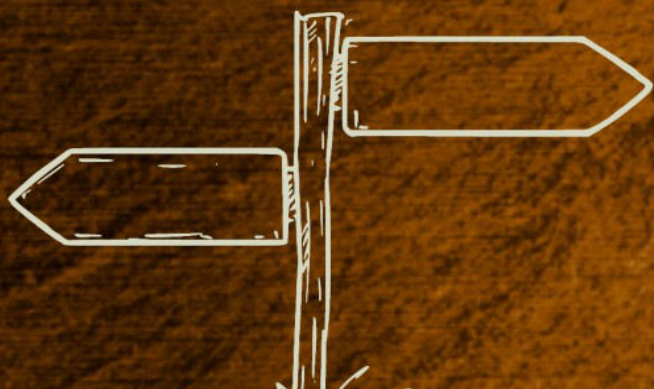


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## DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the Almighty God, the son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit and to every individual striving to come to the light of GOD.

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## INTRODUCTION

Life is a daily battle. There is no such thing as a battle-free day, whether you are a believer or an unbeliever. The devil does not go on vacation. He is always on duty on a daily basis. ***“And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, from going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.” (Job 1:7)*** A spiritual vacation is a risk. The devil is in full-time business with God’s people, he neither sleeps nor slumbers just to devour. When you are always losing a battle, it is a pointer that you are either less equipped or not fit to engage in such a battle. In this kingdom we don’t get ready for battle, we live ready on a daily basis. Jesus said in ***“<sup>34</sup>And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.<sup>35</sup> For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.<sup>36</sup> Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Luke 21:34–36)***

You cannot escape a full-time devil with a part-time mentality. The battle of many believers today is a battle between the full-time devil and the part-time Christian. You don’t win a war with half knowledge of your enemy. Life is a battle. This battle is a battle of powers. ***“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.<sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” (Eph. 6:11–12)*** You don’t fight darkness with darkness, you fight darkness with

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light. You cannot stop the devil without empowerment. The devil is more empowered to bring you down than you are to seek empowerment to stop him.

The devil is more in God's presence than you are and you think you can stop him? He is more committed to destroying you than you are to stopping him. The devil came to church and Job was not in church, the devil was empowered in the church, and he successfully destroyed Job because he was not empowered to stop him. When the devil is more committed to God than you are, he turns you against God - Full-time devil versus part-time Christian.

*“<sup>6</sup>Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. <sup>7</sup>And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? <sup>9</sup>Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? <sup>10</sup>Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. <sup>11</sup>But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power, only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.” (Job 1:6-12)*

May this book through encounters, deliver you from the part-time Christian life. Beloved, nothing merits your full commitment more than God. Your life and all you have

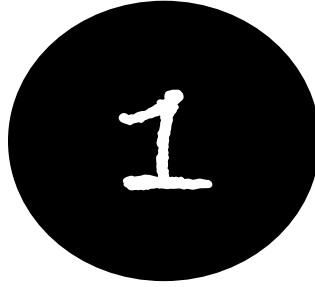


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committed to are all products of God's grace. When your source of grace is blocked, you become disgraced in the race of life. In the words of Bishop David Oyedepo, he told his lecturer in school then, "Sir, I am a full-time Christian and a part-time student." Today, that part-time student and full-time Christian has the best or among the best academic institution at the tertiary, secondary, and primary levels, with professors and doctors sitting under his anointing to learn.

Following God fully makes you live in God's fullness. ***"But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went, and his seed shall possess it."*** (Num. 14:24) Until you fully follow God, the devil will fully fool you. You cannot be fooled by the devil by fully pursuing God. The grace to fully follow God is released upon you as you read through this book in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Welcome to your turning point in your Christian journey.



## PART-TIME CHRISTIAN

**T**he highest need of anyone is their spiritual need. When your spiritual need is lacking, your destiny will lack. Many Christians today become part-time Christians because of their pursuit of materials and physical needs, and they end up being buffeted and afflicted subjecting themselves to the oppression of the devil. Committing to material things than the maker and giver of material things makes you immaterial. Many are trapped today by their love for material things more than they love God. ***“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matt. 6:33)*** Things are not gotten by running after

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them. Things are been given by who you run to. There is no organisation under heaven, there is no government under heaven, and no man under heaven has the capacity to meet your needs. The needs of men are not met by men. It is foolishness to leave God and pursue men for help. ***“Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.” (Ps. 60:11)***

Let me further show you from scripture how empty man and his help are. ***“Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.” (Isa. 30:3)*** You see how naughty and empty the help of man is? What a man helps you with today will be your need tomorrow, because the help of a man lacks the capacity to last. It will fail but the help of God today will meet the needs of your generation tomorrow. You see how foolish it is to leave God and follow man under any disguise?

