be looking forward to the day of divine manifestation. That divine purpose which God has over that child should be your regular prayer point. Let your prayer go to God, holding on God, saying, "You said it is for your glory, let me see your glory." The Lord shall surprise you. The devil shall be overcome. May the Lord give you strength to live with that child until the glory of the Lord is manifested in his case in Jesus Name. Amen.

### 7.4 The Wonder of Medical Science

### Isaiah 28:26

<sup>26</sup>For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.

The mercy of God has abounded to mankind through breakthrough in medical science. God has given the medical field great discoveries and advancement in the knowledge of medicine and surgery. Highly complex cases and deformity can be rectified through medicine and surgery. Ask God in your prayers to give the right connection and the resources for restoration and reconstruction of your physically challenged child.

### Isaiah 45:22

<sup>22</sup>Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

### Psalms 32:8,10-11

<sup>§</sup>I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye.

<sup>10</sup>Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

<sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Always live in praises and thanksgiving to God for your child's condition and refuse to be ashamed. If you commit your case to God, surely you will testify of His faithfulness to you.

HOLINESS REVIVAL MINISTRY WORLDWIDE (A.K.A) HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT WORLDWIDE (HOREMOW)

#### THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

HOREMOW is a non- denominational ministry having the flowing aims and objectives:

1.To hold Crusade, Conferences and Revival meeting in churches and nation of the world, so as to bring sinners to Christ's salvation and believers to his holiness. (Act 26:16-18)

2.To produce Christian literature that promote salvation of soul, sound Bible teaching and Holiness of believers in churches and nation of the world (Luck 1:1-4).

3.To produce audio and visual taped message for the spread of Gospel truth in churches and nations of the world.

4.To bring denominational churches into Christian unity through the believe and practice of faith once delivered unto the saints. (Eph. 4:12-15).

5.To support believers, ministers, ministries and churches with free Christian materials for their spiritual development in holiness. (Isa. 65:1)

6.To raise members and supporters of Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide from churches and Christian ministries all over the world who will submit their life to biblical holiness and be spiritually, materially and evangelically equipped to make others righteous and holy in their churches and in the society around them. (2 Timothy 2:2).

7.To establish Christian bookshop in many places within and outside the nation, equipped with holiness materials for the promotion of holiness in churches of Christ in the world. (Roman 17:17).

8.To establish a body of believer called Holiness Revival Movement in every Nation who will sponsor the production of holiness materials of the ministry and other recommending holiness materials. (Acts. 4:36, 2Cor 8:1-7).

9.To translate and interpret ministry materials into as many local, national and international language as possible.(1 Cor. 14:9-13).

10.To place the ministry book: Escaping Hell Fire and entering Heaven made simple by Pastor Paul Rika in hotels, hospitals, prison and in places that can attract public reading, for the salvation of sinners and holiness of believers. (1 Cor. 9:18-22).

11.To own satellite channel for the publication of the message of Holiness Revival Movement to the world.

- 12.To establish Bible colleges where believers and ministries can receive biblical and ministerial training for sound Christian ministry. (2 Tim. 2:2).
- 13. To have ministry camp grounds in various quarters and nation where holiness camp meetings can be held regularly. (Heb. 10:25).
- 14. To hold zonal, national and international conference regularly for the promotion and spread of Holiness in the life of believers and in Christ's church. (Col. 1:28-29).
- 15. To mentor churches register under the ministry of sound doctrine, holy living and ministerial establishment. (Titus. 1:5-14).
- 16. To support believers, ministers and ministries financially where required for the scriptural encouragement and establishment of holiness.
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