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# Editorial Note

I have wanted to write what would affect the total man through God's word; a resource for the sinner to help him strike a relationship with God through Christ, an instruction to help the Christian youth in his/her relationships, a lesson to help the husband know how to love his wife and family, a tutorial to help the wife submit to her husband as unto the Lord, praise reports from those who had experience the efficacy of God's word, to show you how find the gateway to miracles, and various special topic less often discussed in the body of Christ etc.

Word-Experience Compendium became the vehicle by which all these need would be met.

Word-Experience compendium is the compilation of word experience monthly newsletters for a period of 12 months into a magazine. If you've been following word experience

monthly newsletters, this will help you refresh, review and recapitulate all what you've learnt over the year.

Word Experience Compendium is one of the best resources for evangelism and discipleship because of its richness and various classes of people it can be ministered unto.

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## Gospel Messages for the Month

### TOPIC:

# THE CROSS OF CALVARY AND YOU

**Introduction:** How does the death and resurrection of Christ affect our lives today as Christians? What do the provisions of the death of Christ on the Cross of Calvary make available for us today as believers in Christ?

**1. Deliverance from Sin:** ... for He shall save His people from their sins. Mat. 1:21 Christ is the cure to the nature of sin. Whether we are addicted to alcohol, drugs, immorality, filled with bitterness, homosexuality, easily angered, masturbation and overly tempered etc. whatsoever deadly habit that has held us bond, Christ is the salvation from sin. Any Christian who is under the bondage of sin, whatsoever that sin maybe, Christ made provision for such a person's deliverance from the yoke of such sin.

**2. Victory over the powers of Darkness:** And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Col. 2:15 Christ is our representative, when He defeated the powers of darkness, we defeated the powers of darkness, it's like when a national team wins, the nation which they represent has won, likewise, when Christ defeated the devil; we defeated the devil also. Mat. 28:18, all powers have been given to Christ; therefore there is no power big enough to challenge a child of God.

**3. Healing and Health:** But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 Christ took our infirmities, and was (stripped) for our healing therefore we are the healed of the Lord. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. Matt. 8:17. Christ has taken our infirmities therefore we shouldn't be sick; Christ took every disease and sickness that'll ever come on us. If you are sick, it's because you are ignorant of the provisions of the cross

**4. Wealth and Prosperity:** For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich. 2Cor 8:9. Christ became poor so that we might be rich in wealth and be prosperous in all that we do 2Cor. 9:9 say He (Christ) gave to the poor so that they might no longer be poor. If a believer is poor, its not because God didn't made available the grace for wealth and prosperity, but because such a person has not taken advantage of this grace. You take advantage of this grace by giving (its only after we give that we shall be given in great measures Christ says in Luke 6:38) and by (consciously) declaring God's word over our finances and jobs.

**5. Deliverance from Curses:** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: (Gal). 3:13. Curses inherited from our generations, tribes and people that affect us, Christ redeemed (took the place of the curse) us from them so that we can now be free. Curses that cause us to fall into destructive and deadly habits, become promiscuous, late or no marriage, hardship, bareness,

premature death running in the family, hereditary (infirmities...etc.) (see Col. 1:13).

**6. Salvation from past errors:** If you've done certain errors in the past that you can't get past (remove off), Christ can heal your past no matter how terrible your past has been. In Joshua 2:3 the (Bible) introduced a harlot then in Matthew 1:4 that (harlot) was reintroduced not as (a) harlot but as the great grandmother of Christ, God cleaned her past and gave her a great Future in Christ. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2Cor. 5:17. Whatsoever your past was, no matter how terrible It has been, no matter what damage it has done to your name etc., Christ heals our past when we come to Him.

**CONCLUSION:** The Calvary is heaven's solution to the woes on earth; whoever has any problem should be shown the cross of Christ. Let us cling to this old rugged cross; it's our only path to salvation.

God bless you.



## THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF LUST

**L**ust is the desire to have someone/something at a cost you've not calculated if you can afford.

When what you desire impedes your sound reasoning and blinds your sense of God's word then you are under the influence of lust.

Amnon lusted for his step-sister Tamar and forgot that Tamar was his sibling and it was an abomination which could cost him his life.

All his body cared for was to sleep with Tamar and never mind the consequences, well, he lost his life because of that. 2Sam.13.

Many men have been infected with HIV because they fell under the destructive power of lust; many ladies have become single mothers because they lust after men's wealth.

The spirit of lust would make you look like your life depends solely on that which you are lusting for and the awful thing about this is that, once you get that which you lusted after, your interest in it will wear-off.



Amnon hated Tamar after he slept with her: Have you lusted for someone or something that it was like without that person or thing you would not enjoy your life and after you've gotten that person or that thing, life became even more meaningless to you?

Esau lusted so much for food that he actually believed in the lie his body was telling him that if he didn't eat that food at that moment he would be dead (how can missing a meal kill a man Ge 25:32), well, lust amplifies your feelings above your sense of God's word and good reason.

Some have blindly married the wrong spouses because they feel like doing so and they didn't check to know what God's word was saying about such a relationship and if such spouse would be compatible with them.

Many have married divorced spouses whose ex-spouses are still alive; they didn't care to know what God has to say about marrying divorced spouses whose ex-spouses were still alive etc. (see Matt. 5:32)

Many are committing immorality in the name of dating and courtship and they don't care to know the wrath of God over such way of life or the destructive effect such an immoral way of life will have on them.

God made sex only within the boundaries of marriage, any sex relationship outside marital confinement is lust and it surely leads to destruction.

Every man that lusted after his flesh ended up in destruction; the destiny of Reuben became unstable like water (see Gen. 49:4), Amnon lost his life and Samson's incredible strength went with him to death etc. If you are under the power of lust (not being able to enjoy your life because of that which you can't afford at the moment or that which belonged to another), you need the saving arms of Christ if not, your life will be unstable like water and speeding down to destruction.

Ga 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

The only way not to fulfill the lust of your flesh is to walk in the spirit, and you only walk in the spirit when you walk in the word of God and not in the carnal desires of your body.

Before you respond to the desires of your flesh, first find out what the word says about such desire and if you do this, you'll be walking in the spirit.

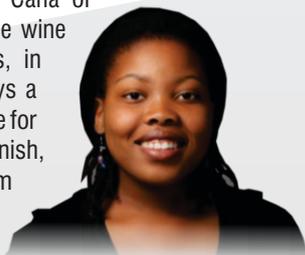
God bless you.

## Marital Matters

*Wisdom for Esthers*

**WHEN LOVE BEGINS TO DIMINISH**

At the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee (see John 2), the wine eventually finished, yes, in every marriage, there is always a time when the passion you have for each other will eventually diminish, when you wake up and the warm affections you share between yourselves have



shrunk. This happens for both parties, what keeps the relationship going at this time is the discipline you have for yourselves and the morality you've pledged before God.

The man would want to explore and flirt with other ladies and the woman would want to listen to other men's opinions of how beautiful she is.

This is the point where if God has not been in the marriage all the while, divorce and infidelity become imminent. When your marriage begins to suffer love-lost, it's not time to be monitoring your spouse and accusing him/her, but it's time to ask God to refill your home with love.

Accusing your spouse and investigating his every move is a full time job that would frustrate your life

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Ps 127:1

Everything we do by ourselves to resurrect the love and affections of our spouse would yield no result unless God refills the diminished love and warm affection we share.

Start asking God to refill that which has diminished in your marriage, that's the only way to handle situations like this.

- Pastor Promise Ikpe

## Virtues for Joseph

**OXYTOCIN - THE LOVE HORMONE**

If you do a bit of biochemistry you'll be familiar with hormones.

Hormones are chemicals secreted by endocrine nerve cells that

regulate the functions of specific tissues and organs. Anger, hate, speed, danger, repulsion etc. are all regulated by hormones. The hormone that is secreted that regulates love is called Oxytocin. The hormone is secreted when we come before those we love or when we are shown love and attention.

When a dog owner cares for the dog and the hormone is secreted, the dog becomes more obedient to all the instructions of the owner.

Like that dog-human relationship, when men love their wives and show it and the hormone is secreted, their wives become more humble.

Humility in the wife is the result of love from the husband. That's why the instruction to love comes for the men to observe before the instruction to be humble came for the wives.

When the man loves his wife, the oxytocin hormone will be secreted and that hormone makes the woman submit to her husband.



Learn to be romantic with your wife; always touch her when she is not observing, pull her hair gently, lay hands round her waist, pinch her soothingly, shake her hands and hold on to them. Always tease her, hug her, always whisper to her how important to you she is etc. Don't do these only when you are in your room, do it also in public. Never assume she knows you love and care, women easily forget you love them, so keep telling them you love them, keep wooing them, and keep "chasing" them. Each time you do these, the love hormone is secreted and they will be humble to any instruction you give them, and any anger they have for you will just melt away and they will forget to fight you over lack of money when there is no money, or any other problems.

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

When you love your wife and always treat her gently, forget the rest, she will take the bullet for you. God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

## Entrepreneur's Column

### WHY CHRISTIANS FAIL IN BUSINESS (1)

By 'Dapo Olagunju

**T**he number one reason why some Christians fail in business is the lack of relevant training and equipment. "God doesn't choose the qualified but qualifies the chosen"- Reinhard Bonnke.

Today's Church is filled with a lot of Davids with slings and stones looking for the next Goliath to kill, no wonder they are defeated as if our God is weak. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" is what I hear God say to the men in the battle arena of poverty in His kingdom. God Supernaturally aided David to defeat Goliath and in supernatural wisdom entered into training on the use of the sword which was the major battle tool in his generation and also taught and trained available men into his mighty men who were the leaders who (ensured) Israel lost no battle in the days of war.

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## GUEST WRITER'S COLUMN

### ENEMY or INNER ME

What is the cause of turmoil in my life?

Is it my enemy or my inner me?

What is the reason for my stress and strife?

Is it my enemy or my inner me?

When things go wrong and I place the blame, when I'm faced with situations that I can't change, is it my enemy or my inner me?

When I point fingers at my sisters and brothers, when I excuse myself and find fault in others, is it my enemy or my inner me?

The Lord is the light of my life, who should I fear, my enemy, or my inner me?

Should I pray for forgiveness for my enemy, or myself? Should I self-examine or blame someone else? The question must be answered. Is it my enemy, or my inner me?

Read Matthew 23:28, Romans 10:3, James 1:20, Isaiah 26:4, Matthew 6:9-15

- Maria Oliver

## GATEWAY TO THE MIRACULOUS

**R**evealing God's requirements for His daily interventions in our lives: Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:3

When our heart is filled with bitterness stirred by prolonged anger for someone or something, refusal to forgive someone who hurt us, un-explainable feeling of bitterness and certain urge to hate someone for no reason, we won't be able to connect to our miracles.

Our text says that only with Joy shall we be able to draw out our salvation from any negative circumstances in our lives.

Joy is our access code to the miraculous; never lose your joy and never allow the devil to subtly steal it from you.

You can gain back your joy when you forgive your offender despite the pain he had caused you, love those who spitefully hate and use you, and never allow anger to dwell in you through the night. (Matt. 5:44, Eph. 4:26)

Joy comes not from gratifying our carnal pleasures, not from riches, not from a great marital life, not from a thriving business but from God. And the day you gave your life to Christ, you received that joy and the joy is maintained as you continue to commune daily with God. (Ps16:11, Ps 51:12, Rom 14:17, Rom. 15:13). Seeking joy outside God is as frustrating as hell.

If you want to live the life of miracles, you must surrender your life to Christ and never lose your joy.

Joy is the gateway to miracles.

If as a believer in Christ, if your life is still filled with bitterness, lay your hands on your chest and ask the Holy Spirit to help you get rid of all bitterness.

God bless you

- Pastor promise Ikpe

## PRAISE REPORTS

### Testimony from around the world:

Merjury from Bulawayo Zimbabwe testified of her deliverance: She lost affection and desire for sex, she could only lust for it and when she comes to it, she loses all desires.

She complained 'I have a problem of spiritual husband. In my dreams I sleep with different men and animals and I lost marital affection for 5 years now'.

After the last praying and fasting and subsequent deliverance via podcast she testifies 'praise the Lord for he has restored my affections in my marriage. After connecting to the online praying and fasting with pastor Promise a lot of things were restored; bad dreams are gone, lust is gone and fear is gone too. Praise the Lord and it is like honeymoon with my husband'

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## JESUS SAVES WORMS DIE NOT

I was with a traditional goldsmith sometimes ago and the amount of heat that was being generated baffled me. You will see iron melts like wax while it's been mixed with melted gold. While I was observing this scene, a friend jokingly suggested that I allow a drop of that hot liquid iron to fall on my skin; I looked at that person and exclaimed, "God forbid!"

Well, as much as this heat that's been generated is hot, so hot that it makes strong irons melt like candle wax, the heat wouldn't

measure 1/1000th of the amount of heat that would be generated in hell.

The suffering in hell was designed for the devil and not for humans and so all the discomfort and pain and punishment was made with the devil in mind and was never meant for human. Matthew 25:41

Isaiah 66:24 says and they shall go forth and look upon the corpses (bodies) of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, and their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.

Immortality would have swallowed up mortality so the issue of dying as a result of intense heat from the high temperature of hell and bites from its undying worms wouldn't take away any one's life.

Hell wasn't meant for man, yes, it's not meant for you, but if you allow the devil to deceive you into not giving your life to Christ and living in sin as a supposed Christian, then you'll join him in hell and I tell you friends, you can't stand the high temperatures and worm's bites in hell.

Give your life to Christ today and help others do same by sharing this message and telling others about it.

To give your life to Christ and avoid hell, sincerely recite this prayer of salvation.

'O Lord God, I come to you in the Name of Jesus Christ. Your word says, '... whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved' (Acts 2:21)

I ask Jesus to come into my heart to be the Lord of my life. I receive eternal life into my spirit and according to Romans 10:9, 'that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved,' I declare that I am saved; I am born again; I am a child of God! I now have Christ dwelling in me, and greater is He that is in me that he that is in the world (1John 4:4)! I now walk in the consciousness of my new life in Christ Jesus. Glory to Jesus!

Congrats, if you've said this prayer, you are now a child of God and you won't go to hell any longer.

## TOPIC: GOD'S WISH IS THAT YOU PROSPER

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2*

Many are offended with God for how their lives look like; they are angry at God for the divorce they experienced, the diseases they suffered, the decline of their finances, the lack of growth in their ministries, the disappointments they keep facing in life, the fruitlessness they are experiencing, the poverty and hardship they are suffering from, their late age without a spouse and their day to day frustrations etc.

Our text today is a revelation of God's wish and desires for each and every one of us and His wish is that we may prosper and be in health. Glory!

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. Ps 35:27

God delights in your financial prosperity, spiritual prosperity, marital prosperity, social prosperity, academic prosperity and all round prosperity in life; He has no pleasure in your failures.

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the

prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. Matt. 8:11

God doesn't want you to endure the slightest pain and discomfort in your body in the form of sicknesses or diseases that's why He took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses

...the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

Christ endured chastisement that we might be healed and prosperous in all facet of our life; He made the sacrifice for us to be healed of every infirmities whether it be HIV, Cancer or Kidney failure or heart failure etc., he was chastised that we might receive the life of all round prosperity and victory.

When you are not prosperous or healthy, it's not because God didn't do anything to make you prosperous and healthy. O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. Ps 34:8

Stop murmuring against God, God is still good and faithful.

When something bad happens to you it is either because of your bad choices or the devil messing up with your life. And all you have to do if you are in a bad situation, is to learn and practice what God revealed to Joshua on prosperity lets read 'This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success'. Joshua 1:8

You must learn to find out what God has said about you and whatsoever situation that you are facing make sure it doesn't depart from your mouth.

Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. Isaiah 43:26

Learn to put God in remembrance (not because He has forgotten, God doesn't forget but because each time you speak God's word like you are reminding Him, you are actually making your way prosperous through those confessions of His promises) and master the art of declaring His promises over your life; if you can do thus, you'll be prosperous and in health.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:10

Don't just believe God's promises and seat down; with your mouth confess it so that you can experience it's power.

God bless you.



## FALLING IN LOVE VS LEARNING (GROWING) IN LOVE

**W**e were best of friends till we got married, a wife once said. What about now I asked, we are the worst enemies ever.

This is the case of most people in relationships; they fall into love in a moment and then use the rest of their lives trying to withdraw from that love pact.

Fire is good, without it there is no warmth and we'll freeze to death but when the fire can't be controlled; we'll be burnt to ashes. This is what the sensation of love is; without it, our lives would be cold and empty but when we can't harness it, it would destroy us.

Many go into love relationship believing that by their instinct they can handle it and later find out that it's bigger than their instincts. Most of our youths who refused to listen and rushed into relationships destroyed their lives and are living with the scars today.



God is love, if we must go into any love relationships, we must learn how to harness love through God's word.

No book in the world contains 'how to love' more than the bible.

Wives must learnt how to be humble to their husbands, don't assume you know, consciously desire such knowledge in the scripture.

Husbands should learn how to love their wives from the scriptures, don't assume you already know, study God's word to know your responsibility to your wives

Youths should learn how to relate with their fellow youths in the bible and not through romantic novels, movies and magazines etc.

\_ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding\_ . Prov. 3:5

Never lean on what you know about love, trust in God's wisdom, yes, learn how to love through God's word.

# Marital Matters

## Wisdom for Esthers

*Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: Proverbs 23:6*

**E**ve was deceived because she was paying attention to the flattery and offers of the serpent: she beheld the fruit and considered its ability to make her a goddess and not the personality of the one presenting to her such flattery.



You have to be very careful especially when you've observed that he is lusting after you and now comes with mind-blowing gifts, making you laugh and feel like you are a goddess who deserves more than God has given you through your spouse and other healthy relationships that you have with others.

Don't collect gifts from those you don't know their person enough and avoid delighting yourself in flatteries, if you must accept any gift, please call your husband's attention to such gifts, flattery and favor.

Whoever does not want your husband to know about the favor he is doing for you isn't doing you a favor; he is seeking to seduce you by corrupting your mind and affection for your husband. From such, flee!

## Virtues for Joseph

### GOD'S GREATEST COMMAND TO THE HUSBAND

Do you know that God has what He requires from the husband?

Do you know the first question God would ask you as a husband when you stand before Him in judgment?

Do you know His greatest command to you as a married man who professes to Love God?



