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## **DEDICATION:**

**I love the youth; I love their potential, their promise, their openness to opportunities, to adventure, to innovation. I dedicate this book to all young people believing that they will seize their age as a divine privilege rather than a passage of time. May this book provoke the best out of every one of them. The future belongs to them; so does the present.**

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**DON'T BE OBVIOUS, BE GLORIOUS**

## DON'T BE OBVIOUS, BE GLORIOUS

When I came to the Lord way back in 1986, I was amazed that the Lord had appeared to me and commissioned me to heal the sick and preach the gospel. I was only fourteen and until then, I had always considered that anything of such magnitude was intended for the elderly. I had always imagined that anything as important as ministering the gospel was the prerogative of an older and more experienced person.

Coming from a religious background made matters worse. The prospect of manifesting God's power in healing the sick was something that I knew I did not qualify for. Nothing in my upbringing, society or condition had prepared me for such an awesome duty.

It is disturbing to note how society fashions you to be obvious. Most young people are victims of this dubious and questionable intentions and machinations of the social order they find themselves in. Many have succumbed without any debate to the expectations their peers and elders demand of them. As a result, we hear of such paradigm like *youth culture, adolescent behavior, and juvenile motives*, most of which tend to portray youth as a time of learning at best and rebellion at worst. Consequently, the youth are never seen as a present day remedy to their society. Either they are *a problem* or they are *a future solution*.

It's just amazing that this impression has been grounded in most of the psyche of our generation, although one must admit it was worse in times past. To most people, being young is being obvious in these regards. A young person is at best *expected* to be *studious, humble, obedient, and patient*. At worst,



young people are *expected* to be *rebellious, crazy, arrogant and plain stupid*.

And so we have for a long time had two obvious young people- *the good one* and *the bad one*. And if we must consider the young people of our times that are so particular about crazy appearances, we might have to consider a third feature- *the ugly one!*

*But must this status quo be left to continue? Is it really consistent with God's understanding of the young? What does the word of God say about being young? Does it also look at it in obvious terms?*

A careful appreciation of the word of God will reveal a different perspective from the one held by most adults regarding young people. **The scriptures are filled with several young characters that were not *obvious* but *glorious*. They show us that God, who is indeed the creator of youth, celebrates it and permits it to display glorious realities.** Insofar as God is concerned, being young is not necessarily limited to being patient, studious, and obedient, or unruly, disconcerting and crazy. It can have its positive values and much more.

And I am glad God does not see like men see. I am glad that when HE looks at young people HE does not discriminate against them because of their age. That is how HE has dealt with me. That is why HE called me when I was young and is using me to do things that are often the preserve of elders. I have decided to cooperate with God's expectations rather than those of my society.

My friend, you may be young and God has placed in you some lofty ideals and goals but you are doubting your capabilities or postponing the assignment because you have been trapped in your society's thinking.

Well, this book is in your hands to break that box you are thinking from. God need not use you later when HE can use you now. **It may not be obvious to your seniors, elders and peers that God wants to do extraordinary things with you, but that does not make it impossible.** As you read, you will discover that there is plenty of room in your Father's house to enable you to be glorious, to do more than you ever thought you could, much more than anyone thought you could do.

## **REDEEMING THE TIME**

A lot of things can happen now. They do not have to happen later. **It is important to realize that what is often delayed was always possible. A careful observation of delays will reveal that they were not necessary most of the time.** There has been a tendency by most people to excuse themselves from urgently doing things. Like I said, this may be the result of the character of thought that is prevalent in society where young people are generally presumed to be unqualified and inexperienced. Consequently, many young people find themselves postponing whatever they may have been called to do or feel they must do.

It is important to move the youth from the realm of human expectation and ability to God's realm. In God's expectation and ability, what they were not able to do in the human realm becomes possible. That is why the scriptures declare that all things are possible with God (Matthew 19:26). **When young people awaken to the possibilities of divinity in their frail humanity, they discover the ability of redeeming time.** All of a sudden they stop postponing their call or mission and actively pursue the will of God.

In God, they discover that faith is now, not tomorrow, or later, or when you are qualified. In fact, faith overlooks your ability and qualification and tunes you to God's ability through you.

Think about it: Whether you are young and seemingly unable and inexperienced, God is willing to work with and through you. Mary was only fourteen years shy and young when the Lord selected her to be the mother of HIS only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. She was not even experienced as she was a virgin. She was also unable as **she was not yet** married to her fiancé Joseph. And yet this did not disqualify her from being the extraordinary mother to the Messiah.

I am mightily impressed by the response she made to the archangel Gabriel when she heard these things for the first time. She humbly said:

**Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me  
according to thy word. Luke 1:38**

She knew that all things were possible with God regardless of her age, experience and the opinion of men. Once the word of God is spoken and HIS omnipotent will revealed, the Mary's (young people of faith) of today simply believe and receive.

My friend, that is the gospel truth. God would like to use you however young you may presume yourself to be or others may presume you to be. **Rather than postpone HIS glory to such a time when people cannot tell whether it's your experience or ability, HE would love to take you on so that whoever doubted you can acclaim that your God has done it for you.** Get ready for supernatural activity that will see you do things that even older and more qualified people are unable to do.

I believe that we are at a time when God is doing a quick work whether our society and opinions are ready or not. HE is not consulting with our seniors and elders as to whether HE should use their children or students. Neither is HE conforming to the expectations of our peers. HE is the Lord God of all flesh and

HE is quickening times and seasons as we close the pages of history as we know it.

You see, men may not realize it but we are coming so close to the end of time as we have known it. God is aware of it because HE is the Master of time. HE invented it and controls it. HE is the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega (Revelation 1:8). HE is also the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2).

As we approach the grand finale, we should expect to see God use every age and category of people. In the often quoted prophecy of the Prophet Joel, HE declares:

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will  
pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons  
and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall  
dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.  
And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids  
in those days will I pour out my spirit. Joel 2:28-29

And like I said earlier, it is HIM that created youth. More than anybody else, HE knows what youth can and cannot accomplish.

Well in these last days, HE is empowering the sons and daughters to prophesy, HE is enabling them to be visionary and expectant. HE is doing so by the power of HIS Spirit. The Spirit of God is enacting the will of the Father so as to redeem the time.

No wonder we hear of young millionaires and billionaires in our time. It explains why their seems to be younger doctors, engineers, geniuses, leaders than ever before. And we should expect even more as God accelerates HIS work.

Wisdom is increasing, activities are increasing, inventions are increasing, and mobility is increasing as God orchestrates on earth HIS last and finest move. And the youth are a glorious part of it.

## **AMAZINGLY YOUNG**

When God moves, human opinions pale to oblivion. It does not matter what the cultures of men may be. When God begins a new work, traditions pave way for divine innovations. If for the most part we have been accustomed to seeing young men and women as obviously young, we must brace for a change. Get ready for the new youth that will be amazingly young. In spite of their age they will do great exploits because of the Spirit of God that is active in them.

When Mary pondered how it was possible that she would give birth to a child when she had never known a man, the arch-angel Gabriel told her:

The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and  
the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:  
Therefore also that holy thing which shall be  
born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

My friends, the Holy Ghost is available for supernatural manifestations beyond age and ability.

You know a lot of people had limited the Holy Ghost to merely speaking in tongues or healing of the sick. There is so much more than that. HE is not a religious Holy Ghost so that HIS

work through and with us must be confined to the four walls of the church. There is so much more that has begun to take place and will increase even more in our days. The Holy Ghost is making young men and women into amazing leaders, professionals, entertainers, musicians, business magnates, soldiers, workers, and yes, ministers, in our days. HE is doing so not because of human inventions like money, connections, and technology, but in spite of them.

Young men and women of amazing abilities are sprouting from every where including the least expected of places. If you are young and from a poor background, do not exclude yourself from this move of God. Just remember Queen Esther: God picked her up from exile and poverty to make her queen of an empire. The same can be said of Ruth who picked left over corn in Boaz's garden oblivious of the fact that God would raise her to be his wife. There is no young person so low that God cannot reach.

When Mary considered her own plight and how in spite of it God chose her to mother HIS only begotten, she burst out in hymn singing:

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded the low estate of his  
handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all  
generations shall call me blessed. For he that  
is mighty hath done to me great things; and  
holy is his name. He hath shewed strength with  
his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the  
imagination of their hearts. He hath put down  
the mighty from their seats, and exalted them  
of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with  
good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
Luke 1:46-53

Every disadvantaged young person that senses the call of God upon their life ought to memorize this portion of scripture. I think it's wonderful even as it is so encouraging.

God is not raising young men and women because of their scholarly background either. Don't fret because you are not well educated or cultured in the ways of the world. There is a wisdom from above that the Holy Ghost is imparting in our days.

Jesus had such wisdom: Remember, while HE was still a child, scribes and well groomed priests marveled at the questions HE posed at them (Luke 2:46-47). And when HE begun HIS ministry, many took note of the excellent wisdom he had and wondered how HE was able to manifest such brilliance yet HE had never gone to school (John 7:14-15).

Now, I am not against school and any such thing. I am only against making gods out of these human artifacts. They are only useful to the extent that we subordinate them to the Spirit of God. If only we can submit our youth to the marvelous person of the Holy Ghost, HE will translate our education into something glorious, something beyond our qualification. And when we have a lack of these benefits (education, wealth, and counsel), we need not despair. HE is able to more than compensate.

Being amazingly young means transcending the obvious and manifesting glory. You can outwit the expectations of your peers and elders if you submit to the Holy Ghost. Allow HIM to nurture in you the God-kind of faith. If you do, HE will make your life a wonder to behold.

I have penned down this book to show you that it need not be some impossible venture. You can cease being obvious and

begin being amazing. The ability I am referring to for this change is the most amazing power in the entire universe. Take on the Holy Ghost and what was once a pipe dream will become an incredible living reality. What elders struggle to accomplish in spite of their age, experience, and ability will become a quickened possibility in your youth.

I am sure the wise words of counsel penned down by the veteran apostle Paul to his spiritual son, Timothy, would offer a lot of inspiration to many young people when he said to him:

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. 1 Timothy 4:12

Those words from an elder in the faith, and indeed a founder in our faith in Christ, should clearly amplify what I have set out to state in this book. In fact a critical study of the entire letters Paul wrote to Timothy (there were two) reveal the extent God can entrust young people with amazing responsibilities in the church and the world.

Paul was wise enough to know that God never disqualifies youth on the basis of age. In these letters to Timothy, he reveals that instead God is able to qualify them and employ them for HIS most vital duties. Young people can be an example of believers. Their light can so shine so that men are not lost in the pitfalls of life. And their deeds can be so motivating that men learn from them what to do and what not to do.

If you are young and this book is in your hands, get ready to surprise everybody because of the power of the Holy Ghost in you. Amazingly Young- is in your hands to change you, to provoke you, to groom you in the supernatural. Do not even think for a moment that the Holy Ghost is in you just to idly sit



in you. HE is there for an omnipotent reason. HE is your Counselor- to inform and guide you better than anyone could. HE is your Comforter- to strengthen and empower you beyond any other ability.

Once you are aware of HIS awesome personality in you, you can never settle for mediocrity and average. This book is in your hands to show you how you can together with HIM reach for the stars and excel far beyond any estimation and prediction. Remember- It's not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord. The zeal of the Lord shall accomplish this (Zechariah 4:6).

# **YOUNG AND WISE**

## YOUNG AND WISE

One of the most obvious expectations among many in our generation is the foolishness or naivety of young men and women. It is not generally thought that young people should be wise. In fact this prejudice accounts for why most responsibilities and opportunities are not entrusted with them. Most people fear that young people will squander every opportunity given to them. This impression wouldn't be so tragic except for the fact that many young people have actually accepted that they are either foolish or inadequate. Most fright at the prospect of any serious responsibility and will decline amazing opportunities just because they are convinced that they are not mentally sufficient to fit within the expected conduct such opportunity may require.

I am reminded of a young gentleman that inherited a business from an aunty that was dying of HIV/AIDS. He was a dear friend of mine and was rather nervous about taking on the business as it handled very large cash flows and was rather complex in nature. The young man became central to the various family wrangles that emanated from his aunties will to leave the business in his care. Many in the family were offended and despised the young man for being too junior and incapable of managing the business. They predicted that he would fail within a short time and mess everything up.

He sought my counsel and I asked him to give his life to Jesus and submit the business affair to the working of the Holy Ghost. He declined because he thought that I was being too impractical to the serious matter at hand. Interestingly, because he was too nervous he sought the attention of spiritualists (witches) who assured him of even greater success than his

aunty had handed to him. And to be sure, all seemed to abound according to the predictions of the spiritualists.

However, the young man succumbed to the temptations that money and success bring. Soon he was playing around, puffing up and without his knowledge, losing ground. One fateful day, he was cruising his newly acquired four-wheel drive at top speed when he crashed and instantly lost his life. Today, there is hardly anything to show for the successful business he had inherited. Sadly to say, the devious predictions of his family came to pass in a fashion that I am sure none of them desired.

In that case, my friend lost a grand opportunity to submit his business and life to the wise counsel of the Holy Ghost. So much would have been different if he had done so. For one, he would not have been nervous about the inheritance he had acquired. The Holy Ghost would have given him the necessary confidence he needed to be on top of the situation. There is a boldness the Holy Ghost deposits in you that enables you to be assured of success. Secondly, he would never have sought the counsel of spiritualists which gave him a portion of business success without proper values for general living. Thirdly, if he had been submitted to the Holy Ghost there is a strong possibility that his life might have been preserved. The Holy Ghost would have ensured that no harm comes near him in spite of the accident. It is also possible that HE could have averted the accident altogether. Fourthly, the Holy Ghost would have guaranteed the continued growth and increase of his business far beyond his imagination and ability.

