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INTRODUCTION FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

This Sunday School (SSM) is a collection of Bible based teachings that will enable believers not just members of Throne of Power and Fire Ministries to remain firm and grow in faith and in grace and at the end make heaven. It is obvious today, that so many things (strange) doctrines have crept into the body of Christ, therefore, with a good use of this manual one can receive ideal kingdom based knowledge for victorious Christian living.

The aim of this SSM is not just to draw members into the church but our principal aim and target is to teach, train, encourage, grow and mature believers of all denomination into profound Christianity who no doubt can stand the test of time and go rightly through this world and end well, which is to make heaven.

This SSM also have a target to bring positive change to believers, restoring brethren from spiritual slumber, ignorance and to quicken

the weak in faith back to spiritual alertness.

The realization of this SSM is a product of our commitment and focus on Throne of Power and Fire Ministry's vision and mission target and one of such mission is to help the weak to be strong, stand and end well.

In accomplishment of this SSM, I humbly appreciate and acknowledge the entire MFM, RCCG, DLBC and others not mentioned here who's various tested and proved manuals and books were bibliography to the research and information source for this manual. No doubt, in every phase and time you have kept the part of Christianity clear, straight and strong.

Thank you

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PREFACE

Glory be to God for this Sunday school manual. This manual is non-denominational in scope, the study outline is well selected and researched, it has in it salient Bible based references that can bring a non-believer to Christ, and it can strengthen a believer from grace to grace and from dominion to dominion.

This SSM is simple and very narrative with relevant Bible references.

By and large, this SSM is not above rebuilding and additions so that it can be of better use.

For students, it is a blessing and an eye opener, while teachers will find it very easy and simple to use. But let no one solely rely on this SSM at the detriment of his or spiritual growth, hereafter, dig dip into the Holy Bible so you can have more to add to this manual

Therefore, brethren, if you have any issue or suggestions arising from dip further study and the use of this manual, please, I appeal to you not to hesitate to inform or intimate me rightly.

Thank you for your understanding and happy study

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STUDY 1

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR A MIRACLE (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: John 14 v 13: "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that I will do, that the father may be glorified in the son."

(1) WHAT IS A MIRACLE? A miracle is a divine act of God whereby God suspends, interferes or put aside natural laws in other words rules are broken to make certain things happen. Psalms 136 v 4 earnestly reminds us that the God we serve is a God that does miracles, signs and wonders.

(2) HOW DO WE QUALIFY FOR A MIRACLE?

Many brethren earnestly wait or expect miracles in certain areas of their life and to a large extent many have not received one. This is largely due to the fact that not all that are expecting a miracle are qualify for a miracle, except those that are readily qualify for it or who God want to have mercy on Rom 9 v 15, Pro 16 v 6, and Luke 1 v 50

The ultimate question is, how do one (believer) qualify for a miracle, who qualifies for a miracle and when do we expect a miracle? Any person who is ready can receive a miracle, you can receive a miracle anywhere God is present any anytime. So every believer must always be ready for one by always having Jesus in your heart and in your life.

Ultimately, everybody (believer) needs miracles, no matter who you are, but interestingly you must obey, oblige to or follow certain Bible / Spiritual or commands or requirements if you dearly desire for miracles as a part of your daily life.

For miracles to begin to take place in your life the following principle must be followed:

(1) You must be a new creation, born again and be consecrated to Jesus Christ John 3 v 3. You must believe and confess Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (read Matt 10 v 32 - 34)

(2) Though holiness is no more emphasized in our worship gathering today yet living a holy life is another way to be qualified for a miracle, you must submit, love and pursue after holiness 1 Peter 1 v15 - 16, Roman 12 v 1, Genesis 39 v 7 - 10.

(3) To be qualified for miracles, you must be an aggressive and a committed

worshiper of the true God with all your heart, because this is one major way to penetrate God's mind and attract God's mercies Psalm 22 v 3, Colo 4 v 2, Phil. 4 v 6, Matt 15 v 21 - 28 and 2 Chro 20 v 20 - 22

(4) To qualify for miracles, mostly in the area of finances you must be a good, aggressive and generous giver. Solomon found great favor with God 2 Chro 1 v 6, Phil 3 v 7 - 10 Paul found favor with God, David in 1 Chro 22 v 14 - 16 was favored by God.“Givers never lack” (give and it shall be given to you). You also pay your tithes Mala 3 v 8-9.

It will interest you to know that even our God Himself is a sacrificial giver John 3 v 16

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 2

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR A MIRACLE (PART 2)

(Review part 1 study before today's study)

Looking back to last week's study, it is clear that every person including unbelievers are in high expectation of a miracle in a certain areas of their life. But looking at our last episode, you must agree that while everyone expects a miracle, there are certain persons that are most likely to receive a miracle and they are those who are physically, spiritually and morally prepared.

In the last study we gather that to qualify for a miracle, you must be a new creation- born again and you must be consecrated in Jesus Christ, you must be truly holy and live a holy life, you must be an aggressive worshipers of the true God, you will also be a good, aggressive and generous giver.

(5) To qualify for a miracle, you must be obedient to God's will, because this could count for you as faithfulness. Every faithful member of the body of Christ has a heavenly reward 2 Corinth 10 v 5 - 6. In 2 king 4 v 8 -17 the Bible noted that disobedience is like witchcraft Read Isaiah 1 v 19.

(6) Doubt: If you want to qualify for a miracle, do not be a doubter James 1v 6 - 8. If you desire a miracle, bear the same faith like the woman with the

issue of blood Matt. 15 v 28 Jesus says: “woman thy faith had made you whole”. Hebrew 11 v 6 “Faith brings miracle to the life of a believer.

(7) To be qualified for a miracle, you must be a soul winner, the Bible says “they that win souls are wise” Dan 12 v 3..... “and they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever”. Read John 15 v 16.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 3

PRAYER, A GREAT WEAPON OF VICTORY (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 18 v1 “And he spake a parable unto them to this end that men ought always to pray, and not to faint”

(1) Prayer is an ultimate demand of God from man not just because there is problem but (Acts 4 v23) because it is recommended to man by God irrespective of your situation, read Luke 18 v 1. Prayer simply means talking to God, an act of communication through which God's children express their desires to God, their Heavenly Father.

(2) FACTS ABOUT PRAYER

(A) A prayerful person can change any unwanted decision and anything Hezekiah 2 Kings 20 v 1 - 11

(B) It is interesting and worth knowing that all prayers must be made in the name of Jesus Christ Phil 2 v 10.

© When we request in prayer, our God is marvelously able to do more than we ask or imagine Phil 3 v 20.

(D) Prayer is a life ladder an ideal Christian can stand on. A man that can pray is a man that can change God's mind Jonah 3 v 1 - 10.

(E) Prayer is a master key, not just a master key, it is a potent secret and it was the secret of Jesus Christ. Read Matt. 17 v 14 - 22

(F) God's secret is with those that pray.

(G) One character of people that pray is that they fear the Lord Ps 25 v 14

(H) Prayer is the quickest and shortest way to get God's ultimate attention just like the case of Elijah on mount camel 1Kings 18 v 22 - 38.

(I) In prayer, you can cause shaking and quaking Act 4 v 31

(J) Through prayer, captives can be set free and chains can be broken off from a captive Act 12 v 1 - 12, Act 16 v16 - 26. It is very difficult to spiritually arrest or imprison a man that can pray Acts 12 v 5 – 7and it is also very easy for a man that can pray to receive freedom from captivity

(K) Through prayer, you receive insight, also understanding and focus is achieved “..... and David inquired of the Lord.....” 1 Samuel 30 v 8

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 4

PRAYER, A GREAT WEAPON OF VICTORY (Part 2)

(Review part 1 study before today's study)

- (L) Through prayer, judgment, decrees can be revoked and rewritten Esther 4 v 14 - 16, Esther 8 v 1 - 17
- (K) For quality prayer and for unprecedented victory to be achieved through Prayer, one must be born again, fear God, be highly committed to God's word, live a righteous life Ps 34 v 17, Pro 10 v 24.
- (L) You must be blameless before God I Thess 3 v 13.
- (M) You must be persistent Luke 18 v 1, 7.
- (N) You must have a broken and a contrite heart Ps 51 v 17. God does not answer the prayer of any person who owes vows.'Offer unto God thanksgiving and pay your vows into the most High, then you can call (pray) upon me in the day of trouble I will deliver thee, and thou shall glorify me" Ps 50 v 14 – 15)
- (O) On the contrary you may be praying and God will hide his ear and face from you Ps 55 v 1 - 2, (Isaiah 59 read all)
- (P) God does not answer the prayer of the wicked Ps 50 v 16.
- (Q) The devil is always after your prayer life and he will always want to destroy or sit on it if you don't protect and secure your prayer altar strongly and jealously.
- (R) Through prayer you can settle issues with God Matt 17 v 21, Esther 4 v 16
- (S) Through prayer, you can overcome temptation Luke 22 v 46
- (T) You can please God through prayer
- (U) Through prayer you receive strength Luke 22 v 41 - 43
- (V) Your faith is a great pusher to your prayer Read Matt. 21 v 22

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 5

BELIEVERS AND DEMONS (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 3 v 27 “No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house”.

This in one fact Mark Gospel emphasized concerning defeating the devil and demonic forces i.e., setting at liberty those who are enslaved, oppressed and humiliated by Satan and his demons. From the above scripture, this power over Satan and his demons is totally evident in the arresting and casting out of demons or evil spirits.

(1) DEMONS AND BELIEVERS

(a) Demons are agents of Satan and are spirit beings with personality and very strong intelligence. They are members of Satan's kingdom and can never be friends of man because they are enemies of God (read Matt 12 v 43 - 45). Demons are evil, oppressive, destructive, troublesome and obstructive, they are under Satan's ruler ship and control (read Matt 4 v10 - 11). Every believer must do everything by the grace and power of God to maintain and enforce the defeat of Satan and his demons in and around his or her life and at every level.

(b) When demons are in a person's life, such a person is bound to be experiencing certain level of discomfort and suffering in life. Such cases were expressed in New Testament frequently (Read Mark 1 v 23 - 28, v 32 - 34, v 39, Mk 3 v 10 - 12, v 14 - 15, Mk 5 v 1 - 20, Mk 6 v 7, 13, Mk 7 v 24 - 30, Mk 9 v 14 - 29, Mk 16 v 17). From these scriptures, it is obvious that most critical cases of suffering, oppression and harassment are induced by the influence of indwelling demons in a person's body.

(c) Demons are the power behind idol gods, i.e. the worship of fake gods. By implication, when you worship or fellowship with fake gods you are worshiping demons (read 1 Corinth 10 v 20)

(d) Every believer must properly understand the position of Satan and his agent (demons) on earth and how the New Testament presents the world as a place inflicted by Satan (read John 12 v 31, Eph 6 v 10 - 12, 2 Corinth 4 v 4

Rev 12 v 10 - 12). From the above scriptures, demons are the rulers of this age, and it is very critical and necessary for all Christians to fight and wage warfare, I mean tireless warfare against Satan and his demons if you must enjoy desired deliverance, peace and fruitfulness of God. (read Eph 6 v 12.)

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 6
BELIEVERS AND DEMONS (Part 2)

(Review part 1 study before today's study)

DEMONS AND BELIEVERS (continued)

In continuation from last week's study our Bible reference was Mark 3 v 27 this scripture gave us an understanding that Satan and his agent have a house and with goods stocked in it, but the question here is whose goods and why must we enter it? Very simple, there are goods or blessings they stole from you and me: (John 10 v10: "The thief cometh not, but to steal")

(e) Demons can, and often live in the bodies of unbelievers (Matt 5 v 15, Acts 16 v 18) and pass through their voice to speak. Demons have always possessed and enslaved careless, sinful brethren and individuals and influenced them to do evil, destructions wickedness, immorality and other bad things that cause tears, sorrow, disunity, pains and killing even to destroy an environment. So, it is very important that every believer must be very careful not to open any door for demons to enter his life or body.

(f) To a very large extent, it is obvious that demons or evil spirits are responsible for reasonable physical illness and afflictions in human life

(Mark 9 v 32 - 33, Matt 4 v 24, Luke 15 v 12 - 13). From this background, it is wise to always look or deal with illness and afflictions spiritually (prayer) in combination the use of medical drugs.

(g) There are bondage, acquired through the influence of demons in and around a man. Every involvement in spiritism, magic, (sorcery) consulting herbalist, marine spirit dance, masquerade, worshiping of strange and fake gods in the name of looking for solutions attracts demons to a person's life (Acts 13 v 8 - 10, Acts 10 v 19, Gala 5 v 20, Rev 9 v 20) You have been in anyway a part of this, you must repent and undergo serious deliverance prayers to break all contacts, and expel the demons out of your life and cry for Holy Ghost restoration.

(h) Lastly, you must be warned and be careful, because evil spirits will be very active in the last days of this age such as we can see now, promoting the occult, immorality, bloodshed, violence, cruelty, divisions, imitations, assault on the Word of God and sound doctrine. Matt 24 v 24, 2 Cor 11 v 14 - 15, 1 Tim 4 v 1,) Today, there is a high level of demonic doctrine and activities, signs and wonders (2 Thess 2 v 9, Rev 13 v 2 - 8, 16 v 13 - 14).

Brethren, be careful and secure yourself in Christ Jesus and no demon can penetrate your body.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 7
BELIEVERS AND DEMONS (Part 3)
(Review part 1 & 2 studies before today's study)

(2) FACTS ABOUT DEMONS AND BELIEVERS

(a) No true believer with the indwelling of the Holy Ghost and power can be demon possessed; demons and evil spirits can never reside in the same

body where the Holy Spirit dwells read (2 Corinth 6 v 15 - 16). This notwithstanding, demons and evil spirits may some way influence the imaginations, emotions and actions of a believer mostly when he refused to obey and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit read (Matt 16 v 23, 2 Corinth 11 v 1, 14.) Demons / evil spirits are very patient and hard working and if not resisted could achieve their goals.

(b) Luke 10 v 9 "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. Looking at (Luke 10 v 19 and Eph 6 v 11) believers are empowered and mandated with divine authority over the power of Satan, demons, evil spirits and all their agents. We must confront them in the power of God, break their strength, stronghold and their forces which they may want to exact over us and the body of Christ. This we must do by waging intense spiritual warfare through the power of the Holy Ghost and prayer against Satan and demons, read (Luke 4 v 14 - 19, Luke 18 v 1 - 2) In this way, we can be sure of total deliverance, protection and dominion.

(c) Looking at the book of (Mark 3 v 27) it is scripturally mandated on all Christian to embark on the facts below:

(1) We must declare war against the devil according to the purpose of God in (Luke 4 v 14 - 19)

(2) We must attack and overpower the devil through prayer and proclamation of the word of God and completely destroy his weapons of demonic deception, sin, wickedness, worldliness and corruption (Luke 11 v 20 - 22)

(3) We must repossess all their loot and deliver those they have held captive and return them back to Jesus Christ so that they can receive forgiveness, re-consecration and be sanctified by faith through the blood of Jesus Christ (Luke 11 v 22, Acts 26 v 18)

(3) HOW DO WE ACHIEVE THE ABOVE?

