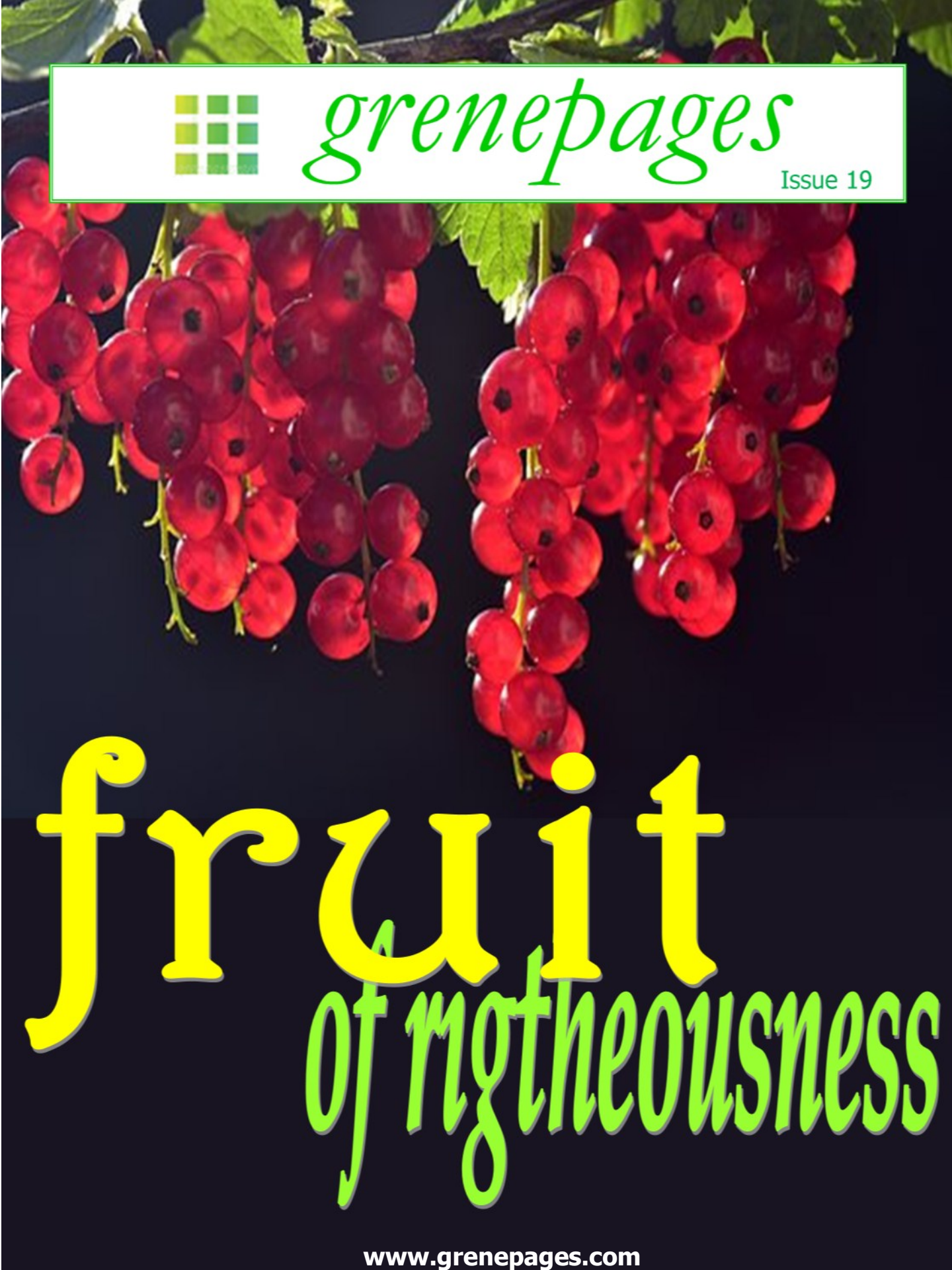




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19th word

Lives change when they meet Jesus. Many testify to this in the scriptures and around us. People tell us, "Oh, *I gave my life to Jesus*" and we always wish there was a *spiritometer* to check the genuineness of their claims. Sometimes, we rejoice with them, but in our minds, we say, "Lord let it be true!"

