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INTRODUCTION

This book is written to make you holy, perfect, blameless and spotless in your ministry and administration among God's people. As faithful leaders over the people of God in all areas of Christian service, including church finances, operations and management of assets, God expects you to give a true account to Him, and if required, to men also,

2 Corinthians 8:21

Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

Read through this book prayerfully, pleading for grace to practice the instructions and scriptural commands outlined in it.

Proper record keeping is an important activity in a holiness ministry. We shall look into the Scriptures to reveal accounts of recorded activities as a guide for your operation in a holiness ministry.

As one committed with Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide by God Himself, I desire that all Christian workers and ministers working with me in this commission be blameless and perfect so that they may

qualify for eternal life and rewards. For this to be, I consider it necessary to write on this subject also

Matthew 28:20

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Colossians 1:28,29

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: 29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

This book is written to enlighten all Christian workers and ministers seeking to serve the Lord in Holiness so that they may be protected from backsliding and corruption in the Christian ministry.

May the Lord find your service good, holy, acceptable and rewardable by Him throughout your life time on earth, in Jesus name.

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Chapter 1

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE AND RECORD KEEPING

The holy Scripture is the book of God that shows the mind and work of God among men. It also gives us a clue to the works of God in heaven and in the whole universe. A look at the Scripture shows us record keeping in many ways among God's people. The scriptural accounts of record keeping include statistics that show the number of people, family members, genealogies, number of firstborns, attendance at meetings, miracles, and all that the future may demand to know about the present and past times.

1.1 Necessity of Record Keeping as Historical Book of Facts

In the Scripture, records were kept of the following activities: the number of people that ate the five loaves and two fishes, which was five thousand men apart from women and children; the number of the apostles of Jesus, which was twelve. There

were one hundred and twenty people in the upper room when the Holy Ghost fell upon them at Pentecost. Two persons were on their way to Emmaus when Jesus met with them. Two persons met with Jesus on the mountain of transfiguration: Moses and Elijah. So, we can see that the Scripture is full of records of events. The records of finances were also kept. We shall see from the Scriptures how diligent issues of finances and church properties were being kept and strictly preserved in the spirit of holiness.

The Scripture also kept the record of the marriage at Cana of Galilee and the miracle that took place there. These scriptural records were kept so that the future generations would know what God had done. Similarly, the record of genealogy of Jesus Christ was kept, tracing the birth of Jesus to Abraham to show that Jesus came into the world according to prophecy. Jesus was born of the lineage of David, to agree with the promise God made to David that, "Your seed shall be on the throne of Israel forever." The Scripture also keeps record of the prophecies of God, so that we can watch their fulfilment and know those which are not yet fulfilled. Accounts of God's mighty works, miracles and promises have also been kept in the

Scripture.

Exodus 17:14

And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.

Luke placed on record the life and works of Jesus and His apostles for the people of his day and all future generations to know and believe. Apostle John also did the same.

Luke 1:1-4

1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, 2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; 3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,

4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

John 20:31 - But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His Name.

There should be books keeping record of God's work in the church among God's people such as records of God's events, records of God's works and prophecies in the church, and records of the miracles that are being done. Indeed, there should be books of record for almost everything, including records of those who left the church and why they left. Records are necessary because tomorrow somebody may want to know about it or something contrary may come up concerning the past. Some issues may come up that may need going back to records in order to ascertain the truth. Although the key persons involved may not be in the system anymore, those books of record will tell the full story

because record is a book of historical facts.

Esther 6:1-3

1 On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. 2 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. 3 And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. Because of record keeping, the past good deeds of Mordecai came into remembrance and he was promoted by the king contrary to the plan of his enemy to hang him.

1.2 God Keeps Record of His Words and Works for Posterity

God instructed Moses, "Say this in the hearing of

Joshua, write it in a book.” This emphasizes the importance of record keeping.

Isaiah 34:16

***Seek ye out of the book of the LORD,
and read: no one of these shall fail,
none shall want her mate: for My
mouth it hath commanded, and His
spirit it hath gathered them.***

From this Scripture we can see that the Lord keeps records, even of His own words, activities, prophecies and events. This is the book of the Lord, the Holy Bible, the book of His instructions. God instructed Moses to write down the instructions He was giving to the people lest they would forget. Human beings have so many things occupying their minds hence they can easily forget things. While it is necessary to forget certain things that would give us pains and fear, there are things we should not forget. Memory of some things is important to direct our feet to right actions. That is why we should have a book of record, to record and preserve vital information about events, God's promises and blessings in our lives. This will help our faith in God to grow and make us wiser.

Ezra 2: 1-2

1 Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city;

2 Which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mizpar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel.

Here, we see how diligently they were keeping records. Even when they carried people from Judah into captivity, they still wrote the names of the people that went into slavery. It is very important to them because the Lord had told them of the coming of the Messiah and they were diligent to ensure that nobody would claim messiahship who is not from the prophetic lineage of David. The children of Israel must not welcome any person into the tribe of Israel who was not an Israelite, and for him to be an Israelite his name must be in their book of record.

So, even in captivity, as they were giving birth to children, they were writing their names so that nobody would claim to be an Israelite who was not one.

The Samaritans were rejected from being Israelites because, although some of them were actually Israelites, they had mixed with heathen nations after their deportation by a foreign king, who brought in strangers to dwell in their lands. They went into intermarriages and became mixed breed. For this reason, they were rejected. The Israelites said, "You are no longer full-fledged Israelites. We cannot accept you among us." That was the contention between the Jews and the Samaritans. Their names were not in the register. This further goes to show the importance of record keeping.

1.3 Record Keeping Helps the Work of God and Promotes Evangelism

Ezra 1:1-5

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he

made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, 2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and He hath charged me to build Him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.3 Who is there among you of all His people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (He is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. 4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem. 5 Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

When king Cyrus made a declaration for the return of the Jews, the elders rose up to supervise those to go to Jerusalem and they ensured that their names were in the book of records. It was not done carelessly but diligently and painstakingly to ensure that only those who qualified went. They declared, "Please, this call is not for everybody. Those to go to Jerusalem must be Israelites whose names are in the register. We will do verification on you." They checked some people and refused them because they could not trace their genealogy. That is the beauty of record keeping. Good record keeping is part of the work of God. God is interested in this because through hearing the records of the good works of God, many people get converted. Yes, when they see the marvellous works of God, as a songwriter puts it:

***O Lord my God, when I in awesome
wonder Consider all the works Thy
hands have made I see the stars, I
hear the rolling thunder Thy power
throughout the universe displayed***

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to
Thee How great thou art, How great***

***thou art Then sings my soul, my
Saviour God to thee, How great thou
art, how great thou art.***

When Moses told his father-in-law of the works of God, he acknowledged God. Just showing them what God has done among men is sufficient to draw their hearts to God. Remember that the king of Israel called Gehazi and requested that he should tell him the works of Elisha. As he was recounting the miracle of raising a dead boy back to life, he saw the woman and exclaimed, “Ah! Look at the woman and look at the son that he raised from the dead!” You saw how that moved the king to do righteousness. True record keeping is very important. Some people don't keep accurate record; rather, they exaggerate. For example, a few people may be present in a meeting but they will give an inflated figure. That is how they do in some places. The Spirit of God is not there, because their records are not true. So, those who give false reports do not have the Spirit of God, because they are not true. God is not a liar.

1.4 Good Record Keeping Blocks Off the Lies of Satan

Matthew 1: 1-17

1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren; 3 And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; 4 And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon; 5 And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; 6 And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias; 7 And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa; 8 And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias; 9 And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias; 10 And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias; 11 And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren,

about the time they were carried away to Babylon: 12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;

13 And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim b e g a t A z o r ;

14 And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;

15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan b e g a t J a c o b ;

16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

This Scripture traces the earthly history of the birth of Jesus Christ back to Abraham, because Abraham was promised the seed through whom the families

of the earth would be blessed. They were able to trace Jesus back to Abraham because their records of birth were precise and well kept. They traced it to David also because the Lord had promised David, *"I will give you a Son that will sit on your throne forever."* Jesus was traced to Adam through whom the seed of the woman was to come, to show that He is a Son of faith, a Son of promise.

