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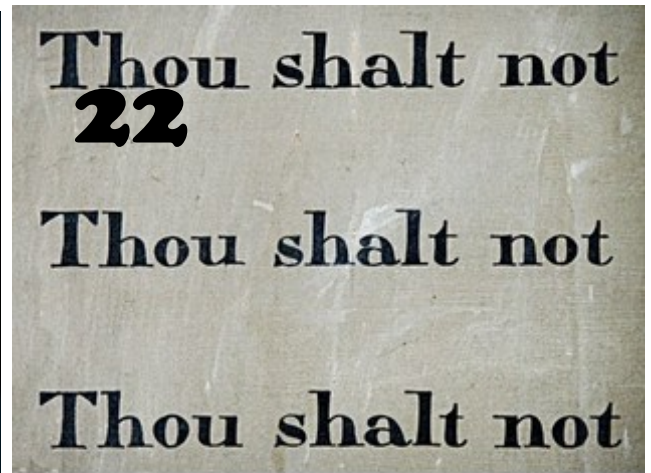
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15th word

They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

Psalms 125:1 KJV

In a world like ours, filled with uncertainty, never has the human race needed so much reassurance. In the face of a plunging economy, not just of the nation or its industries, but also of families and their individuals, fear seem to have become a way of life.

In all of this, what does God hold in stock for His own?

Ibukun's *Doctrines or God*, Tosin's *Activating the 6th sense*, Joan's *Storms*, Ope's *Overfished Waters*, Tobi's *True Laziness*, Femi's *Yes You Can* are all put together in this 15th issue of *grenepages* to bring the message to you. You can STAND FIRM like Mount Zion that cannot be removed, come what may.

So how do you do it? "They that trust in the Lord..."



Yes, You Can!

Welcome to *grenepages*!

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MEDITATION:

In God our victory is sure,
In God we will overcome
every storm.

storm

“Yet in all these things we are more than
conquerors through Him who loved us”.
(Romans 8:37 NKJV)



If we never had to go through
Would we really know God is so true?
And stronger than every storm
That we can't be drowned no matter its force

I've seen the Lord...
In Him I am strong
Even when I feel lost
I'm only stronger through the storms

What a boast
The Lord is my boast!!!
In weakness I find His strength
In Him is all of my help

Let me always be
Like a thriving olive tree
Planted in Your court
Living for Your cause

Keep us that You call Your own
In You, day by day, make us grow
As our light shine let the world see;
Indeed we have been with Thee

Storms will call
Storms will come
and away storms will go
But Your everlasting love remains and never goes...



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stand firm



Again, as always, I say stand at your duty post.

Stop looking about for what is not missing.

I reckon that the century we live in is evolving at an untamed pace that makes it easy to blur the line between the Church and the world, but if you stick with the scriptures without modification, He will find you faithful.

Different batches of people are going to pass through your post at several intervals, just stand firm...

Some who have passed may take their hands off the plough a while later, just stand firm...

Some are going to catch the fire stronger than you who witnessed to them, just stand firm...

Some are going to castigate you for your stringent or even less stringent mode of dressing, but will no longer be standing years later, just stand firm...

And that everyone is getting weary is not enough reason to walk away from your post, just stand firm...

Şá rójú dúró, má sekùn!

Just remain steadfast in your post.

Someday, you will account for whether you made the world wait forever for your manifestation or not.




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true laziness



“Lazy people don’t even cook the game they catch, But the diligent make use of everything they find.” Proverbs 12:27
NLT

Will you call a man lazy, who went as far as hunting for a game? Will any hunter leave his game to waste, even if he got it free? Is this just about hunters and animals, does it relate to me? How have I being lazy? What have I being wasting?

How many ideas have I gotten this year?

