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Introduction

This book is written to remind you of your daily responsibility in Christ. The author reveals to you what you can use your will power, your right of choice, which he calls the key of your life, to exploit the riches of grace in Christ. Through the positive exercise of his will power, a sinner can bring himself to Jesus and receive His salvation. A believer by the same power of choice can become great in the word, in prayer, in holiness and in Christian service. He can as well exploit the gifts God has invested in others in the fellowship of the brethren for his Christian establishment. This small book will revive you and keep reviving you anytime you study it

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Chapter 1

YOU ARE A LEADER

Be informed that you are a leader. If you are not a leader over a group of people or an assembly, you are a leader over yourself. God made you the master of your Christian life to lead yourself to Heaven.

He has given you **the means of salvation**. These are: *the word of God, the name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus and the spirit of God*. These are the means of salvation that will help you lead yourself well to Heaven. God is saying, *in the course of leading yourself, you will need these things: the name of Jesus Christ, the blood of Jesus Christ, the word of God and the Spirit of God. He has given you all these for your good use.*

He has also given you **the men of salvation**. These are the men He gave to the

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church as gifts which include: **the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers and all church workers and members** who are gifted by God for the work of the ministry. God has also given for your use the Christian materials they have produced: books, cassettes, commentaries, etc. God is saying *“in the course of leading yourself, you will need men to help you, guide you and strengthen you. He has therefore given you the men that will help your life. But remember you are the one leading yourself. All are only given for your use.”*

Again the LORD has clearly presented to you **the manner of the Christian life**. The manner of the Christian life and the activities are clearly spelt out in His word, the Holy Scriptures and in examples of godly men and women around us. God is saying, *“Here is the manner of the Christian life. If you really want to go to Heaven, this is how people that go to Heaven do it. If you want to establish yourself in Christ, this is how you are to do it. This is the advice or the commandment of the Scripture.*

Having told you all these things and given you, the means of salvation, men of salvation and manner of the Christian life, the LORD now watches how you will manoeuvre your way. He watches how you will administer and lead yourself in the Christian life to Heaven. Having given you all these things the LORD then puts the key of your Christian establishment, stability, continuity, progress and usefulness, and eventual entry into Heaven in your hand for your use.

Isaiah. 22:22

“And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.”

Can you see the word of God? He has given you the key of your life; He laid it upon you, saying that you can get to any height, nothing can stop you. You can be highly established and be made so great in your Christian life. You can be so exercised in this life, if you use the key that is in your hand, and make good use of the means of salvation, the men of salvation and the manner of Christian life seen in scripture and in others

around you. But, you can also decide to lock yourself against these things. The key is in your hand, both to open and to lock up yourself.

Matthew. 16:19

“And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

God has given you the right to self-determination. Whatsoever you determine to be in your Christian life, He will agree with you in Heaven. Whatsoever you determine to be established in your Christian life, that will He agree with you in Heaven. However, if you decide to be loose and careless, nobody can help you. This is because the key is in your hand. If you are careless, without thinking of your progress, without considering God, that is left to you. He has done what is required to be done for you. He has given you the grace, the means, the men, and has shown you clearly the manner of the Christian progress and establishment. He has put everything into your hand.

You are to determine how your Christian life should be, whether you will continue in Christ or not; whether you will eventually get to Heaven or not. How else do we explain about those who backslide? Is it that God rejected them on the way? No. How about those who ascended to some great height, but then fell from there? Is it because God pushed them down? How then do we explain about those who are stagnant in their Christian life? Is it that God does not want them to make progress in life? Can it be said that God does not want them to have His revelations, to be established in Christ or to be useful in His hands? Not at all. It all rests in their hands.

He who uses the key well gets the best and he who refuses to use the key well suffers the consequences. God stands very close by to make His grace sufficient for you and encourage you on your Christian establishment, spiritual progress and eternity with Himself. He is standing by to encourage you, to give you grace if you dare to stand.

Deuteronomy. 30:15-20

“See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: for He is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and

to Jacob, to give them.”