It is 'Husbands, love your wives even as Christ loves the church' Eph 5:25  
In Christ's love to the church

**It is sacrificial:** He gave His life for the church (you don't have the right to place yourself before your wife the day you got married, you must put her first in all things)

**It is forbearing and forgiving:** He forgave the church over and over again and (you don't complain and keep counting her wrongs, pray for her, learn to forbear and forgive, you need this grace especially)

**It is everlasting:** He never stops loving the church and would never divorce the Church from Himself (cancel divorce from you mind, your love for your wife must last forever for it to be approved of God)

Your love for your wife is a divine obligation, and it must be sacrificial, forbearing and forgiving and most importantly, enduring.

When you are faced with the desire to follow other women, when what you see in skirts trigger you, remember the Lord's command 'Husbands, love your wives'

Love your wife in a million ways and never love a million ladies in one way.

If God asks you, 'how did you love your wife?' what would be your reply, prepare to reply that because He'll surely ask you when you get to Him.

Love your wife to impress God and you can impress God by loving her the way Christ loves the church.

God bless you.

### GUEST WRITER'S COLUMN

#### TEARS STARTED FLOWING

I became sad in my spirit and wept bitterly whilst walking on a sunny day without feeling the heat of the sun, without caring about who was looking at me, because what I saw gave me a flash black of what happened to me so many years ago. I saw a two year old girl with her mother; this woman was running with the child in fear from the father who was chasing them. Whilst the woman ran the more the man shouted and rained abusive words on her until she was too tired to run. The man then came to them and asked the two year old child to choose between them; I couldn't control my tears as it started flowing: Broken homes are destroying a lot of kids and their destinies and as a counselor I always hear a lot of similar stories. Please my dear reader, pray for your marriage. I have seen people preparing so well to write their exams, praying seriously for their jobs but failing to pray for their marriages. They will tell you that when it comes to marriage love is everything, forgetting that one day all those feelings will be gone and you will be left with the reality of life in marriage, this is when most people begin to blame God for their own mistakes. The decision you take today will have a great impact on your unborn generation, please take it seriously, marriage is not only about sex and producing babies, there is more into it, spend time and find out and seek God's grace and direction for your marriage. Marriage can start on a good ground and end on a bad note if you don't manage it with God's wisdom and grace, and children are the victims of bad marriages. Many children's potentials are not reached because of broken homes. Let's have time with God; to seek His counsel and grace over our marriage because He is the one who instituted marital union other wise we will end up destroying our great generation because of our unguided decisions God bless you



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## RANDOM WORDS OF WISDOM

- You can't be a good mother without being a good wife first; Wifehood comes before motherhood.
- You can't be the wife who has the affection of her husband without first being the wife who respects her husband like you are his slave.
- You can't train your children to love God if you don't even know God yourself.
- You can't meet a god-fearing spouse if you are not god fearing; likes attract likes.
- If you harbor divorce in your heart you'll soon get it in your hands.
- Learn to pray before time: don't wait till your husband starts cheating before you start praying for him not to cheat.
- Don't wait till his love and affection for you diminish before you start praying for God to always fill his heart with love for you.
- Pray for your kids daily: pray for excellence in life, pray against any limiting curses, pray for good friends, ask God to train them

Himself and don't wait till things get out of hands before you start praying.

- Don't take things for granted, especially your husband's respect, belly and sexual satisfaction. Whether you are angry with him or not, make sure that these needs are always met.
- Watch your tongue, again I say, watch your tongue. Many are setting their homes on fire with their tongues.
- What you see and commend will increase: see and commend good and good will increase, see and commend evil and evil will increase. That which you talk about much about your spouse will increase in his life.
- You can't change your husband, stop trying to: your scolding, anger, sex starvation, food denial and mean faces etc. won't transform him. It's only God who can transform people. Pray for him and learn to accept him the way he is, in due time God will transform him.

## GATEWAY TO THE MIRACULOUS

### SHALL WE SIT HERE UNTIL WE DIE?

2Kings 7:3

If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: If they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die. 2Kings 7:4

These were the words of the four Lepers when they were doomed if they should continue staying where they were, if they go into the city, they would starve to death and if they go into the camp of the Syrians, they may be put to sword or likely be saved.

They chose the option where they have the slightest chance of survival; daring the camp of the enemy.

Are you also in the middle of crisis, when where you are currently is a 'straight path to death', and before you is a future that looks even darker and your only option is to dare the enemies' gate? Don't sit down in that pain and famine and hunger and death, don't endure that which destroys your life and happiness.

Don't sit down and die. You may need to dare the enemies' sword by daring to enter the camp of provisions surrounded by the enemies.

You need to stop enduring that which is daily taking away your joy and happiness at all cost.

Don't sit down and die. You need to walk out of that ill-health, disease, pain and lack of sight that is limiting your functionality and joy in life.

Don't sit down and die. You need to walk out of failures and repeated near success misses.

Don't sit down and die. You need to walk out of the events tearing apart your marriage or hindering you from getting married.

Don't sit down and die. You need to walk out of the place of curses and disappointments.

Don't sit down and die. You need to walk out of the life of fear and nightmares and demonic attacks.

Don't sit down and die. You need to walk out of frustrations and dejections.

Don't sit down and die. You need to walk out of the place of worry and sorrows and bitterness that is stealing your sleep, joy and happiness.

Don't sit down and die. If you are not comfortable where you

are sitting and before you are famine (the lack of everything that you seem to desire in life) and you are ready to dare the enemies' and possess your possessions.

Pray and pray with these prayer points:

God give me the wisdom that I need to sail out of this predicament. Isaiah 30:21

I rebuke every spirit of confusion, I walk in divine direction; I know what to do in Jesus' name.

The chastisement of my peace, the sacrifice for me to have the life of health, breakthrough and deliverance from all the attacks of the enemy was paid by Christ, therefore I refuse hardship and poverty and disease in Jesus name. Isaiah 53:5

I uproot every pain, hardship, diseases, disappointments etc. not planted by God in my life in Jesus name. Matt. 15:13

God bless you.

## PRAISE REPORTS

Testimony from around the world:

Pastor, after my husband's death, I was hoping to get married again but wanted to fall for any man because I told myself then that I'm too old and no one of my age will still be single to marry me unless as a second wife. The devil strengthened this thought in me but after I knew you Pastor and started listening to your teachings and messages that forbade me from falling and marrying a divorcee or a married person, I told myself that I'll never fall for a married man or accept a divorcee; I'll rather wait on till God gives me the right person and I concentrated on serving God and to my surprise, my best friend from 2012 just after my husband's death proposed to me this year (2016) and he is of the same age with me and has never been married. He is pushing for us to get married as soon as possible and he respects me a lot, loves me and my two kids. Thank you Pastor.

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## JESUS SAVES

THE AGONY OF AGONIES LUKE 9:43-48

Within 5 years, a 60 years old woman lost her entire family under various mysterious circumstances and her hopelessness was obvious being (since she was getting) too old to marry and have children. Could there be any situation more hopeless than this? Yes there is. Some men were unavoidably trapped in a desert after a great earthquake and after several days of hunger and thirst resolved to donate their urine in order to quench their thirst at least. The men almost tore themselves apart as they struggled to determine the measure of urine that should go to each donor. There as a place worse off. People will seek to drink their own urine but would not have the opportunity to.

An innocent man who was falsely accused of stealing was almost tormented to death via an electrocution machine. He was whipped for several days with a koboko (cow-tail) and was made to suffer much pain with a broomstick inserted into his urinary track. You can obviously imagine the agony, yet there is a more agonizing experience. Severe famine broke out in a land and the extent of

starvation drove some parents into entering a pact to cook their children in turns after they had finished making food out of the orphans found around them. I assure you there would be a more evident starvation.

A young man was boiled alive in an oil pot because of his convictions and another was tied to a horse and dragged around the city because of his faith yet, there is a suffering, which these cannot match. Majority view the tribulation period as the most difficult of all times, There is however, a time that would be more difficult, more traumatic, more tormenting, more painful and more unbearable than this period-“the hell fire experience. The depth of God’s love for humanity which no man can fathom has led some to erroneously believe that a father as loving as God would not be wicked as to allow his children who live in sin, suffer the pains and agony illustrated in the idea of hell. Hell is not an idea, it is real.

### HOW TO ESCAPE HELL

To escape hell, we must deny ourselves and follow Christ. He is the way, the truth and the life and no man cometh unto the father except

by Him (Christ). The devil cometh not but to steal, to kill, and to destroy but Christ came that we may have life and have it more abundantly... John 14:6, 10;10. The only way you can escape hell fire is to be born again. John 3:3 says ‘...verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God’. You see, Jesus Himself says the only way for you to see God’s kingdom and escape hell is to be born again. The question now is, are you born again? It only takes a firm decision to accept Christ as your Lord and personal saviour. You must also resolve to forsake your sinful ways. God can renew your heart now and make you born again by simply and sincerely reciting this prayer of repentance.

‘LORD JESUS, I am a sinner. I have sinned against you and done all kinds of evil. I present myself before you now that you may save me. I don’t want to go hell. Forgive me and show your mercy towards me as a father. Lord Jesus, come into my life as I confess you today as my Lord and Personal Saviour. Thank you for answering and saving me in Jesus name. Amen.

# How to CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

**I**NTRODUCTION: Though Christ was born in a much warmer season while shepherds watch their flocks by night (Luke 2:8), yet we celebrate the birth of Christ during December because it’s never about the date and time of celebration but the person of Christ whom we appreciate His coming. Many celebrate Christmas by trying to impress people with what they’ve accumulated over the year; through organizing parties, showing off cars and dress etc. so that they’ll be noticed and praised by people. How should we celebrate Christmas? Let’s get the answer from the examples of those who celebrated the birth of Christ in the bible.

#### HOW TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS:

**1. WE SHOULD CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS BY MAKING ROOM FOR HIM:** And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 The Jews didn’t allow Christ into their rooms because they were busy with parties that they forgot the reason for the season (Christ Jesus). The first way to celebrate Christ Jesus is to make room for Him in your heart. Have you received Christ? Are you born again? If you haven’t, you can’t celebrate Christ whom you know not. Organizing parties and the rest of them in the name of celebrating Christmas makes no sense if you’ve not make room for Christ in your heart.

**2. WE SHOULD CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS LIKE THE SHEPHERDS DID:** And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. Luke 2:17-18 The shepherd went around telling people about the first coming of Christ; we should organize evangelism and tell the world about the coming and the purpose of Christ coming to earth; to redeem us from the bondage of the devil. Christmas without evangelism is no Christmas.

**3. WE SHOULD CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS LIKE THE WISE MEN:** And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. Mat. 2:11. The wise men opened their treasures unto God, yes we should celebrate Christmas by opening our treasures unto God. Those who celebrate Christmas without offering any gift to God are in error.

**4. WE SHOULD CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS LIKE THE ANGELS DID:** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:13-14 The angels sang songs of praises to God. The first way to celebrate Christmas by believers is to sing songs of praise unto God; as a church and as individuals. Christmas without praises to God isn’t a well celebrated Christmas.

**CONCLUSION:** The greatest event in the history of mankind is God becoming flesh and dwelling among us. Let’s celebrate Christmas by giving room for Christ in our hearts, praising Him, telling others about His coming and opening our treasures to Him. Are you willing to do these?  
God bless you.

## Gospel Messages for the Month

**TOPIC:**

# GOD CANNOT LIE

*Jesus saith unto him, I am ... the truth...  
John 14:6*

**T**he devil has been described as the father of liars and one of his greatest lie is to make the child of God believe God has lied about him; who he is in Christ and what God has provided for him through Christ Jesus. GOD can't lie because God is the truth: Jesus saith unto him, I am ...the truth...John 14:6. When God doesn't try to prove to any one that He is saying the Truth, God is the truth. Whoever is living in God's word is living in the Truth. God can't lie because God is not a man: God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Lev. 23:19. Men lie because most times they can't fulfill their words or they don't know enough to represent the truth. God can't lie because He has magnified His word more than His name: I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. Ps. 138:2.

The scripture is the truth: ...I tell you the truth...John 16:7 whatsoever we read in the scripture is the truth irrespective of what the society says or the scientist reports. Many believers are not living in truth and because they've gotten used to living in the lies of the devil purported via science and nature, they now accept the lies as truth about them. The scripture reveals the truth about our health, prosperity and eternity. Whatsoever is happening in your life that's not part of what God has said about you, it's your duty to prayerfully reject it The only truth about you is that which is revealed in God's word on you. Amen! And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: Romans 4:19

Father Abraham refused to accept that Sarah's womb was dead to carry a baby or he being too old to father a child; scientifically it's true that Sarah couldn't mother a child and he shouldn't have been able to father a child at his age but God's word is all that matters in the life of the Christian and not what science has to say. To know the truth about you and your situation and destiny, check the scriptures. When the child of God reads God's word, he is reading the truth about himself; who he is in Christ, what He has in Christ and what he can achieve through Christ. God can never lie about you, don't live your life in the opinion of the world, the world knows nothing about you. God's word is the revelation about you



**S**he was mortally wounded, due to internal bleeding, she would not survive as the doctors had advised, her husband was sobbing profusely besides her and I was on the other side then I excused the husband and the following conversation ensued with her. Me: Why did

you marry him?

She: I loved him so much I thought couldn't live without him but now living with him has shortened my life after causing me several miscarriages and broken bones (sighed) Me: (quiet for a while) Didn't you know he is a woman-beater and an easily angered man before you married him?

She: Yes pastor, I did know but I thought he'll change, pastor I thought that would stop but it never did and now I'm here about to die, beaten by my supposed husband. This woman suffered and eventually died prematurely because she accepted to marry someone because she overlooked what she had known about him due to the affections she had for him, today's teachings shall be

### WHEN YOUR FEELING IS CONTRARY TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE

You know that he/she has anger issues, drinks and flirts and yet you want to commit your life to him/her because you feel you love him/her greatly, my friend, you are about to crash your life forever. Many marriages where one of the spouses is behaving very badly, the behaviour didn't just spring-up, it had been there long before the marriage occurred.

Many people commit their lives to someone that has some degree of behaviour that they can't tolerate yet they went on to marry because they hoped he/she would change. A wedding ceremony doesn't change anyone; it rather amplifies who such a person is. When what you know about someone is not what you can put up with; don't marry them because of what you feel about that person. God doesn't communicate what's right or what's to wrong to us through our feelings but through knowledge. If there is a battle between what you feel about someone and what you know about that person, always allow what you know to win because eventually feelings experience drought, but true knowledge lasts forever. If you know that your relationship with someone has no future, discontinue following your feeling, rather act on your knowledge and end it now, if you know that dating someone will distract your purpose in life or lead you into the life of sin, don't hope it won't because of what you feel about such person, end it. If you know that he is not born again and he is not interested in God, don't marry because of your feeling that you love him or marry him in hope that God would change him. I tell you, most of you would either die or flee before God may change

him if he wants to be changed, why not obey God and flee from those He has warned you not to commit your life or business to. Don't also marry or continue with someone because you think you can change him: its only Christ Jesus who transforms people and you can't choose for Him whom to transform or who not to. Do not be mismatched with unbelievers. For what partnership have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 1cor. 6:14-15

Don't make your soul-mate him whom God warned you not to mate with; don't make your business partner him whom God warned you to flee from. Those words 'but I love him' are not from God if he is known not to be born again with the fruits of the Holy spirit evident. Real love starts from what you know about him/her and not what you feel. Adam knew that Eve was the bone of his bones, made by God for him, and he based his love on such knowledge. Please let your love be based on what you know about him/her before you can commit your life to him/her. If I ask you, 'why do you love him/her?' I don't expect stupid answers like 'I just feel attracted to him/her, I love his/her looks, I can't get her off my mind etc.' never let your life be controlled by what you feel but by what you know because definitely what you feel would sooner rather than later diminish but what you know will continue to be truth till Jesus comes. One plus one equals two and it will continue to equal two till our fourth generation because it's true, yes, if your love is based on the true knowledge of someone, that love would never diminish and till death will you part.

God bless you.

## Marital Matters

Wisdom for Esthers

### RESPECT HIM LIKE NO OTHER CAN



Everyone can fall in love with your spouse, therefore when you love him, you haven't done anything special; his secretary can love him; his female colleagues can have a crush on him and love and care for him even more than you can but respect? Not everyone can give that to him.

It takes discipline and the fear of God to respect your husband. Respect is what you'll give your husband and you won't have competitors but in loving him, you'll have several competitors trying to love him more than you love him. Learn to respect him, no husband snatcher can respect your husband because respect comes with the fear of God therefore whoever is lusting over him has no fear of God and won't be able to respect him like you can. Discipline yourself through God's word to respect your husband. Every day, ask God to show you how more you can respect him and God will guide you in His wisdom. Submit to him in the fear of God and it would be easier for him to be transformed by God through your respect to love you more and more.

## Virtues for Joseph

### DON'T CHEAT ON YOUR WIFE

Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one?

That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. Malachi 2:14-15

God watches over each home; He pays attention to each family, watching how faithful every husband is to His wife and rewards marital faithfulness and at the same time punishes marital unfaithfulness. You may think you can do anything to your wife and treat her anyhow, you may think you can have another woman as much as you like and none can tell you not to disregard your wife, but know that you are storing up God's wrath for yourself, you are conjuring doom and eternal damnation on your head. Flirting with another woman, marrying another wife and keeping another house where you keep other women behind your wife will lead you to hell. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7 Just as your relationship with your wife is, so is God's relationship with you; if you deal treacherously with your wife, you'll reap same in your relationship with God because God is not mocked. When Solomon broke his covenant with his wife and married several women, his heart was turned away from God due to those multi-relationships and that eventually led his soul to hell despite his wisdom and God's love on him; once you've broken your sacred vow to your wife, and start cheating, you've broken your relationship with God and if you continue in it, you'll end up like Solomon; in hell (1King 11).

Repent today and confess unto God and your wife and God will forgive you and restore you.

### GUEST WRITER'S COLUMN

## TRUE DELIVERANCE

I am writing to you about TRUE DELIVERANCE. Can I tell you that I was born again more than 20 times, baptized twice and delivered maybe a couple of hundreds of times? I expected something radical to happen to me but nothing really changed till one special day when I learnt about true deliverance. Have you ever wondered why many Christians seek deliverance over and over again? The answer lies in the mindset; before you are born again you are a Human-being but after being born again; you become a god-being. Now once you become a god-being without the mindset of a godly being, all is lost and you might as well not have been born again. This equates to being promoted from being a tea boy to manager but



you still prefer to wear tea boy work-suits and overalls and still mop your own office and make your own tea!! This is what was happening to me. I was born again but I failed to assume and carry the mindset that went with being born again. And I was delivered severally but remained the same in mind. The importance lies in conforming wholly to your deliverance; spirit, body and soul. The question is, is it possible to lose your deliverance? Yes!! Jude 1v5 says God delivered His people out of Egypt but later destroyed those who did not believe. Romans 12 v2 says be transformed through the renewing of your mindset. Today, you need to accept and believe in your new birth and transformation to a god-being, who can live out his holy callings and perform miracles, speak in new tongues and cast out demons (Mark 16:17).