Alas, like so many do, he ignored the greatest assurance for success and management at his own peril. My friend, you do not have to end up that way. The Holy Ghost is available to equip you with the necessary knowledge and understanding to deal with any and every situation, responsibility and

opportunity. As your counselor, your youth need not disadvantage you. HE is present to guide you through all that pertains to life be it business, career, leadership, ministry or any other aspect of life. HE is more than qualified to handle any task at hand. All you have to do is to submit your life and undertaking to HIM and HE will enable you with wisdom beyond your experience, skill, or qualification.

## **THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM**

We must realize that man is not and has never been the custodian of wisdom. Neither is he the source. He is a beneficiary and a carrier. All wisdom comes from God. Even what we call human intellect is really God expressing HIMSELF in our dimension using men and women as HIS medium. Men and women may presume that they are the originators of this knowledge but they really are not. They are perpetuators simply amplifying what God has occasioned in their intellect.

However, instead of men acknowledging God's input in their intellectual claims, an arrogant and self-conceited tendency has seen a dubious exclusion of divinity from these issues. Men wrongly presume that they are the source and custodian of knowledge.

This explains why we witness the inappropriate gap that exists between knowledge and divinity. Because men have claimed to be the source of knowledge they have disregarded God altogether even to the extent of doubting HIS existence. It was Karl Marx who under this impression dismissed God altogether, denouncing religion as the opium of the masses. More seriously, are the ridiculous philosophies of evolution and man's origin supplied by Charles Darwin. These highly questionable arguments have occasioned a rather godless form

of knowledge that is the mainstay of today's most celebrated institutions of learning. And many young people worship these institutions of learning with their demonic philosophies over and above their God. Some universities and colleges, even professors, have become demi-gods because they have strengthened this wrong presumption of man's absolute intellectual superiority.

The record must be set straight: Man is not the source of wisdom. He is a benefactor and a perpetuator. He only derives all he knows from a loving, kind and most intelligent God. All beings derive their reasoning abilities from God who created them. It is Him who enables them to understand life and to master any knowledge. HE is the ultimate intellectual being, the custodian of knowledge and the author of wisdom. In HIS grace, HE has permitted men of different shades to perceive diverse things beneficial for the existence of man. Whether it is political administration, mathematical calculation or lingual discourse, be it science, arts, or even instinct, it is God that enables any and all beings to exercise wisdom.

All men would do well to seek the Lord Almighty for wisdom. That is why the scriptures declare that:

The fear of the Lord that is wisdom; and  
to depart from evil is understanding. Job 28:28

All young people would do well to appreciate that God did not limit this fear to a particular age category. If a young person feared the Lord then they would begin to be wise. In a world where society has limited the avenues of wisdom to institutions of learning and career experience from which the young are generally excluded, many young people would do well to realize that God has expanded the opportunities of gaining wisdom.

I am sure that when Elihu sought to counsel Job during his trials he was mindful of this. He knew that his youth did not exclude him from being wise even before old men. Seriously consider his opening remarks to Job's elderly friends in this regard:

I am young in years, and you are old, that is why I was fearful, not daring to tell you what I know. I thought, 'Age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom.' But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that gives him understanding. It is not only the old who are wise, not only the aged who understand what is right. Job 32:6-9

Wow! I think that is wonderful. Every young man ought to meditate on Elihu's entire discourse. Although as a young man he was not disrespectful of his elders, yet neither was he intimidated. He knew that wisdom was not the sole prerogative of the elderly and senior in society. He knew that the young too can bear wisdom since all beings source out wisdom from God. In this regard, he draws attention to the role of the Spirit of God (what he refers to as the breath of the Almighty). If young men can submit to the Spirit of God, they will find counsel and instruction that would activate incredible wisdom in them.

And this is exactly what is happening in our days. You see, like in Elihu's days when the elderly spoke first so has it been to this day. However, something is happening in our days. Present day Elihu's are beginning to speak. And they are questioning the wisdom of the elderly where these have been contrary to the wisdom in God's word. The scriptures have something to say about this trend when they say:

There is a generation that are pure in their

own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. Proverbs 30:12

They have listened to the foul philosophies of atheist and God-cursing professors. They have been quiet as those who thought they knew better profaned knowledge and deceived men that God is a phantom of human imagination. They watched as the elderly dubiously separated knowledge from divinity. And they are tired of all the deception. Today, they are rising like stars from everywhere and speaking. Many have been hibernating under the tutorship of the Holy Spirit. They know the source of wisdom to be the very mind of God.

The scriptures reveal that the wisdom of God is of superior quality than any other. The case of Joseph tells this point: Here was a young man, thirty years of age when he was called upon to assist the leader of the world's most notable nation of his day, Pharaoh of Egypt, with his most intractable problem- the interpretation of a horrific dream. All Pharaoh's wisest counsel had miserably failed to offer any meaningful interpretation. Joseph was in prison when Pharaoh was whirling round from one wrong counsel to another. When he is called, he clearly tells Pharaoh that it is God that will interpret the dream demonstrating his dependence on God as the source of all wisdom (Genesis 41:16).

And more articulately than Pharaoh had ever witnessed in his crowded court, Joseph offers an impressive interpretation of the dream. The dream was a warning, revealing seven on-coming years of plenty that would be followed with seven years of famine. Further than that, he also provides a most elaborate means of practically resolving the question of how to minimize the effects of the seven years of famine.

The whole episode is performed before the finest brains in Egypt. All are dumbfounded at the intellectual prowess and



gifted abilities of the young man. When Joseph suggests that someone be appointed to assist in managing the economic jigsaw, Pharaoh loudly exclaims, watch this:

And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne shall I be greater than you. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt. Genesis 41:38-41

Pharaoh took exceptional note that it is God that had given Joseph this wisdom by HIS Spirit. Until then, he had been limited to the wise administration of elderly scholars well trained in the ways of Egypt. But never had he been exposed to the level of revelation and intellectual undertaking that Joseph manifested in his royal court. He was so impressed at this kind of knowledge that he surrendered all his authority with the exception of his leadership to Joseph. A further study of Joseph reveals that Pharaoh also implored Joseph to teach his senators wisdom (Psalm 105:22). He actually became a teacher to his seniors and elders!

My friend, that is what is beginning to happen today. Contemporary Joseph's filled with the Spirit of God, the spirit of wisdom, are cropping up before leaders in politics, business, education, entertainment, religion, everywhere, revealing something new. We are beginning to see a different kind of wisdom being paraded by young people that is not only different from that of their elders but also vital for the challenges we face today. Like Joseph, many young people are

emanating from prison houses of society exclusionism, many have been forgotten in the prison houses of juvenile idiocy, and are stepping into the arena's of thought that have been long the preserve of elders and seniors.

And like in Joseph's days current day problems need a different approach from the outmoded, conservative and ungodly approaches of yester year's philosophers. The tables are turning round as young men are taking on training positions to educate the elderly and their seniors in new innovations by the Spirit of God.

### **GET WISDOM**

I strongly believe that God is doing something new, and wisdom and the young have a crucial role in it. It is very important that we recognize this development or else we shall miss the day of our visitation. Pharaoh would have certainly missed a great deal had he dismissed Joseph because of his age and appearance. Similarly, we should not underestimate the innovations young people are coming up with nowadays. Many are really tapping this new knowledge from the very source of all wisdom, God. HE is speaking to young people and unveiling new dimensions to life in all of its aspects that are commensurate with the challenges facing our times.

Young people should also not underestimate their role in this end-time move of God. They do not have to be conformed to society's impressions of who they are. They too should pay close attention to the Spirit of God. HE has plans for them over and above the limits imposed on them by society. Many of them are derailed by peer pressure and rather than seek God they are seeking pleasures and friends. In the end, they are left dissatisfied, abused and messed up because they have missed their visitation.

Young people need to wake up to the times they are in. Many are God's choice-vessels for supernatural wisdom. Rather than seek vain prospects, they should seek wisdom. If young people are going to move beyond being obvious to actually being amazing, they would do well to consider this advice:

Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father,  
and attend to know understanding.....  
Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not;  
neither decline from the words of my mouth.  
Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee:  
love her and she shall keep thee. Wisdom is the  
principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with  
all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her and  
she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to  
honor, when thou dost embrace her. She shall give  
to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of  
glory shall she deliver to thee. Proverbs 4:1, 5-9

Young people should realize that this is not the time for them to be running after friends, boys, men, girls, and women. Not even money and fame. It is also not sufficient in itself to run after schools. Get wisdom, get understanding and you will get the right everything. Wisdom and understanding will give you the right woman, the right man, the right friend, the right education, the right fame.

What is more is that wisdom will exalt the young person that gets it. It does not matter how inexperienced you may be or how lowly you may be, once you apply wisdom you are on your way up. That was Joseph's testimony. His only job experience in life had been a house help and prison counselor but that did not disqualify him from being appointed ruler of Egypt. Young women would do well to realize that they do not

have to sleep with the boss to get a promotion. Young men do not have to drink with him or bribe him in order to get a promotion. Just apply what I am telling you here and you will be above and not beneath.

One of the most astonishing testimonies pertaining to the infinite abilities of wisdom is the account of Solomon. Being one of the youngest of King David's children, he was not the most qualified to build the temple and take over the throne. However, it was God's will that he does so. Fortunately, his father knew so and was obedient to God's choice. He even prepared for Solomon the necessary materials for the building of the temple.

My friend, there is a father that is willing to cooperate with God's choice of you in spite of your insecurities and lack of qualification.

Although Solomon was God's choice for the building of the temple and the leadership of Israel and his father had accepted it, he nevertheless was nervous about the abilities of Solomon as a leader. In 1 Chronicles 22:5 he reveals as much:

And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore now make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

I believe the same trend is pertaining today. Not all elders and seniors have been at odds with God and HIS Spirit. Some have been like David, lone rangers in their generation that were ambitious for the purposes of God. Such fathers in our generation would include Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Oral Roberts, Dr. Kenneth Hagins Sr. (his already with the Lord), Dr. Rex Humbard and many others. Many of them were wise to realize

that they could not do all that God would have done and they have laid preparations for another generation to accomplish what they begun and could not complete. It is important for young people to realize that the baton has been handed over and now they are expected to utilize the ample preparations of these good fathers in order to carry on the Lord's work in such a glorious and magnificent manner.

Solomon realized the awesome expectations of God in his day. Upon his coronation, he did well not to pay attention to the expectations of men but what God was able to do through him for the benefit of HIS people. He could easily have succumbed to the flattery of young men as later his son Rehoboam did or the intimidation of his elders. Instead, he looked to his God and sought wisdom. I am awesomely amazed at his prayer for wisdom above all else he could have asked for:

In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee....

Now, O Lord God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great? 2 Chronicles 1:7-10

God's response reveals a lot concerning what I am saying in this chapter:

And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honor, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I

have made thee king:  
Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee;  
and I will give thee riches, and wealth,  
and honor, such as none of the kings have  
had that have been before thee, neither shall  
there any after thee have the like. 2 Chronicles 1:11-12

I think that is so amazing. Every young person ought to get some kick from reading this portion of scripture perceptively. Here is a young man that recognizes the paramount need for wisdom in his day. And not just any kind of wisdom, but wisdom from above, from God. He seeks wisdom and gets it from God. The wisdom he had was not the benefit of years of learning from some ivory tower or prestigious professor in his day but from the gracious mercy of God, the source of all wisdom.

God, on the other hand, honored the young man's request. He did not disregard it on account of his age. In fact, he was rather impressed by his request so much that he supplied him a bonus. My friend, if you are young do not be afraid to seek God for wisdom. A lot of young people beseech God for all manner of requests like a job, marriage partner, business opportunity, money and other properties. Little do they realize that in wisdom are all these things, and more. If only young people would derive from Solomon this wise nugget they would effectively shift from being obviously young to being amazingly young.

### **THE NEXT MOVE OF GOD**

I strongly believe that the next move of revival is going to be based upon wisdom and knowledge. It's not going to be an ignorant move of the Spirit. People will not come into church and leave uninformed and unaware of God, life, and what

makes everything work. The breath of God will bring new and higher levels of understanding to the body of Christ and this world. As a result, the Church will not only be relevant to society but in fact very influential.

Knowledge is power and God has decided to channel this privilege to HIS bride as we prepare for HIS imminent return. We are going to see the church involve itself and dominate every knowledge activity from engineering works, space research, the entertainment industry, to business, travel, history, politics, medicine, and much more. The Church is moving out of confinement to the platform of global dynamics as she is prepared for global leadership. Mark my words- we shall govern this world.

And young people are a glorious part of this dynamic. God is ensuring that they receive this gift of wisdom and take their place as leaders in this end-time move of God.

Why has God entrusted the young with such an overwhelming responsibility?

I am sure that he has done so because many among the older generation were not able to contain this next move. In the gospels, the Lord reveals this dilemma when he cautions thus:

No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better. Luke 5:36-38

Many elderly people are too traditional, too religious for what God would love to do. Hitherto, God's priests have not been effective in convincing the world about the need to bridge the gap between faith and knowledge. Many have actually presumed that they must be at odds and have been content with a faith that is entirely ignorant of everything else. In a sense, intellectual pursuits have been disregarded in the

Church just as much as faith in God has been disregarded in the world's institutions of learning and career experience.

But that is changing and the Spirit of God is orchestrating this change. HIS principle agents are young people who are filled with the wisdom of God and they are taking the Church out of its solitary confinement into Pharaoh's contemporary courts of wisdom. God is by passing old methods and old teachers and reaching out to young radical sons and daughters to entrust HIS Church with new means of influencing the world.

The world must brace for this mighty, in fact most astonishing and magnificent move of God ever witnessed by men. Its new kings, its new priests, are young people that have waited on the Lord and received HIS wisdom. They will reveal HIS glory to a Church that had hitherto been stuck in religion. They will also reveal HIS glory in a world that has been deceived by false knowledge.