Can you see very clearly here, what the LORD is saying, ***“I call Heaven and earth to record this day”***? He has given to you the means of salvation, the men of salvation and has also shown clearly to you the manner of the Christian life, and now has put the key in your hand, that is, freedom of choice. He has made everything available to make you complete and useful and has given the key to you. He called Heaven and Earth to record this day against you that He has set before you, life and good, death and evil. And now He stands by to encourage you, saying, ***“choose life that you and your children may live.”*** The Key Is Your Power Of Choice, The Exercise Of Your Free Will.

This message presents to you the five doors which you are to use the key in your hand to open. God has provided everything and said you are to exercise your will power to make good use of them. He will never force you. The doors are before you to open. Future greatness and glory have been shown to you. He has given you

wonderful and fantastic promises to claim. God has told you what He can do for you, but the choice is yours. And that is the key, ***your will power, your right of choice. The decision is yours to chose to submit your life to Jesus now or reject Him; to choose to follow the word of truth, the scriptures or reject it. Both have consequences, now and in eternity.***

Chapter 2

THE DOOR OF STUDY AND MEDITATION ON GOD'S WORD

The food of the soul is the word of God.

Matthew. 4:4

“But He answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

Man shall live by feeding on every word that comes out of the mouth of God. Man can survive and can be sustained by every word that comes out of the mouth of God. As one eats the physical food to live, grow and be healthy and active, even so, must the word of God be studied and meditated upon regularly for the Christian life to be established and to grow and be strong and active. God has commanded all who serve Him to meditate on His word regularly in order to maintain sound relationship with Himself. All men, women, children, youth, adult and those in

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leadership position among God's people must mediated regularly on God's word.

Joshua. 1:8

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shall make thy way prosperous, and then thou shall have good success.”

The word of God is a means of salvation. It is what makes people not to backslide but continue to the end and make it to heaven. The word of God has been given to you. The choice is yours to make use of the Bible or not. The choice is yours to have a copy of the Bible or not. This book of the Lord, the Bible, which has been provided, shall not depart out of your eyes. The choice is yours to put the book always before you or not to do so. The choice is yours to consult the book always or not to do so. If you backslide it is not God who is responsible; it is your choice to do so. He has given you the book of the Lord which should not depart out of your mouth, but you neglected it!

Do you read the Bible? Do you even have a copy of the Bible? If you go to hell now, will you say God is responsible or that, God does not like

you and did not choose you for heaven? No! He has shown us clearly the way and has spelt it out, ***“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night,---”***. How many who have the Bible do actually meditate on it? That determines your Christian level. I tell you, the key is in your hand; ***“---that thou mayst observe to do according to all that is written therein:”*** Have you ever taken time to read the whole Bible or know all that is in the Bible? Are you labouring at all to know all that is in the Bible? The Bible tells you that you need to labour and know all that is therein, so that you can observe to do all that is in the Bible, so that you can go to heaven. ***“For then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success”***. We now see the difference and why some Christians are strong and others are not. It is clearly spelt out here for us, meditating on the word, many people do not do so.

The New Testament also emphasizes the fact that God's word must dwell in your heart richly in all wisdom. And that the leaders must study to show themselves approved unto God.

Colossians. 3:16

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

Do you believe in Christ? Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. Are you a follower of Jesus Christ? Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom. It takes effort, labour and commitment for the word of God to dwell in you **richly** in all wisdom.

2 Timothy. 2:15

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Paul in his writing to Timothy, a pastor and leader over people, admonished him to study to show himself approved unto God. It is very necessary to study that God might use you because whosoever purges himself shall be used. Whosoever qualifies himself shall be used. Therefore, study to show yourself approved unto God. Have you given yourself to work for God, to be a leader over a group of people, to pastor and teach the people of

God? Then, you are a workman and must study the work of God and know it richly in all wisdom.

You must study as a leader, however small the group is, to show yourself a workman that needs not to be ashamed. There are so many people that are ashamed this day because they are not able to answer the questions that are asked, simply because they have no knowledge. They have not made any effort to study the word of God, to stay up night and day to know the truth of the Scriptures. Neither have they spent time enough to seek the mind of God. As a result they cannot answer the questions of the people. They cannot lead the people, since they cannot give the clear word of God unto the people. Such workmen cannot be approved unto God.