From the records, every Israelite would understand that this is the Messiah that the Lord had promised. He is the King that God promised would be coming. Good record keeping helps to erase confusion among God's people. The devil will not know how to come in. He will not know how to fabricate lies or distort facts. When he does his own, we will clearly know because it will not be in harmony with the records of God.

1.5 Record of Miracles and Works of God Builds Up Faith of People

John 6:1-14

1 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. 2 And a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His

miracles which He did on them that were diseased. 3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. 4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. 5 When Jesus then lifted up His eyes, and saw a great company come unto Him, He saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? 6 And this He said to prove him: for He Himself knew what He would do. 7 Philip answered Him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto Him, 9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? 10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when He had given thanks, He distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as

they would. 12 When they were filled, He said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. 13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. 14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

See the effort it would have taken to count these 5000 men! Yet they needed the number, because it would help to show forth the glory of Jesus clearly. Many things have been done among us, but we did not give due attention to them. We did not record them, so they just passed away. Some gainsayers may say, "Show us the presence of God among you; where are the miracles of God among you?" There are many, but they are not being recorded. The Lord commanded the disciples to gather the fragments in baskets, and they amounted to 12 baskets! Wonderful result of record keeping! Now, how many loaves? Five loaves. How many fishes?

Two fishes. How many people ate it? 5000 people, apart from women and children, who also ate. All together, there should be about ten thousand people.

Then the remnants or fragments that were leftover, which were gathered were twelve baskets. This was a miracle indeed! When the people saw this, their eyes opened more to know that Jesus was really He that was to come. So when the people hear or read the record of what you do, of what God has been doing, they will wonder and believe.

1.6 Record Keeping of Events Promotes the Work of the Ministry

Every Christian ministry should have a record of her events, programmes and activities for others to see. For instance, how many messages has the International Director of Holiness Revival Movement preached to this date? We need such records. How many nations has he visited so far? Is it by his power? We need the record. During his missionary journeys, how many people attended his crusades or ministers' conferences? How many converts were made? These are very vital statistics. God is interested in these records.

There are other records of events that a church needs to keep such as: attendance at Sunday service; attendance at Bible Study; attendance at Chapter or Unit meetings and messages preached. By analysing the messages, we will be able to know the areas of emphasis and areas of neglect. As you keep record of CD/DVD messages, you will be able to know a wide range of messages that cover various topics of the Christian life and ministry. You will know the ones to listen to and the ones those under you should listen to.

1.7 Heaven Keeps Record of Daily Activities of Men on Earth

Revelation 20: 11-15

11 And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the

books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Here we see that books of record were opened as a witness against sinners. Without these, it would have been difficult to track and find details of the lives of individuals who would argue that their names are in the book of life because of their works. Everything would have been muddled up, making things difficult on the day of judgment. Taking a cue from this heavenly pattern, it is the book of records that helps us in ministry to check if someone is really worthy of promotion. We want to know how a worker's life has been and promote those that have been faithful and worthy of promotion. There may be people who appear okay today but with bad past record. We may need to check from records to know

if they have truly repented.

Record keeping is required in statistics, finances, tithes and offerings and attendance at meetings. We need details of the amount of money that comes in as tithes and offerings, how many people attended the meeting, how many men, women and children, how many visitors, what messages were listened to, and how many got converted. God needs all these details.

1.8 Record of Assets

Record keeping helps in accountability, which is part of holy living. Proper records should be kept in all areas of ministry. For instance, the media department needs to keep records of how many messages that have been preached within a given period. There should be record and preservation of master CDs/DVDs in case of loses or accidents, so that there will be back-up to reproduce new copies. In this case, the devil will not succeed in wiping off some of the messages preached and recorded.

Another important area of record keeping is in assets of the church. All assets bought by the church should be recorded in the Assets Register. Such record will indicate date of purchase,

description of asset, number of units bought, price and condition of the asset (whether in excellent, good or fair condition). This register will be regularly updated to provide up-to-date information about the status of church assets which helps to check abuses, misappropriation and theft. For example, a report was received about one of our ex-coordinators in Holiness Revival Movement who converted a vehicle donated to the ministry to personal use. He signed all the transfer documents without bringing other leaders in the Ministry into the picture. When he was leaving, nobody knew about the vehicle and he took it away. If, however, the practice of assets recording had been cultivated, the likelihood was that the vehicle would have been registered in the name of the Ministry and such conversion of Ministry's property to personal ownership would have been averted. Let every asset that comes in for the Ministry be promptly and properly registered so as not to create a conducive environment for evil workers.

Sometimes, the asset could be a landed property. If the coordinator is the only one that knows about the donation of a landed property to the Ministry, it may give room to temptation of converting it to his

personal property. Needless to say, such a situation affects holiness of the believer and will give rise to divine judgment in the future unless restitution is done. Therefore, keep adequate record of all the assets (buildings, machines, vehicles, equipment etc.). Keeping a detailed record of all assets of the Ministry is a panacea to theft and pilferage. Moreover, unless we keep such a record, how do we know how much God has blessed the Ministry?

Similarly, proper record keeping should be maintained on every project of the church such as building construction, purchase of land or building, salaries and allowances, repairs or sale of assets. Evangelism outreaches should be well documented to ensure that God's money is judiciously utilised. People being employed in the service of God must be of proven integrity; and even these must be properly supervised.

Romans 12:11,17

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

2 Corinthians 8:18-22

18 And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches; 19 And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind: 20 Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us: 21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. 22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you.

Holy Scripture and Record Keeping

Chapter 2

RECORD KEEPING IS PART OF PERFECTING HOLINESS IN MINISTRY

2.1 Where Satan Got Judas

We bless God that among all the disciples of Jesus, we did not hear there was anyone caught in fornication or adultery. Under the strict supervision of Jesus, they were able to preserve themselves in these respects. The sin that completely overcame one of the disciples was the love of money. Judas fell for money. While the remaining eleven disciples probably did not know about it, his backslidden state was not hidden from Jesus. Satan did not get Judas in immorality, but he got him in the area of money. In the same way, many of our brethren may be very clean in their relationship with the opposite sex and completely free from alcoholism, but not from corrupt money. Money is their master! Some may be aware of this weakness while others may not, because of their deceitful hearts.

Jeremiah 17:9-11

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings. 11 As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

2. 2 Revelation On a Staff of Holiness Revival Movement Involved in Financial Impropriety

A staff in the headquarters of Holiness Revival Movement, Abuja, Nigeria narrated a revelation he had. He had earlier collected money to order some equipment from abroad for use in the media department. He paid the money into his account to enable him make online payment. He could not strike a deal with the suppliers to enable him make immediate payment so he left the money in his account hoping to continue with the negotiation at a later date. Jesus came to him in a revelation after

the money had stayed with him for three months. In the revelation, he saw himself sitting for an examination along with some people, but what surprised him was that he did not write his name on his answer sheet. He wrote somebody else's name there! He did not realise this error until he had finished the examination and the invigilator came to collect his answer script.

He pleaded with the invigilator to allow him write his own name on the answer script, but the invigilator refused saying, "You have already finished and submitted, so you cannot alter anything again." After this, he found himself before a door at the hall where they had the examination. When a candidate comes to the door, the door would automatically open for him if he passed the examination. If not, the door would remain closed. He saw many people gathered at the door who did not pass their examination.

At this point, the Lord came to him and said, "Do you see those people? They did not pass their examination, and even you, did not pass your examination. The reason why you wrote another

man's name on your paper was because somebody else will take your place and inherit your reward. You are working now for somebody else because you have not passed your examination.