Being a part-time Christian makes you lose your connection to God. Many today chose to go to work Sunday morning rather than go to church. They will ask you, when are you coming to work on Sunday? You boldly replied, “I am coming very early on Sunday”, and you called yourself a Christian, what? A Christian indeed! The so-called Christian will go to work from Monday to Friday maybe Saturday inclusive, you will not see him/her in church on Sunday. When you asked, I did not see you at church today. Hear the response: “Yes, I was washing clothes.” It is fellowship time that is their washing time, service time is good to wash. We cannot replace the fear of God with the fear of man and win the war of life. Many are losing the war of life to the devil because there is no fear of God. ***“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29)***

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Anyone whether industry, government, or organisation that successfully put their fear into you above the fear of God has your destiny in control. When God is the Lord of your life, you become the landlord of your office, that organisation, etc. Your time of service and your prayer time will be noted in their schedule. Those who are fully committed to God always make a full impact wherever they enter. Men will fool you when you are not fully committed to God, even the devil understands this fully. Know that the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

Let's examine who the part-time Christian is.

### WHO IS A PART-TIME CHRISTIAN?

***“How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! <sup>2</sup>My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. <sup>7</sup>They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.” (Ps. 84:1-2/4/7)***

Understand that bearing a Christian name does not make you a Christian, and bearing a Muslim name does not equally make you a Muslim. Christianity is a responsibility. Not taking full responsibility in the church makes you a part-time Christian. You are a Christian, you go to church when you feel like it, and the house of God is never a priority to you. You see going to church as optional. When your strength is always failing you, then know fully well that you are a part-time Christian. ***“They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.” (Ps. 84:7)***

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When your appearance in church is only on Sundays or once a month, how do you survive the temptation and the heat of the devil? Having God as an alternative makes the devil alternate and alter your life and destiny. Forsaking God makes the devil strike and sink such an individual. “<sup>23</sup>*It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.*”<sup>24</sup>*For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:*”<sup>25</sup>*Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others” (Heb.9:23-25)*

On-and-off kinds of Christianity are destructive. Switching on and off the light is either killing the bulb early or burning the switch. It takes steadfastness in God to experience fulfillment. Those who live partially in God live a pitiful life. Part-time Christians are those who cannot pray always, their prayer life is once a week, once a month, or once a year. There are Christians who once fasting and prayer month is over in their church, delete fasting and prayer from their schedule. There are Christians who don't even pray. They will tell you Jesus has prayed for them. Some will shift their prayer to Holy Mary - Holy Mary, please pray for us. You cannot win the war of life like that. Some will pay men of God to help them pray. This is the attitude of a part-time Christian. They always live a defeated life. The Bible says that, “*And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint,*” (Luke 18:1) “*Pray without ceasing.*” (1 Thess. 5:17)

When prayer is not part of your daily lives, you are a part-time Christian. As much as you cannot stay or live without

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food, you should not stay or live without prayer. The role of food in our physical body is the role of prayer in our spiritual body. If you can skip church service, house fellowship, prayer, and the place of empowerment for situation and circumstances notwithstanding, then you are a part-time Christian.

There is no situation or excuse under heaven that can take the place of God. When going to God's presence does not excite you over any situation or circumstance, then you are not a true Christian. Many get excited about going to work and business places but get angry and grieve on Sunday mornings, mainly because they have to go to church.

***“<sup>2</sup>Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD.” (Ps. 122:1–2/4) “For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.” (Ps. 84:10)***

The above scriptures paint a true picture of a full-time Christian. This is why many get into trouble in their offices, work places because it is the office of wickedness and work places of cruelty. Bishop Thomas Aremu shared a testimony about how he was challenged in his health and was in bed sick when Bishop David Oyedepo called him to come over to Canaan Land. He did not know that he was challenged but immediately jumped up to prepare to travel to Canaan Land. Then his wife said to him, “Tell Papa you cannot come because you are challenged.” He responded to his wife, “NO! Let me go. If I die there, they will wake me up.” He said immediately after he stepped into Canaan Land, the sickness disappeared. Glory to God!