God wants us to study His word. It takes time to study. If going to Bible school will make you come to the knowledge of God's word, then do it. Whichever right way that will make you know the truth of God and be approved, follow it. That is the will of God. The key to your usefulness and ministerial progress is in your hand. The key to your ascension in the work of God rests in your

hand. Do not be a lazy person or worker, but a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

In this time of false doctrine, misunderstanding and misinterpretation of God's word, it takes people who are exercised in knowledge to discern the truth. It takes people who have studied and compared scriptures with scriptures to discern the truth. No verse of the scripture stands alone, it has its mate. There is another part that speaks concerning that verse. It is either in the Old Testament or in the New Testament. Thus, it takes a man that has studied and known the scriptures both old and new testament to be able to coordinate those passages.

When you study and meditate on God's word, you will know the mind and will of God for your life. You will see clearly the temptations and weaknesses of your life. You will be cleansed from your sinful way.

Psalms 119: 9

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word.”

That is how to clean your way. As you study the word, it works in you and cleanses you. It purges you and thus makes you perfect. Through study you increase in faith. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God. By studying, you will maintain a holy life in this world.

Psalms. 119:11

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.”

When there is no word in you, there is no power in your life. As a result, you will sin. There are people that come to church and either sleep, go out and come in again or do other things instead of hearing the word of God. Such cannot remain without sin. One cannot overcome without the word of God. The Psalmist said, ***“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee”***. Again, when you study and meditate on God's word, you will be strong and overcome the devil and his wiles.

1 John 2: 14b

“I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.”

Those who are not literate enough to read must commit themselves to hearing the word of God in the church, in tapes and ask literate people to read and explain to them.

If the word of God is in you, you will overcome the devil. All the temptations and the devices of Satan cannot be effective against you when the word of God is in you. The word of God is a strong force in your life. Therefore, study and meditate on God's word. The LORD will give you the revelations of truth and deeper understanding of the mystery of Christ, if you take time to study.

Again, **when you study, you will be filled with the joy and comfort of scriptures**. That is what the Bible says.

Romans 15: 4

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

Are you passing through some trouble? Who does not pass through trouble or problems in this life? God has a word for you, to strengthen you, encourage and assure you. The word He has for

you is in the Bible. If you do not study, you will not know what the LORD is saying about your situation. If you do not study your Bible, you will not know what God is promising to do for your life. If you do not study, you will not also have the comfort of God, the refreshing of the Holy Spirit, and the assurance of heart that will strengthen you in the ways of God.

Studying and meditating on the word of God will strengthen your hope of eternal life. You will be strengthened in your heart concerning Christ's coming.

You have the word of God for your study and meditation. You also have cassettes, books and compact discs to listen to. How many of you really go after recorded messages or realize that some CD or DVD messages are necessary for you to have in your possession? How many of you really know that listening to some recorded messages will inspire and strengthen you, especially when you are weak? Are you really thinking of a better Christian life? What are you laying up for your future? How many even buy Christian books, or spend money on Christian

materials for their edification? Do you have Bible commentary? Do you even have a good Bible?

God has given these writers as gifts to you and they have produced materials for you to use and be blessed in your life. The key is in your hand. Either to open the door to study of God's word and attain to the height of grace the LORD has ordained for you in this life or to sit in darkness, confusion, lukewarmness, sin, unbelief, backsliding, deceit and in the fear of hell. The key is in your hand. **Study!** You are the one to do it. You are the one to acquire and organise the materials of study. Your revival is in your hand. Your success and usefulness are in your hand. The Bible is here. Consult the Bible and other books of study and there shall be great success in your Christian and ministerial life. Arise and begin.

Isaiah 1:19-20

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Chapter 3

THE DOOR OF PRAYER

The Lord has placed many of life's blessings, treasures and grace in the house of prayer. ***“My house shall be called the house of prayer” (Matthew 21: 13).*** These blessings are in store for you and for others that are with you. God gives them to you in proportion to your faith and prayer. The blessings of life are there to transform and make you a better person; to make you shine out so that human beings may see the presence and glory of God is in you. Did you see how through prayer the spirit of Elijah rested on Elisha? Indeed, this grace is there for you. The wisdom and knowledge of God are in store for you. He has kept good and precious things for you. But they are in the house of prayer.