Why did you not pass your examination? It is because there are some little things you are doing that have become hindrances to your success. Those crowds of people you see at the door are also believers. They are leaders, but they too did not pass their examinations because of those little things. That is why the door did not also open for them. It will require restitution. They need to come back to do restitution and clean themselves before the door will open for them to go through. As for you, My money is with you. You kept My money in your personal account. Does it belong to you? My money has been in your account now for three months. Is it yours?" The brother replied, "Ah! But I am still thinking of buying the items." Jesus replied, "You are still thinking?

What if you had fallen down and died? Is your life in your hand? If you had fallen down and died, who would have known that My money was in your account? It would have gone! Return that money

back to the office. Moreover, there are monies that remained as change in your hand when you bought things for My ministry but you kept them to yourself and spent them as if they belonged to you. My change remaining with you is My money, but you have been using them for yourself. These are the things that made you to fail your examination and the door could not open for you.”

As you can see, Jesus did not rebuke this young man for immorality. Not at all! Was he fervent in prayer? Yes! Was he committed to the things of God? Yes! Was he a wonderful preacher? Yes, but no heaven! Very subtly and gently, the devil pushed him and continued to push until his name was erased from the book of life. His name was no more there! It was in this same way Satan got Judas. Therefore, Christian brother, Christian sister, be careful!

Hebrews 4:1

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

1 Peter 1:17

That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 9:31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

As you work fervently for God, check on yourself to ensure you do not fall short and be condemned, and cast away on the last day. Employ the pattern of Apostle Paul in your ministry and work for God.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

2.3 Judas Was a Thief

John 12: 1-8

1 Then Jesus six days before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, which had been dead, whom He raised from the dead. 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with Him. 3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. 4 Then saith one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray Him, 5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. 7 Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of My burying hath she kept this. 8 For the poor always ye have with you; but Me ye

have not always.

From this scripture, we can see that the reasoning of Judas was corrupt because he himself was corrupt. It is obvious that he had been converting Ministry money into personal use in the past, for verse six says, ***“This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.”*** The motive of his disagreement with what Mary did was that, if the expensive oil was sold and the money was brought into the purse, more money would be available for him to steal. He wanted money to flow in a way that it would be easy for him to pilfer without anybody knowing. Such people would always resist essential work of God if it cannot be executed in a way that would profit them. They will always disagree saying, “No, no, no, why are you putting the money there? We need the money here.” All these is to provide opportunity for them to go behind and siphon the money without anybody being aware.

Why was he angry? Why was he debating with Jesus? Judas must have succeeded in influencing the other disciples with his corrupt conviction, because their reaction was not different when a similar scenario played out in the house of Simon

the leper.

Matthew 26:6-13

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, 7 There came unto Him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on His head, as He sat at meat. 8 But when His disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? 9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. 10 When Jesus understood it, He said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon Me. 11 For ye have the poor always with you; but Me ye have not always. 12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on My body, she did it for My burial. 13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

Judas worked on them but they did not understand his motive. Jesus explained to them, *"This is the priority area, not what you have in mind. They are using this money on Me and you do not have Me always. As for the other thing you are talking about, the opportunity to do it will always be there."* Judas said, "No, no, let's go for that other one, this one you have in mind can come up later." Because Judas had the purse and was helping himself out of it, he saw opportunity for big money to steal - three hundred pence! What a great money at that time! As treasurer, he had the final say because Jesus was not prying on him. No Vetting Committee or any approving authority! And all will come to him eventually. The case of Judas here teaches us a lesson. Let there be checks and balances among brethren to discourage embezzlement and fraud.

2.4 Some People are In God's Service for Ulterior Motive

John 6:66-71

66 From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. 19 Jesus answered them, have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? 71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon; for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

Many of Jesus' followers were turning back because they felt that Jesus was too hard. The Lord asked the disciples if they too would like to go away. They replied, "How can we go away? To whom shall we go?" As some would also say, "How do we leave Holiness Revival Movement? It is here we have found the word of God. It is here our eyes have opened. It is here we have known the truth and have confidence of going to heaven." They told Jesus, "We know that You are the Son of God and You have the words of eternal life. Where do we go again?" How many did Jesus address? How many were replying? Though Peter was speaking on behalf of others, Judas had another reason why he remained. In the place of eternal life, his interest

was different. In the place of eternal life, another reason kept him there. We could see this from the response of Jesus that followed.

John 6:70-71

70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? 71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray Him, being one of the twelve.

Why did this devil remain? Was it for eternal life? There is a benefit he is gaining in that ministry, as a disciple of Jesus. Whereas the disciples were saying, "Where can we get the word of God so pure as this, that we can be eating so freely and having eternal life so clearly set before us," Judas was saying, "Where can I get cheap money like this again, where nobody checks me?" All the money is in my hand and I can build houses, buy anything and even show some kindness to people to give the impression of a holy life!" Judas remained with Jesus for a different reason.

This tells us that as holy as we are in this ministry,

we still have questionable people. As for Jesus, there was a reason why He gave Judas a free hand. But for us, we cannot afford to do so; otherwise, the little money we have to manage will just vanish overnight and the work of God will come to a halt. One adventurous person will just come and clear everything. These are unrighteous people who are executing the agenda of the devil. If they are not checked, they will stifle the work and frustrate our ambitions and evangelical projects.

2.5 What will Some People not do for Money?

In a mixed school of boys and girls, teachers on duty go round to check on the students in the hostel to ensure the students do not cross boundaries and move from female hostel to male hostel and vice versa. Sometimes they do their check in the dead of the night. Although the hostels are separated and well demarcated, you cannot rule out adventurous students breaking the barriers to commit immorality. In the same manner, there is need to constantly work on the leaders and workers in the ministry to keep them in check; otherwise, there will be financial leakages in the system and the work of the ministry will suffer serious setbacks.

Matthew 26: 14-16

14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, 15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver Him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

Jesus had lived with Judas for about three-and-a-half years. He was innocent, perfect, a miracle worker, a good man, a good teacher, a good comforter and he had the glory of God upon him. Yet, see what Judas did! What can these people not do for money? Who is the International Director of Holiness Revival Movement that they cannot despise on matters of money? Who is he that they cannot lie against for the sake of money? Imagine Judas! He entered into an evil agreement to betray his Lord and Master and to get him killed for a token of thirty pieces of silver, which is the price of a slave in Israel!

In the secular world, they sell human beings for

money. They buy babies and pound them in mortar for ritual money. They cut off people's heads for ritual money. Even in Christian Ministry, money still leads people to do great evils! They become angry when a searchlight is beamed on them because they do not like to be investigated. Why would somebody be afraid of investigation if his hands are clean? Sometimes, they want to show some spirituality and utter godly words like, "Bro, it is God that has been helping us. In fact, this heaven we must be there." Hearing this godly words, you will be looking at him as a perfect and holy man. But it is a ploy to shift your attention away from him so that he can go on with his evil deeds. On your part, you must not fall into that trap; rather, you should follow the truth and do what is right to protect the ministry of Jesus. Let it be said of you that you have fulfilled all righteousness.

2.6 Remove Your Eyes from God's Money

The love of money is the reason for the fall of many ministers of God. Satan got Judas through money and his offence was great as the betrayer of Jesus. Today, many believers and ministers of God fall to the power of money. Satan entered their life and captured their soul through money.

1 Timothy 6: 6-12

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Money has caused the fall of many, but as a child of God and indeed as a man of God, you must remove the love of money from your heart to remain pure. But why do you run after money? To build a house?

To buy a car or to do what? Do you know that godliness with contentment is great gain? If you have no money to pay your children's school fees, why not put your trust in the Lord, even if your children will have to be sent out of school because of your righteousness? Does that mean God has abandoned you? During the period of one year that your children will stay at home, if all of you keep crying to your Father in heaven, will He not hear? Is God no more in heaven? Will He not appreciate your righteousness? Will He not rise up and do something to honour His children?