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I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tent of wickedness. In those days, as a brother in the church serving as an altar assistant, I was challenged with malaria and typhoid. I couldn't sit down for five minutes. All I could do was lay down. When it got to the day of midweek service, I could not hold my peace. I said, "I must go to church." The people around me shouted, "You like this, you want to die inside the church." I said "I must go to church." I stood up struggling and staggering on my way to church, a 20-minutes' walk. The pastor said to me, "Brother Austin, just sit down. I will not engage you today because of your condition." I shouted, "No sir! Give me the prayer points." I got to that altar and led the prayer with my last strength. Immediately after the prayer, all the symptoms went to hell. Glory to God!

I refused to dwell in the tent of wickedness, oppression, and affliction because I knew my help was in Zion. ***"They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God."*** (Ps. 84:7) ***"But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness, and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions."*** (Obad. 1:17) You cannot be a part-time Christian and experience the fullness of God. Even when nothing is wrong with you, you tell lies and give excuses just to not go to church. The reason why the voice of Satan is louder in your life is because the voice of God has not entered into you. God cannot speak for you, and the devil is speaking against you. ***"And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel."*** (Heb. 12:24) When better things speak, the worst things are off. You cannot be a part-time Christian and win the war against a full-time devil. Life and destiny answer largely to mentality. Part-time mentality tears life and destiny apart. May your life become a true reflection of a true Christian.

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Jesus said, ***“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)*** Until there is self-denial in serving God, there is self-deceit. We must daily bear his cross to daily wear his crown. ***“And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62)*** Hear me, on and off in Christianity is calamity. Don’t make a caricature of Christianity, you will end up as a calamity. May that not be our portion, receive the grace of commitment in Jesus name. The encounter you have with this book shall reposition you for a profitable Christian journey in the name of Jesus.





## THE MINISTRY OF THE DEVIL

***“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy” (Jn. 10:10a)***

***“And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.” (Job 1:7)***

***“Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet.5:8)***

Note this that the devil is a full-time minister. The devil is not a part-time being but a full-time being. The devil has a full-time ministry, and he is called to full-time work. This

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is why the devil is always on the move. Always going to and fro in the earth, always walking up and down like a night security worker. The devil does not sleep, and the devil does not skip a day without going to and fro. He is always on the lookout to see who deviates from the laid-down rules and regulations - that person who will break the rules in order to ruin his or her life. The devil is like a class monitor, always looking for noisemakers, going from one edge of the classroom to another. Even when he is not invited, he comes to check and take attendance to know whom he will oppress and afflict. Job became a victim of the devil's affliction and oppression because when the devil came to that gathering, he was not present.

*“<sup>8</sup>And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? <sup>9</sup>Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? <sup>10</sup>Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. <sup>11</sup>But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. <sup>12</sup>And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power, only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.” (Job 1:8–12)*

He took the list of those who were not there to God who empowered him to oppress and afflict Job. The devil was not invited into that gathering, but he came to know those who will break a hedge so that he can bite, because the bible says *“He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it, and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.” (Eccl.10:8)* The ministry of the devil is to always be on the

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lookout for those that sleep, those that are not vigilant, and those that are the enemies of God. The devil will only become your adversary when you are not advancing the kingdom of God. You are an enemy of God. The devil knows that if he is sleeping, he cannot know those who are sleeping, he must be awake to catch those who are asleep. This is the devil ministry that he is so committed to. He does not go on break, if Satan should go on break, many will break the law and go free.

Note also that the ultimate aim of the devil's ministry is not to compel people to God. No! It is not to make you closer to God. No! It is not that he is working for God! The Devil gets angry when you obey God because your obedience leaves him unfulfilled. The key to the devil's fulfillment in his ministry is your disobedience. When you disobey, he devours, and when you deviate, he destroys. The mission and aim of the devil's ministry is to steal, kill, and destroy. The devil will always want you to do what brings profit to him and makes him fulfilled. The devil never means well for anyone, so he never wants anyone to go where good will locate such a person. The devil is most crafty in nature, in fact, is the craftiest being. ***“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Gen. 3:1) “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Rev. 12:9)***

The nature and ministry of the devil are deceit. He has deceived many Christians and destroyed them. The devil will make you see reasons why you don't need to go to church to succeed or why you don't need to pray so that you can pay. He knows that your destiny finds expression