How many did I bother to work on? None? **The scriptures say I am lazy.**

How many years did you spend in the university... four, five, six or seven? What did you learn there? What in the world have you done with that knowledge? Are these not the games you caught and refused to cook? **The scriptures describe you as lazy.**

You can sing, you can play any instrument, you can act, you can preach, you can write, yet, right now, you do none of them. You caught games, yet you refused to cook. **The scriptures say you are lazy.**

You bought that book, or someone bought it for you. The ideas in it are life transforming, but this same book has been on your desk for months. You keep saying, “I have not had time

to read it.” That’s how you’ll end up not reading it, just like several others. You have refused to cook the same game you caught yourself. **The scriptures say you are lazy.**

What is it that you can do, which until now, you have left undone? God gave nothing to you, so that you can waste them. Not even the least expensive thing or idea. The diligent make use of everything they find. Your time, that skill, that talent, that gift, that idea, that book, that certificate, that little knowledge,

that script you wrote, that short song you composed, that experience you had... name them. Use them! Let them not be wasted.

Immediately you hunt down an animal, decomposition starts, even though it might be early to notice. If left for too long, you wouldn’t even stand the odour. The hunter doesn’t waste time to cook it. The same goes for your resources; they leave you as soon as they

come if you don't use them. Why not cook your game?

The Holy Spirit has inspired the writer of Proverbs 12, to tell you that you are lazy, not because you are not trying, like the hunter who goes hunting and catches a game, but because you are not utilizing the resources already in your position. You are not cooking the game. A

smart hunter will at least sell the game to someone who will cook it. All those ideas you have kept to yourself, can you at least sell them to someone?

True laziness is being in possession of unutilized resources. True laziness is knowing what to do, yet leaving them undone.

Lazy people don't even cook the game they catch, but the diligent make use of everything they find.





The fact that many people are out there doing what you believe you should be doing should not stop you. In one form or another, there is the possibility of those ideas running through your mind being in existence already. Yes, many have gone ahead with those plans of yours. While yours may still be at the planning stage, they might already be at the implementation stage.

For some, this fact can be intimidating, hindering them from overcoming inertia. They can't just see how they will stand out in that 'field', which seems already flooded. They are asking, 'How do you fish in already overfished water?' You might not want to be seen as

joining the bandwagon of a seemingly successful enterprise. Yes, you don't want to sound and look 'opportunistic', but what if that path is where your conviction lies. If there are people in that 'line' which to you might seem overpopulated already and yet still have the nudge in that direction, it is a signal of an existing vacancy. There is a need the 'they' are not meeting. There is this omission you are being commissioned for. All the others have not been able to address such well and you are needed promptly. "Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write a careful account for you,

this water is overfished



most honourable Theophilus, so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.”

Luke 1:1-4 (NLT)

Luke refused to be intimidated by the many published (or should we say established) writings in circulation. It's like, what will he write that has not been written? Sounds like, 'What will I do as regards this that has not been done already?'

It's interesting to note that even the many writers wrote about what was common knowledge (in their environment); their writings were not news nor special of sort. Why will you write about what people are aware of and

still expect them to patronize your work? Why will you expend energy on what seems not needed and irrelevant? Many people did this anyway, and Luke went on to repeat what these many people were doing. It would have seemed like a wasted and lost effort.

However, Luke's insistence in doing what many others were already doing paid off.

Firstly, his diligence and faithfulness in following through his conviction gave the world the most detailed Gospel account. His effort is still bearing fruit until tomorrow, centuries after he ventured into a crowded 'industry'.

Secondly, he reached 'his audience', which others had not been able to reach effectively. Even if it was only Theophilus that patronized him, it was still a success story of impact and influence. Do not hold back in launching out in that direction as long as you are convinced. With time, your sincerity, diligence and faithfulness will stand you out amidst the crowd and 'your people' will be eternally grateful you showed up, meeting their needs in that your unique way others couldn't and wouldn't.



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“If I can just raise some money. If I could be more spiritual. If I can just find a faithful partner. If I can just find the right drug. If I can just find someone to help.”

These and many more are some of the excuses we give for our predicaments. We seem to be confined by so many limitations. We are surrounded by so many immovable mountains and several impossibilities. There are moments we feel hopeless as if we have come to a *cul de sac* and there is no more way for us.

Well, I have come to tell you today that whatsoever we ultimately experience in life is our choice. We have no excuse in life. We cannot blame God for our location, colour, country, or condition. Providence has placed us, in His wisdom, into the best part of the world with the right kind of people.

It is our responsibility to take our unique conditions back to God and allow Him to accomplish His purpose through those experiences. This is why the Scripture says, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who

are the called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28 NKJV).