As we close time as we know it, let us all rise to this new development with a hunger for something new. Let us not kill today's prophets like our fathers did before us (Matthew 23:30-37). As the Spirit of the Lord rests upon our young people, let us awaken to the fact that God is doing something beyond our philosophies, cultures and expectations. And it is not bad at all. Matter of fact, it is God's best move and we are privileged to be a part of it.

If you are young, do not seek nothing else. In all of your getting get understanding (Proverbs 4:7). Attend to the word of God and beseech HIM for wisdom. Everything a young man or woman desires has been enveloped in wisdom (Proverbs 4). Without wisdom, our young people cannot find peace, joy and privilege. Any such blessing without wisdom is a set up for disaster, it will not last the day.



Young people everywhere, we salute you as you seize the hour and perceive the moment. We are depending on you as God entrusts you with our welfare both spiritually and materially. This may be difficult to appreciate even as a young person but it is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in my eyes.

Amazingly Young is in your hands to equip you with the initial knowledge to kick start you in God's greatest move. Even so, let it be according to God's perfect will.

# **YOUNG AND BOLD**

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There is an on-going battle between the kingdom of God and the devils domain. It's been going on for years and there has been much causality on both sides. The stakes are high and the determination more resolute than ever before. Satan and his contingent of demons have never been more serious than they are today. And neither has God ever been more set at winning and advancing HIS kingdom on earth as HE is today. It is important that as believers we are not caught in the cross-fire as naive observers would be but that we are part and parcel of this epic battle. More important, is the fact that we are on the winning side.

It seems to me that whenever the task of advancing the kingdom became more difficult, God always brought out a dangerous substitute to ensure the victory of HIS army. When Israel was losing ground under Eli, God raised a Samuel (Judges 6). And when Israel was in a stalemate with the Philistines because of Goliath, in the time of King Saul, God raised up David (1 Samuel 17). Throughout the scriptures, we witness God raising a serious soldier of truth to advance the will of heaven on the earth. When no prophet or angel was fit to redeem man, God sent HIS only begotten Son Jesus to accomplish this monumental of all efforts in the advancement of HIS kingdom on earth.

Well, today after the incredible line-up of competent and extraordinary servants of God that have tirelessly ministered the glorious word of God, HE still has a choice vessel for the level of warfare that we require today to overwhelm the kingdom of darkness. The new and dangerous substitute for this hour against the devil and his entire effort is the young.

Traditional impressions regarding the young have often tended to exclude them from battle preferring to hide them in safety. That is changing: The Spirit of the Lord is falling mightily upon our young people in a supernatural bid to recruit among them fine soldiers to advance the Lord's kingdom at such a time as this.

Of critical value in this battle is the need for our young people to be bold. A fierce determination and courageous ambition to overwhelm the enemy is taking over the hearts of young people everywhere. They are tired of the compromises, useless posturing and limited maneuvers assumed by their fathers as they venture into the battle of the ages. Many have refused to bow before the altars of heathen god's and will not relent from their determination to see complete victory against the enemy.

Money cannot buy them, trouble cannot cow them. They are sold out to God and are radical for HIS Christ. Many have come to an advanced understanding of their privileged status as sons of God. They are increasingly becoming aware of the fact that they are overcomers in this world by virtue of their spiritual heritage. Many are motivated by the word of God because it clearly states:

Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world. And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4

If you are a young person out there busy playing around, wasting your salvation, wake up to your visitation. This is your moment to be conscripted to battle. There is a sufficient grace among the young people to be emboldened to such extents as to amaze their elders and seniors. Take advantage of this grace and accomplish more than anyone thought you are programmed to do at your age. Boldness will set you above the

fray. It will propel you to greatness and cause you to be promoted far above those who have all these years been playing compromise diplomacy with the devil.

As young people master the courage to explore new spiritual innovations, cover hitherto uncharted territory, and discover today's solutions, they are fast becoming the leaders of our times. Why should they wait to lead tomorrow when they are equipped with what is necessary to lead today?

### **IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?**

The Church has always needed to be bold. If anyone is in the least perceptive of what we contend with, we must realize that the kingdom of God is not a picnic site where we party and console ourselves with plenty to eat and drink. While we may eat and drink in the kingdom, we must do so mindful of the duty to contend and overwhelm principalities and powers in high places. And as such, we must advance and refuse to lose ground. If we entangle ourselves with civilian affairs at the expense of winning the battle of the heavenlies then we must know that we shall pay for it with our lives.

Young people are being awakened in this epic war. They are declining the fanfare usually characteristic of their age in preference of the serious matter at hand. When their fathers have sold their souls and covered their backs, young men have been selected by the Spirit to resolutely win against Satan and all his deception and darkness. They know only so well what damage the devil has reeked among their lot. They see first hand the effects of the drug industry, prostitution, HIV/AIDS (and other sexually transmitted diseases), poverty, and all manner of social and economic instability. Many have been

victims of these vagaries and are avenging the devils kingdom by shining bright the light of God's kingdom.

They recognize the need for the advancement of God's kingdom and the need to be bold about it. To them, religious games are irrelevant in such a world. Church games are not sufficient to deal with problems that are outside its four walls. They recognize that most communities hardly attend church. They also know first hand that our personality cult status leaders are not helping much. Most of it is empty hype about nothing inasfar as the real issues are concerned. They want real change, real advancement, greater steps that will impact a world that hardly knows what the Church is about.

It is really amazing how perceptive young people can be in such times. Contrary to traditional impressions about how ignorant and timid they are, many that have been in-filled by the Holy Ghost are actually outpacing their elders and fathers in assessing the plight of the Church and their world. They realize the need to do something drastic and different inasfar as it will make a difference.

When I observe them, I am reminded of David soon after he had been anointed by the Prophet Samuel to be king after Saul. Even after such a serious privilege and in spite of his accomplishments against wild game that sought to kill his father's sheep, yet during battle he was kept at home. At some point, he was asked to take his brothers food in the battle field. While he is at it, he finds the battle at a stalemate as Israel's soldiers are intimidated by a Philistine giant called Goliath. As Goliath loudly boasts and taunts Israel to supply him with a soldier who he threatens to kill instantly, all Israel's soldiers (including David's brothers) are bewildered and at loss of what to do and how to respond to this challenge.

Not David. He had a different approach from all his peers and elders: Rather than cower, be afraid, and do nothing about the challenge, he sought to volunteer to fight the Philistine. When his brothers disagreed with his presence at the battle field, he questioned whether there was no cause for his concern. He was offended that a heathen defied the armies of God. A supernatural boldness mastered him causing him to switch from a mere errand boy from his father's house to a serious contender against Israel's army's worst enemy.

And that is exactly what is taking place today as we contend with the prince of darkness and his entire array of demons. Young people are quickly and swiftly switching from being hidden from the battles of the Lord to the centre stage. They are not shy to deal with any challenge hell has posed to the body of Christ. Rather than get into the blame game that are the custom of many of their elders, they are fighting the real enemy.

They do so because there is a cause. They know that it is not only lives at stake. More seriously is the holy Name of God. They will not sit idly by or hide behind the safe confines of the day while God's Name is roundly ridiculed and blasphemed. Like David the Spirit of God has singled them out to reveal the glory of God and the might of HIS Name. In any and every challenge, they are sure that in the Name of the Lord their enemy will fall before them. It does not matter the size or seriousness of the contention, they know that the Name of the Lord will do valiantly. And like David, they will not wait until they have been encouraged by everyone before they master the courage to engage the enemy. With or no support, they are willing to risk their lives for the sake of God's Name and for HIS people.

## **STANDING TO BE COUNTED**

When everyone around you is compromising, playing it safe, selling out, are you able to stand and be counted? Can you be different if your life depended on it? Where are you when God needs a hand in battle?

A survey of many believers would reveal that many do not realize they are in a battle. Many are not bothered about it. And many that were, have resigned from it. There is a lethargic and casual faith that has dulled many in the Church, including several leaders, from confronting the enemy. Few are even persuaded with the need for a confrontational type of Christianity. They prefer spiritual diplomacy where faith in Christ should not only respect other faiths but also believe them to be possible avenues to divinity.

While all this posturing is going on, souls are being lost in untold numbers. The world is being tossed around from one vain philosophy to another. Demonic traditions and theories of life like new ageism are freely paraded to a naive generation. Dark forces continue to dominate the main means of mass media, political representation and social engineering. And the consequences are enormous, ranging from the loss of souls, the perversion of a generation, to a general decline in the value of human life and the environment. In between these broad tendencies are a multitude of evils that have progressively grown worse by the day.

In Africa, where I minister from, hell has gone loose across the continent: Corruption is rife in the midst of scarce resources, HIV/AIDS threatens to wipe out entire countries, crime is on the increase in urban capitals, ethnic hatred and racial tensions are threatening the security of entire regions, not to mention the continued decay of institutions like families that should



support society, increased discrimination against women and the use of children in war by both armed guerilla groups and state armies. As if that is not enough, Africans have to deal with mounting poverty, worsening climatic change, a rapidly deteriorating environment and the prospect of a population boom in the midst of limited resources.

These dangers are not fictitious, they are real. Many have been bedeviling Africa for long and continue to do so with amazing consistence. Several attempts have been made by all manner of agencies to rectify the complexity that Africa has become ranging from efforts made by African governments themselves, foreign governments, local authorities, traditional kingdoms, to religious organizations, and the extended family networks with little or no change. It is not surprising that a sinister and selfish attitude has taken toll as many who seek to help eventually help themselves at the expense of those who they intended to help. The failure to seriously solve difficult problems has caused many to be disillusioned and self-conceited.

Everywhere in the world, there is a growing frustration with volunteerism. People are disappointed at the limited changes that are possible in the midst of all the problems available. Many have assumed the 'I don't care for my brother attitude' that Cain had. They ponder, "Am I my brother's keeper?"(Genesis 4:9). It is sad to observe with our eyes the prophecy our Master made citing that in the last days, the hearts of many will grow cold (Matthew 24:12). What is even more disappointing is that many in the church have fallen prey to this demonic attitude. Few want to stand and be counted among the forces of good that seek to make a difference in the lives of others. A dubious message has taken over many pulpits where the love of self is emphasized over and above the love of neighbor.

There is a serious question that King David asked that is applicable at such a time as this. All of us would do well to meditate on it. He queried:

When the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? Psalm 11:3

His question is addressed to the Church, those who believe the Lord Jesus. We ought to realize that all the problems of the earth can only be resolved by us because we are the sons of God for whom all of creation groans to be revealed (Romans 8:19).

The Lord also declared that we are the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13). We should preserve and give taste to this world. HE also declared that we are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). We should guide and provide vision for the world from its darkness. But what are we really doing? Why are we hiding in Church when the world is perishing? Why are we fending for ourselves yet we have been called to love everyone, even our enemies? Do we realize in the slightest sense that we hold the answer of the world in our hearts?

You see, this is not the first time God's chosen people have hid themselves and preoccupied themselves with personal survival. It's been like that several times before. In such times as we are living in, boldness is required. Unless we stand our ground and are counted, a lot shall be lost in our watch. I am thankful for the grace our Lord has occasioned our generation as HE anoints young people to rise up to the occasion. Many had fallen prey to the cowardice, disillusionment and self-conceit that has overtaken the elders and most in this generation. But the Lord is singling out mighty warriors out of their hiding places and making them stand to be counted.

Of particular significance in the scripture is the unique testimony of Gideon given in the book of Judges from the sixth to the eighth chapter. A young Jew, he was disturbed at the plight suffered by his people at the hand of the Midianites who ruthlessly invaded them during every harvest and forcefully took their crops. He wondered where the God of his fathers was to give them victory. He had heard of the victories God had performed for them in Egypt and was bothered that HE was not present to deal with the vagary they suffered under the Midianites. While he pondered on these misfortunes, he too had fallen prey to the general fear and self-conceited tendencies of his society. He fended for himself and family by hiding his small harvest of wheat in the winepress.

Many in the church today are no different from Gideon. They ponder and wonder about the plight of the world, the Church and their inadequacy to deal with the matter at hand. Convinced of their shortfall relative to the challenge they are faced with, they prefer to hide and preserve the little they can. They spend all their effort minding about their immediate family and their own livelihood. Only God knows how many Gideon's are hiding in fear and mediocrity when they should be fending for God's kingdom.

As Gideon pondered, as he feared, God appears to him in the form of an angel and charges him to stand and be counted against the Midianites. God assures him of victory. I am impressed by the way God addressed Gideon as a mighty man of war.

The guy had never fought. He had never confronted the enemy but God who does not see as men see knew his potential. He knew the man better than he knew himself. It gets better: He knew the man better than anyone in his family, and even better than anyone in all of Israel. If you are young and the challenges are clear to you but you are hopelessly out of depth unable to

deal with them seriously consider this segment in their discussion:

And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him,  
and said unto him, The Lord  
is with thee, thou mighty man of valor. And  
Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord  
be with us, why then is all this befallen us? And  
where be all his miracles which our fathers told  
us of saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from  
Egypt? But now the Lord hath forsaken us, and  
delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.  
And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this  
thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand  
of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?  
And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith  
shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in  
Manasseh and I am the least in my father's house.  
And the Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with  
thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.  
Judges 6:12-16

Just as in Gideon's days, so is the Lord today revealing HIMSELF before young people and commissioning them to attend to the challenges facing this generation. A supernatural boldness such as the world does not give is dressing our young people and stirring their hearts to venture beyond fending for themselves to fighting for the kingdom of God.

You see, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13: 8). What HE did yesterday, HE is able to do today, and will in fact perform it before the world. While we look up to the household names of our day, while we cynically observe what other major innovations and agencies are doing to resolve today's trials, God is raising young men and women

that we know not of and equipping them with the necessary courage to deal with the vagaries of today.