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anytime you go to church, and he understands the place of empowerment in prayer. So he stops you from going to prayer meetings. The devil also knows the importance of fellowshiping with the brethren. He knows he cannot get you in fellowship because your understanding will be enlightened to gain command over him. So he isolates you because he can only get you cheaply in isolation. The devil can deceive anybody in isolation. In fact, isolation is the devil's operation. The devil never gets Eve, until Eve decides to isolate herself from her husband (Adam). Many evils are nurtured in isolation. The devil understands the dynamics of your being in full-time business with God. He understands the mode of operation too well. That is why he can destroy an individual without the individual knowing by separating you from God.

Never take the devil for granted, he will ground you. The devil is not smiling because his ministry is to smell hell. The devil is in full-time business with believers. The devil does not take half battle to anyone, he takes full battle to you. When you are half baked, you cannot face the full battle. Half knowledge, half power, and half a weapon cannot win a full war. Remember, you are in full war with the devil, and you need to be fully loaded to fully defeat him.

Being a part-time Christian or believer makes you a cheap victim of the devil. The devil is always ready for war, are you also ready? What you don't have time for is what the devil uses to deal with you. He takes time to study, analyze, and calculate what you don't have time for so that he can take time to oppress and afflict you in that area. This is the mentality of a full-time devil. We are to make a full proof of our calling or ministry, not a half proof. As a Christian or believer, until you are fully proved you cannot be approved. Until you are approved, the devil will make a

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proof of you. He will use you to prove his ministry fully. I pray for you, may you not become a victim of the devil's proof. Receive the power to fully prove your Christianity in the name of Jesus.



## THE BATTLE AGAINST GOD'S PEOPLE

“<sup>10</sup>Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. <sup>13</sup>Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore,

*having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness” (Eph. 6:10-14) “Blessed is hewhose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. <sup>3</sup> When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.” (Ps. 32:1–3)*

Life is a battle, and the battleground is God's people. The battle against God's people is the fiercest of all battles. The above Scriptures say all the kings of the earth, not one king, are raging against the soul, life, and destiny of God's people. The moment you identified yourself as God's people on earth, you are welcome to the battle field. Why? Because they know that you are no longer an ordinary person, you carry blessings, future nations, glory, honor, riches, power, dominion, grace, anointing, and many more in the fullness of God. Hell broke loose to stop you. The moment you are careless and negligent about your Christianity, you become a calamity in their hands. They know you cannot be useless by serving God and committing to the things of God. They are aware that once you settle in God, you have settled for life, and you have found everlasting refuge where they cannot come near. That is the reason for the battle to unsettle you in church, and that is why they try to stop you from attending prayer meetings, fellowships, and the services of God. ***“Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more, neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them anymore, as before time,” (2 Sam. 7:10)***

God is your appointed place to escape the battle. Until you are planted in God, you become prey. Hear me, when you are losing the battle of life know that you have left your victory ground. ‘Christian’ is not a title but a mantle of

battle that is already won. God has not left us in this battle without mantles of victory. “<sup>12</sup>*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.* <sup>13</sup>*Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.* <sup>14</sup>*Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness”* (Eph. 6:12–14)

Now hear also verse 11: “<sup>11</sup>*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*” The armour of God is our mantle of victory in the battles of life. Engaging the mantle consistently gives you the victory ahead of the battle. These mantles only work for full-time employees, not part-timers. Not putting them on today and putting them off tomorrow, not only on Sundays or once a week, they are daily doses for daily victories. They are our daily mantles for daily battles. The devil will never allow you to have consistent engagement so that he can constantly defeat you. That is why he always tries to stop you from going to church every Sunday, going to midweek services, and praying daily. The reason the devil is giving you all manner of excuses is to stop you from engaging these weapons so that he can wipe you out. With this encounter, your battle is over in the name of Jesus.

Let's examine these mantles of victory.