Friend, God has given us all the resources we need to alter our conditions “as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue” (2 Peter 1:3 NKJV).

What you need to have a healthy and wealthy life is yours already. You can be spiritual. You can live above sin. You can have all your needs met. You can become anything that God has planned for you. Nothing stops you.

I have realized that what confines us is not the conditions of our lives but the convictions in our hearts. The lack in our lives is not the lack of resources but the lack of resoluteness to pursue God’s purpose for our lives.

In Mark 9:23, Jesus responded to a man who was desperately in need of healing for his epileptic son. He prayed Jesus to heal him if He could. Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes (NKJV).”

Jesus helped him to refocus on what is important to His breakthrough - his believability!

Just like this man, our focus when we are faced with a challenge or a need is always on what we can do to solve the problem. Do we have enough money? Do we have enough power, skill, ability,

knowledge or equipment? We always try to do our best to solve the problem. We think of what **we can do**.

More often than not, we realize that we are limited and there is little or nothing we can actually do. We come to that state of helplessness just like the father of this epileptic child.

Jesus made it clear here that focusing on our ability will not solve the problem. It is the wrong way to deal with our challenges. God is not looking for our ability but our believability. It is not how much you have in your bank account but how much can you believe? How far can you see?

As a matter of fact, God is embarrassed when He asks you to do a thing and you are considering your bank account. God wants you to cast your abilities in divine possibilities.

The truth is if you have a God-sized vision, it takes a God-size faith to accomplish it. Your ability cannot accomplish heaven’s project.

Hear what Jesus said to the man again, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” So, the real issue is not if you have money or means but if you can believe.

You can if you can believe. All things are possible to the one who believes.

The question I want to ask you is simple, “Can you believe?” If your answer is Yes, Jesus said your problem is solved. The project is possible. You can do it. You can overcome sin. You can have a stable and consistent walk with God. You can conceive. You can marry this year. You build the house. You can build the business and become a multimillionaire if you can believe.

The first thing God will do for you is not to enlarge your capacity but to enlarge your believability. Your capacity or ability will then increase in proportion to your faith. Until your faith is increased, your ability or capacity cannot increase.

Maybe the prayer you need to pray is the prayer of the apostles, “Increase our faith” (Luke 17:5). You need to ask God to expand your capacity to believe. You need an increase in your believability quotient.

God needs to overhaul your belief system if you want to see Him at work.

After Lot separated from Abram, these words came to Him from God, “Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever” (Genesis 13:14-15 NKJV).

Where are you right now? What conditions or predicaments are you surrounded with? Are you barren or broke? Are you in debt or depressed? Are you confused? Are you sick or sad? God said, “Stop looking down on yourself or at your current conditions. Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward.”

Write down all the good things and great future that you see. Write big things. Write impossible things. Write things that have never been done in your lineage. Let it be massive. Don’t write based on your current conditions.

God said, “For all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.”

Except you can’t see or conceive it, God is committed to giving it to you. It is possible if you can believe.

Yes, you can!



The Prevailing
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activating the

6th sense

And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles. When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in

one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 1:24-2:4 NKJV

As a man, you have fasted and prayed that God should show you the BOMB (Bone Of My Bone). And just after your long session of prayers, you appoint these three ladies and array them in your mental faculty, then you begin to classify and categorise them according to looks, educational achievement, career prospects, propensity to be business-minded, social status, and bla and bla. Then you cast a lot...

The eleven disciples of Jesus prayed before the appointment of the twelfth person who was to replace Judas. This shows that they acknowledged the need for help and wanted it from God. However, little did they know that without the Holy Spirit, nothing could be achieved - at least, nothing that was the will of God. Who was to convey the mind of God to

them? Who was to bear witness in their hearts? It was the Holy spirit.

Some Bible scholars have propounded that the appointment/casting of lot was a complete derail from the will, plan and purpose of God. The instruction they needed to adhere to was – ‘wait a few days’ (Acts 2:4-5).

The Holy Spirit came upon everyone in the upper room, no doubt. He was to enable everyone for the work ahead. No wonder, an ordinary usher like Stephen was full of faith and power, he did great wonders and miracles among the people (Acts 6:9).

Nevertheless, one person was still meant to fill the office of Judas. According to the Scholars, time proved Paul was that man.