(a) Recognize that you are not fighting with flesh and blood but against spiritual forces and evil powers Eph 6 v 12

(b) Be fervent in your commitment to only God in truth and

righteousness, and live a life before God (Rom 12 v 1 - 2, Eph 6 v 14)

(c) Live by great faith which can enable you to always confront Satan and his agents (Acts 26 v 18, Eph 6 v 18, 1 Thess 5 v 8. You must realize God has given you all you need to pull down the devil, his demon and his stronghold (2 Corinth 10 v 4 - 5)

(d) Use the word of God, the name of Jesus Christ, prayer and fasting to challenge the devil and demons (Matt 4 v 23, Act 16 v 16 - 18, Matt 6 v 16, Mk 9 v 29). You must cast them out Matt 10 v 1.

(e) Finally, you must pray for the conviction of the Holy Spirit in the life of sinners, unbelievers and coming judgment (John 16 v 7 - 11), you must pray for and eagerly desire the manifestation of the Holy Spirit through the gift of healing, tongues, miracles, signs and wonders (Acts 4 v 19 - 33), 10 v 38, 1 Corinth 12 v 7 - 11.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 8

DANGERS OF PRAYERLESSNESS (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 18 v 1 “And he spake a parable unto them to this end that men ought always to pray, and not to faint”

Prayer is one major way through which we (Christians) talk with or talk to the Almighty God. It is also one potent weapon God gave the church or His children which can enable them to prevail over situations not minding your age, size, color or denomination James 5 v 13, Luke 18 v 1. Jesus showed so much concern for prayer; He taught the disciples how to pray Matt 6 v 5 - 15, He prayed earnestly in Luke 22 v 39 - 46, He recommended prayer in Luke 18 v 1-8

and in Luke 22 v 46 as a means of defense. Apostle Paul, a man who followed Jesus so closely also recommended prayer, Paul saw the need and influence of prayer in the life of Jesus Christ and himself. Read Acts 3 v 1 - 8, Acts 12 v 1 - 13, Acts 13 v 1 - 3. Peter also prayed on the house top in Acts 10 v 9, in 1 Samuel 7 v 5 Prophet Samuel expressed the art of prayer, in Genesis 20 v 3, 6 - 7 God spoke to Abimelech in his dream how prayer will be made for him by Abraham. Therefore, any Christian who must live to succeed or have a glorious and a victorious Christian life must learn and live a life of prayer.

WHAT CAN PRAYER REALLY DO?

Through prayer, God's presence and glory is drawn down, issues are settled on the altar of quality, fervent and earnest prayer. Through prayer, your spiritual life is activated which eventually also activates your physical life, prayer helps you to be focused; a prayerful person is always bold and confident. It helps to sanitize, through prayer the raw power of God is demonstrated, prayer is the avenue through which God's children turn things around or change judgment just like the case of Hezekiah, through prayer you can sustain and keep your environment spiritually healthy, open doors are received through prayer, prayer keeps you spiritually healthy and in permanent dominion. Through prayer you dethrone, decamp and spoil every work of darkness, prayer is the strength of every believer. Prayers

permanently lift up the hands of God in anything. A prayerful Christian is always spiritually illuminated. So, I recommend prayer for you today, let prayer be a part of your life style, don't forget, prayer gives God access to intervene into anything, and through prayer God knows those who are really serious.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 9
DANGERS OF PRAYERLESSNESS (Part 2)

(Review part 1 study before today's study)

Obviously, there is nothing as dangerous as prayerlessness in the life of a Christian or in any environment, a place where there is no prayer is always spiritually hazardous, chaotic and is dominated by evil and evil powers, witches and wizards, occult personalities, bewitchment and darkness, with the evidence of untimely death, set back, backwardness, poverty, alcoholism and all manners of addiction, prostitution, waywardness and worldliness.

DANGERS OF PRAYERLESSNESS

- (1) When you refuse to pray, you keep God far.
- (2) Prayerlessness creates a conducive avenue and atmosphere for the enemies to come in, operate freely and even reside.
- (3) When you slumber or refuse to pray you give the enemies and problems room to continue to stay and cause havoc and such a case remain worse.
- (4) Cases may become complicated and due to complicated case, such a person may backslide.
- (5) Prayer less Christians can never experience God's presence, power and

freedom.

(6) Prayer less people easily loose their spiritual integrity to spirit husbands / wives and dream caterers who cook for them to eat in their dream.

(7) Prayer less Christians are easily messed up by the devil, because they cannot resist the devil.

(8) Prayer less Christians easily loose spiritual strength (Luke 22 v 41 - 43) and eventually they loose their physical strength and possessions as well

(9) Prayerlessness, open doors for too much struggles in every area of a man's life.

Brethren, examine yourself and wake up and pray, God is waiting for your prayer to change things.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 10

RECEIVING ANSWERS AND HINDRANCES TO PRAYER

MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 59 v 12 “For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities we know them”

Jehoshaphat, Ezra and Zachariah were examples of men that prayed and God answered them. (Ex 15v 24-25, 1Kings 3 v 11-13. Brethren, you must not doubt the fact that God answers prayer. God answered Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Hannah, Samuel, Solomon, Elijah, Hezekiah. Luke 1 v 13. It is very important to know that the early church prayed and they were answered (Acts 4 v 31). Brethren, as you and the church prayed or you remain praying God that has answered these men in the past will surely answer you. God will not fail or disappoint you because in (Ps 91 v 15, Luke 11 v 9 and 1 John 3 v 22. He has promised to answer all your prayers.

(1) FOR YOU TO PREVAIL IN PRAYER OR ATTRACT QUICK AND EARNEST HEAVENLY ATTENTION, IT IS NECESSARY TO AMPLIFY YOUR PRAYER THROUGH THE FOLLOWING:

- (a) By praying to the father through Jesus Christ Matt.6 v 6, John 16 v 23 - 24)
- (b) You must pray continually in faith (Mk 11 v 24)
- (c) You must pray wholeheartedly (Jer 29 v 13)
- (d) You must forgive from the depth of your heart (Mk 11 v 25)
- (e) You must pray in perseverance (Luke 11 v 1)
- (f) Righteousness and obedience is required to push your prayer 1Tim 2 v 8 - 9
- (g) Certain sacrifice or seed is required at certain level to provoke the heavens of your prayer. 1 Kings 8 vs. 54, 63, 1 Kings 9 v. 2 -3
- (h) Fasting is needed in provoking your heavens or in prevailing prayer Matt 17 v. 21
- (i) Put God as the first in your prayer 1 King 3 vs. 7-13.
- (j) Praying in tongue 1 Cor 14 v 18, Rom 3 v 26. This is another very good way to prevail in prayer and it is one major way to empower yourself in prayer and to attract God's presence.

(2) WHY PRAYERS ARE HINDERED

- (a) Disobedience can make your prayers not to be answered Deut 1 v 43, 45
- (b) Secret sins also hinder prayers Ps 66 v 18
- (c) Neglect of mercy Pro 21 v 13
- (d) Stubbornness Zechariah 7 v 13
- (e) Blood guiltiness/ bloodshed Isaiah 1 vs. 15
- (f) Doubt and unbelief James 1 v 6-7
- (g) Self indulgence (the nature of your personal desire may hinder God's to mercy to your Prayer Matt 6 v 33, James 4 v 3

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 11

CONSIDER YOUR LATTER END (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: “Heb 9 v 27 “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”.

(1) Considering the above Bible reference, there is no man that will not die, no man in-respective of his color, race, position here on earth, his wealth, fame, religion, academic qualifications etc. All humans must face judgment after their death and at that time you have no choice, you must meet God, who many people have forsaken, rejected, abandoned and refused to obey today. Personally, even all your security escort and earthly possessions, affluence and influence cannot defend or protect you from this great Judge (Almighty God). On that unavoidable day, it is the life you lived here on earth, bad or good that will speak for you. Whether you like it or not you must meet with your maker on the last day.

Right now, He the Most High Judge is waiting for you on your last day to come and give account of how you lived on earth both in the open and in the secret, how you spent your time, money, how you dressed, what you did with your body, what you did for humanity and with your destiny etc.

Read Matt 24 v 1 - 34, Rev 21 v 5 - 8.

One thing you must know and always remember is that, it is not what you have materially that makes or will make you reasonable before God now and after death, but it is who you are in the Lord Luke 12 v 13 - 21. On the last day, your I don't care attitude will bear witness against you before God.

Read Matt 19 v 16 - 30.

(2) HOW TO KNOW THOSE WHO DO NOT CARE ABOUT THEIR LATTER END

- (a) They refuse to completely repent (our repentance need repentance again after you have examined yourself)
- (b) Failure to specifically confess and forsake your sin. Bad Christian life
- (c) Un-forgiveness and inner wickedness is in them
- (d) Lack of desperation to listen and please God always
- (e) People with wrong motives in the house of God
- (f) They refused to break off or separate from evil / occult religious relationship
- (g) Procrastination, delay of true Christian life (no genuine Christian life)

(h) Practicing and being an accomplice to sins and sinners (defending and protecting) sins, sinners and wickedness)

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 12 **CONSIDER YOUR LATTER END (Part 2)**

(Review part 1 study before today's study)

(3) HOW DO I LIVE TO CONSIDER MY LATTER END?

(a) You must be born again and live the life of a born again Christian John 3 V 1 - 5

(b) You must be a man after God's heart Acts 13 v 22

© Locate and live the life of an eagle Jer 6 v 16

(d) You must choose and decide to pay the price Matt 10 v 37 - 39

(e) You must be strong in the Lord and sincerely commit yourself to the things of God Eph 6 v 11 - 18

(f) Build and work on your Christian character every day Gala 5 v 6, 2 Peter 1 v 4 - 8,

(g) Depend completely on only God, His grace and His mercy Psalms 37 v 23 - 24

(h) Struggle to know God deeply Phil 3 v 10, 1 Peter 4 v 18 says "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinners appear"

CONCLUSION: Brethren, the choice is yours, you know the difference between living right and living wrong (godliness and ungodliness) make a choice today, amend your ways because death do not pre-inform any one before it comes.

You may not be lucky enough for a second chance, so, prepare now before it is too Late had I know is not there after death

Read Mark 10 v 17, I Corinth 6 v 9, 1 Corinth 15 v 50, Gala 5 v 19 - 21, Rev 21 v

7.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 13

IMPORTANCE OF FELLOWSHIP

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 133 v 1 “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity”

1. Fellowship simply means an act of God's children having communication or a mutual relationship with God here on earth. This was one major act of Jesus and his disciples. Jesus and his disciples often gather in one place to have fellowship together with brethren to pray, share good news, worship, to study God's word and other things in common 1 Cor 16 v 19, Acts 12 v 11 – 17.

Paul in an epistle wrote to encourage Phillipines brethren to remain together in a steadfast fellowship in the Lord Phil 1 v 1-5, 1 John 1 v 7

2. TYPES OF FELLOWSHIP

- a. Church Fellowship
- b. Market Place Fellowship
- c. Office / Work Place Fellowship
- d. Vehicle Fellowship
- e. Hospital Fellowship
- f. Roadside Fellowship
- g. Prison Fellowship
- h. House Fellowship
- i. Family Fellowship
- j. Community Fellowship
- k. Schools / Campus Fellowship
- L. Personal Fellowship
- m. Farm Fellowship
- n. Workshop Fellowship

3. WHY WE MUST REMAIN IN FELLOWSHIP WITH BRETHREN

- a. It strengthens our faith in God
- b. It empowers unity in the body of Christ Acts 2 v 42 – 46
- c. It is an instruction from God that brethren fellowships together John 1 v 6 – 7
- d. Jesus earnestly prayed for believers to observe fellowship in unity John

17 v 11–12

- e. In a place where brethren fellowships together, backsliding and falling away is prevented (see Dorcas and Ephraim's case 2Tim 4 v 10, Hos 4 v 17)
- f. Healthy and Godly fellowship encourage and promotes sweet communication and communion between men and God
- g. Communication gap is removed and free communication is guaranteed – all brethren have access to each other and to God.

4. WHAT WE GAIN WHEN WE FELLOWSHIP

- a. All confessed sins are flushed away and you are cleansed 1 John 1 v 7
- b. You are sure of God's presence Matt 18 v 20
- c. All forms of God's glory, power , healing, miracle, mercy, voice and anointing is manifested Mk 2 v 1–4, 11–12
- d. In a healthy fellowship, all forms of miracles and deliverance are experienced Acts 16 v 25 - 29
- e. Parts of the benefits of fellowship are the assurance of Holy Ghost Baptism, deep study and understanding of God's word Acts 10 v 33 – 44
- f. Where people observe fellowship, salvation is guaranteed
- g. Where brethren fellowships experience is gained as brethren shares testimonies and encounters
- h. When fellowship is observed you become a friend of Jesus and your pastor and your leader

CONCLUSION: Do not forsake or avoid fellowship with brethren, it is a necessity for your growth and maturity in the faith. It is also an opportunity for you to see, hear and learn from each other. Hebrews 10 v 25

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 14

PROBLEM OF EVIL DEDICATION (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Samuel 1 v 11 “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 hand maid, 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”.

Hannah dedicated her son Samuel to God as a fulfillment of her vows automatically Samuel became a property of God. Looking at this scripture you will agree with me that she dedicated Samuel even before he was conceived. Obviously, immediately Samuel was dedicated the seal of heaven came upon his life and by this order beloved, the seal of anything you are dedicated to automatically comes upon that person and a seal of ownership is established, by this you become a prisoner to it just as Samuel became a prisoner of God 1 Samuel 1 v 24. Every dedication have a spiritual transaction which is sealed both by the host of heaven and men as witnesses. Non-living things could be dedicated too 1 chronicles 18 v 11 David dedicated everything he gathered from all the nations he defeated to God.

Anything that is dedicated to God cannot be defiled, stolen or destroyed without God not showing up Daniel 5 v 1-7. The devil also act in the same way, anything dedicated to the devil will also be secured by devil. Many persons, “now Christians” have previously been dedicated to the devil and now they have given their life to Jesus Christ but still remain under the guardian and control of the devil because the previous evil dedication and covenant have not been properly broken and been rededicated to God.

REALITY ABOUT EVIL DEDICATION

- (1) You are a property or you belong to what you are dedicated to. If you were dedicated to God, then you belong to God but if you are dedicated to anything outside God then you belong to them too.
- (2) When you are wrongly dedicated, you have been sold out and you can only be brought back or redeemed through PRAYER AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.