Saul, whose name later changed to Paul came to the same Christians he had spent his life persecuting. "I am born again. I am now one of you." You don't want to go near Saul to find out if he was being sincere or not. You would wish there was a *spiritometer*.

There is a *spiritometer* actually. Matthew 7:16 helps us through: "*You shall know them by their fruits...*"

This edition of *grenepages* "**fruits of righteousness**" serves as a guide for us to check ourselves first even before any attempt to check others. Compare your fruits to what you profess.

What kind of fruits am I producing?

Welcome to *grenepages*. It's always a pleasure to have you here.

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***“But you, O Lord,
are a compassion-
ate and gracious
God, slow to anger,
abounding in love
and faithfulness.”***

Psalms 86:15 NIV

***“Because your love
is better than life,
my lips will glorify
you.”***

Psalms 63:3 NIV

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It's your love

The air I breathe

It's your love

The song I sing

Your love never gives up on me

It heals and sets me free

When I'm too blind to see the wrongs

Your love pulls me out of where I don't belong

Your love is my wisdom nudge

Your love prunes rather than judge

Your love is my trust

The air of my lungs

Your love gives me rest

Your love sends me help

Your love favours me beyond what could be earned

Undeserving, yet your love gives me the best!

Your love takes me to places

I sit with great faces

Your love gives me great grace

Grace beyond the race

In your love I'll stay

Even when it seems I'm being slayed

'Cos I've seen you work all things for my good

You are God, ever faithful ever true!

Keep me in your love

There's nowhere else I belong

I'm nothing without your love

Nothing without you my Sun!

when cool

I cannot count the number of times I have had to run away from an angry mother hen that charged at me, as a boy. In fact, I have found myself repeating it in my adulthood.

I used the expression 'found myself' because I never planned to run away from a mere hen. Each time it happened, after I was in a good distance away from the fiery charging hen, my eyes opened to the fact that I, a boy, actually, a man, should not have moved an inch away from a mere hen. Well, I felt disappointed but also grateful to my legs for working out my well-being.

I was not the fowl's mate in strength but I ran from it anyway. So why would an adult have to run from a hen with less strength than he has?

The truth is that each time I ran, I was not running away because of the STRENGTH of the hen, but because of the COURAGE it possessed to chase me. It seemed odd to me that a lower animal will charge at me. The



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courage of the animal got me confused; I forgot my strength and ran away from the angry hen. The fierceness, ferocity and fury in its eyes, accentuated by its puffed-up wings usually made me forget my strength, at least until I was distance away.

That is a classic case of a strong man running away from little battles because of lack of courage.

You may be strong... but without courage, you will keep running from little fiery hens.

Strength is very important. It is the quality of being strong. However, it becomes useful when you are courageous enough to face the task, in the first place. Courage gives expression to your strength.

It was not without good reasons that God kept telling Joshua, *“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest (Joshua 1:9 KJV)”*.

Gideon found it hard to believe that he had any might. That is what lack of courage does; it dwarfs your strength and makes you look ordinary to yourself.

And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house. And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that thou talkest with me. Judges 6:14-17 KJV

It is unarguable that Christians are strong! We draw our strength from the Almighty. That is not the end. It is only the beginning. We must be courageous to take every step as laid in our hearts by God. We must move out of the comfort zone to the next level he has long sorted out for us. This is the only way we can be fulfilled and fully explore the riches of His glory.

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Homegirl,

Discipline!

That word does not dish out a pleasant feeling. Yet, it is one of the most acknowledged and indispensable traits of highly successful people. It is a quality going into extinction amongst our generation today.

Ours is a generation of NOW.

We want to wear the best clothes NOW, ride the best car NOW, be a CEO/girl boss NOW, marry and become rich NOW, be listed under Forbes NOW, become a fellow of multiple organizations NOW, be known all over social media NOW and be known all over the world NOW.

So we are always on the run, crushing every single thing that dare to stand in our paths from marriage to family to friendships to our very own integrity.



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We are the throwaway generation.

When things get broken, from shoes to marriage, we don't think twice before we throw away. We don't even know what a glue or sweetener is. Who has the patience? *Abeg!* We say.