As you read further into Gideon's testimony, you encounter some amazing parallels with what is happening today. You will observe that Gideon's father had compromised in his faith and worshipped both the God of Israel and Baal (the god of the Midianites). He was double-minded and I believe that it was this characteristic of worship that had caused God to abandon them into the hands of Midian.

Many of our fathers today have compromised and worshipped God even as they worship other god's. As a result, they have suffocated the move of the Spirit and caused God to abandon the Church into the hands of a defeated enemy- Satan.

Thanks be to God who causes us to triumph in Christ Jesus. HE has chosen young people that will not compromise, sell out, or cow, to upset the status quo. Just like in the days of Gideon when he began by bringing down the idol of Baal in his father's house, the battle will begin in our houses. Right in the churches we shall see our young people getting rid of false worship from our midst. Some would call it rebellion but those that are perceptive will know that it is time for change. It is time to stop the foolishness and plunge into the business of our Father in heaven. If we cannot clean the Church, we should not expect to clean the world. So brace yourselves for some serious church upsets as long held but empty traditions get thrown out by a young generation that is consumed with the zeal of the Lord.

Change is coming whether traditional minded priests like it or not. A whirl wind of revival that is not fake but real with genuine Holy Ghost conviction is going to change everything in church as we have always known it. And the means by which this will take place is the anointing of young people. That is

God's choice generation for the time. They must not miss the time of their visitation.

Many of them will have to account to God for what they have done with the supernatural boldness and ability that has been granted to them. This is not the time for the young to cry and believe for a God who they know is able to do exceedingly above that which they are able to ask, think or even imagine (Ephesians 3:20). They should size up, rise up, and reach out to a lost Church in a dark world. The Spirit of the Lord is mighty upon them even as HE was with Gideon, ushering them to the frontlines of change both in the Church and in the world.

## **THE TOUGH GET GOING**

Yes, the Church is coming out of stagnancy, religion, and posturing to deal with the devil eye-ball to eye-ball. As young people take on their role as the new leaders, equipped with dynamism, boldness and valor, heads are on a roll. Either Satan loses or we win, it cannot be otherwise. A sense of urgency and force is the will of this new move of the Spirit. Spiritual diplomacy and religious connivance have left the purposes of God hidden in scripture while we look good to everybody as if we must please men. In the meantime, hell has been advancing and gaining ground at a cost we can hardly comprehend.

Well, enough is enough. The Spirit of God is moving in this hour blowing a new wind that has occasioned a new kind of leader in the body of Christ. The young people of today are dressing the mantles of David, Gideon and other scriptural warriors. Many are not dressing for fan fare as much as they are dressing for battle. They refuse the Church to lose ground when they know that we are the winning side. They know only so well that if God be for us, nothing can be against us (Romans 8:31).

Question: Are we going to join the young people in this end-time battle? When they rise up and question the status-quo in our churches, will we stand with them and be counted? What about when they shift gear out of the church and begin to mobilize against the enemy, will we be among the numbers? Will we persevere to the end?

Amazingly Young- is not just another piece of Christian literature to provide interesting reading to some bookish, arm-chair saint. It is an urgent command from God to young people to cease being obvious when HE has ordained them to be glorious. God has gifted them in our day to be bold beyond the expected impressions of their peers, elders and seniors. This boldness is not a mental resolve or a marshalling up of ones nerves. It is far more than that. It is a baptism of fire that enables them to confront, in their tender age, what experienced and seasoned leaders have played hank panky with for years. Young people must know that they may not have been there when the problems started but they are here to end it. God has ordained them to do so. They are today's answers.

I stand to be counted with them. I am glad that the Spirit of God has listed me among their numbers. In so doing, I can testify that my youth is renewed like an eagle. I refuse to grow old and tire out when there is so much to do. I am conscious that as many as will volunteer to this move of God, the Spirit of God will enable them to tap into the boldness that has been intended for the young. Spiritual leaders, priests and champions of yester years ought not to frustrate this move. They can join the fray and seize the hour. In this sense, this book is therefore not an exclusive resource for the young but is also a trumpet call to all the Church to stand and be counted.

As I look at the Church and the world from this perspective, I have hope. I know that a lot that has gone wrong will turn out alright. God has not abandoned us. HE is with us. Our young people are the evidence that HE is with us. When I see the boldness many of them demonstrate pertaining the need of the hour, I am encouraged. There is every reason to be bold. Surely, greater is HE that is in us than the devil that is in the world! (1 John 4:4)



# **YOUNG AND VOCAL**

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Get ready to hear new voices with a fresh message from God. The voices are the sounds of young people declaring a unique and vital command from the throne room of heaven. What is more? Their words will not fall to the ground. God is watching it to ensure supernatural performance as they usher the Church to an entirely new level. These are the last days and the word of the Prophet Joel is being fulfilled in our hearing when he said that our young people shall prophesy (Joel 2:28).

They cannot be mute in all the chaos and perversion going on. God has given them a word for the season. It burns like fire in their bones and they are hard-pressed to release it. Elijah has indeed returned as the Prophet Malachi declared he would in the last days, only this time he has come en mass. He is an army of young men and women who are speaking thus saith the Lord! They may not be politically correct and culturally sophisticated but they are entirely true to God. Their doctrine is unequivocally apostolic, established on that sure foundation of the prophets and the apostles.

And so zealous are they about the word that like their fathers they are willing to die for it if need be. They will not compromise, modify, or adjust it to suit contemporary needs. The original word in its raw detail, the sanctified sermon in its divine authority, is their torch to the world and they will not bend away from it.

Thanks be to God for all the colleges of religion and theology world over. They have nurtured a number of missionaries and ministers of the word. However, these new voices of our young people need not be graduates of seminaries or any formal training. They are students of the Spirit of the Living God. Once

the Lord has spoken, twice have they heard (Psalm 62:11). Many are emerging from seasons of separation where they were compelled in wildernesses from which they have gathered bread for the body of believers. Others are coming from mountain tops of glory where they have intimated with God face to face. Wherever they are from, these young people must be hearkened to. They must be received with reverent desire for they are the voices of God in a perverted world.

Thank God for experience. It does have its place in guiding us through the necessary motions of spiritual development. Many of these young voices have been seasoned in the hands of spiritual fathers and mentors who have deposited their mantles on them. Young people owe a lot to previous carriers of God's word and revelation that were faithful in their call. They need to recognize that in some instances God may be reinventing some useful spiritual wheels. As such, although they are God's new voices HE is not necessarily doing a new thing in some cases. In some cases, HE is continuing an old thing albeit using a new voice. Nonetheless, be it new or old, the new voices must be guided by fathers and not choked.

Old traditional impressions that forbade the young from speaking among elders should pave way for God's new move. If we stifle these voices, we contend with none other than God Almighty. And who can win against HIM? None. Any frustration meted against this move will backfire. The choice of God is a sovereign one. HE has decided from above to use the young to speak HIS last word to humanity as we know it. We must realize that the zeal of God will accomplish this.

The Spirit of God that is the same person that raised their fathers will promote them before the world. As young as they may be, they will yet speak before states men, kings and queens, and all other luminaries. God will even cause all

manner of notables to be drawn to their meetings. They will not only be heard in youth forums but in all kinds of settings. Neither will they only be vocal in church; they will be heard everywhere else- in government, the military, business, charity, universities and colleges, entertainment centers like Hollywood and Disneyland, even in disco's and parties, and every other aspect of society.

Prepare yourself. Next time you attend a forum of any nature and you witness a young person stand to speak, tune your spiritual antennae for you may well receive a 'thus saith the Lord'.

Certainly the style may be different from the one we are accustomed to and so may the content since God may be speaking a new thing altogether, but the Spirit is the same. Wherever they speak, they will affect the audience and people will be convicted. In this sense, we must brace for a wider context of revival outbreaks. Not only will revivals break out in church but anywhere and at anytime. Wherever these young fire brands are, God is willing to start a fire. All they have to do is BE VOCAL!

## **ANOINTED TO HOLLER**

Brethren, the Spirit of the Lord is saying something serious here. God has never stopped speaking. HE still does. Many people do not realize this. They think that God stopped talking in the bible days. Well he still does and still communicates to people fresh words of wisdom and knowledge for their benefit. Some people are not aware of this and every so often they hear a servant of God speaking a word that he or she declares to be the Lord's, they think they are faking. Many have in this guise missed a lot that God intended for them. If we are ignorant of the voice of God, we will most likely be ignorant of HIS works.

Many that have not received HIS voice have missed seeing HIS deeds.

I love it the way the church in Thessalonica received the word of the Lord from Paul as though they were receiving it directly from God. They tapped into their visitation. Paul highly commended them:

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

He says something significant for those who are hungry for a move of God when he relates the reverend attention the Thessalonians gave the word of God to the effectual manner the word of God worked among them.

You see, many in our generation have missed the effectual working of the word of God because we do not receive it as the word of God but as the word of men. My dear friends, as God sends out young people to minister HIS word, let us realize that there is something HE would love to do. That word is not empty. It is heavily loaded with the ability to accomplish great things in our lives and times. But if we despise the vessel by which the word is ministered then we have missed out on what God has intended to do.

It is vital for us to realize that there is an empowerment that precedes and enables the vessel to communicate God's word to any people. And as it is today, God is anointing young people to holler. The authority of their ministries is not based on any formal training they may have received or any prestigious

appointments they hold. They are mandated to speak for God because HE has anointed them to do so. Any one fighting this is really fighting God. Such a person is serving Satan who hates to see the prosperity of the righteous. He knows that if people receive the word of God and believe it, they will prosper (1 Chronicles 22:13).

Another concern is the fact that years of silencing our young people has also caused many to doubt that God can speak to them. Some young people have also been groomed under ministries where the word of God ceased to be revealed to the servants under who they served. In these cases, many are not aware that God still speaks let alone that HE desires to speak HIS word through them. I pray that such young people will read this book with reverend anticipation for God has chosen them to speak HIS word. And if they believe what I am stating here as the gospel truth, they will be mightily used of God not only to speak HIS word but also to reveal HIS deeds.

I am reminded of Samuel when he was a little lad in the house of the high priest Eli where his mother had dedicated him. At the time God had ceased to speak to his priests because of the sins that they did and led Israel to do before the Lord. Samuel grew in Eli's household in such a perverse time. However, at some point God beckoned him while he was asleep. Samuel presumed that it was Eli the high priest that was calling him. The young lad was not familiar with the voice of the Lord and was therefore ill-prepared for the moment (1 Samuel 3:1-15).

Many young people may be like little Samuel. They may be naïve insofar as the voice of God is concerned. They may even be reading this book thinking 'I surely cannot be the voice of God'. They may be timid and unsure what to do. Nonetheless, it does not mean that God will not train them to hear his voice so that they are the great prophets of the day. A study of the life

of Samuel reveals that from the untrained hearer of God's voice, he grew on to be the seasoned speaker of God's word.

Similarly, many of our young people need not despair or despise what God has so esteemed. HIS Spirit will qualify them. They will be anointed by the Spirit to speak God's word with authority and power so much that the words that will proceed from their mouths will guide, counsel, and produce wonders for those that will reverently believe them.

When I was called into the ministry by the Lord HIMSELF at the tender age of fourteen, I had never had such an experience before. The Lord appeared to me and commissioned me to- go mad, follow HIM, carry my cross and preach the gospel. I was shown several people with sick bodies being healed as I passed by them speaking the word of God. From then on, the Lord continued to speak to me in many visions, dreams and visitations. And yet, most of my elders and peers discouraged me from ministering the word of God. I was severely persecuted until I was foolish enough to quit for ten years.

In all those ten years, it seemed to me that God had abandoned me. I even thought that I would never minister HIS word again. All was lost and I was convinced that God had disqualified me from being HIS mouthpiece to this generation.

Well, that was not the case. I returned to the Lord in 1997 and was reinstated in the ministry in 2002. I had waited for five years as the Lord groomed me to minister HIS omnipotent word. Today, that is all I do. I speak for the Lord in the power of HIS might. A lot of what HE showed me as a young lad has come to pass. My friend, I do not know who I am talking to. You may have quit on the call of God to speak for him for one reason or the other. And you may be the victim of the devils condemning thoughts. You are afraid that God will never use

you. You think HE will cease to speak to you and therefore you will never speak HIS word again.

Resist the devil and he shall flee (James 4:7). The calling and gifting of the Lord is without repentance (Romans 11:29). God has never quit on you. HE is still counting on you to speak what HE has ordained you to communicate to HIS people. I believe that as we mature into this fresh move of the Spirit, there will be many backslidden young people that will dust off their fear, torment, compromise, and any such hindrance to speak for their Lord once again.

There is a unique anointing, a come back empowerment to revive our young people and restore their ministries. If the devil had gagged them, he is in for a rude shock. They will speak even more than ever before. Just like Joseph who had spoken to his family, Potiphar, and the butler, and yet had been betrayed, falsely accused, and forgotten, God is releasing them to speak at another level. Like Joseph they are returning with a bang, ministering better and higher!

If their ministries were initially considered a passing nuisance, this time it will be the testimony of God. Remember, Pharaoh took note that the Spirit of God rested on Joseph (Genesis 41:38). My friend, God is about to reveal our young people in such a special way that it will not be doubted that the Spirit of God rests on them. Their words are going to be delivered under an excellent anointing so much that their wisdom will be unequalled even among their seniors and elders. Young people everywhere, get ready to speak at a higher frequency. If your families could not bear with you, if your employers could not bear with you, then they will have to witness you speak before kings and princes. If your circumference of influence was limited by prison rooms and family quarters, God is going to



elevate you so that the words you speak move nations around the world.

## **OUT TALK THIS WORLD**

I am glad we have come to such a time as this. This is a moment of truth. The Spirit of the Lord is getting new voices because some of the old mouths had abandoned the course and had adopted the spirit of this world.