- (3) If you are dedicated to any idol or evil spirit you must hear and obey evil voices, command and control.
- (4) People that hear strange voices are under the influence of evil dedication.
- (5) If you are under evil dedication, you will be experiencing the manipulation of spirit husband or wife, the influence of water spirit and masquerades and strange hardship etc.
- (6) You are married to any power you are dedicated to etc.
- (7) The power you are dedicated to makes sure they supervise, monitor and manage your movement, thus, they will never allow you to move to lime light or to the top of your destiny.
- (8) The powers you are dedicated to determine your movement, anytime you take two steps forward they draw you five steps backward.
- (9) The evil powers you are dedicated to will never allow you to be stable in a prayerful church. The evil powers always block your spiritual eyes so that you will never understand yourself. They always fight and attack the pastor or church that is determined to give or show you the way of freedom.
- (10) If you bear a name from such evil background or a name that relate to evil place you were dedicated it is important you change it, because there is also a spiritual transaction in naming and bearing of names.

Psalm 106 v 28 all manner of terrifying things happen when you are under evil dedication and control.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 15
PROBLEM OF EVIL DEDICATION (Part 2)

(Review part 1 study before today's study)

We have exhaustively exposed the influence of evil dedication on a person's life if it is not properly dealt with, by what is going on in our lives, families,

lands, kingdoms, cities and nations it is still very obvious that there is the evidence of many living on evil/ungodly foundation which has a serious negative reaction on its victims, but ignorance has kept many in this dungeon, prison and bondage that cannot be defeated except by the mercy of God through appropriate approach - prayer Hosea 4 v 6.

With evil dedication the devil who is going about looking for who and what to destroy easily have access into a person's life, families, businesses, marriages, Communities, Kingdoms even Nations etc. 1 Peter 5 v 8..."Seeking whom he may destroy"

IN THE CASE OF EVIL DEDICATION, WHAT IS THE WAY OUT?

- 1) A person under the influence of evil dedication must properly seek good and sincere counsel from a deliverance oriented minister of God.
- 2) You must be ready to genuinely repent and renounce the evil dedication and be ready to be rededicated.
- 3) You must examine and look deeply into your life and your family line (at least up to three or four generations) and have quality knowledge on how your fathers (ancestors) have lived and probably trace the root of the evil dedication.
- 4) You must understand the kind of evil dedication that is in your life so that it can be adequately dealt with.
- 5) After renouncing and breaking every evil dedication either the one you inherited or you acquired yourself you must finally trace all related materials, existing altars and submit them for complete destruction. Read Judges 6 v 10 - 17, 24 - 28. You must properly rededicated yourself to God by a genuine minister or God. This is also in the case of land, family, community, kingdom, nation or every property you have.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 16

VICTORY THROUGH VICTORIOUS WORD (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: Pro 4 v 23 “Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life”

Life victories begins with the victory of your mouth or your word, and your word represents your heart or mind. Thus, the Bible says every one must be careful of what comes out of his or her mouth because failure and success or victory starts from there. A good or bad person is always known or accused by the word of his / her mouth Pro 4 v 24. Read 1 Samuel 16 v 7, Pro 3 v 5, Isaiah 57 v 15, Ezek 36 v 26, Acts 13 v 32, 1 Corinth 2 v 9, Matt 15 v 19, John 14 v 1, 2 Chron. 30 v 19 and Deut 11 v 13.

Do you desire to be victorious in life's battles and situations? if yes, beloveth, you must be committed to confessing or speaking positive word - the word of God which is God. Don't let your word and confession lead the way of failure and death for you; because it is written in Psalm 119 v 105 - 106 “The word of God is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”. so, as you speak and profess it before any situation it makes or create way for you.

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall. eat the fruit thereof” Pro 18 v 1. With your tongue and your word you can kill or make alive, with your mouth confessions you can be made unto sickness, weakness, affliction, defeat, death, bondage, lack, poverty, failure, backwardness and limitations.

Therefore, decide never to make negative or destructive pronouncements, statements or confessions with your mouth even in your heart. “Who so keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from trouble (calamity)” Pro 21 v 23. Learn to speak the word of victory, hope, faith, patience, encouragement, words of praise or songs must be in your mouth all the time, keep confessing the word of God, all of them work wonders and miracles. “Seeing then that you have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold fast our profession” Heb 4 v14.

Every believer must know and believe that the word of God is life, power, hope, light and a lamp that have every ability and potential to lead and

secure you every victory you so desire Psalm 119 v 105 - 106. Therefore, you must stand and stay by your good and positive confession of good words and the word of God, continue to say and declare it upon every situation and never be discouraged or tired until they come to pass in your life and situations. "And they overcome him by the blood of the lamb and by the WORD of their testimony....." Rev 12 v 12.

Now, start speaking and confessing good word and positive word of God to your life, situation, children, business, job, pregnancy etc. It works everywhere and in every situation mostly when you abide in the TRUTH and in GOD John 15 v 7 "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you". Your confession will surely come to real and testimonies will surprise you.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 17

VICTORY THROUGH VICTORIOUS WORD (Part 2)

(Review last part 1 study before today's study)

WHY YOU MUST SPEAK OR CONFESS POSITIVELY.

- (a) When you speak or always confess good and God's word it enables or makes God real and visible to you and in your life. Until God's word and your confession are visible in your life, you may not be entitled to meaningful testimonies and results in your Christian life and general life endeavors.
- (b) Your confession underestimates or limits the ordinary knowledge which are evidence of the physical. God is concerned with your word and confession. The entire Israel armies were afraid by the size of Goliath, but David was never intimidated by the size and physical strength of Goliath, as David's confession and profession of who God kept him to victory over Goliath
- (c) What you speak is a manifestation of your faith level. You must accept

that faith, just like love is revealed in your word. Faith just like love goes with your word.

(d) Confession and what you speak is an acceptance of what God says in His word relating to you and your situation. Thus, David overcame Goliath through victorious confession. So, before you can defeat any Goliath in your life, your word and confession must agree with God's word which is the Bible and prophesy - I mean what He says concerning you

(e) Spoken word are confirmation or words of affirmation which are real words which are facts that cannot be broken. God and God's word are one and any time you confess His word you profess God Himself, which is an evidence of your trust and faith in Him. In every word of God you profess, you speak victory because God is victory.

(f) Your confession is a weapon that crushes fear. In Psalm 23 v 1 it is written; "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want" this word emphasize the surety of supply of needs by God. By this word in Psalm 23 v 1, fear of want is overruled in all standard. So, you fearlessly say my God must supply all my needs, you continue to speak that word mostly in times of need and surely it shall be done.

Therefore, because life itself is a battle, it is either you are victorious or you lose by the nature of the word you speak, you could be your obstacle. If you must remain victorious as a Christian, you must learn and continue to use or speak good words. Positively use the word of God rightly and will give you way to victorious living in every area of life.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 18

LIVING PURE IN A POLLUTED ENVIRONMENT (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: 1Thess 4 vs. 3 -6 “For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor.....”

Looking at the above Bible reference, it is important to know that purity and sanctification is the will of God for his children – Abstaining from fornication, evil involvement that could bring defilement to their soul, body and spirit. Romans 12 vs. 1 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

Looking back to creation in Genesis 1 vs. 31, God said everything he created was good including the first family that God made (Adam & Eve). God after creation, kept man with instructions and in a very good and pure environment but iniquity, sin brought defilement into their life (Adam & Eve). Today, how good and clean are you and the environment you live or which you find yourself?

PURITY DEFINED

To be pure is to be clean, uncontaminated, undefiled, decent, odorless, colorless, and blameless. To be pure is to be in state of wholeness, morally accepted and stainless, the state of being refined being spiritually fit and matured to stand on any ground. When you say you are pure it means you are holy, Godly in every area of life and all places. On a large note, to be pure means to be totally Christ-like and transparent in your Christian and daily living.

POLLUTION

Pollution is quite a common word in this part of the world as oil producing Nation/State. Simply put, pollution is a manner, state or condition that is unclean, unhealthy, unfavorable, contaminated, dirty and filthy; rather it is being spiritually and emotionally defiled, psychologically, physically and mentally dirty. Finally when a person is manner less and shameless there is pollution.

Talking about purity in polluted environment, it means a place where pure,

holy sanctified brethren inhabits, but due to pollution nothing grows even God hates such places and cannot inhabit or his spirit cannot dwell in such places. Such places could be your church, living places as your house, office, among your friends or your mind etc. Unfortunately, this is where some brethren find themselves even while they and their mind are pure. The effect and result of such situation maybe dryness, rising and falling, unbalanced Christian life and such person will not enjoy the fullness of God in their life.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 19

LIVING PURE IN A POLLUTED ENVIRONMENT (Part 2)

(Review part 1 study before today's study)

Living pure in a polluted environment takes one's mind to the fact that every child of God needs to be pure in his or her living, and also we must note that not every environment is pure for brethren to inhabit either as place of residence. company, work place, place of buying and selling, your school environment, your worship place, etc. but the fact remains that, whichever place you find yourself live pure or try to make your environment pure, sanctified and Holy

HOW DO I LIVE PURE IN A POLLUTED ENVIRONMENT?

1. To be able to live pure and successfully anywhere you find yourself, you must always remind yourself of the word of God as a commandment or a standing instruction to you as a child of God "ye shall therefore be holy for I am holy" Lev 11 v 45. Therefore, practice and live holy always and let it be your way of life not minding the cost and what people will say about you or how you see others living their life. Pet

2. You must order your conversation rightly, you must be careful of what you speak and speak only what will please God and represent you well. 1Pet 1 v 15.

3. Be prayerful 1Thess 5 v 17. When you pray you draw God's attention and God inhabits the place of prayer. As you always pray, you are constantly in touch with God and God is also in constant relationship with you. Remember, God is always holy 1Pet 1 v 15 and as you carry His Spirit, you bring holiness and purity around your environment.

4. To live pure and holy, you must be very attentive, focused and be alert always 1Pet 5 v 8. So that you will not be caught in the web of the devil or be dragged into pollution, defilement and un-holiness.

5. Keep regular fellowship with brethren, study the word of God Joshua 1 v 8.

6. Belong to service group in your worship place, keep regular service and follow duty, rules and instructions; this will keep you in purity check.

Finally, to remain pure in a polluted environment, may not be easy, but keep only pure associates and keep Jesus Christ as your main example because He lived pure, holy and righteous in a polluted environment.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 20

SEEK KNOWLEDGE AND LIVE

MEMORY VERSE: Hosea 4:6. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"

The above scripture means that many destruction does not only come due to accident, sickness, illnesses or mistakes, but many are through lack of knowledge: that is, where there is no knowledge there is unavoidable destruction, falling and invariably death.

WHAT IS KNOWLEDGE? Knowledge is learning and reasoning, the person that wants knowledge must learn first, proud people don't learn. To learn is to study, to listen and follow good ideas. To do this, you must humble yourself and sacrifice your time and ego or personality to submit to certain truth and facts. So, when we refuse to learn to have good knowledge and right reasoning destruction is the next thing to happen. The more you learn the more you reason properly and the more quality life you live and you become adequately relevant and productive.

HOW DO WE LEARN? We learn from God Matt. 11:29, when you learn from God you know who you serve, you know who you are. 1 Peter 2 v 9 -10, you know your destiny, you know how to live your life and live with others , you know your responsibilities and all that are expected of you. Dear, with the absence of the above, you live obviously blindly and destruction cannot be avoided. Knowledge brings wisdom and wisdom is the principle instrument you need in life to live, prosper and avoid all form of destruction. Proverb 19 v 8, Proverb 23 v 23, Proverb 16 v 16 Proverb 4 v 5 - 7, Psalm 19:2 When you have good knowledge of God, then you know your proper position and how secured you are – They that know their God shall be strong and do exploits Daniel 11 v 23. Anything you don't know is bigger than you, learn from God and everything around you

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 21

SOURCES OF OUR WARFARE (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: Ephesians 6 v 12 “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

Job 5: 6-7, 2Timothy 2:4 By the Bible reference as written by Apostle Paul. If anyone says he has no warfare to fight or no warfare confronting him he has lied and has already been defeated. Truth is hard to say, and truth is bitter, hence many do not want to hear it. Until truth is known certain people will still remain in bondage John 8:32. Apostle Paul used the word “Wrestle” to express the word warfare. By this emphasis, One must know how serious this issue of warfare, life battles and conflicts are. To wrestle is one of the most terrible, aggressive and combatant way of deciding a contest either for superiority, a crown or for a price, and life is a battle, conflict and a war. So, any person that must live and enjoy his original destiny must fight. But this fight differs from destiny. The nature of your destiny determines the nature of your warfare. If you carefully look into your life or around, you can feel and see all manner of battle of life going on. My dear, believe it or not, this world is not easy or a “playground”, it is a hot battle field and in the battle, nobody can be neutral. It is a matter of life and death, heaven or hell. And our enemy, Satan has a highly organized kingdom with its headquarters in the second heaven. You either fight or perish, there is no middle camp. The two most effective weapons of our enemy, which he is using to get advantageous results now are Ignorance and discouragement. Ignorance is a disaster, and discouragement is a killer. All serious Christians, whether they like it or not will attract satanic attention”

By the above submission, battle of life, warfare and destiny conflict is inevitable to every purposeful person. But, the irony of it all is that many brethren are still ignorant of this simple fact of life (battle) many are aware but are already defeated and some are discouraged by what has turned out of their life already. Warfare differs from person to person.

By and large, battle and warfare do not just arise from the dust, but they have a root, reason and sources Job 5 v 6 - 7

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 22 **SOURCES OF OUR WARFARE (Part 2)**

(Review part 1 study before today's study)

Last week we looked at spiritual warfare and man, also we identified that ignorance and discouragement are major raging weapon of the enemy against man. In today's study, we will be looking at sources of our warfare

(1) LACK OF KNOWLEDGE (Ignorance) Hosea 4 v 6. There are certain basic facts about life and situation we must know before we can overcome them or be able to cohabit. But because man lack understanding and certain ideas, difficulty and trouble emerged which makes it virtually impossible for certain peaceful living. Therefore, we fight and war with and against ourselves instead of our personal spiritual warfare. If you don't have a good knowledge of God as a Christian you are living in a struggling life.

(2) Evil inheritance or your foundation can create warfare for you Psalm 11:3. The strength of your foundation determines how far you can go in life endeavors. If your fountain (your root) is ungodly except you deal with it everything about you will be unstable, weak and you continue to fight wars in everything you are involved with.

(3) Sin can also separate you from God's love and if you don't have the love of God you live a struggling (warfare) life. Sin is a reproach to any person Pro 14 v 34. Sin brings disgrace to any person who is involved. Sin can make God to hide his face from you. Isaiah 59 v 1 - 2, problems can be introduced into your life through sin. Hosea 7:1-4, Hosea 14 v 1 - 2. No wonder Jesus came to this earth for just only one reason – to save man from his sin Matt 1:21

(4) Household wickedness. Certain evil, especially envious persons in your family can create battles for you and if you did not understand and defeat them early, this may become part of your life battle till death. Examples of such cases are people who travel home and things and life becomes difficult

for them as soon as they return back. Why is warfare of household enemies difficult to fight? Because they are part of your life and they know everything about you. Micah 7 v 6. Ninety percent (90%) of man's warfare and battles of life comes from his household. The irony of it is that if you refuse to fight and defeat your family household warfare, your children will inherit the household warfare from you. Family household enemies will never let you go except by force by fire, you prayerfully force yourself out of them. Matt. 11 v 12. The household enemies prefer to die than to let you go with ease, either they end you or you end them. If you run away, they will go ahead of you to receive or welcome you as you arrive your new place. To defeat them you must know and practice Eph 6 v 11 - 18.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 23 **SOURCES OF OUR WARFARE (Part 3)**

(Review Part 1 & 2 studies before today's study)

(5) Lack of self-control (un-crucified flesh). When a man lack self discipline so many negative things are attracted and attached to his life and if they are not defeated by such persons they will live with these battles of life till end of his life Romans 12 v 1 – 2.