The glitz and glamour of the media are our role models, never mind that most of those standing in the glitz had worked their sweats off to be standing there.

The 'Have it all, Have it NOW' syndrome is the reason why a girl who is still an undergraduate would insist that the boy she would ever consider to court or even marry be rich NOW. Never minding that he is just a student like her with a potential that should be allowed to manifest into reality in its own time. No, she wants to see the manifestation NOW, in the trappings of a car, expensive dates, surprise gifts and what-nots.

Hey, a girl should desire good stuff and that her man be able to shower good stuff on her, but insisting on that desire with a man just finding

his feet is ridiculous. Also is passing up a man that you know in your heart of hearts would be a good husband just because he is not rich. More absurd is sucking the life and peace out of your husband so that you can keep up with the Kardashians.

The 'Have it all, Have it now' syndrome positions us in a desperate place where we easily make wrong choices. In addition, wrong choices steal peace, joy and sense of fulfillment from us. We don't want to be in those shoes, do we?

So *homegirl*, let's cultivate the art of patience, of hope, of contentment, of discipline, of constantly evaluating—checking and crosschecking—our feelings, attitudes and motives in order to ensure that these will lead us to the choices and steps that take us to the end line of peace, joy and fulfillment.

I have found that having God and following His Word as a guide to life through the help of the Holy Spirit makes this easier.

I am walking on this journey and would love you to walk with me. Would *ya*?

Please, stay beautiful!



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A child had been molested repeatedly by a woman she called 'Aunty' who took her from her parents with promises of putting her through school. She looked like life was gradually leaving her.

Frank Olize, the show presenter had ended by promising to keep us updated on efforts to rehabilitate her and punish those responsible for her pain, as the story was unfolding. I could barely sleep, I kept picturing her blank stare, how accustomed she seemed to pain and I prayed for weeks hoping somehow after all the

Living ...a day at a time

buzz she will find someone to tell her she was beautiful, made for more and smile so life will fill those eyes for a moment.

Fast forward recent times, I am older and wiser with more access to information. Each night as my daughter says her devotion; she remembers Leah Shaibu and prays for her deliverance. A feeling of guilt overwhelms me as I recall being so empathetic too.

Stories I now encounter, much worse than the molested child on NTA on the Sunday-Sunday Tonic no longer keeps me awake. I barely remember them after I have taken the first glance at a headline on twitter or a short

video on social media. What happened to me? Do I no longer have an active conscience?

One day I listened to the distinct voice and lyrics of TY Bello's "Cold", I tried to track just when I lost that feeling, that strong conscience that made me react, pray, cry, empathize and speak up. I think it was somewhere between growing up, hustling and feeling incapacitated in the big picture. Thus, my moral compass began a slow journey to numbness.

As I write, I am on a journey back to coming alive, one day at a time.

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Is the Church today putting heads together or sharing a Spirit?

We all agree with the pastor, shaking our heads and screaming. The drummer and the keyboardist know how and where to put in effects each time the pastor drops a 'bombshell'.

We all go home telling ourselves how Pastor really vibrated. "O boy, Pastor is becoming something else. Pastor made a lot of sense today."

Yet our lives do not change any bit.

On the other days, it's the other way round; "Church wasn't fun today at all."



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Church wasn't fun today

Pastors need to quit telling the church things that sound logical alone. Pastors really need to quit reading books and coming to tell the church what they read somewhere.

Pastors need to start ascending the heavens to bring down God's word for their congregation per time.

I read about Saul the persecutor of Christians. An encounter with God changed his life forever. At that point, Paul the Apostle emerged. How come members leave services, heading straight to 'Damascus' to continue their evil works? Saul, I mean Paul could not. Are we sure they met God in the service?

Jacob was the one who said at Bethel; "Surely, the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not." He wasn't even aware of God's awesome presence until he began to see the manifestations. His life never remained the same after meeting God there. How come members 'meet' God and still go back to their old ways after service? Are you sure God was present at all?

Every person who had an encounter with God in the bible had his or her lives changed. Ours should not be different. Something new should follow us each time we come into the presence of God.