Begin to operate at the level of your name as the son of God and in your position as a co-heir with Christ, through renewal of your mind in the knowledge of Christ Jesus. May the living God be praised as we grow in His Grace  
With love in Christ,

Your sister, **Ncedo**

## GATEWAY TO THE MIRACULOUS

# I KNOW

I know that when things are hard, our countenance would be low and our soul wearied. I know that sadness is the most likely mood of our spirit when things are awry. I know that pain and hardship causes sorrows and heaviness of heart. And I also know that the devil magnifies our problems to the effect that our sorrows know no bound. But if we must fight our way out of these challenges, it must start from within, it's only when the storm within us is calmed that we can calm the storms without. It's only when we've conquered in our spirit that we'll conquer our world without.

The power of God functions in the atmosphere of Joy (Neh. 8:10) and we can only draw out our salvation with the means of Joy (Isaiah 12:3). When you allow the devil steal your joy, you've ultimately allowed him disconnect you from the workings of God's power and your sole means of obtaining salvation from your misery. Someone wrote, 'it's not the water without a ship that sinks the ship, it's the one within'. When the Apostles were drowning, they weren't drowning because there was a storm; they were drowning because they allowed water to enter their boat.

No matter the tempest, if your boat lets no water in, it won't sink, though it may shake, yes, no matter the challenges in your life, if you don't let bitterness encroach into your heart, you won't sink. It's time to eject that bitterness out of your spirit, if you must conquer; you first need your joy. Those who still have the joy of the Lord have the strength of the Lord: bitterness hinders the miracles

God bless you

## PRAISE REPORTS

### Delivered from immorality

I was raped as an 8 year old child and since then I've not been able to control the overwhelming sexual urge that comes on me. I do have sex an average of 5 times with different boys a week and still not satisfied as masturbate between the brief moments I'm not with anyone. I can't even count the number of boys I've slept with. The challenging thing is that I couldn't tell anyone because I'm the daughter of a pastor. One day I came across pastor's sermon on 'sexual immorality' and I called him. He counseled and prayed for me. This is the fourth month since he prayed for me and I've been sustained by God's grace; no more overwhelming sexual urge, no more masturbation. I'm totally free to serve Jesus Christ not like a hypocrite who I was before but in truth and in spirit.

### Blessing, Benin - Nigeria.

## JESUS SAVES

### THEY DROWNED BECAUSE THEY DOUBTED (Gen. 7,8)

For 120 years Noah was preaching that the flood is going to drown the world, it was so incredible to believe because there was no rain in those days. From street to street he went, from homes to homes he visited and in each place he was received with scoff and disdain. His message made no meaning to the science of that day, it made no meaning to the logic of the day, the scientific discoveries and knowledge of the time and it made no meaning to the kind of life the people of those days were used to therefore they doubted him and met his sermons about the drowning of the earth with much ridicule. The people drank, laughed, partied and lived their life as if the earth wasn't going to drown and the scientific knowledge of their day supported their way of life; they never minded the ark of salvation which Noah built for their salvation. Whatsoever God has said will always be true because God's word doesn't lie. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. Matt. 24:38

Like it was in the days of Noah, Christ said it will be in His days, many people will be drinking, partying and living their lives the way they want and then Christ will come and all those who haven't entered the ark of salvation (become born again by receiving Christ as their lord and personal savior) will be destroyed and subsequently go to hell.

Are you among the many that are indifferent to God's word? Or the few who don't doubt the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the end of the world? Are you among the people who think the advent of Christ is too incredible to believe?

Don't be like those in the days of Noah who were drinking and partying and living in sin and total disregard to God's word and ended up in destruction. And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. 1Thes. 1:10

You can give your life to Christ today and flee from the wrath to come for there is a wrath coming on all those who aren't born again. To give your life to Christ, sincerely recite the prayers below: 'LORD JESUS, I am a sinner. I have sinned against you and done all kinds of evil. I present myself before you now that you may save me. I don't want to go hell or live in disregard of your word. Forgive me and show your mercy towards me as a Father. Lord Jesus, come into my life as I confess you today as my Lord and Personal Saviour and I believe that you died and God resurrected you for my redemption. Thank you for answering and saving me in Jesus name. Amen.

If you've said this prayer, then you are born again.

## TOPIC: GO BACK, DON'T STAY (Ruth 1 and 2)

*'...But they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them'. (1 Sam. 8:7)*

This is the word of the Lord to Samuel when the Israelites demanded for a king in replacement of Him. Initially, God ruled the Israelites through Judges (Theocracy) that's why when they rejected Samuel, God said, '... they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them'. So, there was a certain man of Bethlehem Judah, in the days judges' rule.

This man was privileged to be under the direct rulership of God, for whenever the judges rule, God rules. Whoever is the ruler determines what happens to his subjects. Since it was God that rules them, it meant, He determined everything this man was passing through. God is good, and His reign over one's life will only bring good fortunes to such a person but we must note that part of God's goodness includes hardship and chastisement.

We shouldn't misunderstand or misinterpret God's goodness in hardship and chastisement because these too are God's means of bringing us to good fortunes.

When things are hard while God is the Lord over our lives, we should endure such hardship as a good soldier and when we are chastised, we shouldn't become offended at God because it's him whom He loves that He chastises. (2 Tim. 2:3)

This man didn't like the temporary famine which he would have endured as a good soldier of God but instead

### HE WALKED AWAY

'And a certain man of Bethlehem Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife, and his two sons'.

This man left the place where God rules to sojourn in Moab where the devil ruled; (for if you are not under the Lordship of Christ, you are definitely under the devil's, there is nothing like sitting on the fence) because there was famine in the land. This is typical of many Christians today, they backslide and stop following God at the slightest challenge they have over their life of faith; they begin to go to places they know God wouldn't approve of and do businesses in sin only because they have some challenge which they should have endured as a soldier of God.

This famine that made this man to quickly forsake God as he went to seek for greener pastures outside God never brought death to any Israelites who stayed put, rather it ushered them to a greater year of abundance and plenty (for every affliction a righteous man endures, he ends up more blessed and supplied for by God). There are no greener pastures outside God. In Moab where this man went to seek green pastures, he met death but in Israel where he fled from because of famine, there was no record of death even during that period of famine because the temporary affliction a Christian encounters when he endures it, wouldn't kill him but prepares him for a greater glory. Amen!

This man fled to the devil (Moab), I hope you haven't fled from God because of the crisis in your home, the health challenge and the financial struggles you are facing since you want solutions faster than when God will respond to you?

### AND HE CONTINUED THERE

My problem with Naomi and family is not that they left Bethlehem-Judah to Moab, but my problem is 'and they continued' their stay in Moab.

Most problems we have are not that we have walked out of God, but that we have remained outside God even after we've noticed that

God isn't with us in where we are and in what we are doing.

The prodigal son didn't run into lack and troubles immediately after he left his father; it was until he continued there that he met his troubles, yes the longer we live outside the will of God for our lives, the more dangerous it is for us because the more time the devil will have with us to steal, kill and destroy

### WHAT WE GOT WHEN WE STAYED IN OUR GOD

Whoever that is outside of God's purpose for him is functioning inside the purpose of the devil and John 10:10 says the purpose of the devil for everyone man is to steal, kill and destroy therefore Naomi's first present from the devil was the death of her husband and instead of running quick back to Israel, she remained in Moab and 'took... wives of the women of Moab' for her sons because she wanted to make up for the death of her husband while in Moab.

This is the mistake many backslidden believers make; they try to make up for their loss whilst they still have not returned to God. Whatsoever idea the devil places in your heart to pursue so that you might recover from your losses while in Moab, is a ploy from him to keep you longer in Moab so that he could strike you again. Did Naomi make up for the loss of her husband while in Moab though she took wives for her sons? Not at all!! Instead, she lost her two sons into the cold hands of death.

The more she stayed in Moab, the emptier her life was becoming (Ruth1:20). Whatsoever plan of success you are making while outside the will of God will lead you to further loss and further loss till the ultimate loss (your soul). John 10:10 says its only in God that life in abundance can be found, outside God, we shall only suffer losses. I hope you don't remain in Moab til you've suffered the ultimate loss. What would have happened to Naomi if she had remained in Moab after the loss of her two sons? Who knows what will happen to you if you still remain in your Moab

### WHEN SHE WENT BACK

When Naomi went back, it was 'the beginning of barley harvest'. The beginning of harvest is a time of abundance and plenty (Exo. 13:14).

The prodigal son had clothes, food, shoes and fat-calf in the house but while he was outside he was suffering from hunger and nakedness and was barefooted. My friend, every good life you desire can only be supplied by God because it's God who planted that expectation in your heart and He did so because He has the provisions in store for you.

Naomi went back and she didn't only meet with the harvest, her name was included in the lineage of Christ, yes, if you can return to God today, you won't only meet that which made you forsake God waiting for you but your space in the eternal plan of God will still be reserved for you only if you'll go back and don't stay in your Moab.

If you want to repent and return to God, kindly say this prayer  
Lord God, today I come to you in total repentance I ask that you forgive me and show me your mercy.

I declare Jesus as my Lord and Saviour and I ask that you revive my spirit, soul and body in Jesus' name and help me be firm in you henceforth in Jesus' name.

Thank you for restoring me as I quit from this life of sin in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you said this prayer, kindly mail us [tmmintl@gmail.com](mailto:tmmintl@gmail.com)

God bless you.

Before Samuel met with David the real person God wanted him to ordain as king of Israel, he first met with not one or two, but about 9 wrong people in the form of David's brothers and almost anointed them as king, until David showed up after lots of drama. Like that, before we finally meet with the right spouse, we may first meet with some wrong people. These are the lists of some of the categories of people we may meet before we meet the right person

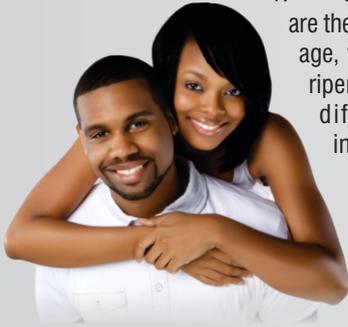
1. Those we are infatuated with: these are the people we met during our teenage age, when the feeling of maturity is just ripening and we don't know the difference between love and infatuation. You can only find someone who suits you in life after you've discovered who you are in life; you can't know who you really love until you've known who you really are. First discover yourself; concentrate on your studies or

skill acquisitions and know yourself and purpose in life before you can be able to know who will help you be who you are. A relationship at this point is wrong because it distracts you from your career and self-discovery. Before you add any ingredient to a soup, you should at least first know the type of soup that it is, yes, before you can tag someone along in your life, first discover yourself; pursue and get your career.

2. Those we love who don't love us back: the next set of people that are wrong are those we fall in love with and who don't love us back. Some girls will give their bodies to the men they love and go out of their way to do things even at their detriment just to win the love of men and vice versa. These people that we love aren't our spouses because marriage is a relationship between two people who love themselves and not an addiction of one person to another indifferent person. If you find yourself caught loving someone who doesn't love you back, seek help and break out because the longer you stay in it, the riskier it is for you. When you find your ideal spouse, your ideal spouse would discover you too; this discovery must be reciprocal for it to be ideal.

3. People whose beauty/wealth attracts us: our desire for beauty and wealth and sexual satisfaction may bind us into relationship with people who are not our ideal spouse. Any relationship that you are in for the money or fame or beauty or sex is the wrong one for marriage. Relationships like this are vanity and will soon fade away because wealth, beauty and sex-attractiveness are not lasting qualities in anyone. Quit from this kind of relationship. It's the inner quality which is expressed in the form of character that has lasting attractiveness. Don't marry someone for how they look, what they have and what they can do, but marry them for how they behave and how they inspire you to become better at who you are.

4. The person who doesn't love God: we might find ourselves bonding with someone who doesn't know God. Whoever you meet in the bar and party centers and places where sinners convene can't be your ideal spouse. Whoever you meet and such person starts seducing you with words and acts can't be your ideal spouse. The



reason there are divorces today is because of sin, a sinner will always divorce or disrespect the solemnity of marriage because that's his/her nature. If you don't want to marry today and divorce tomorrow, marry someone

whose sins have been forgiven by God and who loves God. The spouse who loves God will love his/her partner with all fidelity, respecting his/her marital vows.

5. Falling in love with the unavailable: Divorcees whose spouses are still alive, no matter their reason for divorce aren't the ideal spouse for you. While you can marry someone who is a single parent, never court any married person or divorced because that union is adulterous and will definitely lead you to your doom. The right person: This person comes after we've discovered our purpose in God (it was after Adam discovered his garden that God gave him Eve). This person won't just be loved by us, they'll love us more. This person will love God and help us love God even more. This person will inspire us and help us achieve all the purposes of God for us.

God bless you.

**Marital Matters**

*Wisdom for Esthers*

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*Virtues for Joseph*

**THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF ADULTERY**

Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land... committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish... Hosea 4:1-3



while we may not deny that married women often cheat on their husbands, adultery is a sin often committed by husbands.

There are more cases of men cheating on their wives than those of women cheating on their husbands.

When we commit adultery, we shall have controversy not just with our spouses when they find out, but with God and having controversy with God will lead to anguish, mourning and pain as the Holy Bible says.

Adultery is signing to live the life of pain, regrets and anguish. The adulterous husband shall end up destroying everything he holds dear; his home, his children and his finances.

When you are immoral, your children are likely to follow the same path and that will lead them to their early destruction.

Repent from adultery, you can't afford to have a controversy with God and make it in life.

## GUEST WRITER'S COLUMN

### OUR ASSIGNMENT

Mark 16v15

**G**o into the world, preach the good news to all creation. Acts 10 v 42 And He commanded us to preach unto the people and to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of the quick and the dead. Our assignment in life as children of God is to preach the Word of God to all creation!! It is a commandment!! Whether you are a doctor, or a nurse, or a teacher, or a vendor, our chief assignment as children of God is to preach the Word of God to all of creation. Somehow, the devil has diverted our focus, and we imagine our ideal lives as a success when we have attained material assets like houses, cars and other properties, not forgetting lots of money. However, all this is a bonus in a life of a child of God. Powerful men of God lived nomadic lives eating wild foods, away from comfort and they focused on relevant ministry. Examples are Elijah, Paul and Jesus Himself. Our cases are similar to a child you send to fetch you a bag from your house and the child happily scurries off to fetch your bag from the house. When they get to the house they find their mother serving a snack and he/she forgets you sent them and they sit down to eat!! Instead of serving our Father spirituality, we are now serving ourselves and our desires! Here is a challenge I have for all of us, including me; by the end of each week, note down how many people you would have preached to about Jesus. Share your faith at the bus stop, at the shops, at work, everywhere you are, because the Father sent you.

Your sister Ncedo.

# THE DEVIL CAN'T OUTSMART GOD

**You are currently facing some trials and temptations and no matter what you do, you seem to be stuck in them. Don't worry, the devil can't outsmart God.**

**You live in righteousness but your pals who live in sin seem to be doing better than you. Don't worry, the devil can't outsmart God.**

**You pray and pray and whenever the answer seems near, something comes and hinders it. Don't worry, the devil can't outsmart God.**

**No matter what you do, your marriage seems not to work and you are getting frustrated day by day. Don't worry, the devil can't outsmart God.**

**You prayed and fasted for fruitfulness yet you are still barren. Don't worry, the devil can't outsmart God.**

**You've sown seed for your financial growth and you are yet to see results.**

**Don't worry, the devil can't outsmart God. You kept your body and those who didn't seem to be getting married. Don't worry, the devil can't outsmart God.**

**The Christian can never be disadvantaged in life and sinners can never live a better life than the saints because God has a master plan to bring to pass our expected end (Jer 33:11).**

**Do not let your heart envy sinners, But live in the fear of the LORD always. Surely ... thine expectation shall not be cut off. Prov 23:17-18**

**The expectations of the just shall never be cut short; you'll get that healing from HIV and cancer and all diseases if you expect healing from.**

**You'll get married if you expect marriage. Your home will be restored if you expect it. You'll become successful if you expect success etc.**

**God has a plan the devil can't hinder because the devil can never outsmart God.**

God bless you.

## GATEWAY TO THE MIRACULOUS

### BITTERNESS HINDERS THE MIRACULOUS

**B**itterness (prolonged anger and jealousy) is the emotion that fosters the activities of darkness. When we are bitter, we give space to the devil to kill, steal and destroy us. Neh. 8:10 says Joy is our stronghold (defense). Whenever we lose our joy, we lose our stronghold.

When we are bitter, the devil will have access into our lives to carry about his activities, that's why bad things happen to you during those moments when you allow bitterness to grow in your heart; Nightmares, midnight attacks, strange disease, terrible sinfulness,

falling into temptation with ease and so on are as the result of bitterness.

Bitterness comes when we refuse to forgive someone who hurt us, when we are jealous over the success of another person we think doesn't deserve to be successful, when we allow the everyday upsets we get from work, the street or even in the church to linger on in our hearts.

Most times, bitterness comes without any reason; we are just bitter and can't explain why. Whatever the reason for one's bitterness; this year wouldn't get better for anyone who continues to harbour bitterness. Bitter things happen to bitter people and it will continue to happen to bitter people till they've gotten rid of all bitterness (Eph. 4:31).

The first step of getting a better life is to forgive that person you've vowed not to forgive, avoid jealousy by telling yourself that everyone deserves better than you and guard your heart from every trace of bitterness.

And whenever you are upset and thus lose your joy, that's the moment you should pray until you've felt your joy restored. God works in the atmosphere of joy (Isaiah 12:3) and we can only enjoy the benefit of our salvation (healing, deliverance, fruitfulness, successes and breakthrough etc.) during our moment of joy.

Never lose your joy this year no matter where the upset and offense is coming from. Never be envious of any body's success and soon you'll be basking in your own success too  
God bless you

**T**hey didn't just decided to throw away their virginity, they didn't just became single mothers, they didn't just became murderers (abortionist), they didn't just decided to cheat on their spouses, they didn't just made up their minds to sin against God and they didn't just want to be immorally. It all started with a little compromise; something supposed to be harmless and un-sinful.

It started by giving out their numbers to a stranger who doesn't believe in morality and holy living.

It started by following up on someone they lust over.

It started by accepting lifts and gifts from people they don't understand their innermost intentions on them.