There is vital need for the truth of God's word to be heard by the church and the world. We must realize that this world and all its philosophies is in darkness. If the church starts speaking like the world till we cannot know for sure whether we are hearing from God or from the experience of this world then we must know that both the church and the world are in trouble. There is need for change. It is sad to observe sometimes how even seasoned voices of the Spirit of God can be drowned by the philosophies of this present age to such an extent that they are way out of what the Lord is really saying to HIS bride and to this generation.

Many think that if we talk like the world then we shall win the world. More ridiculous are those that think that if we talk like the world we shall keep the church. Both are lies from hell. The world's talk is a cheap fabricated lie that never cuts deep separating soul and spirit. It only appeals to the soulish realm, exciting a few senses but nothing more than that. No wonder some have substituted real revival with common fan fare. Churches in this mode are just happily taking people to hell.

I appreciate that the church has got to keep it real to the extent that we do live in this world. However, we must balance it with the fact that although we are in the world we are not of the

world (John 15:19). We do not belong here. More to this is the fact that the devil is constantly at it even disguising himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). Not every preacher is sent of God. Some are sent of the devil, a crafty and creepy liar.

The times we live in are not so different from that of the young prophet Jeremiah when a number of his elders had deviated from being the Lord's mouth piece and were instead speaking words that were not Spirit given. I am sure these words from the Lord ring a certain truth even in our day:

Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord. They say still unto them that despise me, The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you. For who hath stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word, and heard it? Jeremiah 23:16-18

Similarly today, God is angry at the rate at which HIS Name is being evoked in vain. HIS response to this has been to invite our young people into HIS presence and speak to them the unadulterated version of what HE intends the church and the world to know in this generation.

Our young people need to awaken to the Spirit of God as HE calls them to solitude. Often times when the crowd has gone astray, God will speak to someone that cannot be influenced or compromised. Many that have been nurtured by the Spirit may not have the most popular messages of the day but the Lord is

going to ensure that their voices are heard over and above those that are peddling flesh appealing sermons.

The voices of truth will outtalk false prophets, false pastors and the wide range of super apostles in the church. They will also outtalk the popular voices of our cultures like politicians, media presenters, worldly entertainers and priests of false religions. The Spirit of God is going to cause their words to be vital and convicting to such an extent that all manner of people will stop talking and seek to attend to these words. I am sure this is what happened during the days of John the Baptist. He was a young man of thirty when he preached at the Jordan. So dynamic was his ministry that it drew all kinds of crowds ranging from priests, scribes and religious zealots to politicians, soldiers and tax collectors. All of them were pulled by the invisible hand of the Holy Spirit. Many closed their ministries to respond to the prophet's appeal for baptism and repentance.

Similarly today, as our young people begin to talk they will be amazed at the extent the Lord will convict the masses. All manner of persons will actively respond to the ministries of our young people. My friend, crowds are about to start changing course. The spirits of men and women are hungry for a new move and voice of the Spirit of God. They want to hear from heaven. Many have been in the world and are disenchanted by the fact that there seems to be no difference between the church and the world. They are disillusioned and are eagerly anticipating for a voice with a difference. That is why the crowds followed our Master. HE did not speak like the teachers of HIS day. HIS voice had authority and his words were backed with power.

As our young people submit to the Holy Spirit and speak the word of God without fear and favor, God will mark their ministries with authority and power. Oh yes, we are going to

see some serious talking going on. They will be sure about what they say because they have heard from God. They will observe and so will those who attend their meetings, the power of God present to confirm their words with miracles, signs and wonders. Neither will it be a mere show of glory but divine sessions that will yield fruit into the kingdom. Many will hear them and repent from their evil ways and return to the Lord.

The voices of our young people will change neighborhoods, cities, country sides, nations, races and this generation. Many will be delivered from darkness into the kingdom of our Lord. Families will be set free, economies will rebound and prosper, and chains of bondage that had yoked generations for years will be destroyed because of the anointing as young people speak the word of Almighty God. Their words will move mountains of religion, indifference, tradition, and perversion that had plagued our generation for centuries and even millenniums. Before our eyes, we shall behold the power of God enable their words institute changes that years of seasoned ministry could never accomplish. Even as God's words were in Moses' mouth so that he was like god before Pharaoh, so shall our young people be before any challenge to their heavenly ordained ministries.

### **SPEAKING AT LAST, SPEAKING THE BEST**

The scriptures declare that the one who speaks first thinks he is right until another speaks after him (Proverbs 18:17). Well, this proverb is happening today. For a long time now the youth have been gagged. They have been repressed from speaking the word of God. For the most part, it has been the elderly and senior that have been the mouth of God in this world. And many have been faithful. In fact, it seems as though they have exhausted all that God has to say. The profound revelations that luminary speakers of God's word like Dr. Oral Roberts, Dr.

Yongi Cho, Dr. Avanzini, Dr. Morris Cerullo and countless others have spoken can easily be assumed to be the final account of what God has to say to humanity in its current state.

However, there is more. God has a lot more to say to the body of Christ and to the world in general. There are new revelations yet to be manifested. And the couriers of these fresh messages are the young. God is waking them across the world even as they sleep in their father's quarters to hearken to HIS voice. HE is raising a new generation with an end-time revelation of who HE is and what HIS plan for man has always been. Get ready to receive the youth as they present to us a side of divinity that has been a mystery to us. All of creation has been waiting for this time when the young people of this generation will seize the truth about God's plan and reveal the sons of God.

I believe that the final account that has been reserved for the young people of this generation will be the most powerful word heaven has ever graced mankind with. Young people will enlighten the church and the world like no one in history ever did. They will bring the whole truth in such a perspective that the church will be perfected and its wrinkles deleted. Never has such wisdom been manifested as it is when the young seize the hour of their visitation to speak thus saith the Lord!

What is more? Their ministry will transcend the four walls of the church. The mandate of their ministry is beyond religion. It is a universal experience of God that will manifest divinity in every place men are. Get ready to see our young people reveal God in conference rooms, in mechanic workshops, in beauty parlors, in political rallies, in comedy shows, in every gathering and activity of men. Previous voices of God in the past did not have the wisdom to reach out to the world the way our young people will do it. Neither did they have the favor. As a result of their diverse forums of operation, there will be multiple

opportunities for revival and evangelism. God will be revealed to all men everywhere because of the dynamic ministries of our young people.

Thank God for our fathers. Thank God for those who have been faithful in the past. Thank God that they spoke for the Lord and gave us the mighty revelations of God such as divine healing and harvest prosperity. But I can tell you there is so much more. God is not yet outdone. HE has a lot more to say. In fact, HE has saved the best wine for last. There are greater revelations for humankind that will usher us to a supernatural level of knowledge and understanding that will thoroughly dispute the devil and his wily deceptions. The mandate for this experience is in our young people. They may be speaking last but they are speaking the best!

# **YOUNG AND USEFUL**

## YOUNG AND USEFUL

My native country Uganda has suffered terribly under the hands of dictators. Its peace loving citizens have been raped and mutilated by evil leaders and notorious gangs. The worst of all leaders has been the horrible administration of General Idi Amin Dada whose heinous crimes against humanity have captured global imagination through various films, novels and media reports. In his eight year tenure, Amin is known to have personally supervised assassinations of senior statesmen and bureaucrats opposed to his rule, including the cold blooded murder of the Arch-Bishop of the Anglican faith and his own wife and son (both of whose body parts he had kept in his fridge). However, extra-judicial murders of opponents was rife and it is estimated that during his reign up to 250,000 people were mercilessly killed in various forms that included clubbing of skulls till they burst, dissection of bodies using bayonets, suffocation, mutilation by wild game like crocodiles, and firing squad where the victims were undressed and killed in full view of the public.

It is interesting to note that most of the people killed by the state were adults that were perceived to be opposed to Amin's rule. A significant number of people were widowed and orphaned as a result of these atrocities. However, when these crimes and many others under Amin's rule are being discussed, hardly anyone mentions the silent killings that killer diseases like malaria and polio meted out on children during this tenure and that of several regimes after (including those that were most vocal in their condemnation of Idi Amin's terror).

A critical investigation will reveal that a lot more children, possibly more than treble the number, were killed during the regime of Amin as a result of preventable diseases than the



number of adults in the hands of ruthless soldiers. Even after Amin was removed, children continued to die of preventable diseases while the world and many Ugandans celebrated the end of tyranny. Hardly anyone was conscious of the holocaust Ugandan children continued to suffer under various ailments until a visionary and compassionate leader took over power and sought to address the plight of children.

President Yoweri Museveni may be widely celebrated for returning Uganda to a country where human rights are respected but I hope his struggle against killer diseases that plagued our young people is given ample attention. Reason being that more than any other leader before him he saw value among the defenseless children of his country. Immunization programs during his tenure have been rigorously run to attend to this problem with remarkable results. The lives of millions of children have been saved. And to top this health policy, he has implemented a universal primary and secondary education program to ensure that all young people are given the necessary knowledge to fend for themselves. It is not surprising that many among his government are young. During his tenure, many young people have risen through the ranks of various government departments to serve their nation.

The lesson of President Museveni is a vital one for all people. He has shown us that young people have value. They are useful. Those who eclipse the plight of young people as though they do not count in tragedy or progress, sub-consciously suggest that young people are useless. They do not appreciate their value and therefore do not count them in anything regarding the life of men. It is unfortunate when some presume that God thinks the same way. It is time that the church wakes up and realizes that God does not think like men do. If men disregard children and cannot see their value, they should not think God is in the same mode of thought.

In fact the scripture is replete with evidence of how God regards young people to be of utmost importance. As the author of youth, HE does have the most credible testimony of whether young people are useful or not. I am always encouraged when I see the testimony of such young scriptural luminaries like David, Joseph, Daniel (and his three friends), Esther, Rachel, Mary, Jesus and several of his apostles. They reveal the extent to which God believes in the vitality of youth in very serious terms. Contrary to those who presume that young people are only useful when they grow older, the scriptures show how God selects young people and uses them to do great and glorious things in their youth. Insofar as God is concerned, being young is not necessarily synonymous with being a burden. It can actually be an opportunity to shoulder the burdens of others.

Those who marvel or doubt that the next move of God is going to be pioneered and mastered by the young ought just to read their bibles again. It will not be the first time when God has found the young to be of glorious value. Churches, entire nations and peoples are going to see the glorious value of our young people in this day. God is going to use them to provide excellent government, fair justice, mighty revivals and blessed counsel to this end-time generation. Our young people will have the grace to attend and resolve the worst crises of our days. They will sort out the problems of crime, the environment, pollution, disease epidemics, unemployment, governance, and war. Where the world with all of its sophistication, brilliance and institutional complexity, with all its diplomats, statesmen and business leaders have failed, our young people will succeed and prove their worth and the glory of their God.

The Spirit of the Lord is coming upon them in such a mighty way not just to make them more religious or devoted to the faith but to reveal the glory of the sons of God. Many that have backslidden or never believed in God will be humbled at the supernatural abilities our young people will manifest as they obey God and resolve the day's most difficult tasks. Men will glorify God because of the wonders of HIS works manifested by our young people.

### **DETERMINED TO DELIVER**

In order for the young people to be of glorious value to this generation, they have to yield to the determination of the Spirit of God to deliver men from the bondage of darkness. There is a supernatural determination that will envelope them and cause them to contend with whatever is opposed to the will of God. When they consider the consequences of the destruction men face, they will respond with such a strong resolve to deliver. This is the resolve that will see them risk their lives and everything dear to them till they witness the deliverance of God's people.

I am reminded of the young queen of Persia, Esther. She was a young Jewish girl that had been betrothed to the king of Persia which at the time was a vast empire that covered the entire Middle East and the western part of Asia. As a Jew she was an exile at the time. However, when an ambitious and evil plot by one of the king's attendants to have all Jews killed came to her attention, she was willing to risk her life to ensure the deliverance of her people from destruction. Her response to the issue at hand is of significant inspiration to all young people. Rather than exclude herself from the plight of her people as many are wont to do, she participated with them in beseeching the Lord to overturn the heinous plot against them. Some other irresponsible young lady would have thought otherwise

disregarding the plight of her people and being confident of her own safety since being queen was sufficient to preserve her life. Instead she joined with the people in seeking the Lord. Consider her response in detail:

Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, Go gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat or drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.  
Esther 4:15-16

Did you see that? She refused to bow at the prospect of death. A holy determination engulfed her soul causing her to lead her people to deliverance from the plan of destruction.

This holy determination exhibited by Esther can also be witnessed in the life of Moses. The scriptures declare:

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.  
Hebrews 11:24-27

In other words, Moses did not consider himself when the plight of his people was at stake. He was moved by the Holy Spirit to

bear reproach if in so doing he would eventually bring deliverance to them.

Young people ought to take these examples very seriously. Not everything in our youth is good for us. One of the greatest temptations young people face is the desire to be self-conceited, to only be bothered by what affects you. Well, that is going to change with those who submit to the mighty Holy Spirit. HE is going to evoke holy desires that rise over and above personal preferences. Desires that seek out greater good in the body of Christ and their generation.

In order to aspire for such greatness, many young people will have to make significant personal sacrifices such as the ones Esther and Moses did. They may have to fast and pray more often than others. They may have to bear with discomfort. In some cases, they may have to risk their lives for the greater good. What I am sure of is that many of our young people are going to be overtaken by the same mantles that were upon scriptural characters as they confront the same devil they did albeit in current forms.

Holy determination to change society, to establish the will of God and deliver HIS people, is going to cause a revolution among the young people around the world. Young people will confront territorial spirits, wicked rulers, ancient demonic traditions and every other force of darkness that corrupts people and communities around the world. They will not settle for life as it were when they see destruction, perversion and danger. Many are seeking the Lord as I write. Many are building resolve even as they read this book. They refuse to give up their lives and that of their society and generation to the hands of the wicked one. They are determined and like Esther have said under their breath, "If I perish, I perish."