Encounters with God do not just come and go;

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You will know them by what they produce. “People don’t pick grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do they? In the same way every good tree produces good fruit, but a rotten tree produces bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a rotten tree cannot produce good fruit. Matthew 7:16-18 (GWT)

As we continue this righteousness series, it will be good to adopt the sociological approach of the study of human behaviour -**NATURE versus NURTURE**. This will help to drive home the message of Righteousness. Our nature speaks of what we are made up of from birth i.e. the new birth. We were born by God Himself; He gave to us



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His divine nature and His own very Righteousness (2 Peter 1:4).

Nature is different from characteristics (nurture). Nurture is the way an individual has been trained and encouraged in the process of growth. The nature of a dog is different from that of a cat because of their respective progenitor. Nevertheless, a puppy trained like a cat will certainly grow up to behave, act and respond like a cat. No matter how cat-like it behaves, it remains a dog by nature. However, in real sense, the puppy behaving like a cat is completely abnormal. In essence, such a puppy has been living bellow standard, short-

changed and cheated!

Being a New Creature means you now have a new Nature (2 Corinthians 5:17). Please let me re-sound again that this does NOT mean a new order of doing things, ("the things I used to do, I do them no more") or else, unbelievers who live morally upright and pious lives should also be referred to a 'New Creatures.' Becoming a New Creature talks about a change in Nature; having a Nature that has never existed before. It becomes hard for you to tell whether an individual is a New Creature by physical appearance or by the activities, which they perform.

Being a New Creature also connotes the fact that there was an Old Creature. Yes! He is called the 'old man' (Ephesians 4:22; Galatians 3:9; Romans 6:6). While the old man lived in us, we instinctively sinned against God. In fact, with or without doing anything, we were sinners. Now the old man is dead, he died with Christ on the cross. What Baptism means is that this 'old man' died and was buried together with Christ (Romans 6:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:15-16). That old man has been buried and can never rise up again. When Jesus rose up from the dead by the power of God, we were raised together with Him. Interestingly, it was a 'New Man' who rose up and not that former old man (Romans 7:4-6).

Hallelujah!

This is therefore a call on us to respond to that New Nature in us by our walk. The old sinful nature is gone and can no longer dictate to us what to do (Romans 6:4, 9-22; 8:10-13; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 4:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:15).

When we do certain things, which can be referred to as 'sinful acts', they are works of the flesh, which are not potent enough to change our nature or reverse the work of Christ on the cross because He will not die again a second time to make us righteous. You have the righteousness of God as an irrevocable gift but take note that when you do the works of the flesh, you are living short of who God has made you to

be just like the cat-like puppy. You are not bringing forth the fruits like He expects you to.

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

If you claim to be a believer and your works are no different from that of the children of this world, please **check your salvation again**. It is possible that, like Saul, you have been playing religion (see http://grenepages.com/issue_18/two_kinds_of_righteousness.php).

You may ask, 'How do I walk in this newness of life?' You walk in newness of life by learning; you must be taught (Colossians 1:8-9, 28; 2:6,). This process is also called the renewing of the mind (Romans 12:2; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13).

I beseech you to take advantage of every medium, which you know will enhance your knowledge and will better equip you on how to walk worthy of the calling you have received. Do not just go for knowledge, but the right knowledge.

May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation--those good things that are produced in your life by Jesus Christ--for this will bring much glory and praise to God. Philippians 1:11 (NLT)

they make very evident marks on lives. How come you claim the Holy Spirit is always present in your services and your congregation never gets to meet him?

Our gathering unto God shouldn't be ordinary meetings. Our messages in church shouldn't just be to impress the people. Our fellowships are not schools. They are not places where we either put heads together or rub minds together. They should be spiritual gatherings indeed, where we share a Spirit. Nobody meets with God and remains the same.

The mad man of Gadara, Jarius whose daughter was raised, Peter's mother-in-law, the ten lepers, Peter and the other anglers, even Lazarus who was dead will forever remember the encounter they had with Jesus. Should ours be different?

Hebrews 12:22-24 talks about the nature of our ideal gatherings. You'll be surprised what it says;

"No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come


to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven. who have now been made perfect. You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel."

How on earth could you have met with all these people and remain the same?