It started by accepting a date to a party, taking alcohols in the form of ice-creams.

It started when they allow someone touch them their sensitive part of their body.

Then they became secretive and start lying about their movements, they started lusting in their mind as some immoral suggestions started popping up here and there, they claim they are adults and needs to advice from anyone so they don't seek advice and help over the sinful nudges they are having as they think they can handle themselves and not cross the boundary but...

The gift got their heart and the drink seems to make them

dizzy and though in their heart they wanted to say No, yet their body wouldn't allow them to and thus it happened and it happened again and again and again. Though they feel bad about it, know that they are heading to destructions yet they wouldn't be able to say No to themselves and then they became infected, some with incurable diseases, others became abortionist, the better ones became single parents etc. and these will have a long time negative influence in their life forever as it will destroy their relationship with God, their relationship with their legitimate spouse, and their relationship with themselves and their future.

And they'll continue in this part of destruction unless they call on Jesus to save and forgive them.

But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. Prov. 6:32

It's almost 14 Feb. be careful my friend so that you won't ruin your life in one moment.

To be able to abstain from immorality as instructed in 1Thes. 4:3, you must begin by abstaining from those little compromises that don't look harmful and sinful.

God bless you.

Happy Love day (help me make this viral)

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

## IT STARTS WITH LITTLE COMPROMISE

**TOPIC:****WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR RESOURCES ARE SCARCE:  
Learning from what the Apostles did (John 6:1-13)**

Jesus Christ had been preaching for 3 days and the multitudes were now weary because of hunger. Peter has asked Philip to go check and see how much he could raise and his brother to go ask for donations; if these multitudes must keep listening to Christ having stayed 3 days already, they must eat. Let's go through the sequent of events and learn what these Apostles did to curb the problem before them.

**LESSON 1:** They gathered every money left in the ministry's purse and that which they donated within themselves and only gathered (200 Pennies), they asked for donations from the multitude but they were so unwilling to donate but for a boy who gave out his (5 barley loaves of bread and 2 fishes). To date, the multitudes come to God for miracles and not for a relationship, they want to get from God but not give Him starting from their hearts to their wealth. I hope you are not among the multitudes who from time to time seek for only what you can get from God and not what you can give to further God's work (anyway, God isn't interested in the gifts of those who wouldn't give but in the gifts of those who give no matter how meager it is)

**LESSON 2:** What the apostles gathered was far insufficient to the needs before them (feeding of the multitudes). No matter how hardworking and resourceful we are, what we gather can never be enough to solve the various challenges before us day by day, we all need the salvation of the Lord, yes, we need His blessings.

**LESSON 3:** They wanted to dismiss the crowd because they couldn't feed them and were stopped by the objection of Christ Jesus, yes, many would want to stop their children from applying for the university, shrink themselves from taking on some particular challenge before them because they think about what they have (their monthly salaries, job profits etc) wouldn't be enough to face such challenge. (Remember Goliath was big and David looked small, yes, challenges also look bigger than we are but are not tougher than us)

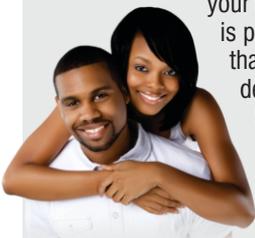
**LESSON 4:** They gave God what they had gathered, yes, whatsoever that's not our harvest is our seed. God doesn't give you harvest before seeds; He gives seeds before harvest, if you save your seed (for those banking their money and claiming they don't even have a seed), you'll delay your harvest and if you eat your seed, you'll cancel your harvest. The apostles gave all they had that wasn't enough to God who breathes life into them.

**CONCLUSION:** What finally happened was a miracle; the supply was now bigger than the need. Glory! When you apply the same formula on the same equation you'll get the same results yes, when you do what the Apostles did during the time of great need and scarce supplies, you'll get what they got; abundance of supplies. God bless you.

Pastor Promise Ikpe

**IF SHE IS NOT THE WILL OF GOD  
FOR YOUR LIFE?**

How will I know that the person I want to marry is God's will for my life, the answer is simple, if she/he is not God's will for your life, he/she won't allow you to live your life in accordance to God's will. Whoever that is pressuring you to sin, and to pursue a career that you know is not God's will for you is definitely not God's ideal partner for you.



Spouses who are God's will for us help us fulfill God's purpose for our lives. Even when things are rough and the purposes aren't clear, they help you discover and fulfill it.

If the person you want to marry is constantly pressuring you to fornicate with him/her, or always advises and pressures you to pursue that which is against God's revealed will for you, you need no prophet to tell you that he/she isn't the ideal spouse.

Eve is to help Adam fulfill his purpose, yes; your ideal partner will encourage you and help you fulfill God's purpose through you. Therefore discover your purpose, that's when it's easier to find the ideal partner.

God bless you.

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# Virtues for Joseph

## GOD COMMUNICATES THE DIRECTIONS FOR THE HOME TO THE FATHER

For any family to be heading in the right direction in life, the man (head of the family) must be connected to Christ his head and receive and transmit instruction; that was the order in Eden. God gave Adam all the instructions to guide their stay in the garden (the instruction unto righteousness; that they eat not the fruit of a certain tree and the instruction unto success; that they tend and keep the garden) till the devil altered it to their doom. Immediately the woman started relaying and not receiving instruction from the man, things went sour. There are certain directions the wife will never receive from God no matter how much she intercedes for her home until her husband lifts his holy hands in faith and pray for his home. The basic instruction that every family needs to run by is:



1. The instruction on righteousness: God will give to every man basic principles by which when his family members observe they'll be pleasing unto God and successful in life.
2. The instruction on work: God will give information needed on the career for each member of the home when the man prays. If as a father you are still ignorant of God's divine direction for your family, you need to go back to your knees in faith after you've kept your hands clean of evil. For any family to be a success in life, the head of the home must be receiving and relaying information to his home.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe.**

## GUEST WRITER'S COLUMN

### GOD HAS BEEN THE ONE CHASING AFTER MAN

Stop trying to encounter God; you can NEVER encounter God all by yourself. You don't have what it takes to do that. All you need to do is to RESPOND to His Encounter unto you because He's already encountered you through Christ.

From the beginning of creation, it has never been recorded that man ever WENT AFTER (encountered) God in the 'FIRST' place. The Bible records have only helped to revealed to us the Most Desperate person between these two parties; God & Man. Unbelievably, it's been Daddy God!!!

Let's take a glimpse at the encounters God has had with man (You will notice it's been God chasing after Man, not Man chasing after God). From Eden; God started chasing after Adam by asking Him, "Where art thou." (Gen 3:9). Afterwards, He chased after Cain (Gen4:9). Then He encountered Abram at Canaan Land (Gen12:7). Also to Isaac (Gen26:24). There are others too many to mention; some of which are recorded in (1Sam3:4, Judges 6:12, Exo3:1-6, Exo16:10, 1king 3:5, Gen 48:3) In the same vein, God didn't stop chasing after man at the close of the old testament. He continued even into the New Testament (what a desperate Lover-God).

Yes, He first encountered Zacharias, then Mary through whom Jesus, Our Saviour & Lord came to us & for us (Luk1:11,26-38). God, seeing that He cannot keep encountering man just on an occasional basis & indirectly through angels God NOW decided to encounter US ALL through Christ once & for all; for the GRACE of God that bringeth salvation hath APPEARED to ALL men. (Titus 2:11).

From my studies of the Bible, I've discovered that the only "encounters" any man ever had with God came about after God's FIRST encounter with him. In fact, I won't call it "an encounter with God", the best way to put it is "a willful, worshipful response to God's FIRST encounter". Because Man doesn't have what it takes to encounter God; all he can afford to God is just to RESPOND to Him. Just think about it, can an abjectly poor man ever dare to say "And I invited the President of my country to my house". Rather, it must have been the quest of the President to come to his house maybe because of an established relationship with the man, or that he wants to just help the man. You see, you can never chase after God. You don't have the POWER, ABILITY, and GRACE to do so except the one he has GIVEN you. And if you ever encounter God or meet Him, it is only because He has already established a bridge of relationship at His FIRST encounter with you that made possible all other 'encounters' you claimed to have with Him. I'm not saying you cannot chase after God or seek to encounter God or experience Him; all I'm saying is that you couldn't have seen the possibility of that, if not that He made it possible for you. So never think you can WORK your way to God. It CANNOT be possible. You can ONLY RESPOND or BELIEVE your way to God. For by Grace are you saved through faith; and that NOT OF YOURSELF: it's [ABSOLUTELY] the gift of God: Not of [MAN'S] WORKS, lest any should boast. Eph 2:8-9 (emphasis mine).

When we pray to the Father, we should study His Word, obey His Indwelling Spirit, consecrate ourselves unto His service, Worship Him with all that we have, walk in His love, assemble together to fellowship as brethren in His Spirit; we are RESPONDING to His Encounter in us not necessarily seeking an encounter with Him. Hence, Spiritual Growth is a resultant effect of our 'response' to God's encounter in us.

Hallelujah!!!

**Bro Prosper Igboke**

## GATEWAY TO THE MIRACULOUS

### CONFESSION LEADS TO SALVATION

**A** woman kept saying, that she'll die whenever her husband died so one day, she got news that her husband had been involved in a car accident and she scurried to the scene, she saw the lifeless body of her husband and immediately she confirmed by herself that he was dead, she just fell and died. There is power in our tongues; many miss out on miracles because they've not trained their tongues to speak rightly.

The Bible says 'Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.' Prov. 18:21 your miracle is determined by your words and your woes by your words. Master how to speak goodness and never try using your mouth to speak ill because 'A wholesome tongue is a tree of life...' Prov. 15:4.

If you keep saying you are good for nothing, a failure, a reject, a cursed person and you'll never amount to anything in life etc. you've just closed the gate to your miracles. No matter how long you pray, miracles will always skip you. You can't speak right unless you have the right spirit, receive Jesus today.

## PRAISE REPORTS

### THENJIWE FROM BYO SHARED

**P**astor I give God all the glory. I requested for prayers last time and I said I was admitted in the hospital and booked for theatre because I was bleeding very seriously... and they said its fibroid then you sent me an audio prayer and as I listened to it, God touched my womb and the next morning the fibroid came out; Jesus operated me Himself. I am out of the hospital now.

Glory to God.

## JESUS SAVES

### POSSIBLE HEADLINES AFTER IMMORALITY

- A man killed his wife and step son after discovering that she was cheating on him.
- A wife publicly fights a girl she suspects is dating her husband.
- A wife killed her best friend after discovering she was

sleeping with her husband.

- Wife broke her husband's neck after seeing his love text with another woman.
- A young Girl died while trying to abort after she discovered she is pregnant and wouldn't want her parents to know.
- Boy contracted HIV after he slept with a girl he met at a party.
- Girl discovered she is pregnant though she had used protection
- A young man purposely punctured the condom his wearing to infect a girl.
- Prophet arrested after husband caught him with his wife.
- Man started behaving insane after sleeping with a harlot.
- Girl became a single mother and dropped out of school.
- Boy took a bet that he would sleep with four different girls every week and ended up with incurable STD.
- Man killed wife during sex after wife kept mentioning gardener's name in ecstasy etc.

Whatsoever the headline is, having sex outside the plan of God may give you some minutes' pleasure but it will surely ruin your life whether you are a man or woman. But whosoever committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away. Prov. 6:32-33.

Every immoral experience will bring destruction and dishonor and shame and reproaches and unless we call on the name of Jesus to save and deliver us, we'll be forever damned. No matter how much immorality has damaged your life, if you can call on Jesus, you'll be saved.

To call on Jesus, sincerely repeat this prayer: Lord God, I come to you in the name of Jesus, I ask that you save me from the yoke of sin. I confess the Lord Jesus as my Lord and personal Savior and I believe that He died and you raised Him up from the grave for my justification. Thank you Lord for saving me for your word said, whoever that shall call on your name shall be saved, I know I'm saved, and henceforth sin shall have no dominion over me in Jesus name If you've said this prayer, you've been delivered from the yoke of sin.

kindly contact us.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe.**

**TOPIC:**  
**CONNECTING TO  
 GOD'S  
 SALVATION**

*For the grace of God that bringeth salvation  
 hath appeared to all men. Titus 2:11*

**G**od has made the grace that makes saving miracles available easily available to all men but we must learn how to connect to these saving miracles through our attitudes and godly character.

**1. FAITH-ATTITUDE:** Faith is the assurance that which we hope for is available for our taking. Not until you believe that, that which you are fighting for is already yours, you won't be determined to reach out for it. We are given the measure of faith when we become born again and we need to put on the attitude of faith in our approach to life and every challenge we may face.

**2. GENEROUS-ATTITUDE: (Prov. 11:25)** It's the giver that gets fat and the generous that is blessed. Whoever that doesn't give has blocked his means for receiving from God. Giving is what opens the door for blessings for us, whoever finds it difficult to give has made it difficult to receive no matter how he prays. God doesn't bring any man to harvest if such man hasn't subjected himself to sowing (**Eccles. 3:1-2**)

**3. HUMBLE-ATTITUDE: (1 Peter 5:5)** God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble. When you feel you are more important or deserve better than others and treat others with disdain and disrespect, you will make God move against you. God honors those who honors others more than themselves and opposes those who are proud and arrogant. The proud would never be blessed, because pride disconnects one from his promotions in life.

**4. GOOD-ATTITUDE: (Acts 21:24)** learn to behave yourself in divine manners; speak nicely to people, be honest, greet everyone irrespective of your mood and don't be violent. Its little foxes that destroys the vineyards, because of those attitudes you leave unchecked, they are the reasons you won't connect to your miracles.

**5. BE PATIENT: (James 1:4)** prostitutes, fraudsters and the likes are people who aren't patient with themselves, and with those God brought into their lives to help them and with God himself. Its only the patient that shall inherit all things. If you are impatient in life, you'll miss out on God's saving grace. After you've done all that you are supposed to do, pray and wait.

**CONCLUSION:** Bad attitude is the reason many are sick, divorced, never married, uneducated and unskilled etc. not because God didn't made His saving grace available for them. We must put on the character of Christ to be able to benefit in the saving Grace of Christ.

God bless you.

Pastor Promise Ikpe

*Ideal  
 Spouse*  
 Relationship Matters



**E**very one seem to have a dream of the person they want to marry. We even go as far as having a checklist. When you meet a guy or girl, you rush through your check list to see how much he or she scores. Don't tell me you don't have a check list because we all have some qualities written in our minds. Now let me ask you something. If you had to check yourself on that list, what will be your score? Can you really marry you? If you were looking for a partner and saw you, will you marry you? We look for qualities in others that we don't even have. We expect so much from people but we give out very little. We expect others to work on themselves but we are not working on us. Make sure you are a partner before wanting a partner. Work on yourself first before working on others. I ask again, Can you marry you? Before you start looking for that guy or girl without faults, first of all try to answer this question; "CAN I MARRY ME"?

Apostle Sarah Agyekwa

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**MOTHERS DAY ADDRESS**

**S**he was being abused; the drunk husband would beat her up on the slightest provocations. He would follow other women to her very knowledge, abuse her parents and people and wouldn't give her attention and money for her upkeep and that of the kids and yet he demands fidelity from her, he demands she opens her legs whenever he wants, he demands she opens the door whenever he returns at midnight or early morning. Furthermore, he would demand that she respects his girlfriends irrespective of how she felt and further insists that she always find a way to put food on his table whether he gave her money or not.

While the unbelieving woman would quickly opt for divorce as a way out of this miserable life, the believing woman would take it to God in prayer and apply godly wisdoms in all of her dealings with him.

The believing woman wouldn't do what the devil would quickly suggest; divorce because God hates divorce (Mal. 2:16)

The believing woman would fight for her home not carnally by



showing him attitudes and cutting down on her marital obligations to him.

The believing woman would draw joy and strength from her relationship with God to stay strong and emotionally fit always.

The believing woman wouldn't listen to the advice of unbelieving friends who would tell her to leave her home and seek refuge in other men's hands.

The believing woman will seek that which is above, where Christ is seated because her desire to make it to heaven far outweighs the temporal suffering she endures with her husband.

The believing woman would never lose faith that God would transform her husband even when he seems disinterested over her affairs and that of his home.

I see in my mom the image of this believing woman, who conquered abuse, not because of the strength of her love for my father who didn't know how to reciprocate but for the strength of her love for God who first loved her and I also see this image in many other women of our time, women who through faith and hope conquered through abusive beginnings in their marriages.

Every woman can say that they are good wives, but it takes pressure to prove that you are a godly one. A good wife is that wife who continues to be a good wife even when her husband isn't a good husband. She would serve her husband faithfully because by doing so, she will be serving God faithfully.

If you are in an abusive marriage, don't give up, it's for better or worse but soon the worse part of it would be over. God is faithful to his daughters; He will restore whatsoever that is missing in their husbands.

Happy women's day.

Pastor Promise Ikpe

## Virtues for Joseph

### FORBEARING THE DEFICIENCIES IN YOUR WIFE

*And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. Luke 1:6-7*



**Z**acharias married Elizabeth and during the course of their marriage, it was discovered that his wife was a barren woman.

Sometimes it's after marriage that we discover the deficiencies in our spouses; it's after we've pledged before God and man 'for better or worse' that we discover their bareness.

Unbelieving men, put up with the deficiencies in their spouses for a while before seeking for ungodly alternatives by betraying part or all of their marital vows, but the husband who loves the Lord and has made up his mind to live according to the grace of the Lord would prepare his mind to forbear with his wife while he prays that God fills up that which is deficient in her life.

Bareness maybe inability to conceive and bear a child or the deficiencies of certain behaviors that are expected of a complete

wife.

Whatever bareness (deficiencies) you discover in your wife after marriage, do not go against your marital vows before God and man. The devil is out there to put up suggestions that whatsoever that is deficient in your spouse may be found in another woman hence the idea of divorcing or adding another wife or keeping girl friends etc. may readily overwhelm your mind as a means of making up for the deficiencies in your spouse. God hates divorce (Mal. 2:16) and He wouldn't give you a wife that though she may appear deficient in certain areas but would not later become perfected in that area of her deficiencies just like Elizabeth later overcame her bareness, only if you can wait on Him for her perfecting. Following the devil's suggestions will lead to further destruction of the man and his family and finally it, it will lead the man to eternal damnation. Breaking marital vows is a deadly sin, be careful.

God bless you.

Pastor Promise Ikpe

## ARE YOU LONELY? READ THIS

**L**oneliness is that feeling we get when we get betrayed by our spouse, abandoned by our trusted friends and deserted by the people we care about.