Jeremiah. 29: 11 & 12

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not

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of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you.”

See what the word of God says ***“I know the thoughts that I think toward you. I also know what is set ahead of you and the plan I have made for your life.”*** You are important in the sight of God. He has a plan for your life. He puts it in the house of prayer and said you should pray and He will hear you. Just open your mouth and pray. Ask Him for the blessings of this life. He will give them to you. Ask Him for sanctification and holiness of heart and He will do it for you. Ask for baptism with the Holy Ghost. Ask for grace for service, ask for eternal life, ask for healing, deliverance and prosperity.

Mark 11:24

“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

That is the word of God. He has put these things in the store house of prayer for you. Ask, believe and receive them. Do you know that you can attain that position? Do you know that you

can be wise and useful in the hand of God? These things are preserved for you.

Proverbs 2:1-9

“My son, if thou wilt receive My words, and hide My commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of His saints. Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.”

You are exhorted to pray without ceasing, to pray always, to ask, seek and knock, to watch and pray, to pray persistently, to pray in the Holy

Ghost, to pray and intercede for all the saints. Fasting goes with prayer at times. You are also to pray in agreement with others. Join the congregation to pray. This is one of the secrets of having God's presence, grace and blessings. It keeps you victorious over sin, self and Satan. It makes you strong in your Christian life and effective in the Christian service. If you do not pray, you will not receive from God and your desires will perish. You will become spiritually weak, carnal and defeated in life.

James 4:1-3

“From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”

Where do the carnality, the envying and jealousy we are seeing come from? Where do the pride, the boasting, the struggle and the pushing of people down come from? Is it not because you have a desire in your heart? And you have

struggled and made all efforts with your human power and human energy and have not been able to get. The Bible says you have not been able to get it because you have not exercised yourself in prayer. You say you pray, but you are not determined in your prayer; you are not righteous in your prayer. Your prayer is not in accordance with the scripture. Keep yourself pure and start praying fervently. Keep your prayer life steady. Seek a prayer partner. Attend Church prayers. The key to your salvation, revival and spiritual dynamics is in your hand. That is, **the decision to pray is yours to make. The use of anointed water, handkerchief, apron etc is a lie nothing can take over the place of personal fervent prayer of faith.**

If you were really seeking for revival, the time you spent sitting down lazily, you would have used it to pray. If you were really ready for a life of spiritual dynamics, all the time you spent discussing or sleeping unnecessarily, you would have prayed instead. How many times have you fasted since the year began? Have you ever taken

a special time to fast? Do you give your life to fasting and prayer? Do you take time to pray for one, two or three hours? Do you pray regularly? Little wonder you are so weak. Remember that the key is in your hand. If the devil defeats you, it is not because the LORD is not willing for you to have the victory. It is because you did not use the key.

Galatians 6:7-9

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

Sow a good prayer life and reap bountiful answers for your joy

John 16:24

“Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

Exodus 4: 2

“And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod”

Like Moses, you have the rod in your hand. Raise it up. You have prayer and promises to stand upon, but you are allowing the devil to move up and down in your life. You are allowing your life to be so weak. You are so defeated, full of anger and bitterness. You are so confused and weak, lying down there. What are you lying down for? Rise up in prayer, use the name of Jesus and prevail. The key is in your hand.

Your blessings have been waiting for you in the store house, waiting for when you will open your mouth and pray. The Bible says in **Gal 4: 1-2**, *that the heir, when he is a child does not enjoy all the blessings of the father until he becomes of age. At the time he is of age, the blessings of the father are transferred to him.* What this means is that, good things belong to you, but you are not yet prepared, you do not understand, you have not come to your right senses yet. You have not come to the understanding of how to claim them, so they will remain there until you arise.

Jonah 1:6

So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.”