As a church goer I need to learn, that my "being blessed" in a service, Matins or Mass is never a function of how beautiful the Pastor's preaching was. It is not a function of how badly he preached either. My blessings in church have nothing to do with how good or bad the choir is. My blessings in church depends solely on whom I have gone to meet; the Almighty God.

I should get to a point where either Pastor 'does well' or not, I will meet God in church. Either the service goes right or not, I will not leave the presence of God without an encounter. It is God I go to meet in church.

The presence of God, especially the gathering of his holy people remains a place of encounters, a place of change and a place of divine turn-around. If we have anything short of these, something needs to be done fast.



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Now all of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT

Christ is the head of the church, which is his body. He is the first of all who will rise from the dead, so he is first in everything. Colossians 1:18 NLT

Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:16 NLT



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We are his body; Christ is the head. You must continuously be in the body receiving the right nutrient from the head for you to be like Christ. You must belong to his body on a continuous and consistent basis. For your body to look like your head they must keep on cooperating with that head (Colossians 2:9-10, 19).

If what makes Christ must flow to you, you must be connected to that head. It is from him all things flow. If you will have everything that makes Christ, you must remain connected. You must remain in the body.

One of the ways to remain in the body is by making sure that your constant companions are members of the body (2 Corinthians 6:14-

16). Your closest pals should not be unbelievers. They should be members of the body. What they carry rubs on you (Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33)

It is only a function of time, you will become like the person with whom you spend most of your time. You will talk like him and react the way he reacts. So check whom you spend most of your time with. Some relationships might have to be severed. Yes, you might be gaining something from them but you might have to cut it. Their influence over you is not good enough.

If you will be like Christ, ensure you remain in his body, joined to the head and connected to

the other members of the body. So do not get tired of fellowshiping with other believers (Hebrews 10:25). They are actually saving you from those things you will be exposed to.

When you partake, you put your life in check. It is easier to know something is wrong or getting wrong when you are with your colleagues who are on the right path. You see better in light than in darkness, so come closer to the light. *With who have you joined ourselves? Who has been your companionship?*

Some have joined themselves with TV. Little wonder you are who you are because you become a reflection of your fellow members. You have become an extension of those things you have joined yourself.

Do you want to be like Jesus in your heart? Do a review of your companionship. They might be legitimate members of your world but check it that their influence on you is right. You might have the aim to influence them but remember that it is easier to pull down than to pull up.

When Jacob had been in the house of Laban for a while, he longed to leave (Genesis 30:25-43). Jacob confronted Laban and said, *“The lord has made you great because I am here with you. Is it not time to fend for my own family?”* Laban had an agreement with him that any

sheep that is spotted, streaked and speckled is his while the pure whites are for Laban. Jacob took them to the river and striped the bark of the trees. Whenever they were drinking and mating looking at the tree, the babies will be spotted, streaked and speckled.

The genetics there is that you become what you see. What you look at for a long time, you will become it. What you behold with an open spirit you will become. When you walk with God, you discover that your spirit is so open. You will be so light. The person everybody is seeing is gone; he is being killed daily (Colossians 3:5). That body is being mortified. The vessel inside you is only reflecting whatever the spirit is saying. If someone comes near and your spirit receives it, you will imitate it. Your spirit grasps the spirit you behold and reproduce it.

Whenever the sheep saw the tree, they produced the same thing. Jacob selected the strong ones for this purpose and left the weak ones. He was reproducing speckled, spotted and black sheep because they are beholding the tree continuously. They were becoming it. What was not in their gene was what was coming out. He made sure that every time they wanted to mate, they were beholding whatever he want them to look like. What God want you to be like are in the bible. As you

keep on beholding him via the word, what is produced constantly in you is Christ life. That is what Jacob did to the sheep.

The flock was looking at the things and it was being transferred into their life. It is not by convection or conduction, this is radiation.

There was no contact physically. That is what the spirit of God does in you when you allow him to work. He brings out what is present in the life of Christ and make sure it is present in you.

Jacob did not look for the weak ones but the strong ones for his experiment. He will then set those who have the spirit in them and send them back into the flock, thereby reproducing them when they meet with others. Their interaction makes them too spotted, speckled and black. They joined their body; they mated with those ones that have actually caught the light, those ones that have become spotted, speckled and black. Hence, they produced the results.