The Psalmist says, *"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."* (Psalm 37:25) Why not go before God in faith and pray, rather than resorting to stealing to pay your children's school fees? Where is the blessing? Is it not the blessing of the LORD that "maketh rich and addeth no sorrow?" Are you not cursing your children by building their lives on a faulty foundation? Is that not a curse unto them? You, as a father, is the one bringing accursed thing unto them, by stealing God's money to pay their school fees? Have you not already set destruction on their path? Some of them may die and never finish school because of

the weight of your sins on their lives. You make them children of the devil because you have consecrated them to Satan. He is the one teaching you how to get money for their school fees, hence they are his children. He is feeding them with poison and will eventually lay claim on them. Therefore, child of God, flee these things and maintain righteousness. Remove your eyes from God's money. Do not seek after it.

Romans 2:21

Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

In the public service, it is common practice for people to device means of embezzling government money. They have mastered the various arts of devising ways of siphoning money. They would obtain approval and claim allowance for courses they did not attend because they are more interested in the money than capacity building, which would make them more productive to government. They bring fake invoices and receipts to claim money for stationery and assets they never bought. When they buy something, they inflate the

price on the receipt in order to make extra money for themselves. They don't return any left-over money to government purse; it becomes their own. They convert government assets to their own and take them home. You must not bring that evil to the church. Never! Be sincere and truthful in all your dealings, whether or not somebody is seeing you. Remember that there is a God in heaven watching over your activities on earth.

1 Timothy 6: 6-9

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Luke 12:15,19-20

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a

man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

Chapter 3

THE NEED FOR DILIGENCE AND WATCHFULNESS IN THE MINISTRY

Church leaders and ministers must be diligent and watchful over God's heritage in the ministry. This includes both human and material possessions of the Lord. As leaders, we often assume that when people say that they are born again, they can be trusted and given responsibilities without any need to check on them. This trust may be misplaced a times. It is only God who knows the heart of man.

Jeremiah 17: 9-10

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

This is the reason why Jesus did not commit Himself unto men because He knew all men.

John 2: 22-25

22 When therefore He was risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said. 23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in His name, when they saw the miracles which He did. 24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because He knew all men, 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man.

We must learn from the Master and be careful. This chapter focuses on some case studies of practical events in churches and other places for our learning, so that leaders may become more watchful and ensure proper record keeping in the ministry.

3.1 The Case Study of an Event in a Church I Pastored

Before I became the International Director of Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide, I had pastored many Churches in Deeper Life Bible Church at different levels of authority. In one of the churches I pastored, it happened that one fateful day during Sunday service, tithes and offerings were collected by the ushers and I also dropped mine.

After the service, we needed to buy something for the church so I called for the tithes and offerings. To my greatest surprise, the total amount they claimed to have collected was just about the tithe I paid. More shocking was the fact that another brother said he had paid a tithe that was even higher than mine. I was dumbfounded. I called all the ushers together and when I looked at their faces, they were all looking very innocent. I asked, "What happened?" One usher said one thing and the other said another thing. I said, "So with all the messages I have been preaching, we still have Judas here?" With this experience, I then instructed them that from thence forward, they should no longer take the

tithes and offerings collected to the inner room for counting. I instructed them to be keeping them by my side at the pulpit after collection. My thought was that, that would be a solution to the problem. But I was quite wrong! In another service, we were in prayers (after tithes and offerings had been collected and put by my side on the pulpit), suddenly there was power outage that threw the auditorium into total darkness. It took just about five to ten minutes before the generator came up and the light was restored. Surprisingly, we discovered that one of the offering bags (with money in it) had disappeared from where it was kept! We found it some distance away from where it was kept. I think the sudden restoration of light caught the thieving usher unawares and he quickly dropped the offering bag and bolted away. Again, we asked who did it, but nobody owned up. That is what man can do for money!

This is the reason leaders must be very vigilant. 'Born again' is not on the face, just as they say "AIDS does not show on the face." Let the ushers and people who handle money be proved before involving them in money matters. Those thieving ushers were not new converts, so it does not depend on how long people have been in the

church. It is a matter of personal integrity.

Proverbs 27:22–23

22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him. 23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

3.2 The Case of a Thieving Female Usher in A Church

There was this elderly female usher in a church in Sierra-Leone. She was a trusted worker, but nobody knew she was stealing from the offering bag. In the course of time, she got converted in Holiness Revival Movement (HOREMOW) and became convicted. That was when the truth came out. She had to go to the leadership of the church to confess and do her restitution. She pointed to a building and said, “That building you see standing there, I built it with church offering money. It is now for the church.” I built it with stolen tithes and offerings of the Church.

Ezekiel 3:17

Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from Me.

Watch over all things! That is why the Lord has raised you up as a church leader and auditor and as a watchman over His work. You should not keep quiet but cry out. These people you see looking innocent may be going the contrary way. Check them to make sure the sin of Achan in them does not become a stumbling block to the progress of the church. Check these ushers. Adopt accounting procedures that will ensure one person is not allowed to count money alone, even if he is a trusted person. Put two or three people in charge of counting offering under good supervision. Let it be known that you did your best to check abuses.

Do not allow anybody to cajole you with sweet words like, "Ah brother, are you suspecting me? By the grace of God, I was converted in 1975 and since that time, I have been consistent with the Lord; so you should know I cannot be unfaithful. If you don't know me, God is my witness." Forget that language! Put that language aside and say, "Let us

fulfil all righteousness, for two are better than one.” For righteousness sake, Jesus was baptized. Two people should count the offering and record it.

Proverbs 23:12,15,16

12 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge. 15 My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. 16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

Don't Take People's Integrity for Granted

Sometimes, when offering is being collected, some people should keep an eye on it. They should just stand and watch. That is what they do in some supermarkets. As you go round shopping, one of the supermarket staff is discreetly keeping a close watch on you. He may just greet you, “Oh how are you?” Seeing them around you, are you not conscious that they will discover if you try any mischief? Sometimes, they even install cameras for surveillance. The Scripture says the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. In the church, we sometimes act foolishly. We take things for granted. We are not diligent

enough. Though the people believed on Jesus yet He did not commit Himself to them, for He knew what was in man.

Many Christian workers, members and ministers of the gospel commit sacrilege, robbing temples, robbing God. They rob the temple and make away with God's money, God's lands, God's buildings and other properties (machines, vehicles etc.). The Lord gave a revelation to us concerning the coordinators. He said *"Tell them, whatever they buy must be receipted. It belongs to Me. I will judge them for everything, even up to the spoon they buy with my money."* Jesus' properties must be handled righteously because not to do so has grave implications.

Sometimes, people issue cheques in favour of the church for tithes and offerings. In such instances, you may find the church Accountant persuading the member to open the cheque for encashment in the bank because of an urgent need for cash. The member might easily oblige because he believes he is dealing with a righteous man. The Accountant may say, "Oh sister, this cheque you have given may be delayed because our bank is different from yours. Could you rewrite it and put my name there

so that I can withdraw the cash from the bank to meet the church's urgent need.” The thought of the person who brought the cheque is, “I have met a righteous man occupying the seat of authority in the church.” Is she not dealing with the church Accountant? Having achieved this, the Accountant then goes to the bank to cash the money since it is now in his name. No record; the money becomes his own! He feels no guilt, because his conscience is dead. If the accountant is asked to lead prayers, you will think Satan is in trouble! Satan knows them – cheats and hypocrites. Since we have these type of people in our midst, we must rise up with wisdom to overtake them; otherwise, Satan will use them to impoverish the church.

3.3 Case Study of a False Muslim Convert

A young Fulani man came to our campground and narrated a sensational story. He said that he came from Warri, Delta State of Nigeria. He said a pastor invited him to Warri from Wukari in Taraba State to train him in Bible school, but when he got there he was unable to contact that pastor. All efforts to reach him by phone failed and he became stranded. He said he was lucky to find some good Samaritans of Igbo tribe (South East Nigeria) who accommodated

him for four days. He kept on trying to contact the pastor until the money on him got exhausted. He said it got to a point that he had to sell his handset to sustain himself. He then began to seek for help to return back to Wukari. He was advised to join a 911 truck (motor trailer) going to the north (possibly to Kaduna or Kano). This idea seemed good to him since it occurred to him that if they could just take him to Abuja, he could seek for help at Holiness Campground, having once attended a conference there. This was how he found his way to the camp.