## THE MANTLES OF KNOWLEDGE

*“Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.”* (Isa. 34:16)



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Until you know what cannot fail, you will fail. Having the knowledge of what God has commanded empowers you to command the devil. We cannot stand against the devil until we know where we stand with God. A generation cannot recover from the oppression and affliction of the devil until they discover what the devil has opposed and what is after. Knowledge is the key to victory in life. Many are fighting the wrong battles today because they don't know who is fighting them. Engaging in the wrong battle makes you lose the battle. ***"They know not, neither will they understand, they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course."*** (Ps. 82:5)

You cannot take what belongs to you in Christ until you know what He died to offer you. All that God has given to humanity, including the victory of believers is only accessible through knowledge. ***"<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,<sup>3</sup>According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:<sup>4</sup>Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.<sup>5</sup>And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge,<sup>6</sup>And to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness,<sup>7</sup>And to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity."*** (2 Pet. 1:2–7)

Consistent worship and fellowship grant access to the full knowledge of God. Having half knowledge of God makes the devil fool you. You cannot fight a fully knowledgeable devil with half knowledge of God and win. Knowledge is the power of battle. Go for knowledge, and don't be tired of

appearing in the place of knowledge. The things you know in Christ give you cheap victory over the devil.

## THE MANTLE OF TRUTH

*“Buy the truth, and sell it not, also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.” (Prov. 23:23)*

*“There is another that beareth witness of me, and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.” (Jn. 5:32)*

The mantle of truth is the weapon of freedom from battle. Buying the truth is buying victory ahead of battle. The truth is a believer's defense and refuge in battle. The shield of truth is our stronghold in battle. When the truth is missing, victimization is inevitable. The truth you hold is your pillar of victory. Hear this again, *“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness,” (Eph. 6:14)* Standing on the truth is standing unmovable, undefeatable, and ever victorious in the battles of life. The fact is that undiluted truth is only heard and found in the presence of God. The devil knows this very well, which is why he always stops you from going to where you hear the truth. Anytime you miss church, a teaching tape, or a message of the truth, you just sold your victory to the devil. Every voice telling you not to go to prayer meetings, fellowship, and the like is resisting your access to the truth in order for the devil to throw you off. The truth you missed is a battle lost. Every truth comes to confirm your victory.

David almost lost the battle against the ungodly and their prosperity because the truth about the ungodly and their prosperity was lacking. And he has this to say: *“<sup>16</sup>When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; <sup>17</sup>Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.” (Ps. 73:16–17)*

You suffer the pain of the battle because you don't know the truth of the battle. The truth of every matter is domiciled in the church. The church is the custodian of the truth of life. Every spirit of not going to church or going once in a week or month is destroyed from your life now in Jesus Christ name.

### **THE MANTLE OF WORD-BASED FAITH**

***“He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” (1 Jn. 5:12)***

Our victory in this kingdom is a product of our faith. We live in an embattled world. We must win the battle of this world. You must have the word of God rooted faith. Until your faith is word-based, it cannot battle the world. When your faith is wordless, it becomes a wayward faith. A wayward faith is a worthless faith, a defeated faith, a looser faith, a shameful faith, and a victim faith. The winning faith must come from hearing the word again and again. ***“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Rom. 10:17)***

You don't build faith by hearing once, you build faith by hearing again and again. Hearing the word of God once a week or once a month makes you a part-time hearer, and being a part-time hearer makes you a victim all the time. Hearing always all the time gives birth to a full faith. To defeat a full-time devil, full faith is required. The bible tells us that through the explosion of full faith against the full devil. ***“By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel, and gave commandment concerning his bones.” (Heb. 11:22–23)*** we secure our world through word-based faith. Commitment and consistency in hearing, reading, and applying the word of God make you victorious against any devil. Service and fellowship missed are an injury to faith building. When things and life are failing you, it is because

you have not fed your faith. You cannot ask a hungry child not to cry. If the child must not cry, you must feed the child. If your faith cannot fail you, continue to feed your faith. Receive the grace of commitment in the name of Jesus.

## **THE MANTLE OF WISDOM-BASED REVELATION**

***“And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.” (Jn. 1:5)***

When darkness envelops you, it is wise to seek light. There is only one way to conquer darkness and that’s by holding on to the light. Until light shines, darkness will reign. It takes light to live right. Without light, life is a risk. Many believers have left the place of light for the place of darkness in order to conquer darkness. You cannot use darkness to defeat darkness. When darkness battles darkness, the result will be gross darkness. Many Christians appear in shrines more than they appear in churches. That is why nothing changes. The devil cannot empower you against himself. That will be disastrous for him. Remember, the devil is not as foolish as you think. If at all the devil has the photocopy of what you are looking for, he will not give it to you because he knows you will use it against his ministry of destruction. The level of your light determines the level of your victory in life. Hear what Jesus said, ***“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.” (Jn. 8:12)***

It takes fully following Christ to access full light and full dominion. Part-time followers never see the full light. The intensity of the light you carry determines the level of your fellowship. All light does not shine the same. ***“There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and***

*another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.” (1 Cor. 15:41)*

If you are not growing, then you are not following. You need full light to conquer the full-time devil. Part-time followers never follow well, until you follow well, you cannot be fully aware. Receive grace to follow fully.