You must remain in the body. As long as you keep joining yourself to the body, to people that are getting it right, the same result will be reproduced in your life.

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I can still remember the strange look he gave me when I told him I have never slept with a girl as a teenager. He told me I was lying and that it was impossible for me not to have met a girl at my age.

Of course, there was no way I could proof it to him. I was helpless. All I could do was stammer as they made jest of me. They made me feel I was sick but thank God, I stood with my convictions.

People, especially the young, are giving up hope on the possibility of staying pure in our present world. The few who are striving to do so face intense battle of acceptance in a world that sees them as fools, naive, and 'unwoke'. You risk being stigmatize and called names. People tend to think something is wrong with you if you aren't doing what everyone is doing.



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Our music, movies and the media at large are highly sexualized. Almost every TV channel gives you sexual cues and triggers. There is that scantily dressed girl or completely nude lady out there. The media has completely overhauled our values, culture and convictions.

Taboos now trend. There is sex tape everywhere. It's now a norm to test run your mate before you marry. Virgins are scarce. An average youth does not expect to meet his or her mate as a virgin. Others grapple with addiction to pornography and masturbation. The married even expect that their mate might cheat on them.

One reason I hate to watch *Nollywood* movies is that they have quietly sanctioned premarital sex and extramarital affairs. Our films rarely teach fidelity. I believe it wasn't a coincidence

but an intentional plan of the enemy to corrupt the youth.

I could not hide the disgust and displeasure that I felt when I read an interview in which a *Nollywood* star said while growing up she was taught in church never to have sex before marriage. Then a point came when she felt it wasn't wise for her to go into marriage without being sure she would be sexually satisfied by her partner.

This is why I am awestruck when Christian youths make film stars their role models. There is a way your value system is gradually crushed with every watch of ungodly films. You soon become tolerant to things that once make your conscience scream.

Data has it that our nation, Nigeria, consumes

more internet pornography than the United States, which is two times bigger, and with greater internet penetration. According to Google Facts, pornography sites get more visitors globally each month than Netflix, Amazon and Twitter combined.

It seems to me that a spirit of lust, impurity and sexual immorality has been let loose on our generation. The war is daily and one is poised to ask like the Psalmist in Psalm 119:9, *“How can a young person stay on the path of purity?”* There is a serious doubt in the hearts of young people on the possibility of staying sexual pure when you look at the daily sexual aggression they receive from the media.

Two things caught my attention in the verse above regarding the issue purity.

1. The focus on the young person

Why is the statement not generic? Why did God's word focus on the young person when it comes to purity?

Paul further lends credence to this when he wrote, **“Flee all youthful lusts...”** (2 Timothy 2:22) In other words, lust pursues the youth. The heart of an average youth burns with lust. In the book, *The Porn Circuit*, Covenant Eyes reports that by age 18, 90% of boys and 60% of girls

are exposed to internet pornography. It also reports that the largest consumers of internet pornography are kids ages 12 to 17. This confirms how susceptible youths are to the snare of lust.

The reason is simple; the youthful age is characterized with great energy, emotion, exploration and exuberance. We become sexually aware in youth. Sex hormones are now produced and there is a high tendency to act according to the dictates of the feelings we have in our body.

There is no other stage of life when lust trails a man more than at youth. Most promiscuous adult began their promiscuity at youth. This, I believe, is the reason the scripture focuses on the youth. God wants the youth to stay free of sexual impurities. If you can stay free of lust as a youth, the rest of your life is relatively secure.

2. Staying on the path of purity

The real deal is staying on the path of purity. Most of us try to stay away for a while but occasionally we are stuck in the gnaws of lust again. We become re-entangled in the habits and acts we once renounced. You cannot lay claim to sexu-

al purity until you can stay pure for a considerable period. Most of us lack that staying power; that habit of self-discipline that keeps a man.

So, in a world that promotes whoredom, how can a young person stay on the path of purity? The same Psalm 119:9 gives us the answer, “*By living according to your word.*”

The word is the spiritual vaccine against the flames of lust that burns in the heart. We can live a pure life, if we are committed to the word. We can live immune to the attacks of lusts by the power of the word.

Why is this so?

The word is fire (Jeremiah 20:9; 23:29). Lust has no place when the fire of the word burns in the heart. One will quench the other.