Man is a gregarious animal social science would say, he thrives in the company of others therefore when he is deprived of that company, he begins to feel lonely.

God understands that feeling of loneliness, at one time; Jesus was abandoned by His disciples. As a pastor, I can tell you, nothing hurts so much than to see the member you've invested so much in desert you for another ministry or church without any good reason.

That your spouse has left you, your friends have abandoned you and people are deserting you for whatsoever reason, doesn't mean your life is over. No matter how important to you those who have left you in life are and how essential the roles they were playing in your life were, God still got you covered. He will not allow you to suffer loneliness because He didn't create you to be lonely.

Right from Eden, God's plan was for you to associate with others.

The society had hated the disciples for following Christ and now the Christ they left everything to follow was about to leave them so they felt really lonely because they couldn't return back to that society they had rejected to follow Christ therefore God said to them,

**I will not leave you comfortless (deserted, lonely, like orphans): I will come to you. John 14:18\***

God brought a new society known as the Christians to the disciples thereby fulfilling His promise of never leaving them lonely.

God won't let you suffer loneliness, He will come to you and will bring to you men and women whom through your fellowship and relationship with them, your life will thrive.

Are you lonely, not anymore, from today, God is blessing you with the company of those you'll thrive with in Jesus name. God is coming with hosts of better people to fill your life; better friends, better members, and better people to relate with.

God bless you.

Pastor Promise Ikpe

## GATEWAY TO THE MIRACULOUS

HAVE YOU TAKEN THAT

# DRUG?

*I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.  
Isaiah 43:11*

Someone was terribly sick of a particular disease and a particular drug was recommended, after a while the one who had recommended the drug was called and told that nothing had happened after the drug was taken. He smiled and replied, "I thought so too after I took that drug when I too had similar issue but I wake up one morning hale and hearty. If you've taken that drug as recommended then I assure you, you are fine because if that drug doesn't heal you nothing else will".

God had given us the drug to cure all ills and troubles we can ever encounter on earth. God created the earth and He created us also, He knows every trouble we will ever face on this planet and He has the perfect solution for it and that solution is in the use of the name 'Jesus'.

Are you under the bondage of sin, you can't live righteously as a Christian, by the name Jesus your deliverance from the sinful habit be broken.

Are you under demonic afflictions that you can't enjoy divine health and provisions, by the name Jesus your salvation is assured.

Are you facing marital crisis that you seem not to know how to handle, by the name Jesus that marital storm will be over.

Are you barren and fruitless in life? No matter how much you read you don't comprehend, no matter how much you try you don't get results and no matter the ideas you work on, its not producing results, my friend, Jesus is the answer etc.

*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12*

God has given us the name lets use it today.

God bless you.

Pastor Promise Ikpe

## PRAISE REPORTS

Taura Hove from Zimbabwe shared

I want to testify of the wonders of God through your prayers and audios you sent me, my right side of my face was paralyzed and my right eye was in great pain but now my eye is now back to normal and my mouth is also back to normal though it's not 100% complete I'm seeing great changes every day. May the Almighty increase your territory and continue using you in the good work\*

## JESUS SAVES

### LIFE OF A QUITTER

Prostitutes, fraudsters, armed robbers, cheats and so on and so forth are examples of quitters.

People who gave up their morality and faith because they couldn't wait a while longer end up in a terrible fate.

God wants us to be patient with Him by being patient with ourselves as we develop gradually into the image He is conforming us to and with those He has placed in our lives to help us achieve our purposes in life.

The devil may try to distract you by suggesting quick fixes; he wants you to cheat so that you might pass your exams, and bribe your way into what you are yet qualified, make you dabble into pleasures you aren't ready for etc. and all these would hinder and limits your functionality in life.

Accepting to quit means you've giving up on yourself, accepting to be fraudulent means you don't trust in yourself and becoming immoral means you've given up on God.

It's with patience that we shall inherit all things, impatient men all throughout history never made history or became anything successful in life.

Impatient women always married wrongly or never got married; impatient men never achieved anything meaningful in life.

*But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:4*

If Christ Jesus is patiently waiting on the day God would put everything under His feet (Mark 12:36), why can't you be patient with yourself, your friends and your God. It's with patience that we shall inherit all things. If patience hasn't perfected its work in you, you are a quitter.

*If you've quitted on your faith and want to return back to God.*

*Kindly say this prayer, Lord God, today I come to You in the name of Jesus, surrendering to you my spirit, soul and body. I declare your Lordship over my life and I invite you into my spirit.*

*From today, give me the grace to abide with you for the rest of my life in Jesus name.*

God bless you.

## TOPIC:

# WHO HAD NOT SWORN DECEITFUL

(The Christian and deceitful earnings)

Ps. 24:3-5

**Y**ou earn so much in a very short time and with little or no effort, how come you get this much when many of your mates are still struggling to attain a little of all that you've come to earn.

**ANS1:** we import fake products from China and design the logos for these fake china products; we design logos of LG, Samsung, and Sony etc. of genuine and known products and place them on these nameless Chinese electronics and when we sell at the price of those known genuine electronic products, we make lots of gains.

**ANS2:** we sell hard drugs through a complicated network of buyers and agents, we can sell a small packet of hard drugs for so much and because its addictive, the demand keeps increasing.

**ANS3:** We pose as companies offering jobs and selling goods and services on the internet and when any gullible people transacts or apply for jobs online in our network, we charge them and after collecting, disappear or we infiltrate dating sites, date gullible rich senior ladies and through such relationship keep collecting from them till they are broke then we disappear, we also use various deceitful means in relation to our clientele (the person we want to defraud).

**ANS 4:** As seniors officers in government offices, we enlist people who do not exist as staffs and collect their salaries at the end of the month, we also charge for services our offices are meant to discharge free of charge or collect bribe from those we are obligated to offer services, without charges. The story might go on of how several people, especially believers earn through deceitfulness.

Our text says, **'Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Ps 24:3-5'**

Whoever earns deceitfully won't ascend into the hill of the Lord or stand in His holy place meaning, such person won't see heaven no matter the good things he or she did with such wealth gotten through deceitfulness. Being philanthropic, building churches and helping the poor with wealth gotten through deceitfulness and swearing falsely won't earn you salvation.

Have you lifted your soul unto vanity because of the vain pleasures of the world, if you have, you can repent today before it's too late.

If you've not involved yourself into deceitful earnings, don't be envious of sinners because you shall receive the blessings from the

Lord and righteousness from the God of your salvation. No deceitful earning can make anyone wealthier than the blessings of the Lord and most importantly, you shall ascend the hill of the Lord and stand in His holy place.

God bless you

Pastor Promise Ikpe



## CONFESS YOUR FAULT

(Principle of a stronger relationship)

**Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16**

**R**elationships work when we confess our faults to one to another. Those who build relationships hiding certain facts about their lives would build such relationship to crash.

Who we are now is the combination of our past and present therefore if we want to have any effective relationship with any, we mustn't hide what has been about us.

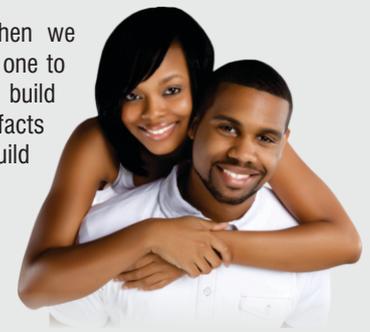
Be sincere and open about your past; the good, the regrets and the pains.

Once you have any information about yourself you don't want to share then you are setting an improper foundation for such relationship.

**For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. Mark 4:22**

Don't wait till that dark secret or that which is faulty about your life to be forcefully revealed before you confess it to one another.

When we confess our faults to one another, it's a foundation for a stronger relationship.



Many may be afraid that it would be used against them if they confess their faults; but the truth is when you don't confess it, you'll never have any meaningful relationship. Be sincere and open about yourself though it may have a little risk of being used against you especially when you are in a relationship with the wrong person but when it's not, then you'll have the best relationship ever. God says you should confess it and not hide it though God knows the risk, He says confess it. Will you rather obey God?

Don't tell lies about yourselves or hide any information no matter how faulty it is. Sooner or later that faulty information about you would come forth anyway.

God bless you.

Pastor Promise Ikpe

## Marital Matters

Wisdom for Esthers

### WHEN HE COMES TO BED TIRED



There is nothing as frustrating to the wife as having your husband come to bed tired after she has unconsciously waited for him to come cuddle her to sleep.

It's endurable if it's just for some few nights but when it's habitual or perhaps when his siblings or job takes all his time and returns him to you late in the night and tired, it can be very frustrating indeed.

When the case is this way for you, the first step to take is to pray about the situation because it's only God who can change a man and make him pay better attention to you; women who through tantrums in the hope that he'll catch their message and become better would only confuse their spouse and make matters worse.

Talk to him about it: after praying, learn to tell your spouse what exactly you want and don't assume he should know you need his attention in such manner. The bible says, let your moderation be made known, always say things and don't die in silence or endure things you are meant to enjoy.

While praying and hoping that he improves in the level of attention he gives you, also compliment his adjustments. For every change we desire of our spouse, we must compliment it by changing ourselves. Don't pray for God to improve him without first asking that God also make you better complementarily.

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## Virtues for Joseph

### IN THE BEGINNING IT WASN'T SO

*He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. Matt. 19:8*



There are lots of definitions man had brought into marriage for the hardness of his heart that wasn't so from the beginning lets list a few:

**God gave Adam a garden to tend so that by it, he might be able to care for**

**Eve.** It's the duty of the man to never give up in the search for a job to be able to cater for his family; God will always provide for the man things to do so that he can earn and be able to cater for his family. If you've lost your job, begin a business and never stop in your search for a job because the man must cater for his home, this is how God made it from the foundation of the world; the idle husband who is comfortable in his idleness isn't part of God's plan for the marriage.

**Adam was to groom Eve:** the ideal wife only exists in the dream of the man and it's his duty to groom his bride into his ideal wife. God instructed Adam about the dos and don'ts so that he may groom his wife into being the ideal woman. If your bride isn't the wife you dream of after 5 years, then you aren't doing your job well as her groom. Men who quit on their wives because she isn't ideal for them aren't following marriage the way it is from the beginning.

**Adam was to marry Eve alone:** one man, one wife is God's plan from the foundation of the earth. Men shouldn't marry beyond one and whoever is married to more than one woman has gone contrary to how marriage is from the foundation of the world.

Is your marriage the way God has ordained marriage to be? Or have you by the hardness of your heart added or subtracted things that weren't part of it from the beginning of it.

God bless you.

Pastor Promise Ikpe

## GATEWAY TO THE MIRACULOUS

### MURMURING INHIBITS MIRACLES

**TEXT:** *Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 1 Cor. 10:10*

**INTRODUCTION:** murmuring or complaining or grumbling is the act of voicing one's dissatisfaction over God concerning his or her circumstances or it's voicing one's doubts and fears over assumed possible negative events. How can murmuring affect our life? Lets study:

#### QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

1. **VOICING OUR DOUBTS BRINGS TROUBLE:** *I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.*

**Job 3:26** whenever we assume something bad may happen if things might go wrong, voicing out such negative words in anxiety like Job did would give such doubts the impetus to come to pass.

**2. MURMURING ABOUT CHALLENGES BRINGS DEFEAT:** *And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. Numbers 13:32* The Jews who brought evil report and exalted the challenge more than the ability of God to grant them victory were all defeated before they could enter the promised land.

**3. GRUMBLING OVER THE MEN OF GOD PLACED OVER YOU BRINGS DESTRUCTION:** *And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. Numbers 16: 32* Korah incited some men against Moses because he thought he knew God's law more than God's servant Moses and he stood to challenge him for incompetence and the earth opened up and swallowed everyone who supported him and everything he owns. Yes, when we start grumbling over our men of God for whatsoever reason, destruction of all that concerns us would be our lot.

**4. HOW NOT TO MURMUR:** *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4:6* don't be anxious or dissatisfied about anything, when things aren't the way they should be, put it up to God in prayer and never forsake the confession of your faith (keep talking God's promises for you over such issue), because faithful is He that has promised, He will do it (see Hebrew 10:23)

**CONCLUSION:** when we grumble or murmur, we invite destruction into our lives. Instead of murmur, let's mutter God's promises and never waver in our continual declaration of that which God has said concerning such issues we are dissatisfied about.

## PRAISE REPORT

### HEALED OF FREQUENT URINATION

**I** received this message and it reads, 'pastor please help me, I've been having this illness (frequent urination) for about 2 years now and I've gone to all specialist hospital and several test and treatment was done on me and yet it won't stop, I went to LUTH and the neurologist said to me, pray seriously because no sugar and no urinary tract infection is found in you'

**We prayed and today I received this message, thank you pastor, the frequent urination has stopped and I'm very ok now.**

## JESUS SAVES

### WHY DO I SIN WITH EASE?

**H**ave you wondered why we find it very easy to lie, use vulgar words, commit immoralities, cheat, masturbate and commit various sins without remorse? And why to study God's word, evangelize, pray and live without sinning looks so difficult to achieve?

When your name is in the book of life, it would reflect in your life here on earth; you'll be known for living in righteousness, evangelizing and devoted towards the things of God.

And when your name is not in the book of life it would also reflect in your life; you'll be masturbating, committing various forms of immoralities with ease, distancing yourself from a holy preaching church, lying, alcoholic, homosexual; gay and lesbianism and other forms of ungodly living will be manifest in you.

We sin with ease because we still got the nature of sin in us and those with the nature of sin are those whose names are not in the book of life but we can surrender our lives to God today and allow Him save us from the nature of sin and embellish us with His nature of righteousness and therefore get our names changed and written in book of life.

Re 20:15 And if anyone's name was not in the book of life, he went down into the sea of fire.

If your name is not in the book of life, you are going into the lake of fire.

Re 21:27 And nothing unclean may come into it, or anyone whose works are cursed or false; but only those whose names are in the Lamb's book of life.

Those who still sin with ease are examples of those whose names are not in the book of life. Are you finding difficult to live a holy life? Do you sin with ease? It time to repent and become born again. Only Christ can save you from your sin by giving you His righteous nature.

To give your life to Christ kindly recite this prayer, Lord God, I come to you in the name of Jesus, I ask the Lord Jesus to be my Lord and Savior, come into my heart and save me. Your word says, if I shall confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that God raised Christ from the grave that I shall be saved, today I confess the Lordship of Christ over my life and I believe that God raised Him up from the grave for my salvation. Thank you Lord Jesus for coming into my heart, I'm saved and I'm a child of God as I walk in the newness of this life henceforth in Jesus name. God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

Share the word.

**TOPIC:****THE CHILD OF GOD AND  
JOBLESSNESS**

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Eph. 2:10*



**W**e live in the time and days when the government has totally failed in the provision of jobs, and when she has failed in the payment of salaries. Many are home jobless and looking very frustrated. In times like this, what should the believer do when he doesn't have a job, stay idle? This study will help the believer know what to do.

**1. GOD HAS CALLED US TO TRAIN OUR MINDS:** Study to shew thyself approved unto God...2 Tim 2:15. We must not be idle even when we don't have money to get formal educations, we must engage our minds in training. Read books (there are lots of books to help you have your mind trained in knowledge) and acquire skills (visit skills acquisition centers and volunteer through in exchange for the acquisition of such skills). You must never allow your mind to remain idle, always learn something every day. Pursue specific knowledge and skills.

**2. GOD HAS CALLED US TO WORK WITH OUR HANDS:**  
... a workman that needeth not to be ashamed... 2 Tim. 2:15 God calls us His workmen, called to do good works. Don't wait till you have a paying job before you start doing any job. Figure out how to help the neighborhood with any good social services; whatsoever Job that is good, do it. Take it upon yourself to clean the street, clear the roads, volunteer for organizations and offer your services for free, gather children and offer free lessons, assist someone in his/her shop etc. don't sit idle, any work that is good ; God has called you to do it.

**3. WHOEVER DOESN'T WORK WON'T EAT:** For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. 2 Thes. 3:10. Don't say you have no job and seat idle daily, walking from street to street, engaging in gossips and unlawful relationships etc. rather, find anything good to be doing, do it for free and when you work freely, God will feed your hunger and carter for your needs.

**4. EVANGELIZE:** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world,

and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15. If you don't have regular jobs to do or businesses, take your bible and engage into full time evangelism, preach from street to street and God would reward you. Don't sit idle, not when God has lots for you to do for Him.

**CONCLUSION:** God has called us to train our minds, learn to study and acquire new knowledge or skills daily, don't sit idle, engage in any good work to better the society God has placed you into and obey Christ's command to preach. When you do these, God will reward you with silver and good and food for your table. The believer can't be jobless, not when God has gave Him what to do.

**Pst. Promise****KNOW HIM BEFORE YOU MARRY HIM**

Ruth 3:4 ►

¶ And it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall mark the place where he shall lie, and you shall go in, and UNCOVER HIS FEET, and lay you down; and he will tell you what you shall do'

Did you notice the instructions of Naomi to Ruth when she was to approach Boaz who later became her husband- it's too loaded. If any single person can imbibe the lessons, you will hardly make mistakes in marriage. Can we glean some lessons the Lord dropped as we meditated on this passage this morning. Sentence by sentence; don't be in a hurry.

'...you shall mark where he lies...TRACE WHERE HE IS COMING FROM. FIND OUT WHERE HE TAKES OFF FROM. IT IS EXPECTED OF YOU TO DISCOVER WHERE HE RETIRES TO AT THE END OF THE DAY. Young lady, never you settle down with anyone whom his origin and background you don't know, because it's dangerous. Be sure you can answer basic questions about his identity before you say yes to him!

The second instruction was more terrible. '...go in and uncover his feet'. My father my Father! To uncover means to investigate, to unfold and to unveil. Now hear what Naomi meant as I paraphrase again- GO CLOSER AND FIND OUT WHERE HE STANDS- uncover his feet and know what is under it! Barnes' Notes called it 'the place of his feet'. Find out WHAT HIS STANDS ARE – his convictions, his views, his persuasions, his stands on major issues of destiny, what he believes in, what makes him do what he does, what drives him, what he holds dearly to his heart. The clear instruction is that you should 'uncover', the truth is that many people come to you with gowns that cover their feet! Don't be carried away, bend down and take that cloth up a little let's see where this guy is standing. You know why you should not joke with this? - WHEREVER HE IS STANDING, THAT IS WHERE YOU WILL STAND WITH HIM WHEN HE MARRIES YOU! Don't forget...'your people



shall be my people; your God shall be my God'. See, his 'God'(whoever his God is) will soon become your God'. Madam, ask questions first, don't be in a hurry!