On arrival, he described one of our pastors in Wukari and said he was attending church there. He gave us the phone numbers of some brethren in Wukari that we could call for confirmation. We called the numbers and they confirmed that he actually fellowshiped there, but could not confirm the claims about his trip to Warri. We tried to reach the pastor in Warri, the one mentoring the converts from Islam, but there was no immediate response. I then released fifteen thousand naira (N15,000) to him to travel back to Wukari. Being a Fulani man, he was afraid to pass through Makurdi because of the problem there. He left the camp for the city, accompanied by a brother, to continue the journey the next day. After they left with the money, the

pastor in Warri then called me back and I narrated the whole story to him. He laughed and followed up with a different story. He said, "I was the one that released transport money to him to come to Warri. Since I knew that their main problems are drug addiction and womanizing, I made sure I restricted his movements. This boy forced his way out because he needed to buy hard drugs. When he returned, I fortified the place the more and he revolted. He opted to go back to Taraba and went to some Muslims there saying, "Look at this person. He invited me to come here and wants to make me a Christian by force. Did I come here for Bible? Is it for Christianity I came down here?" The Muslim brothers there gave him money to return to Taraba State. He came to us in Abuja with a deceitful tongue for more money.

But this is the same person that was telling us, "I am a Christian, I am a Muslim convert." Lying tongue! When I heard the true account, I called the brother that escorted him to the city, relaid to him the true story and instructed him, "Retrieve my money from him. Put him in a vehicle to Wukari, pay the fare and bring back the balance of money; otherwise, he will use it to buy drugs. Also let him know that we are now aware of the true story about him." Thereafter, I

called the pastor in Wukari and narrated the true story to him so that the brethren over there would know his true character as a deceitful and fraudulent person.

Psalm 12:1-4

1 Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. 2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak. 3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things: 4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?

Where do we find true leaders that speak the truth? These hypocrites trade in lies because the environment is passive and permissive. May the Lord give us the grace to locate and flush them out in Jesus name. They falsify records to cover up their lies. They may get some money from the church and say, "We spent it on evangelism here; we spent it on evangelism there," when in actual fact no evangelism took place anywhere. That is their life! They may harden their hearts like Judas who was

not convicted even in the very presence of Jesus.

When caught in the act, some will boldly and shamelessly say, “Do you know how much I have invested in this ministry? Is it because I took this thing that you are talking? Do you know how much labour I have put in here? How much are they paying me?” They use bravado to trivialise and justify iniquity! Some others steal by proxy, using others to perpetrate fraud. By the time it blows open, it will hardly be traced to them because they have painstakingly covered their tracks. They arrange it perfectly such that they will never be suspected or come under searchlight. Church pastors, account officers, treasurers and errand workers suffer these attacks in the hands of Satan. As a pastor, be careful with money. If you are a treasurer, be careful with money. If as an errand boy you are told, “Go and lodge this money in the bank, or go and withdraw this money,” be careful not to fall into the trap of the devil.

3.4 Case Study of a Young Man Tempted by Satan to Steal Ministry’s Money

Sometime ago when I was in Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria, a young man collected some publications

from me to sell in another state of Nigeria. They were sold on credit. Later I asked him to go and collect the money and bring to me. The amount involved was about fifty thousand Nigerian Naira (N50,000). When he returned, he told me an amazing story that shocked me. He said on his way back, a thought came to him, "Come down from the vehicle, go into the bush and injure yourself with a knife so that blood will gush out of your body. Then go and tell him that armed robbers attacked you on the way and collected the whole money from you." He said he considered this thought for a while, but finally resisted the temptation.

Assuredly, I can tell you that this happened because money came into his hand and he was alone. When money comes into your hand while you are alone, Satan will begin to plant evil ideas into your heart to corrupt you. Generally, when you sit in the church listening to the word of God, you may not be thinking about any evil act, or money, or immorality. Never! It is when you find yourself with an opposite sex alone in a room, then immoral thought comes. With two of you in a secluded place, you may not understand how it will happen, (even though this may not be so with everybody). Your heartbeat increases and body language begins to

pass message. If you are weak in this area, actions may follow. Similarly, if you are prone to money temptation, your thoughts will change as soon as money comes into your hand. The next demon that will visit you is the demon of lying, working together with the demon of carnal wisdom, all because of that money.

1 Thessalonians 5:22-24

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

It is a dangerous thing to keep church money. You must be prayerful, otherwise as it did not help Judas, but took him irreparably far, it will do the same to you. That is the reason we say that treasurers should keep ministry's money in the bank, not in the house lest Satan brings sickness in the night and the only solution to that sickness is God's money in your hand. Satan will also supply you sufficient lies to cover up your misdeed. This is the reason you need to be wise in this matter. Let

the pastors help their people and as they help themselves too. People take God's money without following due process thereby falling short before God and men. Many have even forgotten how much of God's money is in their hands to their damnation. You must endeavour to be faithful in handling God's money, whether in your local church or in Holiness Revival Movement. Think through and if you remember you have misappropriated church money in the past, go and confess it and do your restitution.

Some people are fortunate, as we have seen instances whereby they died in this kind of sin and God sent them back to come and do restitution. But how many are that lucky? How many died and came back? Now that the Lord has said that He will judge you up to the spoon that you bought with His money, how much more the bigger things? May be you took a hymn book from the church, nobody is aware and it remains in your house. You must quickly return such items in your possession. If the things you took illegally have spoilt or have been used up, confess to God and your leader, and replace them in kind or in cash.

Chapter 4

BE YOUR BROTHER'S KEEPER

If a person thinks himself to be a pastor when there are evil records against him, he is only deceiving himself. If you think yourself to be a Coordinator, an Overseer, a Leader, when your hands are stained with God's money or property, you are nothing. This is the reality in our day. But how do we respond to this kind of situation? Those in church leadership who are faithful stewards of God must arise and cleanse the church of these corruption and defilement so that the presence of the holy God may return to His church,

4.1 Gently Restore the Fallen Soldier of Christ

Galatians 6:1-3

1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be

tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Surely many are wounded, many are defiled and many have been cast down. What do we do? We must take measures to carefully restore them. In doing this, we must be careful not to become an accomplice because they can make friends with you and give you part of the spoils of corruption to buy your conscience.

You want to rescue somebody that fell into a ditch, be careful so that he does not drag you into it. Restore him in the spirit of wisdom and meekness. Apply good methods. Do not go with judgemental attitude, "You are going to hell!" That way you will not be helping him. You have to deal gently with him. For example, you can say, "Oh my brother, I came to help you. Let us pray together so that divine help may come your way." That is what God wants. If we don't do this, we are not helping them to recover. The door of eternal life may be permanently closed against them. This is what the scripture teaches.

Proverbs 27: 23

Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds.

James 5:19,20

19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

There are people the Lord has given ministry in His vineyard, but they are not straight forward. The love of money and material things has overtaken them and they are being dragged to hell. It is our responsibility to know how they live. We must see that they are holy in service so that they may not labour in vain. Also, we should know how to reward those that are hardworking. Christian Leaders, and Pastors, be diligent to know the state of your flock. Some of those working with you are suffering from life-threatening sicknesses and you are not aware of it. For some, their sickness is spiritual yet you are not aware. As much as it is humanly possible, take measures to know about the wellbeing of your

members physically, spiritually, emotionally and financially. Let it be known to God that you have tried your best. As you put in your little effort, divine support will come. Let every leader under you do the same with the flocks under them. Do your best to meet their needs. Always endeavour to speak lovingly and kindly to them. Pray for them and encourage them.

1 Kings 12:7

And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever.

Leaders should also appoint auditors to check the records at regular intervals in order to promote accountability and integrity in ministry operations and finances. It is a wise thing to do in order to save people from being felled by Satan, for many have been wounded and cast down, and many mighty men have been slain by him.