What is interesting is that many might have been especially weak characters before the Holy Spirit overtook them. They might have been petrified by the plight of their people and were at a loss what to do. Some might have buried their heads in the sand like Gideon in Judges 6. It does not matter their composition. Once the Holy Spirit takes over, they will be quickly translated to be different kind of people. That is what happened to the apostles after the Holy Spirit came upon them on Pentecost Day. Young men that had cowed the threats of the religious leaders in their day were supernaturally changed by the power of the Spirit into bold ministers that were not afraid to speak according to the Name of Jesus.

We must realize that it is not only the young people that are often afraid. Under siege, everyone gets afraid. When the enemy rises like a flood, people hide- whether they are old or young. That is when nobody wants to do more than survive the tide. In Gideon's case, he responded by venturing only so far as to provide for his immediate family. However, Gideon might have been useful to his family hiding in wine presses threshing wheat but God sought him to be of greater use. God desired him to be useful to his nation. Rather than provide for his family, God assigned him to deliver his nation.

I am speaking to parents and guardians who seem to have crafted out seemingly useful roles for their children based on fear. What you may have assigned your child may be of far smaller value than what God has prepared them for. David's father, Jesse, had relegated David to shepherd the sheep while God intended David to shepherd his people Israel. He had also assigned him the duty of delivering lunch to his brothers in battle when destiny intended for him to deliver the head of Goliath to Saul and the victory of Israel to God. Similarly, Saul's father had employed his son's skills to look after his horses while God had intended for him to look after HIS people Israel.

Parents ought to consult with God to find out the assignment God has for their children. They ought to be like Hannah who dedicated her first born son, Samuel, to serve the Lord. Later in life, Samuel grew to be the great prophet and judge of Israel that won them many battles and anointed two of Israel's first kings. Similarly, Mary was blessed to observe close at hand as her son Jesus accomplished on the cross the reason for which he was born on earth.

There is a reason for every being on the earth. For many of our young people, God has appointed this time for them to be determined to deliver their generation. They can ill-afford to be preoccupied with personal matters. Neither should they seek casual pleasures or spoil themselves with the perversions that have characterized this generation. Young people should wake up to the grave needs of the day like the need for national salvation, revival, peace, security, health, prosperity, and universal deliverance in both spiritual and material terms. They must earnestly desire to see the greater good for all men and must see this in God's terms.

As such, they will manifest God's good works and cause men to glorify their Father in heaven.

## **DESTINY CONSCIOUS**

Young people ought to realize that their amazing utility is a predetermined reality. Long before they were born, God ordained them to stand and be counted at such a time as this. Things are not just happening. Destiny is at play here. And young people are a critical part of it. They have been chosen by God to deliver their generation and to manifest HIS divine glory.

It is important that young people awaken to the reason of their existence. They are not alive just so that they may have fun and

hang around. They are around to fulfill vital assignments predetermined by their Father in heaven. Our young people need to be destiny conscious. This awareness will cause them to seize the hour and maximize every moment of their life. It is sad to observe many young people today just letting life pass them by. Instead of focusing on the weightier matters of life, they are preoccupied with things that should never be a bother.

I believe that whereas it is necessary, and very vital, that parents provide for their children a good education and any such thing, it is more important to do so while causing their children to be conscious of the fact that they are alive to play a vital role. It is more important that young people realize their sense of purpose than merely ensuring they have the requirements of life. A good education without a profound sense of destiny may not yield a very useful life. Neither will a good house, or good neighborhood, or good toys, or even a good family or any other such thing. If we are going to witness God's greatest move on earth and would love our loved ones to be a part of it, it is high time we begin to address this issue.

I am sure that this is what made Moses to aspire to deliver the children of Israel from bondage. The scriptures reveal that it is his mother that assisted Pharaoh's daughter to bring him up (Exodus 2:7-9). I am sure that while she did so, she imparted in him the desire for justice, independence, and patriotism. These values were vital in awakening the conscience of Moses even though he went on to get a sound education and lived in the exquisite quarters of Pharaoh's palace.

Some other parent would have been content with their son being educated in the best institutions Egypt could provide. They would have been content at their son living in the best habitat in all of Egypt. And if Moses had been content with this as well, he would not have been the useful vessel that God



commissioned to deliver the children of Israel. I think that this explains why in spite of the greatest education humanity has ever had, we still have the wide range of problems that we have today. If we begun to instill among our young people a sense of destiny, much of what we are dealing with today will be resolved.

That is why I am grateful for the Holy Spirit. Where parents and teachers have failed to awaken the conscience of young people to their destiny, HE is doing so. Many young people are getting counsel from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is revealing to our young people the reason for their being. Many are suddenly realizing that they are not here to fool around. They have acknowledged that God has positioned them in this generation not as a problem but as an answer. Many have been compelled by the Holy Spirit to go to wildernesses from whence they are told their reason for being. Some have been led to mountain tops where after searching their soul, and for the Lord, they discover their purpose for being. Whether it is the mountain or the wilderness, the Holy Spirit has separated them from a perverted category of young people that refuse to ponder on such vital aspects of life like destiny.

It is important for young people not to be afraid of being different. It may be that society would like to classify you as being of a certain category but you can always distinguish yourself as different from it. For instance, they may classify you as being a member of a particularly difficult class in your school. You don't need to live up to that category. You can be different because your destiny does not fit with the category you are being numbered among. Or they may categorize your race as one that is most likely to be exposed to illicit drugs or sexual promiscuity within your age bracket. Well, you don't have to settle for there presumption because down deep, you know that you are different. You are not like the other fella's in

your race! You are different because you are a child of God, a peculiar person, a royal priest (1 Peter 2:9). In other words, you are the best of whatever kind there is or wherever they may seek to fit you in.

Think about how useful Daniel turned out to be to the king of Persia yet he was initially classified as a slave. Even when he was separated from all the other slave boys and classified among the wisest children in Persia yet he refused to settle for this category. He still considered himself better than the best. To emphasize this conviction he declined to eat the exquisite meals they ate even though they were the same meals the king of Persia ate. He knew that he didn't need anything from the king to enable his superior abilities which he was conscious of:

And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed and of the princes; children in whom was no blemish, but well flavored, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding in science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.... But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Daniel 1:3-8

Think about it: He was so assured of his destiny that he was not willing to be nurtured in ways that he disapproved of even

though they were considered to be of considerable advantage among his people in exile. He refused to be mentored in a manner that was not fitting to the values which he had, and which assured him a glorious destiny in spite of the negative circumstances suffered by him and the people of Israel in general.

Daniel's example is particularly useful for young people today in dealing with such pressures like alcoholism, drug peddling, addiction and prostitution. Many are lured and trapped in these vices because they are untutored in matters regarding their self-worth. I have known of children from extremely wealthy families that were blessed to have wonderful parents that provided them lavish homes and sent them to the best schools but who fell prey to prostitution or drug abuse just because they lacked any sense of self-worth. Many were not aware of any destiny or special purpose for their existence.

If only they had what Daniel had: His apparent status and that of his people did not decrease his self-worth because he knew who he was. He knew that he had a glorious future, and he was not going to let any man of whatever regard cause him to bend God's rules to ensure that future.

In other words, Daniel was destiny conscious. He sensed that there was a glorious reason why God had subjected HIS people under the hands of Persia. And if the book of Daniel is seriously studied, one will appreciate that it was not the king that promoted Daniel as much as it was this sense of divine destiny. Even when king Darius was wickedly manipulated to throw Daniel into the den of lions for worshipping his God during a dubious time when no one in Persia was to pray to any other being apart from the king, this sense of destiny moved God to protect him and caused the king to celebrate Daniel's God of destiny. You see, if you are destiny conscious you will be destiny bound. No one with a sense of destiny expires until

their mission is accomplished. There is life power in acknowledging ones destiny.

That is why Joseph couldn't be killed by his brothers. One can also observe that Moses was preserved from when he was a little child as a result of this sense of destiny. His parents took note of his destiny and hid him from Pharaoh's mid-wives. And even when they put him in a basket and let it float on the Nile River, their sense of destiny protected him from any dangers there might have been. It also explains why David couldn't die in the hands of Goliath, the Philistines or even King Saul. It can also be observed that destiny kept Jesus from being killed before HIS time. Being conscious of ones destiny creates a vital force that protects, nourishes and secures ones life until the mission is accomplished.

And that is what our young people need today in the face of all the life threats we observe today. Parents too need this sense of destiny. I am positive that when parents find out from the Lord about the particular destiny of their children, they will be motivated to pray and prepare their children in such a way that would preserve their lives until their mission is accomplished. Think about how Joseph was aware of Jesus' destiny, how this knowledge protected him and then you will appreciate what I am dealing with here. When King Herod sought to kill the child, an angel of the Lord warned him of this evil plot and asked him to go to Egypt till when it was safe (Matthew 2:13-14). Parents ought to know that heaven is destiny conscious and is willing to cooperate with parents that are tuned to the destinies of their godly off-spring.

As a pastor, I have known many parents that are so afraid concerning their children's lives that they are at loss what to do. Many are that way because they are not aware in the slightest sense of their child's destiny. Many times they worry for

nothing. If they knew that the hand of God was upon the child regardless of the apparent evidence of mischief and recklessness they see, they would have more faith to deal with the situation. In one of my books- Winner, Don't Quit! I deal with this subject in reference to Jacob, one of the patriarchs of our faith. Because Jacob was aware of the destiny of his family, he was not disturbed with the prospect of their future at his death-bed even though they were all in exile and only one of them was progressive and the others had just given him a hard time throughout their life. He spoke gloriously about their future because he was conscious of their great destiny (Genesis 49:1-48). As a result, out of a classically dysfunctional family God formed the mighty nation of Israel.

Parents would do well to inquire from the Lord concerning the destiny of their children. This knowledge would dispel fear from them when they observe contradictions in their conduct. Instead, they would gain faith and wait upon the Lord who is able to straighten every crooked path. More than this, when parents are destiny conscious of their off springs they attach present and future value to the child. The reason why some parents will give up on their child is often because they do not realize the worth of the child in destiny terms. A casual assessment of a child in present day terms has caused many parents to give their children away or even abuse them altogether.

I am convinced that if parents were aware of their children's destiny they would be less prone to be careless with them or even abusive. I am sure that this is the reason why Joseph and Mary were seriously bothered to look for Jesus when as a child he disappeared from them. They were aware of his immense value and could not proceed further in their journey without him (Luke 2:41-45). It may also explain why they brought him up well. The scriptures reveal that he grew up obeying his

parents and increasing in wisdom and stature having favor with both men and God (Luke 2:40). This careful upbringing was guided by the serious knowledge they had regarding his destiny.

One can also observe that because of the high premium that Solomon attached to wisdom being as it were the cornerstone of his excellent leadership that he took time to mentor his son in this regard. He valued his son significantly because he knew that he would be king in his place. He was aware of this destiny and did not leave matters to chance. Several times in the book of Proverbs you find particular counsel given to Rehoboam in this regard.

I have already made reference to one earlier in this book but there is another that I am convinced every parent ought to make sure their children become aware of. Solomon relates to two issues that are vital to securing destiny when he says:

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord;  
neither be weary of his correction: For whom the  
Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son  
in whom he delighteth. Proverbs 3:11-12

Solomon was talking about discipline. And he was talking about it from two persons- God and himself.

It is important that parents acknowledge the importance of discipline in securing destiny. If parents are truly destiny conscious regarding their children then they will be serious about discipline as well. The two go hand-in-hand. If a parent values a child's future then he should be concerned about the child's discipline. That is why we may observe that all the scripture greats were actually people that were brought up in

discipline. Where discipline was lacking as eventually in Rehoboam's case, the destiny was entirely lost.

It is also important to note that as important as it is, yet it is not enough for parents alone to be conscious of the child's destiny without the child being grounded in it as well. Young people need to know for themselves in a most personal manner that they are destiny bound. I have known of cases where parents did the best they knew how but if the kid is not making an effort, in the end destiny can be lost. Rehoboam is one case but so was Samson. Here was a man whose parents knew from the Lord regarding his destiny and how he should be disciplined. However, at some point Samson had to apply the years of destiny conscience and rigid discipline imparted in him from his parents all by himself. Unfortunately, under the influence of an evil seductress he lost his discipline and seriously risked his destiny (Judges 16).

Young people ought to realize that a sense of destiny coupled with rigid discipline actually increases a sense of self-worth. If they are going to be useful to this generation then the two are very vital requirements. A sense of destiny will inspire a young person but it is discipline that will keep one focused. The combination of the two will realize an amazing youth.

## **TODAY'S REVOLUTION**

The world has seen a lot of changes, many dramatic and some far reaching. A lot of what we take for granted today were often times unknown yesterday. From inventions like the motor vehicle, telephone, television, and satellite to innovations like vaccines, independence of nation-states, and university education, someone had to pay the price for us to enjoy it the way we do. Most of those that did were elderly people that had tirelessly worked for long years to be able to birth something

new and useful to mankind. We all owe them and God a lot of gratitude for their persistence and creativity. They have been so useful to all of us.

Well, this persistent creativity goes on. Fortunately for us, life can always get better and the best is yet to come. That means that there is still more room for human achievement and progress. In fact if the truth were told, we would find that there is still a lot of room. The prospect for revolution is still as possible today as it was yesterday. To be sure, there are even more prospects today than there has ever been. The scripture promises so when it declares that knowledge shall increase in the last days (Daniel 12:4). And the vanguard of today's revolution is our young people. Young people will herald the next invention; they will lead the next innovation. The baton of progress and excellence has switched from the old mentor to the young enthusiast.