Self discipline is evident in perseverance, use of time, choice of pleasure, refreshing yourself, finishing what you started well, choice of associates, carrying out decisions and plans, your mental state of commitment, your personal life behind the doors and outside the church and your attitude to life, your environment and in bringing results.

(6) Another source of warfare is spiritual carelessness. This has to do with neglect of prayer, prayer meetings, fellowship, Bible study and observing personal quiet time. Luke 18 v 1, 2 Timothy 2 v 15, Luke 21 v 36, 1 Thess 5 v 17, James 3 v 15, Eph 6 v 18, Joshua 1 v 8.

(7) Envy is another reason why spiritual warfare comes. You may not offend

anybody before you experience spiritual attack from them, it could be because of your exploits in life or your beautiful destiny. They can war with you by spiritually attacking you and anything you do.

(8) Polygamy: This is one very delicate and dangerous avenue through which battles of life comes. Few years ago, a sister after taken her bath remembered that she left her used menstrual pad in the bathroom, she quickly rushed back for it, on her way she passed her step mother rushing out of the bath room, and when she got into the bathroom she could not find her used menstrual pad but her step mother has taken it. Ignorance and fear kept her silent. Few years later, she got married as a virgin and from the month of her marriage her menstruation stopped. It came back after some acidic prayers was made, unfortunately for more than seven years this affected her prompt conception until she came in contact with Throne of Power and Fire Ministries . I pray that any battle of life created for you from your father's house must die in Jesus name.

(9) Sometimes God can allow warfare for your life mostly if He loves you or have certain interest in you and you are disobeying Him, on this ground nothing you lay your hands can work until you come to terms with Him and His will for you. This is the case of so many brethren today. The remedy is first, enquire of Him 1 Samuel 30 v 8, and also pray: O Lord, who am I and where do you want me to go in life.

Finally, there are self imposed warfare (the battles of life you use your hands to introduce into your life) bad influence can also introduce you into warfare of life, foolishness, curses, evil covenants and evil dedication has been a major source of life warfare.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 24

SOURCES OF OUR WARFARE (Part 4)

(Review part 1, 2 & 3 studies before today's study)

Anyone who says he / she does not have warfare or battle of life to fight is already defeated. Ephesians 6 vs. 12 “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”. This scripture expressly emphasized that our warfare is highly spiritual and mysterious.

This fact notwithstanding, warfare varies. There are physical battles of life which comes through any form of sickness; there is a battle of the mind—that is the enemies attacking your mind. Pro 4 vs. 23 failures starts from the mind of a man. There are also emotional battles which can lead to depression, discouragement and worries.

There are occult attacks whereby men use all evil means to invoke and project against their victims, today this seems to be too common in our daily and corporate world. This is evident in man wanting to show superiority and oppress others, thereby hypnotizing them. There could be warfare due to your generational and ancestral evil or ungodly activities.

Many are standing on ungodly and unholy foundations, for this, they are bound to have warfare to fight. This ungodliness could be in the foundation of your marriage, education, business, the house you are residing, etc. The above and others could open doors for warfare to come against a person.

FACTS ABOUT OUR WARFARE

(1) By the reason of Eph 6 vs. 12, we must agree that we are fighting unseen enemies yet, we always prevail against them because 1 John 4 vs. 4 “..... and have overcome them because greater is he that is in you

(2) Another fact about our warfare is that you must win every spiritual battles of life because your progress, victory and success of life strongly depend on the battles you win.

(3) You must hold fast to the truth that nobody is excused from the battles of life Rev 12 vs. 2, Job 5 vs. 6 - 7, “....man is born into trouble”. Don't allow yourselves to be wounded before you wake up to face your battles of life. Like Samson when his eyes were plucked off, he prayed for power or strength to come back, yes, it did come back but he never received back his

sight again.

(4) In the battles of life there are causalities, defeated or victorious, but you must make up your mind to be defeated or be victorious Eph 6 vs. 12-18, Luke 8 vs. 1, Rev 12 vs. 12-16.

(5) One last fact about you and your warfare is that, destinies could attract battles of life, the brighter or more colorful your destiny is the tougher your battles of life are. When you are experiencing tough times and things look complicated or as if your prayers are not answered, inquire of the Lord so that you can know the level of prayer to involve yourself. Mind you, there is no same destiny with another person, so our battles of life differ. As long as you have bright, great and wonderful destiny, your battles must be hard. Joseph and Samson were men of great destiny but their warfare were from different angles and different faces.

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE VICTORY OVER YOUR WARFARE OF LIFE?

You must have clear understanding and relevant idea of what you want to fight, you must be involved in prayer and fasting, you must live a holy life, you must be acquainted with the word of God. If you want to be victorious over your battles of life, you must be spiritually aggressive and violent and you must never give up

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 25

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE CHRISTIAN? GET UP AND BE AN ACTIVE CHRISTIAN

To a very large extent the modern day church seems not to be in full grip of how things are spiritually bound. Many Christians have left the true way things are supposed to be done, as a result, the church has slumbered, become lukewarm and weak spiritually, this is because of the attitude of today's Christians. One question I like to ask you now is: are you an active Christian? (NOTE TEACHER: let your class / group find answers to this question)

(1) HOW TO BECOME AN ACTIVE CHRISTIAN

- (a) Use the talent God gave you as a part of your destiny impact (no useless person) Matt 25 v 15
- (b) If you refuse or fail to discover, develop and use your gift and talent He (Lord) will take them away from you Matt 25 v 28
- (c) Be very active in group and in every aspect of prayer Luke 18 v 1. It is in the course of engaging and deep prayer that the Holy Spirit begin to move you to the level of actual area and dimension you can be useful as a Christian Acts 13 v 2 – 3, Acts 16 v 9 – 10.
- (d) Deepened your Bible study Joshua 1 v 8, 2 Tim 2 v 15
- (e) Follow, walk and work with other brethren who have over the years acquired experience of life in faith, lessons from them will give a clue on how to be effective for the Lord, 1 Sam 3 v 1, 19 v 2, 1 Kings 19 v 19 – 21
- (f) To become effective you must start small first join any group for a start and be present in all meetings and activity Matt 25 v 22 – 23, Rom 12 v 4 – 5. (e.g. choir, prayer group, children, teacher group, Sunday school dept etc)
- (g) Take step to spread the word of God, distribute your church program handbills, tracts, bulletins, do visitation, start by sharing or preaching to your colleagues, family members, close friends, neighbors, class and course mates etc Matt 28 v 19 - 20

(2) HOW CAN I BE ACTIVE FOR THE LORD?

- (a) Encourage your pastor:
 - Visit him/his family Matt 8 v 14 – 15

- Minister or give to his needs 1 Corinth 9 v 7 – 12, Luke 8 v 1 – 3
 - Pray or be praying for your pastor
 - Complement your pastor
 - Make him your friend
- (b) Contribute to mission work: Mk 16
- You can go yourself
 - Give money/materials
 - Distribute hand-bills, tracts
 - Pray or be praying for mission/evangelism
 - Visit members
- (c) Give your home for home-cell fellowship, prayer meetings, etc Acts 2 v 42 - 46
- (d) Support the needy, give food to the hungry, cloth the naked, visit the sick, visit the prison and the imprisoned, care for the orphans, widows, the displaced etc
- (e) Win souls for Christ and your church
- Bring people to church in your car
 - Pay transport fare for members or walk with them to church John 1 v 40 – 42, Jn 6 v 8 – 9, Jn 16 v 15

CONCLUSION: Now that you are able and still alive engage and do the work of God to good ability, impress God with your reasonable service Matt 25 v 34 – 36, James 1 v 27. God will surely compensate you Matt 10 v 10, 2 Tim 2 v 15

QUESTION:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 26

REASONS WHY WE SHOULD BECOME OR REMAIN A CHURCH WORKER (PART 1)

MEMORY VERSE: Matt 9:37-38 “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that He will send forth laborers into his harvest”

We must accept that the church is not just a gathering place, but it is the workshop of God and in it, there are so many works to be done. For this reason, God gave different gifts and talents to His children to enable us serve and do our work effectively and efficiently, Rom 12 v 3 - 8, 1 Corinth 12 v 4 - 11

The purpose of gifts and “talents” given to each believer is for such a believer to make profit for the kingdom of God, Matt 25 v 14 - 30

Therefore, every believer must make sure he or she does not waste, kill or bury his or her talents, but talent and God's gift should be properly used to the glory of God to serve humanity and to the benefit of the church.

It is obvious that the number one worker in a church is the Pastor. We know he cannot do the work alone, other workers are to work with him and we must acknowledge that they are very important and must be keenly supervised for effectiveness and worthy service. Every age group is needed as church workers: the youth, the women as well as the men. Paul in 1 Tim 4 v 12 instructed Timothy not to allow anybody to despise him, just because he was a young Minister “let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. In Titus 2 v 3 – 4, the elderly women in the church were giving specific assignments in the church, the aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things, that they may teach the young women to be sober, to have their husbands to love their children. From this scripture, it is obvious that aged women are also highly needed in the church as workers.

1. TYPES OF WORKERS

- a. Bad Workers
- b. Good Workers

- c. Hypocritic Workers
- d. Lazy Workers
- e. Absentee Workers

2. WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A WORKER IN THE CHURCH

- (a) It is a command of God: every believer is commanded to do the work of God with everything you have Rom 12 v 11, Matt 28 v 19 – 20. Disobeying the commandment of God is very dangerous, Isa 1 v 19 – 20, Luke 12 v 37 – 48, Matt 24 v 44 – 51
- (b) Because there is abundant enablement of God which must not be wasted, every believer has been given divine enablement to work for God, (Rom 12 v 3-8) if you refuse or disobey to work for God, thus it is like burying ones talent, Matt 25 v 14 – 30.
- (c) When we serve and do the work of God, there are plenty promises of God for us Ex 23 v 25 - 29

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 27

REASONS WHY WE SHOULD BECOME OR REMAIN A CHURCH WORKER (PART 2)

(Review part 1 study before today's study)

From the first part of this topic, it is obviously clear that every Christian is mandated to have specific work duty in the church. In and outside the church there is labor; labor of harvest of souls, Matt 9 v 37 "then said he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest". There is high demand for workers for God's business, not just coming to church or going to God for your needs.

It is written in Matt 6 v 33 "but seek ye first the kingdom of God and his

righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you”.

Labor for God is very demanding, and there are blessings and rewards Matt 6 v 33 “..... and all these things (your needs) shall be added unto you 1 Corinth 3 v 8 – 9 And every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor”. For we are laborers with God

WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A WORKER IN THE CHURCH

1. To appreciate Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for us Matt 21 v 27 – 28, Phil 2 v 5 – 9

2. By doing God's work, believers of old lived an exemplary life Matt 4 v 23, 9 v 25, 13 v 9, Acts 5 v 42, Mk 16 v 15 – 20

Jesus, is also an example for us by doing God's will John 9 v 4, 1 Pet 2 v 21

3. We must not allow harvest (souls) to waste Matt 9 v 37. For us not to work the work of God is to render the suffering and death of Christ inconsequential, useless, unsuccessful and unproductive.

4. God needs us to work together 1 Corinth 3 v 13

5. In God's work, we see the manifestation of God's grace and power in and through us. Also, through the work of God, we prepare ourselves for the fulfillment of God's promises John 14 v 12, Mk 16 v 15 – 20

6. Every believer has an important role to play in the body of Christ 1 Corinth 12 v 23. Not to do the work of God does not only make us useless in the body of Christ, but also to hinder the progress of the work of God Heb 6 v 7 – 8.

7. There are different kinds of work to be done in the church, and God expects this work done Eph 4 v 11 – 16, God has already given the ability into the hands of believers to accomplish this work.

8. There is reward from God Dan 12 v 3, Matt 25 v 23, 34, 1 Corinth 9 v 25, Matt 10 v 10, 2 Tim 2 v 15, 2 Tim 4 v 8, James 1 v 12 and 1 Peter 5 v 4. If you refuse to do the service of God you will rob yourself of God's part of His rewards.

9. Work now, you may be too late to work for God, due to old age, sickness death etc John 9 v 4, Eccl 9 v 10

10. To avoid the rod of God through refusal to work for God, every sincere and obedient child of God must have a service role he or she plays in the church. For a true child of God not to work for God in his church is disobedience, and disobedience of the commandment of God attracts

divine punishment Luke 12 v 47, Matt 24 v 44 – 45 Heb 2 v 2 “..... every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward” Brethren, take up a duty (work) in your church today, fulfill the will of God and marvelous reward awaits you Ex. 23 v 25 – 27. “And He shall bless thy bread, and thy water, and I will take sickness away from the mist of thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land; the number of thy days I will fulfill.....”

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 28

TRUE REPENTANCE

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 3 v 19 “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord”

1. WHAT IS REPENTANCE? Repentance is remorse for your past ungodly conduct, i.e. turning from bad act, practices and behaviors. etc.

2. WHAT IS THE IDEAL REPENTANCE? Ideal repentance for us as children of God is the genuine way (heartfelt) of repenting for our deeds either to God or man. Repentance is expected of every genuine child of God who have sinned or deviated from truth and every unbeliever who must return to God. 2 Peter 3 v 9 “.... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Ideal repentance must be sorrowful and heartfelt 2Corth 7 v 9–10

3. WHY WE MUST REPENT PROPERLY?

- a. It is an expression of our realization of truth
- b. It demonstrate our fear, regard and love for God
- c. True repentance demonstrates our sorrow and regret for the wrongs we have done
- d. True repentance demonstrates our acceptance of punishment, correction and an attitude to change and put our ways right with God.
- e. Every true conversion is a product of true repentance
- f. Your focus for heaven is evident in your kind of repentance, i.e. (genuine or fake repentance) Matt. 4 v 17, Luke 13 v 3
- g. Repentance is commanded by God and must be obeyed. Acts 17 v 30

4. WHAT YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT REPENTANCE:

- a. Every true and genuine repentance breaks you down and produces sorrow
- b. Fake repentance under deceit does not break you down but rather it produces pride and self righteousness in you
- c. Fake repentance is a demonstration of pride, lack of fear of God and absence of true salvation.
- d. True repentance demonstrates Christ in you and your readiness to follow Christ

- e. True repentance is the evidence of Christ in you
- f. True repentance produce abundant life of Christ in you
- g. True repentance produces life and light, while fake repentance produces death in and against you.