## THE MANTLE OF PRAYER AND FASTING

*“<sup>1</sup>And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint, <sup>2</sup>Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that city, and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. <sup>4</sup>And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man, <sup>5</sup>Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.” (Luke 18:1–5)*

The mantle of prayer is ordained for our daily victory when engaged daily. Prayer is not a do-and-stop exercise but a continuous exercise. When you take prayer as a do and stop, the devil will do you, but when you take it as a continuous doing, you will undo the doing of the devil. You cannot get God's attention by living a once a week or once a month prayer lifestyle. You get God's attention by continuing in prayer. The above scripture said, by her continuing to come to me (in prayer) asking for vengeance, woe to me. Praying without break gives you breakthrough with God. Going on break in prayer brings breakdown. In the words of my father, Bishop David Oyedepo, "spiritual vacation is a risk." There is no spiritual vacuum in victor. If victory must be secured, then continuity must be assured. *“Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thess. 5:17)*

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You cease praying when your breathing ceases. If you cannot stop breathing, you cannot stop praying. Prayer is not as convenient as it seems but is nonetheless commanded. Prayer is the power of dominion. It takes an upper room to have an upper hand. Your dominion is not in view until you are engaged in prayer. ***“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49)***

***“<sup>1</sup>And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.” (Acts 2:1-6)***

It is a sin to stop praying in this kingdom. In fact, part-time prayer is full-time sin. The day they don't go to God, they go to the shrine. If you are not serving God, you are serving the devil, knowingly or unknowingly. To stop praying is to start sinning. ***“And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour, and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.” (1 Cor. 12:23)***

Receive the spirit of grace and supplication now without ceasing in the name of Jesus.

Remember, shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? The answer is, God forbid. At home you don't pray, come to church no way, come to fellowship and prayer meetings you don't. Until prayer becomes your pattern, you will be pitted. To become prey is to stop praying. Many are in the pit today because they refused to pray yesterday. You are obligated to pray always so that the devil will not hurt you. Praying always couple with fasting clears off any devil. Your story is changing in Jesus name.

### THE MANTLE OF SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

One of the mantles or weapons you must engage in to wage war against the devil is your sacrificial service to God and his kingdom. Those who serve God do not serve the devil. Refusing to serve God makes you a servant to the devil “<sup>16</sup>*Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?* <sup>17</sup>*But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.*” (Rom. 6:16–17)

Our victory as Christians lies in our commitment to serving God. “<sup>16</sup>*Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.* <sup>17</sup>*And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords, that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.* <sup>18</sup>*Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.* <sup>19</sup>*Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto*

*the den of lions. <sup>20</sup>And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? <sup>22</sup>My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me, and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.” (Dan. 6:16–20, 22)*

Until you are dedicated to God, you cannot escape the death and hurt of the devil. Your servant hood enlists you for heavenly defense. A commitment to serving God makes you innocent before any devil. The battle is not against you until you are against God. Sacrificial service is our victory ground on any battle field. Service is our weapon of war, an effective and potent force that can give you welfare in the face of warfare. Receive grace for sacrificial service in the kingdom of God in the name of Jesus. The garment of servant hood is the garment of all-round rest. “<sup>12</sup>*And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul, <sup>13</sup>That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. <sup>14</sup>And they swear unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. <sup>15</sup>And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire, and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.” (2 Chr. 15: 12–15)*

No one ever has a future with God with an on-and-off lifestyle. May you find rest in all areas of life as you renew your commitment to God and his kingdom. May your zeal for God receive fresh fire in the name of Jesus.



***“<sup>28</sup>Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. <sup>29</sup>And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me” (Luke 22:28–29)***

Continuity is the secret behind the exploitation and rise of giants in the kingdom. Resist and refuse anything that wants to keep you on the path of on-and-off with God. Refuse to be a part-time Christian and sign up for a full-time business with God. Until you become a seed, you cannot bear fruit. Any seed that refuses to be completely buried in the ground will not be fulfilled. When any part of a seed is outside the ground, it becomes food for the birds of the air to devour. Refuse everything that wants to move you away from God. Be sold out to God in totality. It takes steadfastness to go far with God.