The word is water (Ephesians 5:26). It can wash our heart and free us from every stain of lust. The washing of the feet of the apostles by the Lord is a prototype of what God wants us to do regularly. As we walk the earth, dust settles on our feet. In the same way, our hearts are constantly exposed to pollutants and we need to wash it regularly. The word is the solvent.

The word is sword (Ephesians 6:17). It is even sharper than any two edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). It can cut and separate our soul from any outgrowth of sexual immorality.

The word is Spirit (John 6:63). Through the Spirit we can mortify the seeds of the flesh including sexual lust (Romans 8:13). When we walk in the Spirit, we will not fulfill the desires of the flesh (Galatians 5:16).

The word is hammer (Jeremiah 23:29). It has the power to break the rocks of sexual immorality in the heart. It can crush every work of the enemy in our lives.

The Psalmist is a living example of the power and the potency of the word to keep us from all form of sin. In the 11th verse of Psalm 119, he said, “*Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.*” (NKJV)

The word is an effective antidote to sexual lust and all forms of sin. We fall because we do not take heed to the word.

May you receive grace to live a pure life in this corrupt world as you give yourself to the word in reading, meditation and doing.

Amen!



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My dearest teenagers, how has the year been for you? What lessons have you learnt? What mistakes did you make? What success did you achieve?

The best way to maximize your counting years is by sitting down to take account of your life from up until now. What areas did you fail woe-fully? Is it in your academics or in your personal relationship with God? I hope you know that having a personal relationship with God is different from being committed to church programs. Your personal relationship

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with God includes your personal prayer life, study life, devotion to God and obedience to His word.

How has been your moral life? Did you join your friends or schoolmates to engage in ungodly and unprofitable relationships? Did you engage in wayward activities that your parent weren't even aware of? Have you lived in lies and deceit?

My beloved, if you were to rate your lifestyle and achievements in the last year on the scale of one to ten, what would you score? God is a God of many chances, but sometimes, some people unfortunately run out of chance with him. What did you do wrong that you need to

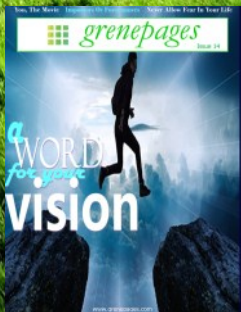
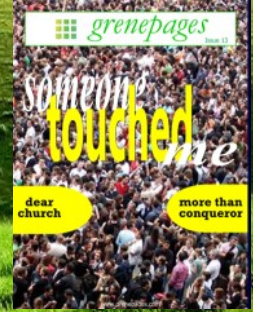
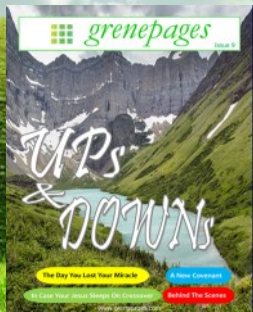
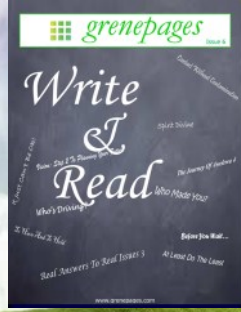
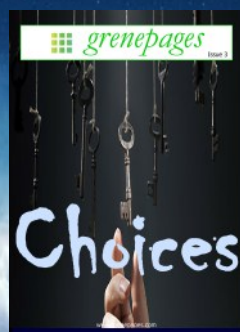
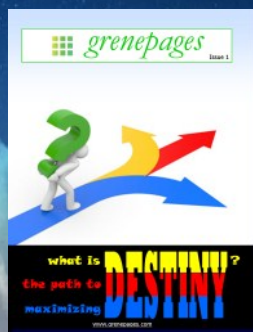
make right just before continuing your young life? What did you start and could not finish but you know you really should have finished it? What areas of your life need improvement and prayer?

Am I being too harsh? I do not want you to continue into your future with the same mistakes of the past. Rather, learn from your errors, failures and mistake, and make up your mind to be better off.

In addition, for those areas you have done or and doing greatly, I say kudos! Keep improving in such areas.

Keep enjoying the mercies of God .

Love you greatly.



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