Arise in your prayer life. Arise to pray and you will not be the same. You should not be sitting down. You should not be weak. You should be greater than the way you are now. The world is looking for men and women that will redeem them from the hands of Satan. The world is looking for people that will deliver them from sin by means of prayer and intercession. The key is in your hand for yourself and your family. The key is in your hand to change your wife/husband and children. The key is in your hand to affect your relations, neighbours, the church and the world. The key is your decision to arise in prayer, fasting and warfare against principalities and powers.

Mark 11:22-24

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea;

and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

Ephesians 6:18

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”

Chapter 4

THE DOOR OF FELLOWSHIP

The Lord has given you the means of salvation, the men of salvation and has shown you the manner of the Christian life. God has shown you how to succeed in your Christian life and ministry.

Ephesians 4: 7

“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.”

This is the word of God. Unto every one of us in the church, who are believers, the Lord has given grace, gift and ability. The Lord has given gifts and ability to men and women and has given these men and women for the blessing of the church. Everybody that is a Christian is a gift to the church and to you. What for?

Ephesians. 4:12-16.

“For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of

the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

The men of salvation are a gift, given to establish, edify and build you up. They are given to protect, guide, direct, and help you go to heaven. They are the gifts of God for you!

Ephesians 4: 8, 11, 12a

“Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and

some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints.”

The LORD has given you all these apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers and a host of other Christians who minister to us in the word of God, in prayer and songs in the church. They are in the church contributing everyone according to his or her own gift and ability. We have the one that coordinates, the one that watches over your soul to ensure you hear the word of God and do not sleep, the one that sings with a beautiful voice and well coordinated words that sink into your heart, the one that leads prayer to help you pray off all those bad things of the devil, pray off weaknesses and sicknesses and pray you into the victory of Christ and the miracles of the Lord. These are in the church. There is one that preaches the word to you, exhorts and stirs you up in the Christian faith and makes you want to stand and accomplish a lot for God; the one that teaches you line upon line and opens your eyes to the verses of scriptures which you could have never known by your ability, using personal experiences, illustrations and examples to cause you to understand God's word. All these people are the gifts of God provided for

you in the church. They preach, teach, exhort, counsel, and comfort you so that you may be edified, strengthened, victorious and sanctified for the master's use.

In the fellowship of the believers, you will learn the knowledge of God and grow in wisdom and understanding. A true Christian fellowship is a good setting for God to manifest his presence and demonstrate his power and mighty works for you to see and be convinced that indeed the LORD He is God. It is in the fellowship of the believers that God's presence is highly manifested.

Psalms 33:1.

“Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.”

1 Corinthians 14:22.

“Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.”

Matthew 18:20.

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there Am I in the midst of them.”

Here God works all kinds of miracles. The eyes of the blind are opened and the lame walk

and all the doubts in your heart melt away. When you see the power of God, you will know that indeed, our God reigns and lives forever and ever. These things are the gifts God has presented to you. In the fellowship you will be challenged by the exemplary lives of others and learn from them. Believers' fellowship also offers you opportunity to exercise your faith and demonstrate

your zeal for the name of the LORD.

II Timothy. 2:22

“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

You are to be in fellowship where the sound word of God is taught and practiced. You are exhorted never to play cold feet towards the house of the LORD but to be fervent in spirit, serving the LORD.

Hebrews. 10:25

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more,

as ye see the day approaching.”

I John.1:3 4. *“That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.”*

Can you see the call to fellowship that the LORD is giving you? Attend the fellowship of believers: Bible study, prayer meetings and revival service. Be in Chapter meetings because it is there you are going to be established and learn more about God. The blessings and wealth of Christian fellowship are yours. When you come to the fellowship, you will be revived. You will discover that whenever you are cold and come to fellowship meeting and find these gifted men at work, coldness and lukewarmness disappear and fervency returns to your spirit. This is indeed, the provision of God for you. Be regularly in fellowship meetings.

Outside there, the enemy affects you in so many ways, but when you come to the house of God, you find people that have words of power, gifted with authority and the miraculous working

of God. By their ministration and prayer, all those weaknesses, sicknesses, attacks and fears go away and you receive your miracle and become strengthened again. Praise the LORD! When you are discouraged by many things in life and do not know what to do again or where to go, come to believers fellowship, you will be comforted and encouraged by the word of God. Through the service of gifted men, all your discouragement will go away. Then, you will be ready to stand again to carry the cross of Christ. You will carry on the service of God and overcome every persecution and obstacles on your way.