5. BENEFITS/GAINS OF TRUE REPENTANCE:

- a. It is a key to open the believer's door for heaven. Matt 4 v 17
- b. True repentance gives you opportunity to receive God's mercy, pardon and forgiveness of your wrongs and sin. Acts 3 v 19, 1 John 1 v 9
- c. True repentance gives you eternal security and gives you life over death, hell and eternal condemnation. Ezekiel 33 v 14 – 15, 2 Chro 7 v 14
- d. It gives you boldness, confidence in Christ Jesus
- e. You are sure of your place in death
- f. You defeat fear and the world

CONCLUSION:

Every backslider, sinner and unrepentant person must genuinely come to a sorrowful i.e. heartfelt repentance with a determination to completely forsake all ungodliness, sin and all forms of wickedness. You must allow the Holy Spirit to work and enable you to be genuine in God's presence. Phil 2 v 13. You cannot do it by your own strength (1 Sam 2 v 9: "by strength shall no man prevail")

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 29

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN (Part1)

MEMORY VERSE: John 3 v 3 "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"

1. WHAT DO WE MEAN BY BORN AGAIN? To be born again as a Christian is to receive a new birth. What is the new birth? New birth is the recreation that takes place by the Holy Spirit in a man after he has confessed Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. You must remember all men were born into sin as every man born of a woman is born unclean (Job 25 v 4, Psalm 51 v 5). It is on this basis, that man must receive a new birth through the blood of Jesus Christ and the help of the Holy Spirit as a result of your acceptance of Jesus Christ and by the confession of His name to be received as a member of the family of God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. You must receive a new birth by being born of water and the Spirit. When you are born again, you receive a second birth, a new life starts, which means you are now recreated into Christ likeness. Your spirit man becomes alive and able to fellowship with God.

2. WHY MUST YOU BE BORN AGAIN?

- a) Because we were conceived and born in sin. Jer 17 v 9 Psalm 51 v 5
- b) When you are born again, a new spirit takes over your life. (1 John 4 v 4)
- c) A new birth i.e. being born again gives us grace and access to see Him (Lord) (Heb 12 v 14)
- d) It helps to guarantee the security of your life and soul
- e) It scare away demons and evil spirit because the spirit of God is in you, i.e. you are filled with the Holy Spirit

3. ALL MUST BE BORN AGAIN.

It is obvious that many claim not to be born again for different reasons, but everybody or every human created by God needs to be born again see John 3 v 1 – 13, both the young, old, youth, all color of man must be born again, educated or not, poor or rich, your position does not stop you from being born again Gala 6 v 15. Very importantly, all religion that does not believe in Jesus Christ must all come to the reality that Jesus Christ is the son of God and Savior of humanity.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 30
YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN (Part 2)
(Review part 1 study before today's study)

4. HOW DO YOU KNOW A BORN AGAIN?

- a) Matt 7 v 17 - 20, when you see what they do, when you hear what they say, and when you see what they wear etc Roman 7 v 4
- b) When you see their goodness and righteousness i.e. their fruits. Eph 5 v 9
- c) When you see their lifestyle (carnality) you know they are not born again. Roman 7 v 14
- d) Every born again Christian lives and pursue after righteousness. 1 John 2 v 29
- e) A born again will fear sin and always run from it. 1 John 3 v 9
- f) He always loves all the time, 1 John 4 v 7 and always believe in Christ Jesus no matter the situation. 1 John 5 v 1
- g) A born again live a dominion, prevailing and overcoming life in all things and all the time mostly as they have regenerated and renewed mind 1 John 5 v 4, Luke 10 v 19

There are more fact to watch out for in every person to know who is a born again, but if the above are in you, then congratulations, you are a born again

5. HOW TO BECOME BORN AGAIN:

To become born again is not difficult and you don't lose anything, but rather you stand out ready to gain and continue to gain in your Christian journey

- 1) You must accept you are not born again yet (i.e. you are a sinner)
- 2) You must believe and accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and the word of God. 1 Peter 1 v 25
- 3) To become born again, be humble enough to accept that you are a sinner and an unworthy fellow. Rom 3 v 23, Dan 9 v 5, 1 John 1 v 10, Matt 9 v 13, 1 Peter 4 v 18

4) You must believe and accept that life without Jesus is a waste and useless.

Roman 6 v 23

5) Every man made by God must receive Jesus as Lord and Savior and call on His name. John 1 v 12, Rom 10 v 13

6) To be born again, you must let go of every other thing you once claimed as your security or life saver

7) To be born again you must separate yourself from the world for the word of God which is life. 2 Cor 6 v 17 - 18, James 4 v 4, and light unto your feet and path Ps 119 v 105

CONCLUSION:

Do not be deceived that because you are a church worker or church goer you are born again, self righteousness is not being born again, being very careful is not being born again, being moral is not being born again, you don't dress like the world is not enough to be called a born again, but you must be born of water and of the Spirit i.e. being filled with Holy Ghost not only by speaking in tongues but also in every area of your life Christ is revealed in you and through you.

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 31

YOU MUST BE SANCTIFIED

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Thessalonians 5 v 23 “ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless into the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Looking at the above Bible reference, every believer needs to be pure in soul, body and in spirit in waiting for Jesus on the last day. Read 1 Thess 4 v 3. No believer can be well used (vessel of honor) by God or fit to be used by God except he has been wholly sanctified 2 Timothy 2 v 21.

Sanctification is to be totally separated from iniquity, sin, defilement and every form of ungodliness 2 Chron 29 v 5, 15 – 18, by living a holy life in all things. Sanctification is also to be genuinely separated unto God, Lev 27 v 16

2 Timothy 2 v 21 clearly says: only when we are sanctified then we are fully ready for our Masters (God's) use. You can sing it as a song that you are a vessel of God, but are you really sanctified both within and without?

(1) REASONS FOR YOUR SANCTIFICATION

- (a) Sanctification is required of every believer, Lev 11 v 45, Rom 12 v 1
- (b) It helps you as a believer to live your Christian life, don't forget without holiness you cannot see God. Heb 12 v 14
- (c) It is to enable you set yourself apart for God's use
- (d) For every genuine believer, sanctification is very crucial and important if you want to be a true follower of Christ. John 17 v 19
- (e) If God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit is sanctified, we must be sanctified too! Thess 5 v 26, 2 Thess 2 v 13
- (f) If you must be truly holy, separate yourself apart for the Master (Jesus)
- (g) When you become sanctified and transformed into a vessel of the Spirit of God. Rom 6 v 22, Galatians 5 v 2 – 23
- (h) The enablement to bear more fruit and live to perfection in Christ Jesus is achieved through sanctification. John 15 v 2, Heb 10 v 14
- (i) You are sure of heavenly inheritance if you remain in sanctification till the end because heaven is holy sanctified and only absolutely holy people can get there. Act 26 v 18

(2) WHO CAN SANCTIFY A BELIEVER?

The Trinity i.e. God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as one God is solely involved in the sanctification of a believer through his word of faith, the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Eph 5 v 26 – 27, John 3 v 5, 2 Thess 2 v 23 – 24, Heb 13 v 12, 2 Thess 2 v 13

(3) HOW CAN A BELIEVER BE SANCTIFIED?

- (a) You must be born again. John 3 v 5
- (b) The word of God must be in you manifestly i.e. you must believe in only the word of God. John 17 v 17, Eph 5 v 26 – 27
- (c) You must allow the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse you. Heb 13 v 12
- (d) You must yield to the Holy Spirit in your heart by giving up your soul, spirit and body to the control of the Holy Spirit. Ezekiel 36 v 26
- (e) You must decide, cry and determine to be sanctified. God cannot force it on you 2 Corinth 7 v 1
- (f) Watch your environment and your company i.e. people around you

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 32

DOCTRINE AND MYSTERIES OF BAPTISMS

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 16 v 16 “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

Baptism as a doctrine and Christian doctrine is practiced sequentially in order such as first: Baptism into the family and body of Jesus Christ i.e. being born again. Secondly, water baptism and thirdly, the baptism of the Holy Spirit Heb 6 v 1 – 3, Mk 16 v 15 – 16. On our Christian journey and to eternal life, it is obvious that repentance is most important and must come in a man's life which is expressed through (the encounter of the three forms of baptisms as explained below). This notwithstanding, one can receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost even when not baptized by water.

(1) Born again (baptism into the body and family of Jesus Christ)

The body or family of Christ is not carnal, but a spiritual family and you can only become a complete part by first, becoming a born again, accepting Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. You can be in church and yet not a part of the Jesus family, except you are united and bounded together in one Spirit of Christ Jesus Eph 4 v 5 – 6, John 3 v 3 – 6, 1 Corinth 12 v 13 “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bound or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit” By this scripture, anyone that comes to Christ not minding the race, color, size, position, status or social strata all become one in Christ

(2) Water Baptism (immersion): This is the outward sign (faith) of the event that has taken place in course of our receiving Jesus Christ into our life (our transition into the body of Christ). By this activity, you drop off the old man (Adamic nature) putting on the new man in Christ Mk 16 v 15, 1 Peter 3 v 21. By water baptism, you are dipped and raised from the water, a symbol of being part of the death burial and resurrection of Christ. After water baptism you are symbolically initiated into the body of Christ

(3) The baptism of the Holy Ghost:

This is another very important exercise and experience every believer must partake in. The early church and believers never joked with this. It is very clear that any Christian that want to remain strong in faith must strive to be baptized in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Acts 2 v 1 – 21, Acts 19 v 1 – 8, Acts 8 v 14 – 17, Joel 2 v 28

Jesus during His life time on earth, spent a lot of time talking and teaching the disciples on the importance and necessity of the work and role of the Holy Spirit in the life of every believer Luke 24 v 46 – 49, John 14 v 16 – 18, John 16 v 12 – 14, Acts 1 v 4 – 8, Acts 10 v 19.

The Holy Ghost is to empower, enable and quicken every believer to become a living emphasis and witness of Christ at any point in time.

When a believer is endued and baptized in the Holy Ghost, he is under divine instructions, teachings, direction, he receives divine help, counsel and he is led, with the Holy Spirit in you, you cannot make mistakes.

When you are baptize in the Holy Ghost, you live your life totally depending on the Holy Spirit, live, work, and walk in total victory in every area of your life.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 33

CAN ALL BE IN HELL?

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 9 v 17 “The wicked shall be turned to hell and all the nations (people) that forget (turn away) from God.

From the above Bible reference, it is obvious that all cannot be in hell, because hell is restricted to certain people as it is in Psalm 9 v 17 “There are 162 text in the New Testament which speaks on what awaits the unrepentant sinners and 70 of them were uttered by Jesus Christ”. The just, faithful and genuine believers can never be in hell. Never.

1. WHERE IS HELL?

Numbers 16 v 32, hell is somewhere down the earth, Matt 18 v 12, Matt 22 v 13, Matt 25 v 30, 2 Peter 2 v 17, Ps 55 v 15, and Isaiah 14 v 9. Hell is a place of darkness. A place of torment and punishment, Luke 16 v 23. A banishment from God's presence 2 Thess 1 v 9. Hot place Deut 32 v 22. Hell is a place for those who will not make heaven.

2. FACTS THAT YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT HELL:

- a. Hell is a place of everlasting punishment for those who reject God, the wicked and all the unfaithful, Matt 25 v 46
- b. Hell is a place of unquenchable torment of fire, Matt 13 v 42, Mark 9 v 43 (even angels fear it)
- c. Hell is a place of unending thirst, increasing suffering and terrible agony of which help will never come, Luke 16 v 22 – 28, Matt 18 v 6
- d. Hell is a place of terrible misery and pain, Rev 14 v 10 – 11
- e. Hell is a dungeon, deep place of unending fire, Matt 18 v 9, 25 v 41, and bottomless pit, Matt 25 v 30, 2 Peter 2 v 17
- f. Hell is a place of the lost and those who refused to surrender all to Jesus, Ps 9 v 17.
- g. Hell is a place where a sinner dies a second death, where sinners are finally separated from God for ever, separated from friends, family members who made heaven, even from Church members and bounded with all their evil, wicked and sinful friends and partners for ever. Rev 2 v 11, Rev 20 v 6, 15
- h. Hell is a place of the unsaved, yet they were in the church cracking jokes, acting films and drama and joking with the things of God Matt 25 v

3. MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT HELL

- a. Hell is not purgatory, it is not a reformatory place, it is not temporary, it is not an intermediate place or rehabilitation center; it is not a probationary place or a place where people suffer for their sin for a while before getting to heaven.
- b. Hell is not a place for only fallen Christians, hell is the home of all human beings that refused to accept Jesus Christ as their only savior
- c. In hell there is no name of Church, not minding the name of your church or Pastor and how many services you were holding every day all sinners and disobedient will meet there
- d. Hell is not a grave, prison or a place where the good and bad are separated for a while, John 14 v 17, Matt 19 v 29, 2 Cor 9 v 9. (Hell is a place for all rebellious, disobedient and unfaithful people. Avoid Hell by all costs)
- e. Hell is not a place where every sinner, wicked, unfaithful, disobedient and all unsaved people end up, but hell is a place where they start another life, it is forever their home, forever their suffering place and forever their living place, Rom 16 v 26, Heb 9 v 14, Rev 1 v 18
- f. Hell is for all that refused God the father, God the son and God the Holy Spirit, John 10 v 38, John 14 v 20
- g. No repentance and mercy in hell

4. HELL ALREADY HAS OCCUPANTS LIKE

- a) Satan the devil, Rom 16 v 20, Rev 20 v 10 and all anti Christ. 2 Thess 2 v 8
- b) Fallen angels, 2 Peter 2 v 4, Jude 1 v 6, 1 Cor 6 v 3
- c) Judas Iscariot Acts 1 v 25 (all unfriendly friends of the righteous Jesus)
- d) All false prophets, Rev 19 v 20
- e) All unsaved people that have died, read Rev 21 v 8 even those still alive will join them in hell

CONCLUSION: Hell is not a place to go even for sightseeing talk less of to stay. Make sure you don't go there. Do everything humanly and Godly

possible to make heaven. It is your choice.