4.2 Put Honest Men in Charge

2 Corinthians 8:16-23

16 But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you. 17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you. 18 And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches; 19 And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind: 20 Avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us: 21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. 22 And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you.

23 Whether any do enquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.

When it comes to matters of money, keeping of record, storage and distribution of necessities for the saints, and sharing of things, ensure that such tasks are assigned to honest men and women. As Pastors and Coordinators, emulate Paul who stayed away from money matters. While he shielded himself from it, he also ensured that he appointed honest and diligent men to do it, for he knew the evil of men. If you put the wrong man in charge, many things will go wrong. Therefore, Paul carefully selected people for the work. Again, he tried to show the people whom they were ministering to, that the people chosen were honest and sincere men.

The People we choose to minister on money matters should be proven men and women of trustworthiness and honesty. They should not be

people of doubtful character. Choose people that are known generally to be of good report and high integrity. Like Paul said, **“Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of God, but also in the sight of men.”** Some people may want to say, “God knows that I am honest; God knows my hands are clean.” Yes, God knows, but let man also know, because God has given man the freewill to believe or not to believe, to receive you or not to receive you, to accept you or not to accept you. If you want man to accept you, give him the chance to prove you. Do not go with God's witness alone, let men also bear witness to your faithfulness!

2 Corinthians 8:21

Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

No man should say, “This amount of money came in, but I don't know what they did with it.” Anybody that is put in charge of resources, whether money or other material resources, should be able to give account of his or her stewardship.

1 Corinthians 4:1, 2

1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

4.3 Promote Transparency in Ministry

Some people want weekly inflow to be announced in the general assembly. While this is good for the conscience of people, wisdom is profitable to direct. It might also invite armed robbers to the church, because you do not know who-is-who in the church. On hearing it, somebody may start to say to himself, "So there is so much money in this place!" It may also bring other problems. Let everyone be persuaded in what he does. To avoid these troubles, it would be better to keep good records and share information on financial state of the church at executive meetings. The basic rule is to live holy and be clean in ministry, especially if you are under another man's ministry and you have to give account.

It could be that you are involved in a lucrative private business that is bringing good money to you

and from your income you choose to buy some assets such as land or cars or send your children to elite schools to acquire sound education; if you do not keep proper record of ministry's money that is put in your care, the tendency is for people to begin to say, "It is our money he is using to live in pleasure." How will you be able to convince them that it is not so, since you have no proof of a clean stewardship in your books of record? If this happens in a church, some members may stop paying their tithes saying, "Ah, I cannot continue paying my tithe there. I do not know how they are using our money." Will you force them? Will you even hear of the complaint? You will just notice that tithe inflow is dropping and you will not know the reason. It is the tither's private decision and you have lost him. Let your work be transparent to all.

1 Timothy 3:7

Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

4.4 Adequate Supervision Reduces Incidence of Sin

2 Kings 22:4-7

4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people: 5 And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house, 6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house. 7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

Some leaders can do well without supervision. This is very true because the Bible tells us the people whom Hezekiah made to repair the temple worked without supervision. They did not keep record of what they were doing, but they were faithful according to the scriptural testimony about them. But how many of such faithful men can you find

today? If you find one faithful person, three are not. When the number grows larger it becomes even harder to find them. This is why checks and balances need to be built into the system to check widespread abuse. It is such checks and balances that will awaken some people from slumber and block others from tampering with Church resources.

John 12:4-6

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, 5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

Some people are able to oversee their female children as they grow up such that they do not go into immorality and get pregnant. Others do not have the commitment to do that. Let us train our children well, so that even when the devil tries to tempt them, he will not succeed. Satan will not be able to get them because they will resist him firmly.

Who is the person that goes to excrete in a public place while people are watching? No one would likely do that. Who will go and undress a woman for sexual immorality in a public place while people are watching? Even if such a thought is in his mind, the environment will not allow it. Therefore, let us put in place adequate supervision and sin will lose its power.

Most of these leaders have to be kept under watch, properly directed and supervised to keep them righteous and spotless. Otherwise, they will not be preserved holy for heaven. They need to be helped to make it to heaven.

1 Timothy 6:9-14

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience,

meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. 13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; 14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

How many ministries have closed down? How many ministers have been chased out and lost their ministry because of fraudulent activities? They were doing it and eventually got caught. They thought nobody would ever catch them but they were caught. The love of money and immorality go together. When somebody has much money, he can use it to lure women and buy the conscience of members of the church. He may buy expensive gifts such as wrist watches, handsets, clothes and cars to win their love and loyalty. He has all the money and that opens the door for immorality and other things. The love of money is the root of all evil. Such persons use church money to build and furnish their

houses, to feed and clothe their families, to pay their children's school fees and live in the pleasures of this life. It is just like the fraudster that brings bags of money home. A woman once said, "My husband brings bags of money home from diverse ungodly businesses and I am afraid to sleep in the house."

Helping our brethren to keep holiness demands regular checks, adequate record keeping and proper enlightenments on record keeping. Track all income and keep proper record of all expenditures. Put the workers through in proper record keeping and do not hesitate to correct and rebuke where necessary. We need to do this to keep them up-and-doing. Teach them the standard and ensure that they keep to it. Make sure you do all these things according to the word of the Lord.

4.5 Submit Yourself for Scrutiny

2Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly

furnished unto all good works.

Reproof and correction are scriptural. Even where it calls for discipline, it is scriptural; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. He that wants to go to heaven will say like Job, "That which I see not, teach thou me and if I have done iniquity, I will do no more." That should be your attitude as one that desires to go to heaven.

Hebrews 12:14

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

In a well-established church, there should be qualified accounting officers and auditors. This is necessary for this work to be done properly. The accountant keeps records of income and expenditure and auditors come in periodically to audit his books of record. The auditor will check and confirm those financial reports and records and be sure they are accurate and reliable and that ministry assets are safeguarded. These things should be done in love and not for witch-hunting. A minister or Christian worker who desires eternal life and

trembles at God's word must make himself and his records available for examination by other believers who are professionals in this matter. If you are a Christian leader and you want to go to heaven, you will readily say, "Come and check me; examine me and know my way; prove my heart and see if there be any wicked way in me."

Psalm 139:23-24

***23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.***

That is the prayer of the righteous, not that he will be angry and take offence when they investigate him. Why should he not be investigated to prove his righteousness? Even demons investigate believers. When the devil comes to investigate you, are you angry with him? Will he bother about your anger? Do you even know when he comes?

John 14:30

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world

cometh, and hath nothing in me.

Jesus said “The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me;” but as for you when he comes, will you be angry with him? Jesus was privileged to know that Satan visited often. When a demon leaves a man, he comes back to check whether the place is free again so that he may retake possession. So there is a check on you by demons. What is wrong if your brethren check on you? What is wrong if the leadership has instructed that your work should be audited or investigated? When they checked on Jesus, did they find sin in Him? Why not allow them to check on you and see nothing so that they can testify that you are a faithful man?

4.6 Deal in All Honesty and Utmost Integrity

2Corinthians 4:1-2

1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth

commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

This is a ministry you have received of God, so you have to renounce everything of dishonesty. Do not walk in carnal wisdom to make gain or to cover up your faults. If something gets spoilt in your hand, or some money in your custody gets lost and you cover it up, that is a fault. Is it your money? When you were given money to go and do something and it got lost, did you tell anybody? Did you bring it to light that the money got lost? Perhaps you could not understand how it got lost in your pocket and for that reason you did not see it necessary to report yourself, for fear of what will happen. That is still dishonesty.

May be you ended up putting the money that got lost under miscellaneous expenses. Who are you deceiving? We must renounce hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. Let them judge you if you do evil that God may forgive you and never close His kingdom against you.