It is when you can clearly see his feet that you can now 'lay down near him'. Make sure you don't end up marrying a stranger! By the way to 'lay down' means to rest. May you not enter into a marriage where instead of 'lying down to rest', it will only be filled with struggles and strive!

Ah! I feel like preaching! The last line in that verse is pregnant, it says '...and he will tell you what you shall do'. Young lady, if you are not ready for the 'person who will tell you what to do', you better stay back in your father's house.

**Uche Ama-Ohaka** (Guest writer)

## Marital Matters

*Wisdom for Esthers*

### THE MOST DIFFICULT CHILD TO TRAIN

***\*And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4\****



**T**he provoked child is that child who doesn't understand what is going on between his parents; they aren't husband and wife, what they are is just confusing to him and this confusion provokes him to anger...

The child that sees his father love another woman other than his mother and vice versa for whatsoever reason provokes the child...

The child whose parents don't have time for because they are too busy pursuing their careers and chasing after money; they leave him in the hands of care-givers is a provoked child...

When a child's wrath is in his heart, he can't be nurtured because prolonged provocations leads to bitterness and bitter people are the habitations of evil spirits.

When kids are possessed of evil spirit, they tend to behave irrationally and exhibit evil tendencies. Some of them become harlots, drug-addicts, cultist, wicked and armed-robbers etc.

Do not provoke the child if you intend to nurture him in the fear of the Lord.

If your child is provoked already because of the state of things in your life, seek counsel in God's word and help before it's too late.

God bless you.

## Virtues for Joseph

### BE THE WIFE-GROOMER

***And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home... 1 Cor. 14:35***

**W**hat makes someone an ideal husband, a curious son once asked his wife's father, in reply he said, 'the ability to tame a woman and groom her into the image you desire in your heart and to be perfect before God when you present her; if you are clueless before a woman, you aren't an ideal husband'

The husband should be able to be his wife's pastor, counselor, guide and guard and most importantly, her life's director. When his wife looks at him, she should see the totality of all that she desires in life, spiritually, emotionally, and financially.



The grand duty of the man is to present his wife faultless before God and blameless in all her dealings with those God has brought into her world. Eph 5:25-27.

If your wife is still very faulty in all of her dealings with you, its because you've fallen short as a 'wife-groomer'.

God's command to the husband is to teach their wives at home; it's a duty you should be able to do before you are qualified to be called a husband.

Many men are now the student of their wives that's why things always go wrong in their homes. Eve tried it and everything went awry.

Research says, a man cant pay attention to his spouse for more than 6 minutes but can pay attention to his fellow man for hours; God didn't make the man to be the one taking instructions and lessons from the woman, he made the man to be the one dishing out instructions and lessons to the woman.

God is calling husbands back to this solemn duty, if the society would be whole again, the family needs to be whole and for the family to be whole, men need to begin grooming their wives.

God bless you.

### Someone wrote...

**\*** I thought God will love me if I stop sinning but I was wrong; He brought pain and people who caused me pain into my life. I am not serving God again\*

This was my reply;  
Has the pain stopped now that you've stopped serving God? Have the people who causes you pain repented from such?

God doesn't love us because of what we've done or didn't do, He loved us while we were yet sinners.

Christ said, as long as we are in the world, we'll have tribulations but we shouldn't be afraid because He has overcome the world for us.

Our world was handed over to the devil by Adam in Genesis thus he is the god of this world.

God is good and the devil is bad and they haven't changed roles and won't.

The devil is responsible for all of the evil in this world because he is the god of it and men are wicked to one another because the devil has filled their hearts and minds.

God gave us the following to help us heal from our pains:  
1. Prayer: Christ taught us the act of prayers. We should pray when we are hurt to get healed.

2. His word: God gave us His word so that by meditating on it we can make our ways prosperous.

3. His servants: God has placed certain men who are elders in the faith to help us heal from our hurts. Have a man of God always in your life, find one if you don't have; he is God's agent for your healing.

4. The Holy Spirit: God gave us His spirit to assist us to pray, meditate on the word and chose the proper man of God for our healing

God won't give us the above provisions if He doesn't delight in our pleasure and health.

If you are in pain as a Christian, instead of being angry at God for your hurt, apply the above and you'll surely heal.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

## GATEWAY TO THE MIRACULOUS

### LIVE IN DAILY EXPECTATIONS OF MIRACLES

Those who believe should always expect the miraculous in their daily living.

Those who believe should always expect to achieve the miraculous.

They should always hope to achieve the unachievable because the bible says, Signs and wonders shall follow those who believe. For those who believe, nothing shall be impossible (Mark 17:20).

Then your healing from HIV, cancer, diabetes and every deadly disease is possible because you believe.

The restoration of your family is still possible no matter what has happened between you and your spouse.

Your financial breakthrough is still possible irrespective of the curse holding you back

Do you believe?

Do you believe?

If you do, then you are a candidate for the miraculous

God wants to fill you daily with good things (ps 103:5), and make the impossible to keep happening in your life.

Do you believe?

Do you believe?

Today is your day to begin to expect the miraculous daily in your life.

***And the signs shall follow them that believe...Mark 16:17***

Expect the miraculous from today because you believe, yes because of your faith, signs and wonders shall follow you every moment of your life.

God bless you

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

Share the word.

## PRAISE REPORT

Memory Yesani from ZIMBABWE wrote the following:

**O**ur God is faithful had been bleeding heavily and continuously for a month. Tried different doctors but no solution. Contacted man of God and sent me a prayer in the evening. When I woke up the pains were gone and by afternoon he sent me another msg saying the bleeding must stop. I couldn't believe myself before midnight the blood had dried up. I thank the lord for the power he has put in pastor Promise I am free now.

God is our father and He is not impartial, whatsoever He did for Memory Yesani He'll do also for you.

# JESUS SAVES

## THE GUILTY AREN'T FREE. Nahum 1:3

You fornicated with a married person and thus enjoying what belongs to another.

You defrauded someone's money, you've bought yourself some properties with I'll gotten wealth.

You borrow with no intentions of paying back.

You murder a helpless child (abortion) oh, and you made sure that none knew.

You infect people deliberately with diseases and you pretend you are healthy.

You use black magic to hypnotize people into doing what you want and yet you act as if its nothing.

You commit malpractice during exams and bought or forged certificates yet you claim you are a graduate.

You are lying, saying God said to manipulate men into buying into your falsehood yet you claim to be a prophet.

You claim to be a saint outward when inwardly you are a deadly sinner.

### REMEMBER

THOUGH ...The LORD doesn't easily become angry but he is powerful and never let the guilty go unpunished' Nahum 1:3

Repent and confess your sins before God's wrath descends on you.

The reason Gods anger would be fearsome and unbearable for unrepentant souls is because he doesn't immediately get angry but He gives us time to repent which we take for granted.

Though hands join to hands, the guilty aren't free unless they come to Christ for salvation.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

Share The Word

### TOPIC:

## THE MAIN ACTOR DIDN'T SHOW UP

I was the coordinator of a youth ministry and we have a drama group and this group was to perform in an Assemblies of God bible school.

It was a great privilege to perform in the chapel of such great theological school. On the D-day, the program had began and we were about to be called on stage; about 2000 student pastors and professors were already seated but our major actor hadn't arrived. We called and called and later learnt he won't be coming. What are we going to do? It was too late to cancel the drama ministrations. As we sat disappointed, someone suggest, pastor Promise! Why not take up his role? I was perplexed, (I was chased out of the drama group because I don't know how to act and most embarrassingly, I do laugh on stage) I can't act I replied, you all know that. Then all of them echoed, please try!

I didn't know what to do, so I obliged. I then went and prayed, asking God to help me. I went on that stage fully enveloped by the Holy Spirit and after I was done, the entire chapel was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit as they broken down in tears and intercession; it was my best stage act and everyone but for my crew thought I am a professional actor.

### I can do all things through him who strengthens me Phil. 4:13

The Christian has no limitation to what he can or can't do because the Holy Spirit works in him enabling him to perform in every ability, skills and talents. When you receive the Holy Spirit, there is

no limit to the gifts you are opened to receive at any time.

Never tell yourself you can't sing, or act or exhibit any important skills that might be required of you if the Holy Spirit is in you, if you do so, you'll be limiting the ability of the Holy Spirit in you.

Don't bring limitation to yourself; there is no limit to what God can do with you.

See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in

carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. Exo. 31:2-5.

The spirit of God in Bezaleel made him skillful in all knowledge, understanding and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works and to work in all manner of workmanship. You can't be a Christian with spirit of God in you and yet you have subjects you are scared of or skills you've told yourself you can never master or any know-how you are failing to learn. The spirit of God in you opens you to all knowledge and ability that'll be relevant in the pursuit of destiny. You can!

God bless you.



## Ideal Spouse

Relationship Matters

### PRE-MARITAL SEX WITH YOUR FIANCÉ

Is it a sin to be having pre-marital sex with your fiancé since you both will later be married anyway? What does the bible say?

**A**nd the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter: which thing ought not to be done. Gen. 34:7



It's folly to sleep with your fiancé even when there is a clear intention of marriage.

It ought not to be done among Christian singles. The bible says its defilement that ought not to happen.

Those who hail from cultures or who have the ideas that women need get pregnant before they may decide whether she is marriageable or not are displeasing in the sight of God and such practice would eventually lead them to doom.

If he says if you don't sleep with him first, he won't marry you, he is not God's will for you and won't marry you and if he does, your marital life with him will be a misery for you.

The man who can't control his body as a single won't stay faithful to his wife after marriage; fornication is the seed of adultery. When we fornicate as singles, we'll commit adultery as married.

When Dinah slept with Shechem who harbors the intention of marrying her, the story didn't end well; marriages that started on the foundation of fornication often come to end on the grounds of adultery.

Marriage has honor (fidelity) when there was no fornication during the period of courtship.

It's folly to fornicate even with your espoused, it ought not to be done among God's children. If you've found yourself bound to this, repent today and be saved.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

## Marital Matters

### Wisdom for Esthers

*It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a  
brawling woman and in a wide house. Prov. 25:24*

**H**er husband was kind and gentle and was never given to violence. His greatest undoing was that he was no wife beater and never will raise his voice to express any negative words for his wife when he is discontented by her behavior.

When he lay dying, after his wife had hit him with a pestle to his head, he refused to be treated because he didn't want to resurrect back to the abuse he was suffering from his wife.

Then she became a widow, her many lovers only needed her for their lust and wouldn't show the care and love she once received from her late husband.

The care of the kids were before her and the guilt of being a murderer was eating her up and the loneliness for losing the only man who really cared for her was haunting her badly. She wants to repent, she desired to change and be a better wife but he is no more.

Life became a tale of woes and her health continues to fail. If not for her love for the kids, she would have committed suicide. In her misery she met with Christ and became born again; Christ forgave and cleansed her of her sins. Ten years later she remarried a widower and became a better wife.

You too, like her might be taking advantage of your husband's quietness to ruin his joy. You perhaps carry over the frustration that he is not satisfying you in bed or other needs or because there is another man distracting you and pretending to show you love and care more than your husband. You've lost all respect and regards for him, one day your attitude would either cause his to die early or chase him into another woman's hand and you'll be left with a disorganized family. At that moment you'll realize that it's because no one could love you better than your husband that was why God gave him to you. Repent today and become the loving wife, be contented with whatsoever your husband can afford and work with him to improve his services unto you.

**God bless you.**



## Virtues for Joseph

# THE INTIMIDATED HUSBAND

*It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house. Prov. 25:24*

Some husbands are seriously praying that Jesus comes soon not because they really wanted to leave the earth but because they see that as a quick way of escape from their troublesome wives.

Marriage is meant to be enjoyed and not ran away from. When the man marries the brawling woman, he becomes intimidated.

A wife is troublesome for so many reasons but let me mention some more common reasons. When she is deprived or sexually unsatisfied, when she feels her husband isn't doing enough to care for her and when there is another man who is pretending to love her more than her husband, she tends to become very troublesome and arrogant.

When your wife is like this, don't feel intimidated; never allow your love for her becloud your principle as a husband and father of the house.



If you allow your woman gets loosed and wild, it's your fault. Pray for wisdom and ask God to minister to her heart and then firmly rebuke her; never in the name of peace to reign bear what God wants you to deal with in her before it ruins the home.

When Eve took charge of Eden because she has started seeking what her husband didn't give her; she now wants to give her husband what she had discovered herself, everything went haywire. Women are not meant to take charge, men are the head; Whatsoever you can't put up to as the head of the home because it's not right, firmly rebuke it.

God bless you.

## WHY I SHOULD REMAIN A VIRGIN?

*Virginity is a myth told so that girls can keep themselves*

*Why should I keep myself a virgin when my future spouse is probably jumping from one woman to another.*

These above ideas are the world view of sexual-immoral and fornicators and not that of the Christian.

*Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whore mongers and adulterers God will judge Heb. 13:4*

The honor of marriage is when the bed is undefiled, yes when we enter into it as virgins. Defiling yourself before marriage is a sin against your body, your future spouse and your God.

Your body: when you destroy your virginity, your body loses control e.g. It may take you 12-17 years after maturity to have the first sex and destroy your virginity but after then, it won't take years again before your body starts mounting pressure on it. It's easier for the virgin to keep herself than the non-virgins. A non-virgin is easier seduced or she would even be the once seeking for whom to seduce because she has lost control of her body.

When you defile yourself, you sin against your body. Your body thinks you are now married the day you had your first sex so it starts demanding you have more sex and this would lead you into immorality; don't tell your body to start asking for what you aren't ready to give it, remain a virgin. (1 Cor. 3:16-17)

*Your future marriage:* when a girl is found not to be a virgin on her wedding night, she is sentenced to die shamefully because it's an evil (Deut. 22:20-22). The honor and trust of marriage is built around fidelity for e.g. if someone can't be trusted to keep herself as a single, how would her spouse trust her to keep herself when he is travelled out for a while and vice versa. Marriages break these days because when men travelled other men came and tampered with their wives and vice versa the reason being that they couldn't resist immorality when they were singles and when they got marriage and circumstance made their spouse not handy, they became easily seduced.

*Your God:* your body is the temple of the Holy spirit, immorality makes your body unable to house God in it and secondly, God would judge whore-mongers (people who go about committing sexual immorality), we should keep ourselves a virgin because by so we are keeping God's law (see 2Cor. 6:16).

When we become born again, old things gets pass away, we born again a virgin. It's our duty to keep ourselves and not to defile our born again bodies any more. Every girl or guy who is born again now is a virgin irrespective of his or her former life, don't live after the former life, and don't defile your body again.

God bless you.

## GATEWAY TO THE MIRACULOUS

### DON'T SPEAK EVIL OF YOURSELF

I've been sick since last week, my head has been aching, I'm vomiting and purging and feeling weaker over and over again, in fact I'm dying when actually, you are only having headaches.

Things have been very hard for me; I've not eaten since yesterday. No money, no job and things are hard when actually you just ate some hours ago and you got some money on your account.

These are some examples of how people in order to attract sympathy, give excuse for failing to pay their debt or do their duties or beg for help etc. exaggerate their problems

**For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. 1 Pet. 3:10**

Your life will continue to roll out according to your daily confessions. As you've spoken to God's hear so shall it be performed unto you. Num. 14:28

If you want to enjoy life, and live long, stop speaking evil about yourself. If what you want to say doesn't sound nice and good, don't say them. Speaking evil about you is bad, exaggerating is worse.

Repent from every evil you've said about yourself for whatsoever reason.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

## PRAISE REPORT

Beatrice Byo shared the following

✳️ Praise the Lord, good morning Pastor Ikpe, I thank God for using you through my deliverance, I used to be tormented by the devil through set backs in every area of my life, I struggled to achieve anything in my life, I was known to be a failure, each time I get prayed for a spirit could manifest declaring that I will not make it in life, education, marriage, relationships even being welcome among people I used to be shunned by others because of that spirit, September last year I had to cut my hair short because the spirit said it lives in my hair, but even though I did so it did not leave me, it was a water spirit that said it wanted me to perform helping duties to people with problems so I should not do anything else since it would hinder the mission. I thank your God for using you pastor, from the day I listened to your audio praying for me, I'm a free lady, I'm no longer bitter or depressed, I no longer manifest even if I get prayed for, even death dreams and spiritual husbands are all gone, I even get back to plait my hair and I'm welcome now with others, God is good\*

Are you being tormented by the devil, Jesus will set you free.

## JESUS SAVES

# INFERIORITY COMPLEX

The prodigal son said he is no longer qualified to be called a son again because of his past error but his father still called him a son and restored him back with sonship.

He came back to be a slave, but God still made him a son. When God forgives you, He doesn't judge or decide your future with your past mistakes therefore don't tell yourself you can't still have the dream man you desire to marry because you've mistakenly become a single mom, that you can't still have the career you have always wanted because you've done some error that had affected your right to still pursue such career, or you can't have that life you've always wanted because sometimes in your past, you squandered God's provisions for you etc.

Forgiveness means, you've never sinned before therefore you can still have those things you are supposed to have when you've never sinned. If you are a son before you sinned, you'll still become a son after you've repented and forgiven, nothing less and if you are an heir to all things before you sinned, you'll be restored back to being an heir to all things after you've being forgiven due to your repentance. Hallelujah!

Therefore stop telling yourself you can't still have that dream life or career because you are now a single mom, you've become infected with HIV or you've done certain things in your past that had made you become a reject and you've refused to be trained and now your life has being limited etc. don't redefine your future because of your past errors.

You can still today began to pursue that dream life; marriage, business, career and job you've always wanted. There is nothing greater than your reach because you've been forgiven by God of your past sins and errors. Get up and reach out for the stars, you can. Never allow inferiority complex make you settle for less. In the lineage of Christ, an harlot made it into that lineage. If God's mercy can give an harlot a chance, then your space is still reserved for you. Stand up and occupy it.

God bless you..

## TOPIC:

# Faithful And True

*And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true... Rev. 22:6c*

**T**HE only way the devil destroys our faith and hope in God is by making us doubt His word; that was how he got Eve to sin in Genesis. Once we doubt His word, we'll sin without regards to its consequences, we'll pray without believing in the answers, in summary, we'll become godless, only our belly and carnal desires would lord over us.

Our text says, God's word is faithful and true; whatsoever that is written in the word concerning individuals, peoples or nations will all come to pass. Every jot of its prophecies concerning believers and the ungodly will all come to pass without doubt.