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 34

DELIVERANCE (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: Obad 1 “But upon mount Zion there shall be deliverance and there shall be holiness and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions”

1. WHAT IS DELIVERANCE ALL ABOUT?: It is recovery or preservation from loss or danger

- a. To set someone free, John 8 v 32
- b. Breaking yokes, bondages and pursuing demons out from a man's life, Isaiah 10 v 27, Ezek 34 v 27
- c. Breaking and removing curses, Ps 78 v 63
- d. Freeing, losing the oppressed and the bounds, Luke 10 v 19
- e. It is also using the word of God to deliver, read Luke 4 v 18
- f. It is casting out demons from Persons, Lands, Homes, Families, Villages, Towns, Communities, Governments, Nations, Businesses, Relationships, Ministries/Churches, Property etc
- g. It is an open confrontation and warfare with the devil his angels and demons and human agents
- h. It is the duty of all Christians to cast out devils, Mk 16 v 17 – 18
- i. A person bound by the devil, demons, evil spirit and caged in evil prison can never deliver himself.
- j. Only Christians who have been delivered that can truly deliver others from demons and oppression
- k. Everybody needs deliverance at one point in time, Rom 6 v 23, 1 John 1 v 10, Rom 3 v 26

2. FIVE MAJOR BIBLE BASED DELIVERANCE:

- a. Deliverance from the flesh, 1 Corinth 9 v 27, Colo 3 v 5
- b. Deliverance from sin, Matt 1 v 21, Colo 1 v 13
- c. Deliverance from devil, demons and evil spirits, Matt 8 v 16
- d. Deliverance from trouble, affliction and sickness, Dan 12 v 1, Pro 11 v 8, Ps 34 v 18
- e. Deliverance from death, destruction and waste of life, Gen 45 v 7

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 35 **DELIVERANCE (Part 2)**

(Review part 1 study before today's study)

1. CAN A BORN AGAIN OR CHRISTIAN BE POSSESSED BY DEMONS AND EVIL SPIRITS?

This has been a long time issue among brethrens but the answer is both yes and no. Yes is if you give room to demons and evil spirits into your life and no is if you continue steadfastly to uphold Christ and live a sanctified Christian life the door of your life is shut against demons and evil spirits. Demons can't just possess or oppress a man without any reason. You must examine yourself properly because there is something they always look for in a person's life before they come in and when they find it they can't be stopped from going in.

a. Demons cannot only stay in the body of a Christian when you give it up to them, but demons can act on a body through sickness and diseases, Luke 11 v 14, demons can control your mouth if you give it up to them. Acts 19 v 12, Luke 13 v 11–14.

b. Demons and evil spirits can take over and manipulate the soul, mind and control the will of a Christian if given entrance mostly when the soul is not saved, then the mind also is not renewed in spirit. Demons can oppress, obsess, possess and control the souls and mind of unsaved person, Matt 16 v 22 – 23, Acts 5 v 1 – 4, Colo 3 v 3. Keep your soul protected by using the word of God to renew, refresh and encourage your soul and mind all the time, James 1 v 2 – 22, Ps 23 v 3, Isa 26 v 3, Eph 4 v 22, Isaiah 26 v 3, Eph 4 v 22, and Joshua 1 v 8. Renew your mind always with the word of God and plead the blood of Jesus Christ over your mind.

c. Yes, the spirit of a person can also be attacked by the devil and other evil spirits if opened up to them, but if such a person is under a new birth (born again) it is not possible because such a person is filled with the Holy Ghost. To secure yourself and keep your spirit free from demonic attacks, you must

feed and load your spirit with the word of God continually and guide your mind jealously Luke 4 v 4, Jude 20. Always be careful of what goes into your spirit

d. When there is a curse on a person, then the evil spirits and demons go in, because curses open doors for evil spirits to enter a person's life Pro 26 v 2, Eccl 10 v 8

e. Evil covenants, dedications, living in polluted environments, putting on of demonic property, eating and having sex in the dream, living in a house that have demonic and bad or ungodly foundations and evil laying of hands, putting on of evil property, cursed things, (living against God) all these attracts demons and evil spirits. Deut 28 v 15 etc.

2. HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU NEED DELIVERANCE?

a. You must have understanding of yourself to know when and if you need deliverance

b. During any prayer if you fall under demonic manifestation

c. When you have family bad records or tragedies repeatedly

d. Sexual lust and immorality

e. Stagnancy in life endeavors — disfavor – rejection – failure at the edge of anything good – miscarriage of any kind – bad or abnormal dreams – abnormality in your body parts – shyness – you are wicked – you are always late

f. Drugging, over sleep or not able to have good sleep

g. Gluttony, lies, stealing and wastefulness, if no good thing stays in your hands

h. Singing and dancing to worldly music (worldly dance addiction) –

i. Eating and having sex in the dream

j. wizardry “Ogbanje” you are physically disabled, emotional imbalanced, envy, jealousy, depressed and oppressed,, you are unsatisfactory

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 36

DELIVERANCE (Part 3)

(Review part 1 & 2 studies before today's study)

3. WHAT DO I DO IF I NEED DELIVERANCE?

- a) Seek for a deliverance Minister and Church to help you out
- b) Investigate yourself and your foundation very properly before embarking on deliverance prayers
- c) You must give your life to Jesus Christ (born again) John 3 v 3
- d) Confess and repent from all your sins, cry to God for mercy and forgiveness and forgive others too, Matt 11 v 25 – 26, Luke 13 v 3
- e) Submit and destroy all evil property in your custody and separate yourself from evil company and ungodly activities
- f) Renounce and break all old evil contacts, covenants, relationships, ungodly ways and never return to them
- g) Cry to God and pray relevant acidic “I no go gree prayers”
- h) Persist in godliness and prayers until you are completely free

4. TO SUSTAIN YOUR DELIVERANCE:

- a) You must continue to pray until you are completely free
- b) Live a holy life within and without
- c) Avoid old bad habit
- d) Study and let the word of God be in you
- e) Confess the word of God and your deliverance always
- f) Fellowship with brethren always
- g) Preach Christ always and work with God daily
- h) Let things of God be your priority Matt 6 v 33
- I) John 1 v 8, 2 Tim 2 v 15, Matt 28 v 10 – 20, Heb 10 v 25, Jn 5 v 14

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 37

REWARD FOR BELIEVERS (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinth 4 v 17 “for our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

1. REWARD

Reward is a performed act to strengthen, encourage, reciprocate, for a behavior, attitude, service, labor or act. (“Whatsoever a man soweth, so he reaps”) whether good or bad. Gala 6 v 7, Gala 6 v 9, Matt 6 v 6, John 4 v 36. Reward for every believer that makes it to the end are glorious and the most definite of all reward is the glorious crown which can only be earned from victory judgment seat of God. So, don't be deceived by those things we see now 2 Corinth 4 v 17 – 18. We must overcome; defeat all affliction, sorrows, pain, hardship, difficulty, problems of all kinds so as to be found worthy for the crown. You must fight and be victorious in your fight of faith, 2 Tim 4 v 7 – 8

2. REASONS WHY WE MUST FIGHT FOR OUR FAITH DEFEATING ALL OBSTACLES

The following are the eternal reward that awaits every faithful believer (born again)

- a) They will reign in and with Christ. John 14 v 3, 2 Tim 2 v 12, 10
- b) They shall reign on earth. Rev 5 v 10
- c) They will shine even on earth with God's mark on them. Rev 22 v 3 – 5
- d) They will have all things as their inheritance because God shall be their God. Rev 21 v 7
- e) They shall shine forever and ever, but not just to shine like a star Daniel 12 v 3, Matt 13 v 43, 1 Corinth 15 v 41
- f) They shall see Gods face. Rev 22 v 4, Matt 5 v 8, 1 John 3, behold his glory, John 17 v 24 and also be glorified with Jesus. Roman 8 v 17 – 18
- g) They will inherit the kingdom of God, Matt 25 v 32 - 34

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 38

REWARD FOR BELIEVERS (Part 2)

(Review part 1 study before today's study)

3. EXCEPTIONAL REWARD (CROWN) AND HOW TO WIN THEM

This reward (crown) is exceptional because it is for those who also labor exceptionally for the kingdom of God, like Apostle Paul, Peter and others. You can also work for and with God for these exceptional rewards (crowns)

SEE THE CROWN

- a) Crowns for those that run their race well. The over comer's who irrespective of all odds successfully and patiently make it at the end 1 Cor 9 v 24–25, Heb 12 v 1
- b) Crown of rejoicing for those that win souls (soul winners) 1 Thess 2 v 19, Dan 12 v 1
- c) Crown for all those that wait for the Lord's return 2 Timothy 4 v 8
- d) Crown of life James 1 v 12 for all that faithfully endured all temptations, over comers and lovers of Jesus, and those who endured till death (Killed for Christ sake) Rev 2 v 10
- e) Crown for all faithful Ministers 1 Peter 5 v 4. The elders Rev 4 v 4, under shepherds, Ministers, Pastors, Evangelists (all those who faithfully served and performed their divine duties perfectly) Matt 25 v 23
- f) Crown of leaders who lead well Rev 4 v 4. All brethren that remain as born again, faithfully holy and defended their faith will receive this crown. Rev 3 v 4–5

CONCLUSION

It takes long suffering and battle to live a faithful Christian life because of the various rewards, glory, crown and inheritance associated to faithfulness. Therefore, put on everything you have and by the grace of God you will make it, Eph 6 v 10 – 17. Contend with everything on your way and you will surely make it, Luke 10 v 17 – 20, Rev 12 v 10 – 12

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 39

THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT EFFECTIVE PRAYER (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 21 v 36: "Watch ye therefore and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man"

1. MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER:

Prayer as defined by the Webster dictionary is the act of asking for favor with earnestness, a solemn petition, supplication, an entreaty, etc

Prayer is a process of asking and receiving from God through the name of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Christ – prayer is also a discussion act with God and God also responds Mk 11 v 24. In every prayer, one is expected to have a focus, direction, and a desire, despite God will grant those desires that are necessary and in His will for us. Prayer can be wrongly made, delayed or rejected by God. In every prayer, the person's praying (heart) is always seen first before the desire.

Prayer is faith and the word of God exhibited from our mouth (Heb 11 v 6). In prayer through His word we get in contact and remembrance of His word to Him (Jeri 1 v 8 – 9, Isa 43 v 26). When the word of God is used in our prayer, God is activated and the word does not return to us empty (Isaiah 55 v 11). God has instructed us to call on Him and He will answer us Jeri 33 v 3, Ps 50 v 15, so God moves as we pray Heb 4 v 16.

You must know that every failure in a Christian's life is traceable to prayer failure; therefore prayer is required in the foundation of every Christian's life (Matt 17 v 21, Luke 18 v 1, Eph 6 v 12 – 18).

The men that must pray for earnest or quick result must be upright and broken hearted Ps 34 v 18, must be truthful Ps 145 v 18; he must be a living righteous Christian Ps 34 v 17, 19, Pro 15 v 29. We are to pray to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit 2 Corinth 13 v 14.

You must note that prayer is not just an exercise but it is a business that must be done with all seriousness and commitment. Prayer does not move faith to action, but your faith moves prayer to work and brings required result.

CONCLUSION:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 40
THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT
EFFECTIVE PRAYER (Part 2)
(Review part 1 study before today's study)

(2) MEN AND PRAYERS GOD ANSWERED IN THE BIBLE

- a) Abraham prayed unto God and God healed Abimelech, Gen 20 v 17
- b) Isaac prayed and God made his wife pregnant with children, Gen 25 v 20 – 21.
- c) Jacob prayed for safety, Gen 32 v 9 – 12
- d) Jacob wrestled with the angel and he was answered, Gen 32 v 23 – 31
- e) Gideon prayed for Israel's victory at war; Judges 6 v 36 – 40 and asked for a sign and God gave him
- f) Samson prayed and called on the Lord God for he was thirsty, Judges 15 v 18 – 19 God answered him
- g) Peter prayed Act 9 v 40 – 43, Daniel prayed Daniel 1 v 9
- h) King Solomon prayed that God would give him wisdom and knowledge to rule over God's people 2 Chro 1 v 6 – 12. God answered and granted him wisdom and knowledge and promised to give him riches, wealth and honor in addition.
- l) Hezekiah prayed for God to deliver the Assyrians to his hands 2 Kings 19 v 15 – 19. God answered him that night. 2 Kings 19 v 20 – 35
- j) Jabez prayed due to the distress by the evil wickedness of the day and God answered him 1 Chro 4 v 10.
- k) Jonah prayed in ; Jonah 2 v 1 - 10
- l) Elijah called upon God 1 Kings 17 v 20 – 23
- m) Daniel pray for Jerusalem Dan 9 v 3 - 23
- n) Habakuke prayed Hab 3 v 2

- (o) The church prayed for Peter while in prison Acts 12 v 3 – 11 and they received answers
- p) Jesus our Lord prayed and received answers instantly Luke 22 v 39 – 46. John 11 v 41 – 43
- (q) Jesus requested us to pray always Luke 18 v 1, Matt 7 v 7 – 8, Matt 17 v 21
- (r) You have to pray and believe in God and your prayers will be answered too
- (s) Abraham prayed for Sodom Gen 18 v 22 - 32
- (t) Elijah prayed again 1 Kings 18 v 30 46
- (u) The widow prayed Luke 18 v 1 - 7

(3) REASONS YOU MUST PRAY:

- (a) Just our Lord instructed us to pray, Luke 18 v 1, 1 Thess 5 v 17, Matt 17 v 21
- (b) Prayer is God's ordained way to ask and receive from Him Matt 7 v 7,
- (c) Prayer is necessary because through it we can receive God's fullness of joy John 16 v 24
- (d) Through prayer we can come out of trouble, get problems solved and receive care from our God, 1 Peter 5 v 7, Matt 17 v 21
- (e) Through prayer you can have access and value God's attention in difficult situation Act 16 v 25 – 26, receive deliverance Act 12 v 1- 7, receive Holy Ghost enablement At 2 v 1 – 4
- (f) Through prayer you can receive open heavens, Luke 3 v 21 – 22
- (g) Receive enablement to do great works, Act 2 v 11, Act 1 v 13 – 14

Looking at the above prayer is very necessary both to men and the kingdom of God, Ps 50 v 15, Matt 6 v 9 – 10

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 41

THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT

EFFECTIVE PRAYER (Part 3)

(Review part 1 & 2 studies before today's study)

(3) TYPES OF PRAYERS IN THE BIBLE / MEANING

- a) Prayer of adoration or worship, John 4 v 23 – 24
- b) Prayer of thanksgiving , Phil 4 v 6, Mark 8 v 6, Matt 15 v 36, 1 Thess 5 v 18, Dan 6 v 10b
- c) Prayer of confession from sin and confession of your faith, Ps 51 v 12, Ps 41, Ps 32 v 5, Heb 3 v 1, Heb 4 v 14
- d) Prayer of binding and loosing, Matt 18 v 18, Matt 12 v 29
- e) Prayer of intercession, Gen 18 v 16 – 13, Act 12 v 1 – 8, Ex. 32 v 23 – 31
- f) Prayer of supplication and petition, Matt 15 v 21 – 28, Ps 34
- g) Prayer of lamentation Ps 58 v 1 - 8
- h) Prayer of faith, James 5 v 14 – 15
- I) Agreement prayer, Matt 18 v 19
- j) Consecration prayer, Matt 8 v 17
- k) Cooperate prayer, Act 4 v 23 – 24
- L) Warfare prayer Eph 6 v 12 - 13
- m) Prayer of petition / request Esther 5 v 6, Psalm 20 v 5, 1 John 5 v 15
- n) Judgmental prayer Psalm 35 v 1 - 8, Psalm 34 v 21
- o) Mercy prayer Psalm 51

(4) WHEN AND WHAT TIME DO WE PRAY?