***“Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.” (1 Cor. 15:58)***

You can labor for men, organisations, and governments in vain, but you cannot labor for God in vain. If you understand this, you will become a full-time servant of God (a Christian) and a part-time worker in that organisation. Men are looking for whom to use, and God is looking for whom to bless. Until you become useful to God, men will be useless to you. ***“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” (Isa. 45:17)*** God has not called you to be a Christian and live in crisis. No! It was ignorance that kept many Christians in crisis. Until you know what to do, you cannot do it well. You cannot treat God with levity if you expect him to treat you with dignity. Your story has just changed in the name of Jesus.



## GOD'S UNCHANGING STANDARD IN A CHANGING WORLD

***“For I am the LORD, I change not, therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.” (Mal. 3:6)***

Many Christians are expecting God to change because the world is now changing. Since the world is now digital, they expect God to become a digital God. Many now put the world above the word. The word of God no longer meets their needs in a digital world. Hear me, when you put the world above the word of God, you will live a wayward life. Those who live in the world without the word of God live in weariness and worry. It is the word that created the world, living in the world without the word makes you live in emptiness. “<sup>3</sup>*All things were made by him, and without*

*him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men.” (Jn. 1:3–4)*

*“And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.” (Jn. 5:5)*

As the world continues to turn its back on God, Christians are under pressure to compromise, conform, tolerate, and fit into the changing system. Many Christians now pay more attention to what the world is saying than what the word of God is saying. The word of God cannot change because the world is changing. Until you take root in the word, you cannot have fruits in the world. ***“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” (Jn. 15:5)*** Full commitment to the word of God makes you fully dominate the world, but partial commitment to the word of God makes you more frustrated in the world. God cannot bend his word to suit the world.

To be fully committed to the word of God commits the world to obey you. The word of God is always ready to meet your needs. Never think God will change his word because you live in the world. Half knowledge of the word of God makes you fully acknowledge the world and its manipulation. You cannot serve God with levity and expect God to honor you with dignity. Many Christians are part-time servants expecting full-time blessings. To experience the fullness of God, you must follow God fully. ***“But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.” (Num. 14:24)***

## THE POWER OF COVENANT IN SERVING GOD

Until our serving God becomes a covenant, we can experience our desire for rest in life “<sup>12</sup>*And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul,* <sup>13</sup>*That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.* <sup>14</sup>*And they swore unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.* <sup>15</sup>*And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire, and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.”* (2 Chr. 15:12–15)

When your position in God is on your own terms and conditions, you are at disposition with God. We cannot serve God on our own terms and conditions and expect God to change our position. We serve a covenant-keeping God. We enjoy convenience in life through covenants. Covenants are stronger than principles and principalities. When you strike a covenant with God that puts an end to strife. “*And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:*” (Heb. 6:11)

It doesn't matter who is against you. If God is not against you and you are not against yourself, then you will gain the victory. Your life must be an anchor in covenant for your service to God to find roundabout rest. Covenant is the power of genuine service. Today, many are part-time servants because their services are not under a covenant. They come to church when they want, they pray when they feel like it, and they give when they decide to give. Every

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genuine servant is a covenant servant. ***“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me, yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!” (1 Cor. 9:16)***

Until you change your approach, the problem will remain. Until your service to God becomes a necessity, it is not necessary with God. A covenant mentality ignites a genuine passion to pursue God with all zeal and zest. Receive grace to pursue God tirelessly, dedicatedly, and consistently in the name of Jesus. Note this that God only supplies the grace after the choice is made. We make the choice, and then God supplies the grace.

## CONCLUSION

Who are you, a part-time Christian or non-Christian but bearing a Christian name (identity)? Are you a full-time Christian? Always remember that we are in battle against a full-time devil. Half armour cannot defeat a full-time devil. It requires the whole armour of God to quench the fiery dart of the devil. This is why you must sincerely and personally answer this question by yourself and for yourself, "Who am I, a part-time or full-time Christian?" ***"And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are ye?" (Acts 19:15)***

Receive grace to fully serve God for your change of story in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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