We are now in the dispensation when we need the Holy Spirit to help us and guide us especially in making decisions. After Jesus ascended, He sent the Holy Spirit because He knew the magnitude of His importance. He knows just how much you need Him to succeed in this life. He will not make the decision

for you, but He promised to guide and teach you.

You have to depend on Him. You must quit *appointments and lot casting* in your mind. Pull down the strongholds standing against the judgement of God in your mind and let His will and His peace rule in your heart.

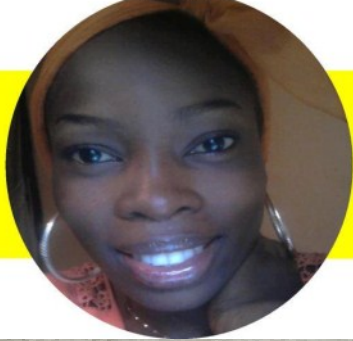
Let me share a personal experience. Sometimes ago, I realised I had misplaced my office ID Card. I had the choice to quickly

request for another one, but I was reluctant about doing that though I knew the consequences. I went about my business at work, hoping that no one from the HR Department or a Management staff would harass/caution me. Why didn't I request another ID Card? I had some peace in my mind and I felt that I had not really searched thoroughly yet. I knew that it had to be somewhere and only the Holy Spirit could help me find it.

Then accusations came. A junior colleague started to remind me of the need to change my ID Card because of a certain merger which had just taken place and that I needed to submit the old card to obtain the new one.

So one morning, during my devotion, I stayed my mind on that search for ID Card and I received an instruction to get up and to begin to search through the pockets of my suits. I almost shoved the idea away but I had gotten up already before I could do that. The first suit I checked had my card in its pocket. Praise God!

Many times I am amazed as such exactness, precision and accuracy that we get through the Holy Spirit. When you perceive the aroma of fried plantain with your nostrils, you do not confuse it with oven-baked cake, do you? This is the same with what the Holy Spirit does for us. He conveys the mind of the Father without mincing the details. He is the sixth sense. Trust Him today.



Maximizing Teen-hood

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Many believers these days have replaced God with doctrines. The moment they are observing their church's doctrines, they think God is happy with them. Am I against doctrines? No! Is bible against doctrines? No!. However, for a believer to think all that makes him/her a true child of God is by strictly following the doctrines of his/

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her church, is the most self-deceiving thing that could happen to such a Christian.

Doctrines are good, they help us to understand the law of moderation and help us to be self-conscious which of cause is good.

However, many believers these days are carried away by the doctrines than being carried away by the God of the doctrines.

So many believers believe that as far as they can follow their church's doctrine, God is pleased with them. Though some of those doctrines were born out of godliness and passion for God, you can be following them without your heart following God.

I have seen the 'ideal Christian' with no earrings, no attachment on their hair, in fact no powder of any kind, but yet they can tell lies even to a higher authority, they can comfortably sit and gossip with no fear. I meant what I just said, I have them around.

So where am I driving at? Because of such people, many non-believers have seen us as hypocrites. Instead of the church or Christian leaders or parents, paying all of their attention to those outward doctrines, why not let us start paying a larger percent of the attention to emphasizing on **loving god and having the fear of God**. The more a believer loves and fears God, the more of God's nature he/she begins to share. Moreover, you cannot love God and not want to

spend quality time with Him. You cannot be spending quality time with God and not be transformed over the time. Your transformation will start from within (the heart) and reflect on the outside as time goes on.

At this stage of transformation, there are some clothing you will be not be able to put on again and there are some places you will not be able to go again. In fact, without anybody telling you, you will cut off from certain friends, habits, lifestyle, etc. As a lover of God, you will then realize that you need to represent Him well even with your looks. When you get to this level, nothing becomes too difficult to do away with because of your love for God. You do not feel compelled or obligated; rather you do those things for love's sake.

This is the level we all should aspire and encourage others as well to get to that level; enough of people having the form of godliness but denying the power thereof. Do not teach your children, members, friends, staff, etc. ordinary doctrines that do not equal salvation, rather teach them to love and fear God and see if such people will not be transformed even to the outside and even beyond your imagination.

Remember, what goes inside a man does not defile a man; rather it is what comes out from the inside. Selah!



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