- a) We are to pray always and without season, Luke 18 v 1, 1 Thess 5 v 17
- b) Prayer is to be done daily, Ps 86 v 3 and at least three times a day – morning – afternoon – evening, Ps 88 v 1, Ps 55 v 17, Acts 12 v 5, Dan 6 v 10
- c) Day and night we are to pray, Act 16 v 25, Ps 88 v 1, Daniel 6 v 10

(5) WHERE DO WE PRAY?

You can go or stay anywhere to pray, but not necessarily on top of the mountain, or bush, hide out or Jerusalem to pray before we receive answers from God, but it is not bad for seclusion and separation for distraction reasons. Prayer is a spiritual work, so, when we pray, do it in truth and in spirit. Anywhere you pray, God hears and answers us, John 4 v 23 – 24

NOTE

- a) We can pray anywhere, 1 Timothy 2 v 8
- b) In the closet, restricted or secluded places, Matt 6 v 5 – 6, Luke 22 v 36 – 41
- c) We can pray in the temple/house of God, 2Chro 7 v 11 – 14, Luke 18 v 10, 1Kings 8 v 22 – 26

CONCLUSION:**QUESTIONS:****HOME WORK:****PRAYER:****STUDY42****THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT
EFFECTIVE PRAYER (Part 4)**

(Review part 1, 2 & 3 studies before today's study)

(6) HOW DO WE POSITION OURSELVES DURING PRAYER?

There is no definite best way to position yourself during prayer, but the following are Bible examples of our posture during prayer.

- a) The most popular is kneeling down Act 20 v 36, 2 Chro 6 v 13, Luke 22 v 41
- b) Standing up to pray, Exo 3 v 10, 2 Chro 6 v 12
- c) Seating down to pray, 1 Chro 17 v 16
- d) Bowing down your head during prayer, 2 Chro 20 v 18, Exo 4 v 31

(7) OBSTACLES / HINDRANCES TO PRAYER

- a) Un-forgiveness and bitterness, Mk 11 v 25 – 26, Matt 6 v 14 – 15
- b) Wrong motive behind your prayer or praying amiss. James 4 v 2 – 5
- c) Prayer contrary to God's will. Matt 26 v 39
- d) Praying in wickedness, Ps 15 v 1 – 5, Pro 15 v 29.
- e) God resists the proud, 1 Peter 5 v 5, 1 Chro 7 v 14
- f) Sin, un-confessed sin, Isaiah 59 v 1 – 4, Wickedness Hosea 7 v 1 – 2
- g) Doubt and faithlessness, James 1 v 8, Heb 11 v 6
- h) Praying for our lust/covetousness, Colo 3 v 5 – 8, Eph 5 v 5 – 7

CONCLUSION:**QUESTIONS:****HOME WORK:****PRAYER:**

STUDY 43
THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT
EFFECTIVE PRAYER (Part 5)

(Review part 1, 2, 3 & 4 studies before today's study)

(8) HOW TO BECOME ACTIVE AND BE EFFECTIVE IN PRAYER

- a) You must leave a right/holy life, James 5 v 16
- b) Let your desires through the words of your mouth be decent before God, Eph 3 v 20
- c) You must pray in the name of Jesus Christ “ask anything only through the name of Jesus and He will do it” John 14 v 4
- d) Practice the secret in the Lord's prayer as it is in, Matt 6 v 9 – 13
 - Praise – Ps 47 v 1, Ps 95 v 1 – 2
 - Kingdom focus – Matt 6 v 33, Matt 6 v 10
 - Provision (your needs) – Matt 6 v 11
 - Mercy and pardon – Gen 39 v 21, Matt 6 v 12
 - Protection and deliverance – Matt 6 v 13
 - Praise and exaltation – Ps 66 v 1 – 9, Matt 6 v 13
- e) Use the word of God to pray (master the scriptures) learn to put God to remembrance. John 15 v 7
- f) Have a quick to repentance heart, 2 Chro 7 v 9 -10, 2 Sam 12 v 1 – 14, Pro 26 v 13
- g) Develop and make your prayer time an appointment with God, Acts 3 v 1
- h) Choose and belong to a prayer unit or group, Matt 18 v 20
- i) Choose and make yourself a prayer partner with others, but be very careful. Matt 18 v 9
- j) Discipline yourself; make a daily routine attitude of prayer. It should be in the order of morning, noon and evening. Ps 55 v 16
- k) Control or completely eliminate all forms of distractions during your prayer time
 - Your environment and atmosphere must be conducive
 - Separate yourself from every other activity. Matt 6 v 6

- l) Keep your mind carefully and be focused 2 Cor 2 v 11. But let your heart be on your prayer Jeri 29 v 13. Pray from the depth of your heart, Ps 119 v 2
- m) Pray and be highly expectant, mind your faith Isaiah 65 v 24. Doubt not. Mk 11 v 23, James 1 v 16
- n) As you pray, let your mind be on a miracle, Matt 9 v 21
- o) During prayer use the “heavenly language” i.e. praying in tongues. 1 Corinthians 14 v 2
- p) Keep your prayer list mostly for intercession, by always reminding God in your prayers. 2 Timothy 1 v 3
- q) Finally, sing aloud your prayers and expect a miracle, Ps 47 v 1, Ps 66 v 1, Ps 95 v 1 – 2.

Prayer is not to be neglected or undermined as a part of our Christian faith that can enable us to have a good, quality and successful Christian life. Pray now because you will still pray latter. Luke 18 v 1, Matt 17 v 21.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 44
THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT
EFFECTIVE PRAYER (Part 6)

(Review part 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 studies before today's study)

(9) HOW TO PRAY AND RECEIVE ANSWERS

- a) You must pray rightly and for the right things. Don't pray wrongly or amiss. James 4 v 3
- b) Pray in faith; believe God can do it for you. Eph 3 v 20, Mk 11 v 21, Matt 21 v 22, Heb 11 v 6a
- c) Have a forgiving heart. Matt 18 v 33, Matt 6 v 14
- d) Mostly, concern yourself with things that will bring glory to God. James 4 v 8
- e) Focus on God's will in your prayers. Matt 26 v 39
- f) Persist, be fervent and remain prayerful. Luke 18 v 1, James 5 v 61, Rom 15

v 30, Luke 11 v 18, Matt 26 v 44

g) Start your prayer in Jesus name and end in Jesus name, the name of Jesus is your dialing tone. John 16 v 23, 14 v 6, Phil 2 v 9.

When you pray and you don't receive answers to your prayers, you must examine and re-examine yourself to understand your state with God and the mind of God

(10) DEVELOP A PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL OR PRAYER LIFE

DEVOTION: Devotion is to keep, maintain time ardent love and zeal for prayer, develop personal prayer/devotional time in prayer because to maintain or keep personal devotional life God cannot be underestimated because of the overwhelming benefit one can desire:

(a) It helps and gives you every enablement to take heed to yourself the doctrine, and to continue in this 1 Timothy 4 v 16

(b) Jesus was an example of personal devotional and it is expected of His followers Luke 22 v 39 – 46

(c) You can change the tune of events, things, decisions, situations e.t.c. Luke 18 v 1 – 8

(d) Personal devotional exercise and experience will aid you to create and have a better conclusive climate in your Ministry and other areas of life Matt 18 v 21

(e) Your personal devotional exercise helps to confirm or demonstrate the reality and effectiveness of your spiritual life

(f) Through your personal devotional exercise you have the chance and opportunity of mending your broken relationship with God

(g) You also can develop the act and habit of secret prayers, private meditation, studying the Bible and personal devotion enables you develop your spiritual life.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 45 **YOU AND HEAVEN (Part 1)**

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Corinth 5 v 17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new.

1. INTRODUCTION:

It is expected of every human being to reign with Christ in heaven after death but the option is personal because you can choose to either go to heaven or hell. Colo 1 v 16 we were all created by God for his own reason and we belong to Him (God). For this reason, the purpose of our life and our life style must benefit God and must be central on God if you must go to heaven Rom 14 v 7 – 9. Heb 10 v 22 in this pursuit, we need pure heart towards God. If we must live for Jesus, we must live by God word, we must make our self completely available for God's service , we must obey God in all things, we must obey and do His will not minding if it is difficult or easy Matt 6 v 10. Living for Christ is focusing on Heaven 1 Tim 3 v 1 – 9. For all heavenly bound Christian Read 1 Timothy 3 v 2 – 5 and be warned.

2. HOW TO KNOW CHRISTIAN THAT WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN

- a. They are careful about their mind / heart Pro 4 v 23, Pro 23 v 19
- b. They avoid all form of lust Pro 6 v 25
- c. They are careful about sin and they keep the right ways Pro 7 v 25
- d. Obeys God's commandment Pro 3 v 1, Ps 101 v 4
- e. They keep and do the word of God which they heard Luke 8 v 15
- f. They wait and encourage themselves only on God for strength by God Ps 27 v 14
- g. They trust God continually and always Pro 3 v 15, Heb 12 v 2
- h. They fear God Jer 32 v 40
- i. No matter their situation they remain faithful to God Neh 9 v 8
- j. They are not crafty nor deceitful Jer 17 v 9
- k. Their heart is clear they don't imagine vain or evil things Pro 6 v 18
- l. They resist the devil and always refused to be influenced by the devil and man Eccl 9 v 3 – 4 James 4 v 7, and always want to do the right thing
- m. They are never proud James 4 v 6
- n. They are fervently prayerful Ps 27 v 8, 1 Sam 1 v 12 – 13

- o. They are wise Rom 10 v 8, sincere Heb 10 v 22, and full of Joy in the Lord not minding their situation 1 Sam 2 v 1, Zech 10 v 7
- p. They always do good Acts 16 v 14, not rebellious Jer 5 v 23, they are devoted to God in all things Ps 9 v 1, always after God's heart
- q. They don't complain or murmur.
- r. They are circumcised Rom 2 v 29
- s. They are humble and Christ like they are clothed in humility they walk in humility, they respect and value other brethren even if they are not mature in faith, they encourage themselves like king David 1 Sam 30 v 6. Read 1 Pet 5 v 5, Eph 4 v 1 – 2, Micah 6 v 8, Rom 12 v 16.
- t. They live a blameless life and they shine like light anywhere they are Phil 2 v 15
- u. They go not the way of the gentiles (unbelievers) but they bear the kingdom anywhere they go Matt 10 v 5 – 7
- a. They witness and preach Jesus Acts 1 v 8, they don't hide, defend or side men and their sins, they preach Christ's crucifixion anywhere they find themselves 1 Corinth 1 v 23
- v. They are diligent Luke 18 v 7, 1 Thess 5 v 17 and their focus for Christ is on the souls of others Colo 4 v 12, Luke 23 v 34.
- w. They always pray and keep a day with God in prayer Matt 17 v 1

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 46
YOU AND HEAVEN (Part 2)
(Review part 1 study before today's study)

- 3. For example, marriage that is heaven focused
 Marriage is a union between a man and a woman and not between a man and a man or a woman and a woman.
 (a) Any marriage that is not between a man and a woman is demonic, anti –

Christ, evil and hell bound, except those involved and those who support or joined them together repent and forsake such ways.

Many Christians have evolved in marital union in such a way and practice and have contravened or broken Bible standard

b. You must accept that heaven bound marriage must be between a man and a woman only

c. It is a union of one man and one woman.

d. Parents of the couple must be in approval Gen 24 v 57 - 58

e. A marriage that is heavenly bound is the one where dowry are paid to the parents of the woman Gen 29v15

f. Must be free from immorality: fornication and adultery (before and after) 1 Corinth 7 v 2,9

g. Heavenly bound marriage must be free from sex before marriage Heb 13 v 4. Any marriage that is characterized with fornication and adultery does not attract God, favors, God does not see it as available for heaven, nor trustworthy and dependable. Such couple hate God and the marriage can be called unholy matrimony or marriage

h. Heavenly bound marriage is based on God and blessed by God for procreation (having children) Gen 1 v 27 – 28,

i. It is based on obedience and sincere love and fear of God Eph 5 v 21

j. In a heavenly focused marriage, the wife submits totally to her husband and the godly leadership of her husband (lord) while the husband genuinely loves his wife

k. In a heavenly bound marriage, both husband and wife faithfully defend, secure and protect their marriage to glorify God always

l. In a heavenly bound marriage, they join together to serve God and raise Godly children Pro 22 v 6

m. Your marriage to a very large extent determines your destiny, work it out to succeed and never take your husband or wife for granted, face God and ask God to help you to succeed in it.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 47

YOU AND HEAVEN (Part 3)

(Review part 1 & 2 studies before today's study)

4. TRUTH A HEAVENLY BOUND CHRISTIAN MUST KEEP IN HIS/ HER MIND

- a. Vanity, all man's, possession, wealth and acquisitions shall be destroyed and perish on the last day 2 Peter 3: 11, Eccl 1v 2, Ps 39 v 11, Acts 14 v 15
- b. On the last day you don't have excuse Matt 25 v 24 - 30.
- c. Every sin you did not deal with will testify against you on the last day Acts 5 v 1-10
- d. You can never live forever, you must die one day and you must face the most High Judge (God) Heb 9 v 27. No repentance in the grave 2 Cor 5 v 10.
- e. Always remember there is no time waiting for any man to come to Jesus, time is running out Rom 13 v 12
- f. You can never go home (die) with anything 1 Tim 6 v 7
- g. Don't procrastinate or postpone your time of repentance, because death will never inform any one of his coming. Old age is not really a determinant of who dies first
- h. God is not a respecter of any man Acts 10 v 34. He is a consuming fire Heb 12 v 29. God is also love 1 John 4 v 7, so, do the right thing now which is your right time
- i. Any Christian whose life is not consecrated in holiness and to God, the devil will mess him/her up Mk 5 v 15, Lev 11 v 15
- j. You must fight and contend daily to remain in the heart of God Luke 13 v 24

5. WHO ARE HEAVEN BOUND CHRISTIANS

- a. They are kingdom seekers Matt 6 v 33
- b. Imitators of God Eph 5 v 1
- c. Pursuers of heavenly things Colo 3 v 1
- d. They obey and uphold the word of God Gala 1 v 15 – 16
- e. They pursue and live in absolute or complete holiness 1 Thess 4 v 7, 1 Peter 1 v 13 – 16, Heb 12 v 14, Ps 15.
- f. They are seekers of righteousness Matt 6 v 33 and they live consecrated life Rom 12 v 1.

- g. Daily, thy please God Gala 1 v 10, they grow in grace 2 Pet 3 v 18,
- h. Anywhere they go they preach Jesus 1 Pet 2 v 11, they bear fruit John 15 v 6–8, 1 Corinth 9 v 16.
- i. They meditate on God's word daily Joshua 1 v 8
- j. They have daily communion with God Colo 4 v 2
- k. They press towards the mark Phil 3 v 14
- l. They do everything possible to maintain their names in the book of life Rev 21 v 27
- m. They remain shinning as the light of the world Matt 5 v 4,
- n. They are the salt of the earth Matt 5 v 13.
- o. They grow from strength to strength in the Lord Rev 21 v 27 because they always seek knowledge of Jesus Christ Eph 4 v 1.