Every prophecy written about individuals like Abraham becoming a father of nations even though [his wife Sarah] was barren till he was 100 of age, there were several prophecies concerning Christ; when he'll be born, by whom he'll be born, where he'll be born, how his life would be threatened at birth, how he'll be betrayed, how and how long he'll die and resurrect and what he'll accomplish. All these came to pass, when we look at the middle east, you'll notice the nation of Israel, a nation you won't find in the map prior 1973, God

had written of that nation to appear on the map of the world and it came to pass.

Whatsoever God has written about you as His son or daughter will also come to pass irrespective of your current circumstances. The nation of believers will become as blessed as God has written and the body of sinners would be as damned as declared by the word. ... if it were not so, I would have told you. ... John 14:2

If the word of God isn't faithful and true, God would have told us. Whatsoever God has written about you comes to pass in Jesus name. Your faith is never in vain, your expectations as a child of God concerning your spouse, relationships, prosperity, health, children and ministry etc. that sprang from God's word shall not fail in Jesus name.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

*[this is very beautiful. It touched my heart as I read through it. God spoke to me here. I believed he has not hardened my heart and wants me to yield to him]*



## What is marriage?

**S**he came to me and asked me, pastor, he wants to marry me, he had proposed but before I say yes, I want you to help me, I don't trust men of these days, how do I know he is for real? Well, it depends on what reality is to you, but asks him to define marriage and listen properly to his definition.

For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Luke 14:28

When a man/lady can't define marriage properly, they can't marry properly, before you enter into something, you should be committed to for life, and you must at least understand every detail concerning that. Before you can build a house, you must first count the cost

(understand the details) and then prepare yourself to begin or wait on yourself till you are ready. Many see marriage as a legal means of having sex, as a way of escaping their parent's home, as a means of overcoming poverty, as a cunning way to gold dig into another person's wealth, as a way of getting immigration status and as a way of escaping the reproach of being unmarried from their mates etc.

Your marriage will be distorted when you have a distorted view of marriage. You must have a proper definition of marriage and your would-be spouse must share same view with you before you both can be ideal for each other.

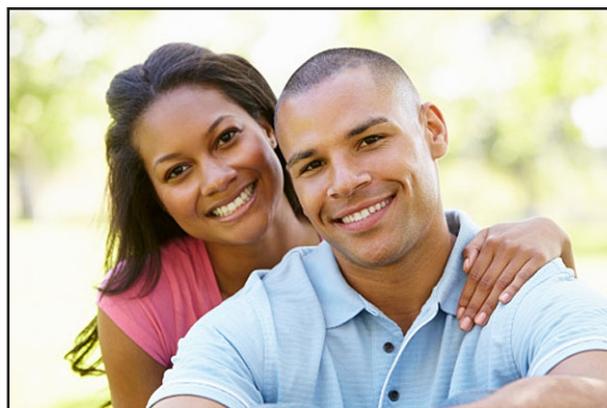
The first purpose of marriage is that the two might leave every other thing and be one in faith, purpose and vision and perhaps procreate and multiply.

When you are courting, please ask .him or her, what is marriage? Those who can't define marriage biblically can't marry biblically.

God bless you

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

*[Really? It makes sense]*



# Marital Matters

## Wisdom for Esthers

### REASON FOR FAITHFULNESS

Why should I be faithful to a man who isn't faithful to me?

Why should I be honest to a man who is dishonest with me?

Why should I be respectful to man who is abusive to me? Etc.

What do I stand to gain in this one sided allegiance to a husband who pay little or no allegiance to me?

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. Eph 5:22

That is the reason why you should be faithful, respectful and honest to a husband who isn't reciprocating, oh yes, when a woman is submitted to God, it's evident in her submission to her husband; when she is faithful to God, she'll be faithful to her husband, when she is honest to God, she'll be honest to her husband and when she respects God, she'll will respect her husband.

Whenever the devil whispers in your mind reason to become un-submissive to your husband, tell him the reason you can't afford not to be; there is no woman of faith who didn't first become a submissive to her husband as unto the Lord.

Wives who serve God, are always at service to their husbands and when your husband is taking advantage of that, that's God's fight and not yours.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe.**

## Virtues for Joseph

### DWELL WITH YOUR WIFE IN KNOWLEDGE

I don't know what to do about my wife's attitude?  
I don't know how to handle her? I looked at him for a while and told him how I kept losing soccer matches (play-station) till I decided to look at the manual (it took me time to study it though) on how each button had been configured to respond when pressed. When you approach the game pad with assumption

and presumption, you will surely fail over and over again and it will take you a long time to learn how to use the game pad and manipulated yourself into winning.

God didn't want husbands to assume on how to on how to marry their wives; God didn't want husbands to borrow from their fore-fathers the style of showing love to their wives, and He doesn't want them to learn such from the society how to care for their wives etc. rather He wants husband to dwell with their wives according to knowledge.

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. 1Pet 3:7

You must learn how to show love to your wife from God's word and not live on assumptions or follow culture or the naturally tendencies of the society. God's word directs us exactly on how to care for our wives and God wants us to dwell with them with such knowledge.

You don't know how to treat your wife appropriately unless you've learnt it from God's word.

You won't enjoy dwelling with your wife unless you've learn from God's word how to dwell with her.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

## SECULAR MUSIC AND THE BELIEVER

**Should the child of God listen to secular music?**

**Is it right to sing and dance to unchristian songs?**

**What are the criteria for a healthy song?**

**If these are your questions then this teaching is for you.**

**Music is part of our livelihood and like other basic needs of man, music can't be done without.**

**Music affects the overall functionality of man.**

**Elijah needs music to be able to prophesy (2Kings 3:14-15)**

**The armies of Israel went to war with choristers (2 Chron. 20:21,22)**

**Every occasion associated with man: church worship, funeral, birthday, weddings and so on and so forth are not conducted without music.**

**Music is also used to teach doctrines, memorize passages, entertain people under various moods, worship God and show gratitude etc.**

**Therefore music is a great tool in the hands of God, the world and the devil.**



The song we listen to infuse imaginations into our minds and our imaginations become our confession and thus our reality. A man is never better than what his thoughts are and his thoughts are never better than the songs he listens to and sings often.



If you want to see good days and experience better things, refrain yourself from singing songs with negative lyrics, vulgar words, false doctrines. The more negative the lyrics of the songs you sing, the more negative your life. Make your life better, sing songs that'll build your life.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there

be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Phil. 4:8

If the music isn't true in doctrine, honest in words, just in virtue, pure in the ears, lovely and of good report, avoid such songs.

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: 1 Pet 3:10

If you want to see good days, refrain yourself from singing unhealthy songs.

God bless you.

Pastor Promise Ikpe

## PRAISE REPORT

**HE LOST HIS MARRIAGE AND JOB BECAUSE HE WAS GAY (homo-sexual) THEN GOD SAVED HIM**

*(He doesn't want his name published...this is his testimony)*

Pastor Ikpe I thank u very much for yours audios and sermons. I'm a free man now. I practice homosexuality since 2008 and this came to end on 15 January 2017. I slept with at least 60 guys but through your sermons I quit for all. I married in 2011 and was blessed with 2 kids, a boy & a girl. The marriage collapsed in March 2016 after my wife trapped and caught me making love to a man (it was a tip off from one of my ex). Pastor I thank u very much... Am now a born again Christian and going to church regularly, I quit homosexuality. I'm seeing a great change in my life. This gay tendency costs me my marriage and my job. God is great always. Thank u Pastor Promise Ikpe

## JESUS SAVES

### JESUS CLEANSSES FROM SIN

Masturbation is a very addictive habit and can bind its victim for years even till such person dies. Some major causes are rape, early sexual exposure, sex dreams etc. and it's triggered by pornographic material, indecent dressings and vulgar songs and words etc.

Hildah from Saudi Arabia told me how she had tried various measures to curb it but to no avail and Musa from Zimbabwe said there is no day he wouldn't masturbate because he can't seem to control himself.

Sinful habits is fuelled by the devil that puts our body in the bondage of sin, when some things are natural, it wouldn't be a problem. For example, the hunger for apple can be deferred over and over again because such hunger isn't fuelled by the devil so it can be controlled, but the hunger for certain sinful habit are so addictive that its victim



can't put it under control because its fuelled by the devil.

**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9**

Hildah and Musa became delivered when they turned to Christ; the strong drive to masturbate had gone and they are free to the glory of God. Our text says that Christ shall cleanse us from all unrighteousness. No matter how ingrained sin is to our body, how addicted we are to alcoholism, immorality, vulgar words, hard drugs etc. if we can come to Christ, He'll forgive us and cleanse us with His blood. Only the cleansing blood of Christ can set us free from the addictive bondage of sin. You can't cleanse yourself from sin, only Jesus can and He is willing to, if you are willing to call on Him.

If you are willing, sincerely repeat this prayer:

Lord God, today I come to you in the name of Jesus, I confess you as my Lord and personal savior and I believe in my heart that you died and God raised you for my justification. I call on you today that you might save me from sin and its desire. Thank you for saving me, thank you for coming into my heart in Jesus' name.

**TOPIC:****GOD CAUSES YOU TO HUNGER***And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger.... Deut. 8:3*

**G**od's word reveals that God allows financial hardship come our path until we become humble enough to do His word.

... for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 1Peter 5:5

God resists the proud; He hinders the financial growth of the man who has refused to submit himself into doing His word. There is suffering for the man who has refused to humble himself unto God until such man has become humbled and sold out to do God's word.

God wants you to become rich by putting Him first priority in your life. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. - Matt. 6:33.

If the business of God i.e. evangelizing the world with the gospel isn't your first priority, God will continue to humble thee with financial hardship until you've broken down enough to make seeking the kingdom of God and its righteousness your priority as His child.

God wants you to become rich by giving Him the first (best) of thine increase, yes, God wants you to deliberately like Abel, give Him the best part of your earnings. When you get your pay or harvest your



crop, you'll purposely bring out the best for God.

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Prov. 3:9-10

If you've not become humbled enough to obey and do God's word, you'll continue to suffer

financial hardship.

Those who are stubborn and stiff-necked to God's word will continue to struggle with finances till the day they die of God. We must learn not to resist God and do His word. God wants us well fed in life with manna which our society knows not about but we must humble ourselves enough to live by His word.

Are you still resisting God's humbling? You'll continue to suffer hunger. Yield yourself today and experience plenty.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

**WHEN YOU CAN WAIT TOGETHER**

**N**othing proves someone to be more ideal for you than such a person's willingness to wait on God together with you when things aren't moving on smoothly.

God wants us to bear our yoke in the time of our youths therefore (Lam 3:27), whoever is ideal spouse for you must be willing to stay put while the yoke is borne.

Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. Job 2:9

When you are courting a girl and things aren't moving smoothly for you because you are bearing your yoke, the ideal spouse would be patient with you, trusting God together with you for a change, she wouldn't be like Job's wife who would try to force you to compromise your faith in God or ask you to curse God and die.

Many relationships had crashed because one of the spouses couldn't wait on the other when things weren't right for him or her.

Great couples are made during the period when one of

the couples had a cast down and the other would wait with him/her till such gets back to his or her feet.



Whoever begins to doubt the future of your union because things look bit awry in your life at the present isn't ideal for you, whoever jumps ship because you became sick or poor etc isn't ideal for you but whoever encourages you through your trials and supported you when you needed the help without giving up on you when every other person had, such person is the ideal spouse for you.

Your ideal spouse wouldn't want you to compromise your faith because things went awry in your life; she'll be your pillar and encourage you, pray and fast for you till the period of trials is over.

Those who quit on you because things aren't moving on too well for you aren't meant for you.

God bless you.



# Marital Matters

## THE COOKING WIFE

*She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. Prov. 31:15*

Many Christian wives don't know the importance of cooking for their husbands; they take this duty for granted. One of the most sacred duties of the wife to her husband after sex is cooking food for him.

Just like the sexual satisfaction is important to the man so is his belly satisfaction and whoever fills his belly will always stay in his heart.



The wives of today are very busy, likewise the virtuous wives that the scripture wrote about; she is so busy during the day therefore she rises up early before dawn to cook for her household.

Your schedules might be so tight, your days filled up with business and job activities, but that's no excuse for the virtuous wife, you must discipline yourself and wake up early and cook.

Don't neglect this duty because of anything or delegate another to do it for you. If you can't allow another satisfy your husband's sexual need for you, then never allow another fill his stomach for you.

Take time to learn how to cook, try to spice up your meals, and try to observe his delicacies.

Being a wife is a duty unto to God, it's never about your husband but God.

Wifeness is a calling, only those who are prepared by God's word can fulfill.

Don't neglect your duty, fill his belly.

God bless you.

## *Virtues for Joseph*

### THE WORDED HUSBAND

A good husband must know how to use words in his day to day relationship with his wife. Women are very sensitive to words, while harsh-words would bring the worse in them, nothing heals and sustains their love for you than some loving words.

And his soul cleave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake kindly unto the damsel. Gen 34:3

Shechem had offended Dinah by defiling her but he could still win her by speaking kindly unto her, no matter how much hurt you caused your wife, if you can speak kindly to her, you'll win her back.

Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad. Prov. 12:25

When your wife's heart is heavy, if you can speak a good word unto her, she'll be glad. When she is nagging, if you can utter kind words, she'll be cheerful.

Learn the act of speaking kindly unto your wife; take conscious steps to study and learn how to use words in maintaining your wife's respect and love for you. Be careful with your words, don't speak out of frustrations rather be committed to using the right words in addressing your wife and instructing her. Be the worded husband.



## GUEST WRITER'S COLUMN

### PARENTING IN THIS -JET-AGE-

#### Introduction:

The family car was all ready to go. The seventeen-year-old driver was behind the wheel, listening with impatience to his father's last instructions concerning speed, time for getting home, and places to avoid. Finally he said goodbye and the car was off. But as they went, the seventeen-year-old said to his companion, "Dad's still living in the dark ages."



This remark calls attention to a problem which is old, and yet is more acute at this present time than it has ever been before. More than three thousand years ago a father asked a heavenly visitor the question, "How shall we order the child?" (Judges 13:12). The generation gap has been a problem for years.

Who is a parent? A parent is a person or someone who is or act as a father or a mother. Parenting is the raising of a child by his parent. The act or process of becoming a parent is the taking care of someone in a manner of a parent in the manner of a parent. Parenting or child rearing is the process of promoting and supporting the physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development of a child from infancy to adulthood. Parenting refers to the aspects of raising a child aside from the greatest challenge of the jet-age is that the children of the age, appears more reasonable, secretive, and sensitive than even their parents. A five years old girl had ask the teacher "why does my daddy only beat my mummy in the middle of the night? I use to

hear my mummy shouting hmm hmhhh hmhhh and my daddy breathing fast at night in their room and they usually off their light when fighting" the surprised teacher asked her if she had ask the mother, she replied "I ask her o but she told me to shut up" this is how smart the jet age child is. It is true that in many ways times have changed. At the beginning of the twentieth century there were no automobiles, no airplanes, and no radios or televisions.

Electricity was not in general use, for the methods of transmitting high-voltage current had not been discovered. Telephones were few, and generally used only locally, for the small independent companies that operated the local lines did not connect together. Farm crops were harvested with much hand work, and today's mass production techniques in industry were still in the future.

The achievements of men have changed, but the Word of God has never changed, and it never will. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). The principles of the Bible have stood the test of centuries, and they are still valid. Instructions to Parents

1: Careful and purposeful child-training is needed. The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). This is much more than a command to use the rod of correction. "Train up" means careful teaching and guidance. It corresponds to the instruction in Ephesians 6:4, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The best teaching has always been a consistent example. The alert parent will find many opportunities to clinch a lesson. A boy of six, for example, was rejoicing in his newly learned ability to read. He happened to discover that the family's maid could not do this. He ran into his father's study, crying, "Daddy, did you know the maid can't read, and she's ever so much older than I am?" His father picked up a book and opened it. "Here," he said. "Can you read this?" The little boy stood dumbfounded. The book was written in Chinese. In telling the story many years later, he added, "Whenever I am tempted to despise the ignorance of someone else, I remember my father's lesson: I cannot read Chinese."

2: Begin child-training early. The Bible says, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying" (Proverbs 19:18). One who trains a dog must insist on obedience, or his training will be unsuccessful. Training a child is much the same, but with this difference: While we train the dog so that he may please us, we train the child to know what is best for his own good and happiness. For this reason the training of a child is so very important. Children do not belong to us. God only lends them to us, and He can take them back at any time.

3: Don't be so busy that you have no time for the companionship and training of your children. It is true that these are busy days. Children are perceptive. If the family is struggling against difficult odds to make ends meet, they will realize it, and cooperate. But if they sense that the parents are more interested in making money than they are in their own children, the children are likely to become bitter about it. One of the most common complaints made by teenagers in writing to counselors is that their parents are too much concerned with making money to be companions to them.

4: Keep a cheerful attitude and maintain a sense of humor. We do not mean to encourage foolish jesting, which is condemned in the Bible, but the wise man said (Proverbs 17:22), "A merry heart

doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." The child whose parents are able to laugh in the face of irritations and disappointments has a priceless heritage. When the one-year-old pulls the cupboard door open and gets plastered with molasses, a cleaning job is called for—but it will go better all around if mother can laugh a little at the sticky-faced child.

5: Be honest with your children. If you make a promise, keep it faithfully. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick" (Proverbs 13:12). One is reminded of a quick-tempered mother who promised her boy a piece of candy for being quiet. When he reminded her, she snapped, "Didn't I promise you the candy for keeping still?" She said, "The longer you keep still, the sooner you'll get it!" Parents should never deal with a child on such an illogical

6: Be a Good Role Model Young kids learn a lot about how to act by watching their parents. The younger they are, the more cues they take from you. Before you lash out or blow your top in front of your child, think about this: Is that how you want your child to behave when angry? Be aware that you're constantly being watched by your kids. Studies have shown that children who hit usually have a role model for aggression at home.

Model the traits you wish to see in your kids: respect, friendliness, honesty, kindness, tolerance. Exhibit unselfish behavior. Do things for other people without expecting a reward. Express thanks and offer compliments. Above all, treat your kids the way you expect other people to treat you.

7: Make Communication a Priority You can't expect kids to do everything simply because you, as a parent, "say so." They want and deserve explanations as much as adults do. If we don't take time to explain, kids will begin to wonder about our values and motives and whether they have any basis. Parents who reason with their kids allow them to understand and learn in a nonjudgmental way.

Make your expectations clear. If there is a problem, describe it, express your feelings, and invite your child to work on a solution with you. Be sure to include consequences. Make suggestions and offer choices. Be open to your child's suggestions as well. Negotiate. Kids who participate in decisions are more motivated to carry them out.