Isaiah 50:4

“The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: He wakeneth morning by morning, He wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.”

These are the provisions of God for you. It is left to you to decide whether you will come to church or not, whether you will go to Bible study, revival hour or Christian worship or not. You are the one to choose whether you will attend a special programme such as retreat, conference,

believers prayer meeting, participate in gospel outreach and crusades or not. The decision is yours to make that is the key to your blessing, success, revival.

“See, I have set before this day life and death, blessing and cursing.” The choice is yours. What do you decide? What will you do with your life? Are you using this grace and gifts the LORD has given to you? Are you exploiting the grace of the LORD in the church, utilizing the wisdom, revelations and truth you are learning? Are you making the best advantage use of your righteous and anointed pastor or do you see your pastor as having no value? All that he teaches you, all he does, the wisdom of God and the gift of God upon him, are they nothing to you? That is how you will damn your soul. The key of your life is in your hand. The key is your will to be dedicated to the fellowship of the children of God.

Chapter 5

THE DOOR OF HOLY LIVING

Christianity is all about a Holy God, who lives in Holy heaven and sent His Holy Son to the earth to redeem sinful men and make them holy in heart and life that they may serve the holy God eternally. Holiness is God's demand from men. It is also God's provision for men in Christ.

Ephesians 5: 25-27

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

Holiness is God's provision for you in Christ Jesus. It is God's command for you in His Holy Scripture that you should be holy in heart,

thought, word, action, and in your relationship with God and man. Holiness is the demand of God and the command of Scripture. You are to be holy at home, at work, in the church and in all business of life.

Hebrews 12: 14

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

You are to love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself. You are to keep God's word and obey all His commandments diligently. You are to live in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. In Christ, holiness is made easy. He is God-man and in Him man can possess the nature of God which is holiness.

1 Peter. 1:15-16

“But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I Am holy.”

The word of God says that we should partake of His divine nature. God became man

that man should take the nature of God and live the life of God, in the holiness of God. Holiness is possible. You can be holy. The Bible called the prophets 'holy men of God' and believers, 'the saints of God'. Apostle Paul said, I am holy, I behave holy and righteously, so holiness is a possibility. We can be holy. You can be holy in life.

1 Thessalonians 2:10

Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe”

In Christ you can possess the nature of God. Holiness is yours through faith in Christ. He told Paul in **Acts 26: 17-18**, ***“Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”***

Total cleansing is through faith in Christ. In Christ you can be totally purged. Peter said in **Acts 15:8-9** ***“And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare***

them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.”

God bore them witness, sent the Holy Ghost and purified their hearts. Holiness is the working and provision of God without which you cannot see Him. You can be holy and you can live a holy life.

I Thess 5:22-24.

“Abstain from all appearance of evil. 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. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.”

Can you therefore see that it is God that makes people holy and sanctified? And He has called you to do it in your life.

Ezekiel. 36:25-27

“Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony

heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them.”

And this is exactly what the LORD is saying He will do for you. He says in verse 37 *“Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock.* This is what the LORD has promised to do. The key is in your hand. God is the architect of holiness but the key to this is in your hand. He put the key in your hand and told you the means for your holiness: blood of Jesus, the name of Jesus, word of God, and Spirit of God. The key **your will**. You are the one to decide whether you will be holy or not, whether you will consecrate yourself unto holiness or not. Can you dedicate yourself? Paul told the people in Romans 12: 1 that the key of holiness is in their hands.

Romans 12: 1

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a

living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

The key is in your hand. You are to decide whether you will be holy or not. On the part of God, all the means to make you holy and victorious over sin have been provided. All the means to qualify you to go to heaven have been provided. He said that without holiness you cannot go to heaven. He then provided all the materials for holiness and kept them in store for you, that if you will decide to be holy, the door will be opened to you to enter into the holiness of God and you will be a holy Christian. You will be holy in your heart, tongue and in your actions. May the LORD make you holy.