CONCLUSION: Prayer attracts God, and when your prayers attract God, you are noticed and you receive attention of God. Men that pray are the only ones that can easily influence God mind and decision e.g. Hezekiah, Daniel, and Jesus etc. By and large, your life style is a determinant factor in influencing God, not just to influence God but you must be heavenly bound because on the last day Jesus will “say depart from me I know you not you are a worker of iniquity” Matt 7 v 23. And not all that say “Lord, Lord, that will inherit the Kingdom of God” Gala 5 v 20–21, 1 Corinth 6 v 9–10.

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 48

THINGS AND PRACTICES YOU MUST AVOID AS A CHRISTIAN

MEMORY VERSE: Ezek 44 v 23 “And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, (grossly held irrelevant) and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.”

Many Christians have ignorantly involved themselves in so many forms of activity in the name of worship, prayer or celebrations unknown to them that they are neither necessary nor relevant to their Christian faith and from there they begin to have strange experiences and one of the consequences of this is emptiness, backsliding or Holy Spirit departure from them. This few facts below will enable you live a good and rightful Christian life full of the Holy Spirit and you will be fruitful both physically and spiritually.

1. Only pray in the name of Jesus Christ, don't try using the cross, rosary, pictures of Jesus or any image to pray Num 33 v 52.
2. Don't burn candle/incense for any purpose of prayer Jeri 7 v 17 – 18, 44 v 8, 17 - 19
3. Don't pray in the name of any person dead or alive.
4. Don't use any book other than the Holy Bible and Christian books to pray or study.
5. Avoid going to any water or river for help or prayer Isaiah 27 v1
6. No sex or pregnancy before marriage Heb 13 v 4
7. No piercing of ears Ex 21 v 5 – 6, wearing of ear rings Gen 35 v 1 – 4,Ex 32 v 1 – 6, Judges 8 v 24, 27 Isaiah 3 v 16 – 26
8. Avoid bleaching or “toning” putting designs on your body e.g. tattoo Isaiah 3 v 16 – 20, 1 Peter 3 v 3 – 5, 1 Tim 2 v 9 – 10, 2 Kings 9 v 30
9. **Dressing:** You must not expose your body e.g. backless, sleeveless, hot pants, mini wears etc Isaiah 3 v 16 – 20, 1 Peter 3 v 3 – 5, 1 Tim 2 v 9 – 10
10. No wearing of trousers for sisters Dan 22 v 5
11. Avoid over dressing Phil 4 v 5
12. Avoid shabby dresses (under dress) Phil 4 v 5
13. Don't eat or drink anything sacrificed to evil spirit (idols) avoid village traditional festivals, worship of gods/deities. Rev 2 v 14, Acts 15 v 20 – 29, 1

Colo 10 v 20

14. Don't eat dead things Lev 22 v 8, 7 v 24, Judges 14 v 6 – 9
15. Avoid eating anything containing blood not thoroughly washed Lev 3 v 17
16. Avoid all forms of alcoholic drinks (palm wine) Lev 10 v 9 – 10, Num 6 v 1 – 3, Jer 35 v 6, 14, 18 – 1, Tim 3 v 2 – 3, Luke 1 v 13 – 16, Jud 13 v 4.
17. You must not smoke or snuff 1 Cor 3 v 15 – 17 don't defile your body (temple of God)
18. Hanging of pictures of Jesus, crucifixion or cross for protection – use only the word of God Ps 119 v 105
19. Fast and pray all the time Luke 18 v 1, Matt 17 v 21
20. When you are fasting, don't show off or publicize it Matt 6 v 15 – 18
21. Christians cannot prove that Jesus was born on the 25th of December, so in your celebration be careful not to provoke God and glorify the god of the sun (Satan).
22. Don't offer yourself to celebration of valentine, it is a celebration of immorality (Satanic)
23. Children of God should not allow themselves to be conferred with chieftaincy/traditional titles 1 Peter 2 v 9, you are a chief of God already Job 40 v 19, Matt 20 v 27, Luke 22 v 26, 1Timo 1 v 15
24. On the eighth day name your child Luke 2 v 21,35, if possible both father and mother should be present (except otherwise)
 - At least one minister of God must be present Luke 2 v 25
 - Water, alligator pepper, honey, sugar, salt, white chalk, powder, etc must not be used Luke 2 v 24
 - On the 41st day preferable the child is brought to the church to be dedicated and prayed for (Except otherwise)
25. Avoid night clubbing, night parties or night ungodly activities
26. Avoid "Aso Ebi" cloth for any reason
27. Avoid shaving of hair for the dead Lev 21 v 1 – 5
28. Avoid participating in traditional and cultural celebrations
29. Avoid cutting or putting tribal marks and incisions etc on your body
30. Avoid family circumcision Gen 17 v 10 – 14, 23 – 27, Lev 12 v 1 – 3
31. Use of wedding rings, borrowing wedding gown, taking of photographs,

video recording, post marriage party, spraying of money, none of the above is compulsory. So you can avoid them and plan with what you have., your marriage and celebration should honor God. Read 1 Sam 15 v 22, Jeri 7 v 23, Acts 5 v 29, 2 Cor 10 v 6, Lam 4 v 15

CONCLUSION: Examine yourself if you have partaken in the above, repent and forsake them. Meet with your pastor for counseling and prayers

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 49

TITHES AND OFFERING (Part 1)

MEMORY VERSE: Mala 3 v 10 “Bring ye all tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of host, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it”

1. TITHE DEFINED: A tithe is one tenth (1/10) of all your gross income Mala 3 v8 – 12, Lev 27 v 30 – 32

- Tithing is God's ordinance and it belongs to God
- Tithing is not a sacrifice
- It is an act of returning to God one tenth of what He has given you that is His
- Tithing is not optional, it is a command you must have to obey earnestly
- Not just from your salary but from all your possessions and total income from anything.

You are the controller of all he possesses. As a controller you are just like a steward, and a steward is a person who controls, manages, administers and the caretaker of that which belongs to another. Because God is the root/source of everything blessing, it is obvious and important that we have to accept His ownership of everything in our possessions.

From the understanding of the memory verse (bring ye all the tithe) into the store house.....so that there be enough meat Mala 3 v 10 – 11. We must understand that one main way God ordained to sustain His work (ministry), the spread of His word is “Tithing”. To a very large extent, this is globally accepted in the church of God.

Through Tithing God once says “Prove me now herewith” ironically this is one area of the word the church as abandoned and walked away from. Do you tithe? Do you tithe constantly and correctly?

2. WHY MUST WE PAY OUR TITHE?

- a. God from what and all he has given you demands and desires it from you Mala 3 v 8 – 10
- b. Tithing exposes a Christians level of obedience, faith love and fear of God

- in your life Gen 22 v 1–2, 12
- c. To obey and follow Bible pattern of the men of old as commanded by God in Lev 27 v 30–32
 - d. Because Jesus advised we must not abandon or neglect tithing Matt 23 v 23
 - e. Tithing is to obey, honor and support God's work and church
 - f. Because it does not belong to us we must give it (1/10) back to God, we are only steward of all God gives to us. it will be wicked and criminal of us if we don't tithe Mala 3 v 8
 - g. To avoid coming under a curse Mala 3 v 9
 - h. If you truly love and fear God, you must tithe Gen 32

1. HOW AND WHEN DO I PAY MY TITHE?

- a. You must pay your tithe at the exact time and regularly from the height of your heart Lev 22 v 29, Lev 27 v 31
- b. Pay your tithe cheerfully, don't murmur, don't grudge
- c. Pay it with a good heart
- d. It's an opportunity to give back something to God

Pay your tithe to your local church, where you are fed with the truth of the word of God.

CONCLUSION:

QUESTIONS:

HOME WORK:

PRAYER:

STUDY 50

TITHES AND OFFERING (Part 2)

(Review part 1 studies before today's study)

2. EXAMPLES OF THOSE WHO PAID TITHES IN THE BIBLE

- a. Gen 10 v 20 – Abraham
- b. Gen 28 v 22 – Jacob
- c. Neh 13 – Nehemiah and Israel

- d. Matt 23 v 23, Luke 11 v 42, 18 v 12 – Hypocrites (Scribes and Pharisees)
- e. I Corinth 9 v 7 – 14, 16 v 2, 2 Cor 7 v 11, 8 v 1 - 15

3. TWO THINGS ABOUT TITHES

- a. Give God the one tenth of all your earnings in gratitude and worship
- b. To receive from God all the blessings that belongs to a tither

4. WHAT TO GAIN FROM PAYING YOUR TITHE

- a. God will rebuke devourers for your sake Mala 3 v 10 – 11
- b. You will have access to divine blessings that will surprise your enemies
- c. You will have abundant joy in Gods house
- d. A prove of evidence of faith in God

5. DANGERS OF NOT TITHING

- a. You can come under a curse from the Lord Mala 3 v 9
- b. Doors of your life endeavors will be opened to devourers to attack anything in your life
- c. Not tithing qualifies you as a thief, stealing from Gods storehouse, be informed no thief is heavenly bound Ex. 20 v 15 “Thou shall not steal”
- d. You become not relevant to God's plan, be reminded without you and your money, God remains God and His plans must still go on and flourish Hag 2 v 8, Ps 50 v 10

6. OFFERING

- Offerings are all you attach or give in attachment to your tithe Deu 12 v 6
- Don't ever go empty handed into the presence of God Deu 16 v 16
- In most cases offerings is always mentioned together with tithe
- Tithes opens the windows of heaven
- Tithing determines how wide your door can open Luke 6 v 38
- Give your offering prayerfully and always to keep maintaining wide open doors

7. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TITHE AND OFFERING

- Tithe is not less than ten percent of your total earning while offering is not fixed, but any part of your total earning
- You can increase the part of your offering and tithes; this can widen your doors and give you extraordinary open heaven in every area of life.

CONCLUSION: Make up your mind if you have not obeyed the command of God in tithing, repent and return to tithing and remember to give always

God offering anytime you find the opportunity to give anything to God

QUESTIONS:

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STUDY 51

HELP FROM ABOVE

Help is a desired need of any kind. It is obvious that many brethren have sought for this help from all manner of avenue not minding the spirit behind their sources.

Yes, it is clear that help can come from anybody, anywhere and any source, but there is every evidence that every avenues of help which is not from Heaven above is not perfect (James 1:10,17) Help that is not from God can fail but Help from above has never failed, and it can never fail. Though help from above may delay but it will surely come at an appropriate time. (Hab 2 : 3) And it is always better (John 3 : 31; He that cometh from above is above all)(John 19 : 11) Read: (Micah 7 : 5, Psalm 110 : 9, Isaiah 24 : 4, Isaiah 26 : 4 – 5 and Isaiah 41 : 10)

Understanding from the above Bible references clearly teaches us that we should put our mind, trust and hope in the Help from above (God).

FACTS ABOUT HELP FROM ABOVE

1. It is divine and everlasting.
 2. It is not free, you must earnestly desire, work and cry for it (you have a part to play).
 3. It is given to those who have faithfully submitted that they have no help from the world
 4. It is for the helpless, hopeless, handicapped and the abandoned
 5. It is for those who sincerely believe in the word of God in Matt 19 v 26
 6. It is for those who ignore what people are saying
 7. It is for those who do not have respect for medical report but love and respect God's report only.
 8. It is for those who are relevant to God's Kingdom (servants of God)
i.e. Kingdom minded brethren Ex 23 v 25 - 27
 9. It is for those who will allow God to fight for them Ex 14 v 14- 25,
1 Sam 2 v 9, 2 Corinth 10 v 4
 10. It is for all the right living Christians Ps 34 v 17 - 20
- To receive help from above (God), you must be in the right direction

with God and you must be abiding and ready to remain in the Lord
John 15 v 1 – 9

CONCLUSION:

QUESTION:

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PRAYER:

STUDY 52

DISCOVERING OPPORTUNITY

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinth 16 v 9 “For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries”

I define opportunity in two ways: Firstly, opportunity is an avenue discovered through which you can make an input, impact, profit and making what will work to work out fruitfully.

A man once said that “opportunity is dressed overall cloth that look like work and for this reason, many people miss it” what a word? Ironically, many people do not want or like the word work and work means labor. Opportunity is not really given in a platter of gold but it is earned.

Secondly, I define opportunity as taking advantage of events or situations. At this point, the grace and gift of God in your life enables you to get the best out of events or situations maybe in making money, winning souls, sowing as the case may be.

You will never make progress in life except you work out things mostly by understanding and discovering opportunities. One thing is to locate or discover opportunity another thing is to make good use of it. Our greatest problem today is that we no longer try to create or watch out for opportunity but we are waiting for it. This study stands to bring you or open your eyes on solving the question of how to discover or locate opportunities.

HOW CAN ONE DISCOVER OPPORTUNITY?

You can discover opportunity in four ways and also make use of it.

(1) You must search for opportunity because “it is dressed in overall cloth”, overall is work. What I mean here is that you should work for opportunity, it is hidden and concealed in something, somewhere and some concealed in people either around you or far from you. Matt 7 v 7 “Ask, seek, knock and it shall be opened unto you”. Also, it is expected of every man to conduct a search on himself and discover what he can put into a system to work, mind you the system is already there or created daily but the difference is who will make input or impact. It is the input and impact that makes a difference.

When you make a difference you make a name, fame and wealth. You

have something to offer while not search for what is in you that you can offer mostly at the time of necessity or need.

(2) If you search for opportunity and you cannot find, then create opportunity for yourself. Blind Bartemaeus created opportunity for the recovery of his sight by crying the more, the woman with the issue of blood created one by thinking fast if Jesus cannot see me, let me touch His garment, Queen Esther created one by visiting the King knowing fully well that her visit time to the king was odd. Your creative thinking ability can help you to be creative and make input and impact.

(3) Use what others cannot do as opportunity to make an impact which can earn you your desire, wealth, name, fame and recognition. As far as there are issues, situations and various activities going on around you, there are various opportunities hidden or very obvious around you. Ask God to open your eyes to catch these opportunities and make something out of them. Anything you involve yourself in that add positive value to your life and others is an opportunity, so develop and commit yourself more to it.

(4) Make good use of opportunity when you find them, because you may not find it again. One thing is for you to find or discover opportunities but another thing is for you to make good use of it profitably. King Solomon made very good use of his opportunity when asked “what do you want from God” so brethren, do not let opportunities slip out of your hands when it comes because it may be used by another person, opportunity does not wait for just one man.

CONCLUSION:

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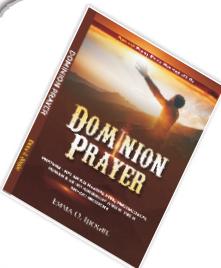
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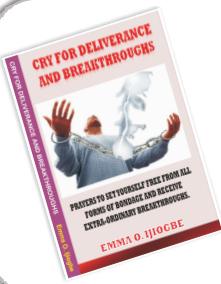
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