Part of the reason has to do with the fact that neither inventions nor innovations are taking as long today as they did yesterday. The build up of knowledge has allowed sufficient speed at doing something new. However, the spiritual insight to this is of course the return of the Lord. Because the Lord is coming so soon, there seems to be a heightened sense of preparation in all activities of man as though creation is at work to set every thing right before its maker returns to live on the earth for a thousand years.

In this speed of knowledge and advancement, God has selected that the young people should be today's revolutionary leaders. Watch it: Presidents and Prime Ministers are going to get younger, CEOs and Executive Directors are going to get younger, leading scientists, politicians, dramatists, musicians, and ministers are going to get younger and younger. Perhaps this captures what Jesus prophesied when HE said that the last



shall be the first and the first shall be the last (Matthew 20:16). Things are going to fall in the hands of young people as the grace of God mantles them to seize the hour of the last days.

What does this mean? It means that young people cannot and should not be ignored. They are this generation's most valuable asset. They are most useful and how we address their worth will determine how well we will do. It is important that we wake up to this development. Young people are no longer tomorrow's leaders. They are today's leaders. God is doing a quick thing and equipping the youth with the necessary knowledge and ability to master this change. All young people should stop being so far sighted thinking of some time in the long future when they will be useful and realize that this is their hour. God has mandated from heaven that they should be the masters of this age.

What is more is that they will take charge in a superior fashion than has ever been witnessed before. They will not be obvious any longer as God's glory will make them amazing to all who behold them. Now, I am not just prophesying for all young people as it were. Not all have been prepared for such a time as this. Some still see themselves in a negative light. Many still allow years of neglect and abuse to lower their self-worth. And many others are still playing games, unaware of the gross responsibility that has befallen their generation.

No, I am talking to those who have found the truth: Those that have awakened to their call, their destiny and have disciplined themselves to ensure that they rise to the occasion. This kind is the one I am looking at: They will deliver men from captivities that many had grown accustomed to and pave way to a future hitherto unthinkable to men. God has mandated them to level the human experience to a measure that will prepare men to receive the Lord. In this regard, today's revolution is not merely

a secular one separate as it were from a spiritual one. There is going to be a merging of the secular and spiritual in such fashion that more than in any other time, men shall be gloriously enlightened regarding the glory of their God. Our young people will usher the return of our Lord and mankind is blessed to have them around. They are not today's burden, they are today's answer!

# **YOUNG AND RUNNING**

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The Spirit of God is on the move. Usually, no one knows where HE is coming from and where HE is going (John 3: 8). The times we are living in remind me of the prophet Elijah who suddenly came from Tishbe, hitherto unknown to Israel (1 Kings 17:1). They also remind me of the dismal moment when he sought to resign his ministry convinced that he was the only one left. God revealed to him otherwise: There was more than he was aware of. Unknown to him but acknowledged by God were 7,000 others that had not bowed to Baal (1 Kings 19:18). Among them was one young Elisha, a son of a countryside farmer, who the Lord chose to take Elijah's place (1 Kings 19:16). In that hour of great test for Elijah, God also asked him to anoint two other young men to become kings of Israel and Syria respectively.

God is shifting the mantle of leadership. New prophets and leaders are being chosen by God for a new era that will usher in the return of HIS Son and the establishment of HIS millennial reign on earth. There is a vitality among the young people God is choosing that has never been known before both in the body of Christ and the experience of governance. What is more is that there is a level of spirituality that will result in a change that has not been experienced in the recent past.

Just as it was in the days of Elisha that the prophet was superior to the kings so shall it be in these days. Our young people will restore the place and position of the Church in the nations of the world.

In his time, Elisha was paramount because he had the answers and a superior power. Similarly, in this season we shall observe young people filled with the Spirit of God supply answers and

administer a superior power to that of any other authority on earth.

What should be of particular interest to us in this parallel of times is that all those who had known Elijah and observed Elisha were convinced that the spirit of the old prophet had actually come upon the young man. Even so as the word of God declares that Elijah will return in the last days, I am convinced that it will be manifested as the ministry of Elisha.

When the scriptures declare that Elijah will return to restore all things they do not really refer to the actual return of the old prophet. They refer to the return of his spirit as against his person. And, I am also convinced that this will be manifested in our young people as they take on Elijah's cloak and do like their father (please read more on this in the last chapter of my book entitled- THE DISCIPLINE OF THE ANOINTING).

The mystery of this experience is that they will manifest the tenets of Elisha's ministry even as they carry Elijah's mantle. Consequently, in order to have a proper understanding of their ministry one has to study how Elisha carried on with Elijah's mantle rather than understand Elijah's ministry. It is Elisha's ministry that offers better clues to the character of today's revolution heralded as it were by our young people.

Of serious interest in this regard should be the dynamism of Elisha's ministry. Elisha was young and running: From the time that Elijah cast the mantle on him while he ploughed behind twelve oxen (1 Kings 19:19), Elisha never quit following the man of God. He was different from the school of prophets who idly mumbled about how Elijah would be taken away.

Unlike them, he refused to remain in the comfort hideaways where the old prophet ministered to them choosing instead to follow him wherever he went (2 Kings 2). In the end, he was

present to catch the mantle and receive the double portion (2 Kings 2:11-13).

Of particular interest to young people is the fact that Elisha was not content at that. He never stopped. Studying his ministry reveals a young man that kept running his course, never relenting in his divine quest to reveal the glory of God.

A lot of people get satisfied so easily and would have been content to have walked with a great man like Elijah. They would have relished in the experience and spent the rest of their days detailing to notables the deeds of the prophet. This is what Gehazi, Elisha's servant, did (2 Kings 8:4-6). But the Elisha's of this world are different. They are not content at merely narrating stories and are keen to run the show. I love it the way Elisha took Elijah's mantle and immediately hit the Jordan River with it splitting it wide open to carry on doing the works of his spiritual father (2 Kings 2:13-14).

HE did not just keep it as though it were some important item of history but used it as it was a vital item of ministry. Rather than spend his days saying what Elijah did, he actually did what Elijah did. It is one thing to be a talker but it is far more important to be a doer.

Consequently, our young people will not only be young and vocal, they will also be young and running. Meaning that they will speak and back what they say with action. They will not only be narrators of what God is saying or has done but will be actors of what God is doing. Like the Lord Jesus, they will see what God is doing and do it also (John 5:19). Just like Elisha was not religious about the God of Elijah, they will not be religious about the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. They take seriously the Lord's promise to do greater works than HE did (John 14:12).

In their run, they will maneuver the experience of God out of the box that religion has sought to confine HIM in. In so doing, they will encourage their generation to experience God beyond religion. Their God will not be some subject that is eloquently presented in a well designed building on Sunday and some time mid of the week. HE will show up everywhere.

Their God will be an economic, military, spiritual, technologic, and bio-medical actor that does things in a more outlandish fashion than the experts of the time. Just as Elisha manifested the glory of God till kings bowed to him addressing him as father, so shall our young people be so gifted that their generation will look up to them recognizing their supremacy, and of course their God.

If you are young, get a hold of this mantle and once you do so, don't stop running. Remember, the more Elisha did, the greater was his ministry and the greater was God's glory.

## **RUNNING THE MILITARY**

It is amazing to me how much religion has downsized the experience of God. I mean, if our God is the same God of the bible, we have gone a long ways from what HE is able to do. When you think of how most of the celebrated ministers of our day are confined to ministering mostly about God than demonstrating God's omnipotent vitality you just cry. What have we done with the mantle of the prophets and of our Lord Jesus Christ?

I am not at all convinced that the experience of God should be some church limited affair. Our God is not only God in church. HE is the sovereign God. Meaning that HE is above all else. And if the truth is told, it is not that HE has limited us but the other way round. We have limited God to territories we are comfortable to experience HIM in.

Well, like I said that is changing. Our young people are catching the mantle of Elijah and administering it as faithfully as Elisha did. In this regard, they are moving the experience of God out of the caves of God's hidden people and taking it everywhere. One of the places we shall observe the presence of God and HIS power is going to be the battle field, and not just the realm of spiritual warfare but also the natural realm.

Our God is still a God of battle (2 Chronicles 20). HE has never relented from the battle field. You see, just because the Church does not master sufficient faith for an encounter does not mean that God is obliged to resign from HIS ability and will. HE is still in the battle-fields of men even as HE wages war in the spiritual realm.

What is more is that we are still HIS battle-axe. Our Lord Jesus is still the commander of the Lord's army and we are obliged to be HIS faithful captains. We have to realize that the same assignment given to the prophet Jeremiah applies to us. God is still saying to us with even more fervency:

Thou art my battle-axe and weapons of war: for  
with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and  
with thee will I destroy kingdoms. Jeremiah 51:20

If we have cowed from this assignment citing all manner of religious excuses, we must be glad then that a generation of young people that know their God (not their religion) are rising to the occasion to manifest God in the battle fields of men.

Like I said, the times we are living in are not any different from the times of Elisha in some regards. Just like it was in those days that the prophets of God were secure in hideouts away from the danger of religious persecution so is it today when



many of God's servants and people are content in religious church buildings and activities, away from any serious responsibilities required of them in a failing and dying world.

We have settled in our sophisticated caves of fear, beautifying them even more and massaging our silly egos over titles, positions and revelations of God we are able to demonstrate to one another when out there the world is perishing oblivious of a God that is the Prince of peace and is All-Sufficient. We hear of wars and rumors of war and have nothing to say or do about it except fervently predict to one another in our caves of fear how this tails in with our great escape from the calamities that are falling on the earth.

Well, God is not religious and neither is HE limited to the faith of men. HIS Spirit is raising a generation of men that do not know how to stay in caves. They are constantly on the move and are not afraid of demonstrating the glory of their God anywhere, even on the battle field. While the other company of prophets remained in their comfortable hideouts, Elisha ventured in areas unknown to them. While they were filled with fear for Ahab and were completely ignorant of royalty, Elisha boldly rebuked Ahaziah (Ahab's son) to his face before the presence of other kings, in the middle of battle!

I am awesomely impressed by Elisha's reply to the request of the three kings to pray God for their victory in battle against the king of Moab. Observe the seniority of his response and the glory of this man's faith concerning the three king's request:

And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, what have I to do with thee? Get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the Lord hath called these three kings together to deliver them into

the hands of Moab. And Elisha said, As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches. For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. And this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hands. 2 Kings 3:13-18

Did you see that? The young prophet did not cower in the face of the three kings let alone the fact that his own king, Ahaziah, had sought to kill him as much as his father, Ahab, had sought his spiritual father and all other prophets in his time. HE just did not know how to. Neither did he fear that their request was beyond the ability of HIS God. He knew better. He knew that God is omnipotent and able to do anything. I am inspired at the manner he observed that the matter was a light one insofar as God is concerned.

Our young people will do the same. Some have not been given much room in church to demonstrate this glory of God. Church doors have locked many out not realizing that God is fixing for something glorious. Kings will find their way to such as these and find real victories in the battle field. These young prophets of our times will not be afraid or puny. They will be mighty men of valor, ready for any assignment and conscious of the fact that nothing is impossible with God. Just as Elisha gave supernatural battle instruction to the three kings, so will our young people give supernatural military counsel to the generals and heads of state of our day.

This ministry to kings and generals was a particular feature in the experience of Elisha's ministry. In another instance, he was able to derive the top secret plans of the king of Syria to the latter's dismay. And when the latter was offended and sought to have him arrested, instead it is Elisha who arrested all his soldiers delivering them blind to the king of Israel. He was able to do so by the supernatural ability of God's angels who took charge of him (2 Kings 8:23). The young man was running the fortune of armies beyond his motherland. No wonder he was not intimidated by the presence of Syria's most noble and valiant soldier, Namaan, who sought him for a healing miracle. He didn't even attend to him personally but sent his servant to tell him to go wash himself in the Jordan River seven times (2 Kings 5:10).

I am glad that our young people are rising to this occasion when they will manifest God over and above military might and strength. I believe that this may partly be the reason that military problems that baffle statecraft and the minds of today's experts seem to be rapidly rising. They remind me of Goliath with all of his experience who came against a battle-naïve David that confronted him in the Name of the Lord. Consequently, while yester year prophets are content to play church games, young prophets are rising to the occasion. They are only so glad that the enemy has even made the most intractable military problems of the day to have a religious bend to it. They now know that either their god is God or we defeat them supernaturally in the Name of our God.

In a modern battle where intelligence systems of the most sophisticated nations are failing and where the consequences of attack have never been so damning (if you think of brief case carrying nuclear bombs in the hands of overzealous religious terrorists, you understand the gist here), it is high time that the

church wakes up to the challenge and reveal the glory of a God that knows every intelligence, every plot, every criminal and is able to nullify every weapon, neutralize every arsenal.

While our fathers feverishly speak of being rapture ready and heaven focused, our young people will speak of occupying till HE comes! (Luke 19:11-27) Occupation in this regard will involve running the military supernaturally.

## **RUNNING THE ECONOMY**

Well if there was ever a need for economic miracles it is today. And if the truth were told, we have witnessed in our day some amazing ones in some nations. Of particular interest are what have come to be known as the Asian tigers, namely- Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Now also China, India, Brazil and Argentina are making some amazing turn arounds. These countries are rising out of the doldrums of severe economic shortage and realizing rapid growth and development. Most of these exercises have been in the hands of statesmen and technocrats most of whom have never given God HIS due glory. But that is going to change.

Even greater economic miracles are going to take place in such amazing fashion that men will glorify God. God is raising young men that will shift the paradigms of our faith from being content with personal or family financial miracles of provision to maneuvering national, regional and even global economic miracles before the face of all men. The same God that has answered the cries of several saints over the years to provide bread, meat, a job, a house, cancel a debt, is still the same God that can meet the needs of entire nations. Why should we limit HIM? Remember, HE is still the same God that elevated his people that had been slaves to bear the gold and silver vessels of their masters, the Egyptians overnight (Exodus 12:35-36). And when HE took them through the desert, HE miraculously

provided them with all the necessities of life so that none of them lacked anything (Deuteronomy 29:5).