Chapter 6

THE DOOR OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

We are saved to serve. As the angels serve God in heaven, even so are we to serve Him here on earth. In the Lord's Prayer, He said: "----*Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*"(Matthew 6: 10). Every creature of God serves His own purpose. You were created in Christ Jesus to serve the purpose of God and render service which is acceptable unto Him, both now and in the future. There are various types of Christian service. There are degrees of grace for Christian service. You are to determine your effectiveness and progress in the Christian service. There are also degrees of commitment to Christian service. The choice concerning how much of your time you will give to God is yours. He will not force you, although there is so much to be done. If you use 24 hours to do the work of God,

there will still be much to do. You are the one to determine how many hours in a day to offer to God. If you want to offer nothing at all or to do nothing at all for God, of course, the key is in your hand. He has given to you the key, the power of choice. If you use the key to bind your life so that you may become helpless, of course, you will become helpless.

How much time will you give for God's service? Can you spend up to one hour out of the 24 hours in a day for God's service? Can you afford to give five hours a day to God? Will you be as committed as to give up your full time for God? Whatever it is, you are to determine it. You are to determine the level of your usefulness to God and man. There are both earthly and eternal rewards for Christian service. You are to decide whether you will lay your treasure in heaven or not at all. There is a key in your hand your will.

The knowledge has been given to you, the revelation has been given to you and the exhortation has also been given to you. The

LORD now watches to see what you will do with yourself. If you succeed in getting to heaven, you will see that as a man makes his bed so shall he lie on it. You are not going to have any reward greater than your investment when you were on this earth. You are the one to determine it. You are to determine the number and quality of crowns you will have in heaven. God's love and call is for all. His grace is towards all even as He gives all the opportunity of service. He called all and gave them every available talent for service. There is a great grace for usefulness kept in store for you. You can be better than the way you are now. Your future is neither fixed nor determined. You determine your future every day. If this message succeeds to make you rise up, then you have got a new future. A new future altogether and a bright future will open up to you because you determine your future. You determine your level. You can be better than the way you are now. A better end and a glorious way await you.

You can die in a better way and have a glorious end. Since your end has not come, you

can make it better if you change your mind now to use the key that is in your hand to open the five doors which have been set before you. God has set before you the door of life and blessing. If you can use the key, which is your will or power of choice, and decide to change your prayer life, by taking prayers seriously, decide to lift up this Bible and let it be your daily meditation, decide to read the books and listen to messages of men of God and apply yourself to them, decide to be consecrated in the fellowship of brethren and dedicate yourself to the word of God, if you can rise up and change your life, pick up your Christian life, become holy and set your will there, decide to improve your Christian service, to be a greater man or woman for Jesus, the spirit of God will baptize you and you will be a new person having a better future. The key is in your hand. May the LORD answer your prayer! May the LORD answer my prayer for you! May God bless you!

Chapter 7

SALVATION, THE ONLY WAY TO THE KEY OF LIFE

All we have addressed from the beginning of this book is that the key of your life is in your hand. The Lord has created you and has put the key of how you can rule your life in your hand. He cannot come and live your life for you. At creation He gave you free will, which is the power of choice. This is why the way of life is paved with decisions and choices which man has to make every day concerning everything. One of the major decisions a man has to make is how he can go and live with his maker in heaven eternally. On the other hand, he has to choose how to avoid going to live in hell with Satan eternally. For there are two ends of eternity heaven or hell. That is why Moses said in

Deuteronomy. 30: 19.

“I call heaven and earth to record this day

against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:”

The power to choose heaven and live with God is in your hand. Now, the foundational blessing which you need to use the key to bring you into is salvation from sin or the new life. In this chapter, the way of salvation will be shown clearly to you. Use your will power, your power of choice to bring yourself to Jesus and become a citizen of the kingdom of God.

John 3: 3, 5

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

If you are not born again, you cannot pray or enjoy the study of God's word. Your prayers will not be meaningful to God.

John 9: 31

“Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but

if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth His will, him He heareth.”

Psalms 66: 18.

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:”

In fact, a sinner's prayer is an abomination unto God.