8. Operate the father-child friendship parenting or mother-child friendship parenting method. This method allows the child to tell you his mind without fear. Here, the child's best friend is you. He tells you everything. To achieve this, don't over flog or shout on the jet-age child. He needs to be safe with you.

9. TRY NOT TO BE TOO SECRETIVE WITH THE JET-AGE CHILD. A father who was afraid that her child will get expose to sex too early told her when she ask if she could be friendly with the boys in her class. The father replied " the Bible says any girl caught with a boy should be tied and thrown into the sea" please where is that in the Bible? The child almost got lost in masturbation.

Finally, ABOVE ALL GET GOD INVOLVE IN THE JET-AGE PARENTING. It's unfortunate that most parent think locking the child up and giving him no freedom to meet people will keep her from being spoilt. What of in-house dirty habits like watching porn on Internet which will later generate into masturbation.? Wow the best for me is.. Get God involved in your parenting ability.

## OLD TESTAMENT ETHICS ON HOMOSEXUALITY

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**H**OMOSEXUALITY issue creates an atmosphere of social division in almost every culture known to us. It fuelled debates in the past centuries and will certainly continue in the centuries to come. The response to the issue is not easy as one may think. There are numerous and different approaches seeking to find a normative stance on it. As Christians, we naturally turn to the Bible for guidance. What does homo-sex-uality indicates in relation to the passages in the Bible in the light of Old Testament ethics.

The practice of homosexuality is forbidden in the Old Testament. In Leviticus 20:13 we read, **"If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them committed an abomination; they shall be put to death."** This is inferred from Leviticus 18:22: **"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination."** The law is clear in its restrictions of sexual perversions, and forbids homosexual practices. The idiomatic expression, "to lie with a man as in a woman," though only appears twice in the Old Testament, and only in the "Holiness Code," is clear in its meaning. The Bible repeatedly condemns homosexuality, the New Testament itself stressed that it is contrary to God's law (1 Tim. 1:9- 10), bringing God's judgment and exclusion from the kingdom (Rom. 1:24; 1 Cor. 6:9, 10)."

The purpose of the law in the Old Testament is holiness. Old Testament ethics cannot be properly grasped apart from understanding of holiness. It is grounded upon God's very own holiness. He demands holiness for he is a holy God (Lev. 19:1). The laws demanded by God are the repeated emphasis on holiness. Holiness in one aspect is the purity of man's sexual relations(1 Thess. 4:3). This is made explicit in the elucidation of sexual regulations in Leviticus 18:1-30, where all sexual relations are given restrictions for the sake of holiness.

God himself has set the standard for sexual relations and any expression otherwise provided in the law is considered unnatural and a violation, be it a lesser or graver offense is considered wrong. Apostle Paul condemned homosexuality and call believers to obedience to sexual standards set by God in the Scripture (Romans 1:26-27).

Our sexual behavior is not a matter of personal preference. It is an adherence to the divine principles that respect the creation, intention, and limitation of sexual relations.

## GATEWAY TO THE MIRACULOUS - UNITY -

**B**ehold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. - Ps 133:1-3

Where there is unity, there the Lord commands His blessings. Whenever the devil wants to hinder God's blessing upon anyone, he stirs of strife and discord and as long as there is discord and strife, God can't command His blessings.

You probably have someone you are at loggerheads with, someone you don't greet or respond to his greetings, someone you hate to see and detest to talk to and someone you are avoiding perhaps in malice.

These people may have wronged you, they may be the ones at fault but the bible says.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Heb. 12:14

If you want to see the Lord intervene in your life, over the affairs of your life, follow peace, other translations says, pursue peace with all men including those who have made it known to you that they don't want peace with you.

You can have peace with all men if you will allow God's peace to rule in your heart.

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Col 3:13

Never shut the door or harden your heart or heighten your ego against making peace with all men. It doesn't make you weak to seek for peace though you are the one wronged; it makes you a child of God and opens the gate for your miracles.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Matt. 5:9

Seek for peace and be united in love with all men for then shall the gateway of miracles be opened unto you.

God bless you.

Pastor Promise Ikpe

## JESUS SAVES

### GOD HAS SET THEM IN SLIPPERY PLACES

**J**ust as God has ordered the steps of the righteous unto prosperity(Ps 23:2), victory (2Cor. 2:14), and to conform to the image of Christ(Rom 8:29), while the destiny of the wicked has been ordered unto doom.

Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered. Prov. 11:21

No matter how smart the wicked man is, he shall never go unpunished, unless maybe he gave his life to Christ and thus Christ taking his place in suffering for his sin.

Earning through fraudulent means, sleeping with married men/women thus breaking what God has joined together, murdering children in the name of abortion, masturbation, incest (Sleeping with your relations), using charms and magic on people to manipulate them to do your biddings, cursing, bringing enmity between two parties etc.

Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. Ps 73:18

Suddenly without warning the ungodly will slip down unto eternal destruction. Are you still living in sin? Are you living the life of wickedness etc., God has set you in slippery places, He has ordered your step unto eternal destruction unless you repent and be saved.

Those who have insisted on doing evil for the pleasure they get, the money they earn, and the position they are striving for etc. God has set in slippery places and suddenly they'll trip into hell.

To give your life to Christ, say the sinner's prayer at the back of this magazine.

## TOPIC:

# Our INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

*To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts. 26:18*

**INTRODUCTION:** A father bequeaths inheritance for his children, when we become born again, we became the sons of God and God bequeaths inheritance to us. What are our inheritances in Christ Jesus? This is the purpose of this lesson.

**1. FORGIVENESS OF SIN:** Acts 26:18. No matter how evil our sins are, we all have access to forgiveness of sin. Paul the apostle was forgiven though he murdered Stephen and many other Christians, persecuting the church. If God can forgive a man like that, then there is forgiveness for everyone. Just ask (1John 1:9).

**2. JOY:** Ps 51:12. When we become born again, God gave us access to joy irrespective of our circumstances and conditions. Our joy is our stronghold against the devil (Neh. 8:10) and our access to other miracles (Isaiah 12:3). Joy isn't the product of victory or success for the Christian (Habakkuk 3:17), joy is the means of victory and success. A Christian's victory and success is his joy. Never lose your joy, once you do, you've lost the power to maintain the Christian faith.

**3. POWER:** John 1:12. We immediately inherit power when we become born again, power over all the forces of darkness, diseases, and immunity over any weapon formed against you (Mark 16:17, Isaiah 54:17).

**4. BLESSINGS:** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree. Gal 3:13 God has redeemed us from curse. Curses function base on laws, Christ has delivered us from every such curse. One of our inheritances in Christ is deliverance from curses. We are immediately absorbed of all curses, whether they are inherited, the wages of our sinfulness when we weren't born again, or invoked on us by wicked and devilish people. The believer can't be cursed because it's our inheritance in Christ Jesus ( Numbers 23:23).



**5. THE HOLY SPIRIT;** Acts 10:45. This is the greatest inheritance from the Father unto us. The Holy Spirit comes to live in us, directing us (Rom. 8:14) so that we'll never be confused in life, healing our bodies so that we'll always live in divine health (Rom 8:11), teaching us all things so that we'll know all things (John 14:26), live in comfort and never in need of help.

## CONCLUSION

*And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. Acts 20:32* our inheritance in Christ is communicated through the preaching of God's word. God's provisions for you become yours when you learn about it and ministered to you by the Holy Spirit through God's minister. Never miss any opportunity to be impacted.

God bless you.

# Ideal Spouse

Relationship Matters

**F**irst stage: get trained; go to school or acquire at least a skill or learn trading. During first stage don't go into relationship, if you do you'll jeopardize your training and get a stressful relationship.

**Stage 2:** get into relationship with the hope of marriage; don't date someone you can't marry, there is nothing wrong at being single and in tact. If you are not getting better at least don't get worse. Date only the one you can marry and keep your body undefiled.

**Stage 3:** when you get married, stay married at all cost. This is why you marry someone you can enjoy life with and you can only enjoy life with the spouse prescribed by God's word.

**Stage 4:** have kids either by direct birth or adoption and teach them this circle of life.

## FOLLOW GOD'S ORDER

The first thing before all these stages is to seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness. This is the secret

I'll teach my child, the very first thing I'll let him know.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise.**



**W**hen a pastor has divorced and moved on, he looks for scriptures to back up his unchristian actions just like the pastor who takes alcohols looks for portions in the bible to support his acts. To be a Christian, you don't find your way around God's word. If God says something, stick to it; don't try to dilute it to suit your needs and pleasures. Trim your pleasures instead of God's word.

**THE PROBLEM OF SIN:** When Adam sinned, he substituted our righteous nature to a sinful one therefore the impulse to sin becomes natural to the carnal man. The laws of God aren't just about God, they are 40% about God and 60% about our relationships with fellow men therefore how we relate with our fellow men is more important to God than how we relate with Him. Loving God means loving our neighbors and keeping our vows to our fellow men means doing same to God (Eccles 5:5). God hates the vow of fools i.e. making a vow and breaking it. In marriage, you vow to be together only to be separated by death.

*Wisdom for Esthers*

## Marital Matters

### WHY WE SHOULDN'T DIVORCE

Breaking that vow because your spouse is unfaithful to you is a sin. When your spouse commits immorality, it's a sin against your marital vows, but it's not a condition for divorce, the only condition for separation is death. Saying Yes and doing No is from the devil (Matt. 5:37) when you say you'll be with your spouse forever and you broke that promise, it's from the devil.

Keep to your vows not because of who your spouse is, but because of who you are. Due to the nature of sin, your spouse may sin against you over and over again; you must learn to forgive over and over again. In fact God made it compulsory for us to forgive if we want to be forgiven. If you rather divorce your spouse and refuse to forgive, you've blocked your door to forgiveness (Matt. 6:14). In the last days, many would be covenant breakers (trucebreakers and traitors to their marital covenants) the Bible warned, many would divorce for every singular reason, don't allow the spirit of the last day lead you into divorce (2 Tim 3:3,4).

**THE RELATIONSHIP OF CHRIST WITH THE CHURCH:** we shouldn't divorce because marriage depicts the union of Christ and the church. **'For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.'**

Eph. 5:23

God doesn't because of the unfaithfulness of the church divorces the church likewise we shouldn't because of the unfaithfulness of our spouse divorce our spouse. In Isaiah 50:1 where the Jews divorced themselves from God, God didn't look for another nation, He didn't divorce Himself from them till they returned to Him; we don't divorce ourselves from our spouse because they did same to us, we patiently wait till they return and they will if we are waiting on God for it. God keeps forgiving the church over and over again, teaching us that we should forgive our spouse over and over again. Jesus is the groom of the church; the church is His bride, just like between husband and wife. Before divorcing your spouse, be careful. God doesn't divorce Himself from you. There is no dead end for the marriage of the Christian, everything is possible.

**THE EFFECT OF DIVORCE ON THE CHILDREN:** you shouldn't divorce because it has psychological effects on your children. Children who grew up in broken homes face great struggles and most of them grew with hate and anger and that has devastating effect on them. Parents who put themselves first before their children will quickly divorce but those who love their children more than themselves will continue to put up with their marriages and believe God for change and for a Christian, hope doesn't fail.

God hates divorce not because He wants us to suffer but

because He wants to heal our home, take away that which has ruined our marriage.

Jesus never taught divorce, these were His very words **'But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. Matt. 5:32'** Fornication

(is not adultery) doesn't happen in marriage, adultery does. If you are engaged to marry (like between Mary and Joseph) and discovers your espoused has fornicated, you can divorce at that stage. Once your marriage is official and legal, you don't divorce; you forgive.

If you insist on divorcing, remarrying is adultery; remain single till death. (1 Cor.

7:11)

Many have remained single for the sake of the kingdom of God; there is nothing wrong with that (Matt. 19:12).

God hates divorce and wouldn't change His hatred for it because of you. Yes God hates other sins but we often repent and ask for forgiveness, the only way we repent over the issue of divorce is to reconcile with our spouse. Those who fought for their marriages were great people heaven will forever remember.

Don't give up on your marriage; if you've decided to marry him before God and man, stay in that decision no matter what.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

## *Virtues for Joseph*

### **FOR BEAR THEM**

**D**estiny came to live with me, I was a bachelor with space to spare in my apartment and he was a destitute seeking shelter. His father had disowned him for whatsoever reason and he had arrogantly refused to beg his way back into his father's heart. Anyway, that's by the way.

He became like a son to me; he calls me father. Every Saturday, he'll wash everything in the church; carpets, cottons, the floor, the chairs, instruments etc. and you'll never be in any of our services and find a drain of dust. He has a nice sense for fashion and thus helps me choose what to wear for every occasion. He polishes my shoes



and washes and iron whatsoever outfit he'll want me to wear for an occasion. I look perfect, and the church was absolutely neat under his watch.

But he has his issues, some so clandestine that I'm unable to mention here and I was so determined to change him for better that I lost him. I wanted to train him with iron fist; I was so hard and harsh on him for failing in this and that. I rebuked him too harshly for flaunting my orders, and disciplined him so hard for exhibiting some of his abominable characters and I couldn't forbear thus I lost him.



He had his urges, he was a slave to his passions and I wanted him to overcome what I couldn't overcome in myself when I was his age.

Yet he loved me, despite been extremely harsh and strict on him, he still goes all the way to surprise me by doing duties I never ask or expect of him or anyone.

I was too mean with his frailties, too punishing over his faults and thus I lost him, one of my biggest regrets and lessons in life as a father.

I should have been gentler, I should had known that transformation is the work of the Holy Spirit not mine, I should had allowed him grow through his mistakes and imperfections and not demand that he becomes perfect overnight.

Sometimes don't punish them for not being perfect, sometimes give them space for errors and mistakes and expect imperfection. Sometimes allow them to be childish and young, sometimes overlook and rescind on your threats and sometimes, forbears them and enjoy them through their imperfection.

Pray for them, correct them but always allow them play out their personalities and grow into perfection at their own space. I lost destiny till God intervened in His gracious ways, don't lose yours, forbear them and give them space for errors and mistakes.

God bless you.

**Pastor Promise Ikpe**

## GUEST WRITER'S COLUMN

### THE SCIENCE: "BLESSING OF GOD"

by Bro Tano Gongo of India

It is the misconception of the world that science is above God. Scientists are treated as inventors whereas God is creator of all. Of course, we should respect the great scientists but that should not distort our faith. God is behind all the scientists. All scientists are also blessed by our Lord.

1. All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

Ecclesiastes 1:7 God has revealed to Solomon many years ago about this hydrological cycle. But Barnerd Pallesy discovered that after so many years.



2. He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

Job 26:7 God revealed "That the earth is hanged on nothing" which Sir Isaac Newton has found it after so many years.

3. It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: Isaiah 40:22. God revealed to Isaiah that the earth is circle many years before the discovery of Ferdinand Magellan in 1529 that the earth is spherical.

Accurate science is in conformity with the scriptures and not in opposition. When a scientific fact is contrary to God's word, such fact isn't accurate because God's word is the yardstick to measure the accuracy of science and for centuries no discovery or scientist has proved advanced above God's word.

Today God has given me another opportunity to burn for Him. What does it mean to burn for God?

The summary is to simply put God first and the needs of others next and be lost in it.

It's to help that woman who is a single parent, who was rejected, who was forsaken, who was betrayed, who is confused and doesn't know what next for her as she waddle through life uncertain and in fear, who thinks God hates her because she is a single mother, a clear evidence that she was depraved and subdued by immoral urge to find peace, purpose, strength, direction and experience the love of God.

It's to help the young man who is HIV positive, who has lost hope for the future, who couldn't afford his medical bills, who can't sleep with peace of mind, who is afraid of closing his eyes at night because he fears he might not be able to open it the next morning, to find healing and health from that HIV, to see how God can artistically use his past errors to work out good for him.

It's to help that divorced mother who is battling loneliness, who is struggling to put food on the table for her kids, who is a victim of fraud and abuse from men, to find fellowship, acceptance, and love in God. To get healing for her broken home and the restoration of all that she had lost.

It's to help that aged man who had because of his youthful exuberance lost the wife who truly loved him, forsaken the family he could truly call his and lost his business and job because of his poor selfish choices to find peace, restoration, and comfort in God who loves him despite his past and errors.

It's to help that youth who is bond to alcoholism, addicted to drugs, masturbation,

homosexuality, and slaving to his carnal desires which is destroying him each day to find redemption, deliverance from the yoke of sin, and the power of Satan.

It's to help that youth find his ideal spouse, the wife to submit to her husband irrespective of his ability to provide for the home or not, the husband to love his wife despite her frailties and the parents to train their children in the way of the Lord.

It's to help that person who is afflicted and tormented by Satan, who couldn't sleep at night, who is spiritually disturbed during the day, whom the devil had held in bondage and placed limits to his life and destiny to find freedom and deliverance from the power of darkness and to live above all the powers of Satan and become whom God has ordained him to be.

Today I'm glad God has given me one more year to burn so others might find warmth, to burn so others might see and not walk in darkness, and to burn so that others might catch the fire with me. And like the burning bush before Moses, though I burn, I'm not burned out.

Sometimes I stay without food and water, sometimes I lock up myself indoors, and every time I'm in the spirit so that I can be in tune with God's direction for the hour.

If we give a prophet a cup of water to assist his prophetic work, we don't lose its reward, today I invite you to partner with me in burning for God.

- Partner financially by donating one time or monthly.
- Partner by being committed to distributing our messages on social Media.
- Partner by being committed to interceding at least for 10 minutes for us.

God bless you as you partner with us.

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## My Birthday Address



# TMCI

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

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I am born again  
Born into the family of God  
A citizen of Zion, cultured by the word of God  
I'm the temple of the Living God  
I'm filled with the Holy-Spirit  
Christ is my righteousness  
I'm perfectly made, I excel in all that I do; I'm the head and not the tail  
I function in the fullness of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
The spirit of righteousness leads me into all righteousness: sin has no dominion  
over me  
There is no limitation to what the Holy Spirit uses me to do  
All that I see my heavenly Father do, I do also  
I'm like Christ, I'm co-heir with Him, and His grace is with me  
I fellowship with the Holy Spirit, I'm led by God.  
I'm blessed to be fruitful, I do no miscarry  
I do not say '**I'm sick**'  
I do not say '**I'm weak**'  
I do not say '**I lack**'  
Because I'm a citizen of Zion and God is my source  
I'm blessed, blessing others  
I'm healed, healing others  
I'm strong, strengthening others  
I'm well provided for, providing for others  
I'm loved by God, therefore I hate no one  
My hands heal the sick and wherever I step into, I possess  
The devil is under my feet.  
I'm seated with Christ far above principalities and powers  
The word works in me and by me. **Hallelujah!**

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