4.7 Handle Ministry's Assets with Care and Due Diligence

How do you treat the properties of the ministry? Maybe as you were walking you stepped on a laptop and it got damaged, do you just come and say, "Hey! We need another laptop, another computer, the other one is spoilt." How did it get spoilt? Did it spoil due to normal wear and tear or due to your carelessness? You may think, "If I tell them that it got spoilt in my hand they may ask me to replace it with my money." Is it not better for you to tell the truth, even if you are asked to bear the cost of replacement? If God would show you mercy, they will not say so. But even if you are penalized, you accept it as the will of God. It will serve as future deterrent and a reminder to you to practice diligence and righteousness on your way to eternal life.

Job 34:31, 32

31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more: 32 That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

All things work together for good for them that love

God. Why hide the truth? Why withhold vital information? Maybe somebody gave a big sum of money as offering or donation, and you felt that if this money is recorded as income, they will think we have always been getting it like that, so you excluded it from your inflow in the monthly report you sent to Headquarters. That is unrighteousness. We are not to work in dishonesty or deceit but to practice righteousness in the sight of God and men. All these drivers that cause damage to church vehicles and fail to report themselves are not doing well. Maybe while driving the vehicle somebody hit them and instead of reporting the matter they quietly parked the vehicle and said nothing. They didn't realize that their going to heaven has been affected. Fear of the consequence has blocked faith, and whatever is not of faith is sin. Report yourself! The Lord knows how to handle your case. You can be forgiven. A man forgave someone that embezzled ten thousand talents. When Naaman gave Gehazi two talents of silver it required two people to carry it; how much more ten thousand talents? This is to show you how much money was forgiven a man. Why are you so afraid and think God cannot forgive you hence you have to be hiding your wrongdoing? Why are you so afraid to reveal even the immoralities you committed? Don't

you know that God can forgive you? Even if there are chastisements, it will be for a while and you will bounce back. Can you see that carnal fear is the problem of your life?

Jeremiah 3:12-14

12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause Mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. 13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed My voice, saith the LORD. 14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

4.8 Let The Auditors Do Their Work Without Fear or Favour

Allow the auditors to check your books without any obstruction or hindrance and to satisfy themselves in their probing. Let them ask all the questions they need to ask until they are satisfied, just like a Federal Road Safety officer will demand for your vehicle papers, driver's license, fire extinguisher, and caution sign until he is satisfied and tells you to go. Be ready to present your facts. That is what it means to work in perfection. Work in Holiness Revival Movement with a perfect heart.

Matthew 5:48

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

The auditor appointed by the church to examine the financial activities of the church should do so without respect of persons, for the work is of God and not of man. The salvation of many and the glory of the Lord are in it. This work of auditing, going to check on people and records, is not man's work. Do not have the fear of man, for if you do, you will fail God. Suppose the Pastor failed God, would you as an auditor also fail God?

Deuteronomy 1:15-18

15 So I took the chief of your tribes,

wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes. 16 And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between every man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. 17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it. 18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

The judgment is not your own. It is not for man but for God. The Lord is sending you because that man's name is already missing from the Book of Life. He is now using you to go and redeem your brother from hell. Love shall cover the multitude of sins. You are going now to cover it with the blood of Jesus by truth. Sometimes it is not easy, yet you

have to do it. You are doing it for God. The Lord says, "Go and relieve my people oppressed by a backslider." Did He not send Moses to go and judge Pharaoh to release His people from bondage in Egypt? Why should you be afraid when the Lord says "Go and save that man. Go and help him out of Satan's hand?" It could even be that that man has gone beyond recovery and he wants to do his worst before he leaves, and the Lord sends you to go and intercept him before irreparable damage is done; so that he may not be able to conclude his evil plans before he leaves. Instead of doing that, would you now become afraid of the man? You must pray for yourself, "God, remove respect of persons from me." The anger of man means nothing, for the anger of man shall praise the Lord.

When a police man is asked to arrest a person, does he fear his anger? He will simply announce, "You are under arrest." If the person becomes too tough for him he will bring more policemen. If the matter becomes too much for them, they will use tear gas, until the person becomes weak and then they can arrest him and put him in handcuffs. In the same manner, you are sent forth as an auditor with

the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will give you boldness in Jesus name.

In Holiness Revival Movement, our Ministers should constitute Vetting Committees and appoint auditors. We desire earnestly to keep our ministers and Christian workers from being contaminated by money. We want them to be holy, spotless, heaven-worthy, and be ready at all times. That is our prayer for them. May God help us to deal wisely and succeed in this area also in Jesus name. That is why we must collaborate to make sure righteousness dwells in this ministry. The unrighteousness of one man may affect the Ministry, hence we must fight against sin and corruption.

Be Your Brother's Keeper

Chapter 5

INSPIRED THOUGHTS ON SIN FOR SELF EXAMINATION

In your service for God always examine yourself by these 21 principles.

A. COMMANDMENT AGAINST SIN

1. Do not commit sin.

1 John 3:9

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

Prove to yourself and others that you are a child of God, a true minister of Christ by staying away from every kind of sin.

1 Timothy 5:22

Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's

sins: keep thyself pure.

2. Do not hid sin.

Proverbs 28:13

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Do not hide your sin, in case you fall into it. Confess it to God and seek restoration in Christ immediately and do your restitutions where required. Also, do not hide the sin of someone else when God gives you the privilege to know of it. Follow the scriptural steps required for his conviction, restoration, discipline and purging of iniquity from the house of God.

Deuteronomy 13:8,14;

***8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:
14 Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you;***

Leviticus 19:17

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

3. Do not encourage sin.

Exodus 22:2

If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him.

Do not follow the multitude to commit sin or encourage anyone to do evil against his brother and against God.

4. Do not promote sin,

Acts 22:19,20

***19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:
20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.***

Do not spread evil among men or in the house of

God. As much as is possible, prevent sin from advancing around you.

5. Do not confess half sin.

Joshua 7:19

And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.

God knows the sin that has been committed. Confess it fully and hide no portion of it.

6. Do not defend sin.

Leviticus 19:15

Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

Do not honour or pity yourself or another and defend sin committed that requires confession or judgement.

7. Do not refuse to judge sin

1 Corinthians 11:31,32

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Do not refuse to judge sin in yourself or in others. Present judgment on sin keeps us away from sin and makes us escape eternal judgment after death.

B. SIN IN YOU

1. Sin In You Must Not Give You Rest Until It Is Gone.

Psalms 51:3,4

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Allow the Holy Spirit to convict your heart of the sin you have committed. Do not harden your heart against Holy Spirit conviction over your sin.

2. Sin In You Must Be Exposed.

Psalm 32:3-5

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. 5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Be determined not to hide any sin in your life. Confess your sin in your life. Confess your sin to God and if required, to appropriate persons.

3. Sin In You Must Be Rejected.

Psalm 97:10

Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Hate sin. Reject it. Do not allow sin to settle in your life.

4. Sin In You Must Be Brought To Jesus

1 John 2:1,2

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Live your life without committing sin. In case you notice that you have committed sin, quickly run to Jesus and seek for forgiveness of sins and cleansing through His blood.

5. Sin In You Must Be Destroyed.

Romans 6:6

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

The body of sin you carry called the old man, the sinful nature, adamic nature should be taken to the cross with Jesus and be destroyed so that you will not be a servant of sin.

6. Sin In You Must Be Replaced With Christ's

Righteousness.

Romans 8:2-4

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Through the gracious experience of sanctification or heart purity in Christ the heart is rendered clean and holy and the believer is able to exercise full victory over sin.

7. Sin In Temptation Must Be Resisted Firmly.

Hebrews 12:4

Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Resist temptation to sin through persistent prayers.
Resist sin steadfastly until you die or you are killed

C. SIN IN OTHERS

1. Sin In Others Should Attract Your Pity.

Psalm 73:18-20

18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. 19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. 20 As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.

Do not envy sinners because of their prosperity, progress and success or because they continue without being discovered or judged. Pity them because they continue without being discovered or judged. Pity them because of divine judgement and hell fire at their end. Surely it is not well with them now and it shall not be well with them for ever.