Proverbs 15: 8. *“The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight.”*

Even the service of a sinner is not acceptable to God. These few Bible references are, therefore, very instructive for a sinner to know that he needs connection with God. It is only when a sinner receives Jesus Christ into his life that he becomes connected to God, is made alive and can offer lively sacrifice unto God.

John 1: 12

“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:”

Salvation from sin brings a man to God and gives him a place in His kingdom

Psalm. 15: 1, 2.

“Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.”

Psalm. 24: 3, 4.

“Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.”

It is very important for the sinner who reads this book to know that those doors discussed in the previous chapters cannot be operated by a sinner; otherwise he will either use them fruitlessly or presumptuously and at the end of his life, he will be a fool, gnashing his teeth in hell. The sinner should possess the key of salvation first so that all the other keys will be used fruitfully and profitably. **If you are a sinner, decide now to give your life to Jesus Christ in order to become a child of God.**

The Bible says that there is hope for the

hopeless. This is why this chapter is included to lead sinners from groping in darkness into light.

John 8: 12.

“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I Am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

Jesus Himself made the greatest altar call in history. Matthew. 11: 28. *“Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”* Do not grope in darkness anymore. If you come to Jesus the spirit of God will get you activated in righteousness.

Many will say *“Have I not come to Jesus yet? I am a pastor. I pay my tithe regularly. I do not go late to church at all. In fact, I so sacrifice my life for Christ that I am not even married.”* Others may say, *“I am a bishop. I am the one who built the first church in my village for people to worship;”* etc. As long as one sin is reigning in your life, you are not yet of Christ.

I John 3: 8

“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this

purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

John 8: 44.

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

My friend, if you do not want to hear the most disappointing, most blood chilling, and most shocking proclamation by the Saviour of the world at the close of the age, humble yourself and follow the steps require for real salvation from sin today.

Matthew. 7: 22-23.

“Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.”

If you do not want to hear those words, then,

'make hay while the sun is shining'.

Isaiah. 55:6.

“Seek ye the LORD while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.”

This is because time is coming, and very soon, when you shall call upon God, and you will not find Him. This is the time to call upon him. Today is the day of salvation, harden not your heart. You can find a new life in Jesus today. Apply the following to your life:

1. Acknowledge to God that you are a sinner.

Romans. 3: 23. *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”* Sin leads to eternal death. Romans. 6: 23. *“For the wages of sin is death....”*

2. Repent from all your sins. Acts 3: 19, *“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”* Repent from sin means stop your evil ways because God does not want it

3. Confess all your sins to God. I John 1: 9; Proverbs. 28:13. Tell God all the evils you are doing and seek His mercy and forgiveness

4. Invite Jesus into your heart. Revelation. 3: 20.

Open your mouth and invite Him into your heart as you invite someone to your house.

5. Believe on Him and go rejoicing. Isaiah. 1: 18-20.

Accept Jesus, accept His word and obey Him.

Finally, actualize this in prayer; by repeating the prayer the following prayer:

Father God, I acknowledge that I am a sinner and I confess all my sins (confess them now). Forgive me all my sins; I will not sin again. Lord Jesus, come into my heart. I believe you died for me and rose again from the dead. Write my name in the book of life.

Thank You Lord for saving me.

If you pray this prayer sincerely, believe you are now saved. Romans. 8:1. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..." John 5: 24. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word and believeth....., have everlasting life....."

Then in order to keep your salvation you must:

1. Read your Bible daily. Psalms. 119: 9, 11, 105; I Peter. 2: 2.

2. Pray and fellowship with Jesus often. Luke.18:1; Matthew. 26: 41.

3. Fellowship with true believers. Hebrews. 10: 25.

4. Witness for Jesus everywhere you go. Mark.16:15.

5. Hate sin and flee from it. I Thessalonians. 5: 22.

6. Live holy in the presence of God. Heberews.12:14. Finally, based on your new found faith, you have become a new creature, II Corinthians. 5: 17; you have also become joint heir with Jesus Christ, Romans. 8: 16, 17 and therefore all things (including all the doors discussed in the previous chapters) are now yours. Praise the Lord!

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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).
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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

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

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