Well, HE is still the same God today. In Elisha's time we observe how he miraculously enabled a household escape the stronghold of debt. When one of the prophets died, leaving his widow and children with debts to pay, she ran to Elisha. She took note that unlike her husband, he was able to work a financial miracle for her. She recognized that there was a superior anointing operating in Elisha's ministry than the one that operated in her late husbands. And Elisha delivered. He gave supernatural financial instructions that resulted in an overflowing abundance and debt resolution in the woman's life and family (2 Kings 4:1-7).

The same thing happened at a larger scale when he met hungry prophets. When he found them, he provided food for them. In one amazing instance, it turned out that the food in question was poisoned and the prophets were at loss what to do. Elisha simply worked out a supernatural cleansing of the food so that they were all able to eat. And when they did not have enough measure to go around so that every one was content, Elisha simply multiplied the bread supernaturally (2 Kings 4:38-44). Elisha's prosperity ministry was so effective that when Namaan showed up with great offers of wealth, the young prophet was not impressed. He sent him back with all he had to offer! (2 Kings 5:15-16).

And I believe that our young people are going to run such ministries that are supernaturally endowed with economic provision. They will not be in debt, scarcity and neither will they be desperate to receive from everyone. Instead, they will be noted more for what they give out to others rather than what they ask from others. They will truly demonstrate to this adulterous generation that it is more blessed to give than to

receive (Acts 20:35). God will supply all the needs of their ministries according to HIS riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

What is more? Not only will they have prosperous ministries and prosper indebted widows or feed hungry prophets, they will also prosper cities and nations. This was the testimony of Elisha's ministry. The young man run economies of cities and nations. In one instance soon after he begun his ministry, the young prophet came across a city whose water and land were especially bitter and unproductive respectively although the city seemed pleasant. The prophet ministered to it using salt and healed its waters and land so that they became sweet and productive (2 Kings 2:19-22). That was a supernatural demonstration of economic advancement.

However, the most amazing demonstration of how Elisha's ministry had power to run economies is seen in an especially difficult time faced by his nation Israel. At the time Samaria was under siege by the aggressive nation of Syria. The siege went on for so long and since nothing was permitted to enter or leave the city, a severe food shortage occurred. So tight was the experience that people begun to eat each others babies and it so happened that the king was overwhelmed by the degree of the economic mess especially when he came across some two ladies fighting over eating the others baby. In desperation, he sought to kill Elisha who he blamed for the deploring economic condition of the country.

And yet, when the king's emissary found Elisha he did not find a coward hiding from arrest but a supernatural economist ready to save the country. Elisha offered an amazing prediction of an incredibly rapid economic turn around that was doubted by one of the king's right hand men.

In his estimation, even though God were to open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings they wouldn't suit the prediction made by Elisha. Considering that this was indeed the man that the king had sent to arrest Elisha, I am awesomely impressed by both the courage and the measure Elisha meted to him:

Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not eat thereof. 2 Kings 7:2

And just as Elisha predicted, the economy turned around and the king's servant was killed in the rush for the economic relief that occurred (2 Kings 7).

That same mantle and ability is present today. Our young people are waking to realize that they should not be constrained to religious expectations of what God can or cannot do. They have seen the amazing economic revivals God has enabled in their lives, in their churches, and in their communities. But they believe that HE is not outdone. They know that HE is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, far above that which they are able to ask, think or even imagine (Ephesians 3:20). And they are not going to limit him.

My friends, get ready to see the same God that blesses our finances, bless our economies. What the World Bank, the International Monetary Finance and all other financial institutions that combat global poverty have not been able to do, our young people will accomplish to the glory of our God. They will do so by supernatural means.

My prayer is that those in charge of these institutions and those running the world's economies, willingly receive the supernatural instructions of these young people. Those who don't because they doubt, will do so at their own peril. You know, it's amazing how some people seek to limit the ability of God according to their faith. If their faith is small and unable to believe something great, they discard the great faith to be unrealistic. I often say to such people that 'believe with your own heart, I will believe with mine!'

I am glad that our young people are not going to believe with the hearts of their religious fathers. Neither will they doubt the supernatural glorious possibilities of their God. In a most amazing fashion, they will run the economies of this world not by might, or by power, but by the Spirit of the living God.

## **RUNNING THE WHOLE THING**

The Spirit of the Lord has permitted me to disclose a glimpse of what our young people are going to do in these end-times. In discussing about how they will run the militaries and economies of this world, I have sought to open up expectation beyond that experience to a host of every other aspect of life. The testimony of Elisha offers incredible insights regarding what we should look out for. And just to really appreciate what we are in for, we should take seriously the prophecy regarding the return of Elijah. That prophecy is taking place as you read. And if you are a young person, be conscious of his mantle clothing you.

Many would do well to learn from Elisha what to do with Elijah's mantle. From the time Elisha caught it, he used it. He didn't waste time figuring what to do with it. Neither did he spend time telling others what he had caught. He simply demonstrated what he had received. He ran with the mantle.



And because he did, he run economies, militaries, revivals, and the times he lived in.

Elisha was the main man in his generation. He was the chief and central object in his nation of Israel while at the same time significantly affecting other neighboring nations.

This book has not been intended to make interesting reading and remain at that. It was always intended that it should have the supernatural ability to impart Elijah's mantle on any young man or woman reading it. Its words are the breath of life, communicating to its reader the ability to shift from hiding, or merely being a spectator, to actually running life, society and the Kingdom of God. That is the plan of God for all young people today. HE desires them to rise to the stature of Elisha, to stop being obviously young and rise to being amazingly young. God desires young people to help widows and orphans, to provide relief and shelter to the homeless and destitute, to win battles for kings and revive economies of cities and nations. HE earnestly desires that young people run the whole thing.

I am so inspired at what HE has done in allowing HIS Son Jesus to run the whole thing. Think about it: While HE remains on the throne of heaven, for the moment HE has entrusted Jesus with all the power of heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). Jesus will run the whole thing till after the millennial reign and judgment of all men when HE will handover to God everything in HIS reign (1 Corinthians 15:24). HE has permitted Jesus to run everything because HE believes in HIM. Similarly, young people need to awaken to the fact that God is enabling them in Christ Jesus to run the whole show because HE believes in them.

It does not matter whether your parents, peers, elders and seniors do not believe in you when God does. Rather than be frustrated and reckless with your life, consider the powerful

words I have detailed in this text and realize that there is more to your life than meets the eye. No wonder they can't trust you. You are new wine that will not fit in old wine skin. You are from a different time with a glorious mission. God has ordained you to run the whole thing, to cause HIS bride to break out of religion and experience God in every realm and aspect of life. Because of your obedience to this move of God, the world will experience its greatest spiritual, economic, and military revival. You are the leader of today in history's greatest moment.

Remember that you are not the first, neither as you read this book should you think that you are the only one God is appealing to. There are more than seven thousand more that are attending to what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to the bride of the Lamb. Before now, the scriptures are loaded with case upon case of men and women that were amazingly young. I have given several accounts here ranging from Esther, Daniel, the three Hebrew boys and David to Jeremiah, Elisha, Joseph, Mary and our own Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The baton is now in your hands: Will you run the whole thing or cower and hide in fear and religion?

My spiritual sense tells me that you will take your mantle and run with it. I know because it must be the Spirit of the Lord that has intrigued you enough to reach this portion of the text. If you have run this far and if you can let this book run through you, you can run the whole thing. Think, ponder, meditate, on the various angles of encouragement that I have discussed herein and run with the vision!

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Never has been young been as serious as it is today. Never has it been so vital. It might have been a casual stage for many in years gone by but not so today. No young man or woman should ill-afford to waste their youth. They must of necessity awake to the gross level of responsibility prepared for them by God Almighty. It may be that no one else takes them as seriously as they should be seen but that is another matter. What is important is that they awaken to how seriously God takes them. If they do, I am sure that every one else will awaken to who they really are and what role they have to play in our times.

Many young people wonder why adults do not seem to take them seriously. They get agitated and often times turn the self-fulfilling damning prophecies of their seniors into actual realities. What this means is that often times young people live up to the negative expectations of their seniors.

That game must end. Just because your parents or elders do not think you are serious does not warrant you to be as unserious as they think you are. When David's brothers dismissed his apparent interest in the war and maligned him for being a self-conceited careless youth that ought to be tending his father's sheep, he did not rebel in a disdainful manner. He proved to them, and every one else how serious he was. He offered to fight the army's hugest challenge. More to it, he fought and won the battle for Israel. Never since then did any of his family members disregard his importance.

Similarly, when Joseph's elder brothers, including his father, undermined his dreams he did not sink into rebellion and defiance. He continued to attend to his father and brothers. Even after they beat him and sold him to slavery, he still did

not choose to become a rascal. Instead, he was seriously disciplined where he went. The scriptures tell of how as a slave in Egypt he was so disciplined and active that his good work was noted by the head of the house where he worked so much that he made him chief of all his property.

Even when he was falsely accused and thrown in prison, he did not give in to the tormenting thoughts of disillusionment that might have tempted him to become a cynical rebel. No, even in prison Joseph upheld his good conduct so much that he was made chief of the prisoners. In spite of being repetitively dismissed, abused, and falsely accused, Joseph kept a good reputation because he took himself as seriously as God took him.

In the end, God vindicated him. He was made to be the chief ruler of Egypt in spite of being a foreigner, and that at a most critical time in Egypt and the world. God ensured that all that had ridiculed the serious impression he had of Joseph were present to observe him in all his glory. It is amazing just to consider the magnitude of disparity between the response Joseph's brothers had to his dreams and the extent God raised him in real life. Think about it: Joseph run the world when his brothers were offended that he would run their lives.

You may be someone like David and Joseph. You may have perceived by revelation from God or by the anointing on your life that you are cut out for destiny. You sense that where you are is not where you are always going to be. Your spirit tells you that God has destined you to rise up to a serious assignment which to be sure is beyond where you are presently. It may also be that where you are, you are abused, dismissed and ridiculed. Rather than be angry and rebellious, choose to be obedient and patient. Believe what God has shown you and see yourself as seriously as God sees you. It will not be a matter of time but a question of truth. Before you know it,

God will rise you above your tormentors and you will have the opportunity to prove your worth right before those who doubted you.

What many adults, even young people do not realize is that a lot of the attempts at being cool by young people is really a craving for attention. Often times when this desire for approval is rejected, many young people respond by open defiance and outright rebellion. This book seeks to nip the tree of rebellion right at the bud. While young people are in search for parental and peer approval, they need to realize that rather than being cool God expects them to be amazing.

And from the perspective of HIS glory which I have had privilege to behold, I would advise every young person to seek to please God more than their peers, even their parents.

Does that mean that they should be recluse and away from home in some isolate place from where they can be intimate with God? Both yes and no: Yes, in the sense that every young person needs to seek God and find that special place in their heart and before HIS throne where they can bear all and receive instruction from HIM. They need to cultivate a deep and very personal relationship with God in order to ascertain HIS plan for their life. I appreciate so much that the Spirit of the Lord has instructed me to write to our young people such an awesome dispatch but unless the reader has a personal experience with God so that what I have written here actually confirms what God has been saying to them, a lot of what is read here will not necessarily mean much.

In this sense, Amazingly Young is a catalyst in the hand of a young man or woman that is hungry for more of God. It is a provocative account intended to usher God's young generals to their place in HIS greatest move on earth. Hopefully, it will also play an evangelical and revival role in the lives of several

young people. I even strongly sense in my inner man that it will enable such elderly people that wasted their youth to receive back in greater vengeance the years that the locusts and cankerworm have eaten. And it will also enable other elderly people that have been faithfully waiting on the Lord to renew their strength and mount their wings like eagles.

More seriously though, my earnest prayers go for young unbelieving or/and lukewarm believers that will endure its pages. I pray that they will be stirred deep within to submit to God through HIS Son Christ Jesus and in so doing be yielded to the move of the Holy Spirit as HE guides them to be who God has always planned them to be.

On the other hand, the answer could be no in the sense that I do not believe that the Holy Spirit would like our young people becoming detached from their peers and their parents. If they are called to be vital at such a time as the one we are living in now, then they should be able to function within society. Once they have sought God, even while they do so, they should be able to relate and love others as well. I am sure that serving God and yielding to HIS Spirit is not tantamount with being recluse and rigidly defiant. In fact the greater the responsibility we have spiritually, the more relatable we ought to be. That is why as radical as John the Baptist was, he still had disciples. So did Elijah, Elisha and of course our Lord Jesus.

Young people ought to realize that this new move of the Spirit is in fact going to require that they master all manner of relations: Reason being that they will be required to serve God beyond the walls of the church. They will serve God before kings and princes, before generals, before medical experts, before all manner of men. As such, their peers and parents are a good place to start. They need to realize that the principle of faithfulness with little before being entrusted with much will apply here. It does not make sense why one would fail to relate

with all their peers and parents and expect to be influential with world leaders.

Consequently, young people should realize that their peers, parents and seniors are actually training grounds for an immediate future where they will influence leaders and entire nations. As such, they ought to realize that they have no time seeking to be cool, seeking petty approval, or being irascibly defiant. They have a call, a most serious responsibility hanging over their heads. And as I said, they should venture for the best. Rather than being cool, they should seek to be amazing. Whether parental approval may or may not be forthcoming or/and peer acceptance is available or denied, they should awaken to the privilege God has entrusted them with.

If young people can be serious about what I am revealing here, then eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it entered the heart of any man the things that God is about to do through them (1 Corinthians 2:9). This book is simply an appetizer, a snap shot, a preview, of God's greatest move yet. And I am glad that you are a part of it. God bless!