2. Sin in others should attract your prayer.

1 John 5:16

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them

that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

Pray that God may deliver him from this evil tendency and destroy satan's grip on him. Pray that God will turn his heart to Jesus for his salvation. Confront satan in spiritual warfare over his life. Sin comes from the evil tendency in man and from the power of Satan over his soul.

3. Sin In Others Should Draw You Closer

Matthew 9:9-13

9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. 10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? 12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. 13 But go ye and learn

what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Look for the sinners, get closer to them, draw them closer in love and wisdom for the purpose of evangelising them for Jesus. Get at the backsliders to restore them back to faith. Deal lovingly and wisely.

4. Sin In Others Should Attract Evangelism Message.

Isaiah 58:1,2

1 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.

Preach the gospel of salvation and freedom from sin through faith in Christ to sinners and backsliders. Preach to them the message of repentance and restitution.

5. Sin In Others Should Attract Soul-winning Methods

Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Wisdom is the ability to select the right method that will work in evangelising each sinner and backslider. Wisdom comes through prayers. Ask God for the right thing to do to save that person.

6. Sin In Others Should Make You Spend On Their Salvation.

2 Corinthians 12:15

And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

It costs God His Son because He desired the salvation of human beings. It costs Jesus His Life for human salvation to be achieved. It must cost us money, time, energy, even our lives for the salvation of individuals, tribe and nation.

7. Sin In Others Should Make You Despise Persecution For Their Salvation.

Acts 20:22-24

22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. 24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Persecutions will surely come on the way of soul winner and minister of the gospel seeking the salvation and holiness of the believers. But as Paul the apostle declares it, none of these things should deter us in our ministry for Jesus among men. Woe be on us if we preach not the gospel to save sinners, for fear of persecutions.

APPENDIX

THINGS TO REPORT ON BY HOREMOW **CHAPTERS AND UNITS**

1. Assets acquired:

They include: land and buildings, motor vehicles, motorcycles, public address equipment such as amplifiers, speakers, microphones; Generators, Television Sets, DVD players, Projectors, Pulpits, chairs, etc. Indicate the dates that these items were purchased or received as gifts to the church. The purchase receipts should be filed and it is important that a letter addressed to the Movement should accompany such gifts. For buildings, cars etc., there should be transfer of ownership documents.

The reports should indicate location of the assets and their condition, whether in excellent condition, fair or bad. The reports should show when any of these items is sold, damaged or given out. It is good that when expensive equipment is to be purchased or received as a gift, the leader involved should let his superior leader know.

2. Financial Records

Total income in tithes and offerings collected, both during fellowship activity and outside fellowship activity are to be recorded. Note that personal gifts to the leaders or members that are specifically labelled as such are not part of the offerings, even when they are passed through offering bags. However, such could be reported as a separate occurrence where necessary. The financial reports should indicate pledges made and received. It is important for the co-ordinator to let leadership know of any substantial gifts received for personal use for acknowledgement.

Offerings during programs should be counted by at least two people and appropriately recorded. Offerings and other collections should be lodged in HOREMOW accounts. The use of personal or individual accounts should be discouraged. Keeping cash at home should be discouraged except for imprest that is meant for running the fellowship activities. An amount in cash should be kept to serve as weekly or biweekly imprest to cater for financial needs and should be replenished from

the bank. Proper accounts should be kept on the use of the imprest, and retired with receipts where applicable. Coordinators and leaders travelling for meetings outside their locality may collect cash advance for matters that concern the Movement and not for personal or family needs, and make proper retirement after the journey.

Faithfulness is required in financial remittances at all levels: from units, chapters, states, groups and nations. Financial reports should be accompanied by bank statements of the period of reporting. The report should indicate charity given out, stipends or allowances taken or given, salaries paid to specified workers, rent paid for specified properties etc.

3. Report on Programs

The report should provide detailed statistics of attendance at weekly meetings such as weekly unit fellowship and weekly Bible studies, monthly chapter meetings and women meetings, bimonthly group of chapters or regional meetings and quarterly state or zonal combined meetings. The reports should indicate number, age group such as children, youths and adults, and gender to show male and female. There should be reports for

special programs, crusades, outreaches etc. The reports should also indicate spectacular testimonies, special occurrences, problems and challenges encountered and other essential information.

The State, Zonal and National Coordinators are to write reports to cover visits of the International Director, whenever this occurs, and the report should be submitted within a month after the visitation. Note also that it is good to provide a day for counselling your members in your chapter.

**HOLINESS REVIVAL MINISTRY WORLDWIDE
(a.k.a) HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT
WORLDWIDE (HOREMOW)**

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

HOREMOW is a non-denominational Ministry having the following aims and objectives:

1. To hold Crusades, Conferences and Revival meetings in churches and nations of the world, so as to bring sinners to Christ's salvation and believers to His holiness. (Acts 26:16-18).
2. To produce Christian literature that promotes salvation of souls, sound Bible teaching and holiness of believers in churches and nations of the world. (Luke 1:1-4).
3. To produce audio and visual taped messages for the spread of the gospel truth in churches and nations of the world.
4. To bring denominational churches into Christian unity through the belief and practice of the faith once delivered unto the Saints.. (Eph. 4:12-15).
5. To support believers, ministers, ministries and churches with free Christian materials for their spiritual development in holiness. (Isaiah 65:1).
6. To raise members and supporters of Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide from churches and

Christian ministries all over the world who will submit their lives to Biblical holiness and be spiritually, materially and evangelically equipped to make others righteous and holy in their churches and in the society around them. (2 Timothy 2:2).

7. To establish Christian bookshops in many places within and outside the nation, equipped with holiness materials for the promotion of holiness in the churches of Christ in the world. (Romans 10:17).

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

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

10. To place the Ministry's book: *Escaping Hell Fire and Entering Heaven Made Simple* by Pastor Paul Rika in hotels, hospitals, prisons and in places that can attract public reading, for the salvation of sinners and holiness of believers. 1 (Cor. 9:18-22)

11. To own Satellite Channels for publicising the messages and programmes of Holiness Revival movement in the world.

12. To establish Bible Colleges where believers and minister can receive biblical and ministerial training for sound Christian ministry (2 Tim 2:2).

13.To have ministry campground in various headquarters and nations where holiness camp meetings can be held regularly. (Hebrews 10:25).

14.To hold zonal, national and international holiness conferences regularly for the promotion and spread of holiness in the lives of believers and in Christ's Church. (Colossians 1:28,29).

15.To mentor Churches registered under the ministry on sound doctrines, holy living and ministerial establishments. (Titus 1:5-14).

16. To support believers, ministers and ministries financially where required for their spiritual encouragement and establishment in holiness.

17. To have chapters of HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT in local governments, states and nations, holding regular meetings, with clear goals and uniform operations, which are submissive to central administration. (Philippians 4:8,9 Hebrews 13:17)

PASTOR PAUL RIKA
Int'l Director/Founder

HOLINESS REVIVAL MINISTRY WORLDWIDE (a.k.a) HOLINESS REVIVAL MOVEMENT WORLDWIDE, (HOREMOW) is a non-denominational Ministry given to the promotion of biblical Righteousness and Holiness in Churches and Nations of the world through Crusades, Conferences, Revival meetings, production and spread of Holiness literature and materials. The membership of the MOVEMENT is open to all that love to live a Righteous and Holy life and to spread same in their churches, communities and nations.

Call us to introduce you to Holiness Revival Movement Chapter nearest to you or to organize one for you and others where you are. We are now in more than 80 Countries.

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ABOUT THE BOOK

This book is written to help you live a life of blamelessness and holiness in the Christian ministry and administration among God's people. As a faithful leader over the people of God in any area of Christian service, including management of Church finance and assets, God expects you to give a true account to Him, and if required to men also. Read through this book prayerfully, asking for grace to practice the instructions and scriptural commands outlined in it. May the Lord keep you blameless and holy in the ministry till He comes. Amen.

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