

# Renewed, Transformed & Repurposed

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To my wife, children and all the people that have supported me both in word and material blessings. May this book be a blessing that will encourage you to continue with your good works. To God be all the glory, honor and praise.



# INTRODUCTION

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There are three categories of people in the world. Those who do not know anything, those who know something and do nothing with and about what they know, and the last category is of those who know something and do something with what they know. The first two categories, those who do not know anything and those who know but do nothing with what they know, live their lives empty of God's power and glory. They are ignorant of what God has done for them. These are the people who lack belief in their purpose of existence because they have no knowledge.

In the vast expanse of human existence, there are few forces as potent as the power of belief. It is a force that drives us to overcome obstacles, shatter limitations, and uncover the boundless potential that resides within each one of us. When we dare to believe, we open ourselves up to a world of endless possibilities and profound transformations.

"Renewed, Transformed & Repurposed," invites you to take a leap of faith, refuse to accept limitations, and harness the power of belief to achieve your aspirations. It is a showcasing of the diverse ways in which belief can shape our lives and enable us to overcome obstacles that once seemed insurmountable. You will be encouraged to reflect on your own journey, your own dreams, and the untapped potential that awaits within you.

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"Renewed, Transformed & Repurposed" is a testament to the idea that belief can be the catalyst for change, the spark that reignites our passions, and the driving force behind our most audacious dreams. It serves as a reminder that the greatest limitations we face are often self-imposed, and by daring to believe, we can shatter those barriers and embrace a life filled with purpose, fulfillment, and limitless possibilities.

In the pages that follow, we will embark on an exploration of the remarkable capacity of the human spirit to renew, transform, and repurpose itself. Life, as we know it, is an ever-evolving narrative, and within these chapters, we will uncover the tools and wisdom necessary to craft a story that is uniquely our own.

So, embark on this transformative journey with us, as we explore the profound impact of belief to illuminate your path, reignite your faith in God, and propel you towards the transformation you've always yearned for. For within the depths of your own belief lies the power to unlock a future brimming with the unimaginable.

Are you ready to embrace the transformative power of belief? Let us embark on this remarkable journey together and discover the profound truth that when you dare to believe, everything becomes possible.

It is not what you know, but what you do with what you know that makes a difference in your life. It is, therefore, my prayer, hope and belief that the pages of this book will provoke you to study the Word of God, so that you may be careful to do

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ALL that God tells you to do, for if you do this you shall definitely prosper in all that you do and good success shall be your portion. May God speak to you and bless you as you read every page of this book!!!



# Chapter 1

## THE CATALYST FOR MIND RENEWAL

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**W**e can search the heavens above or the Earth and beneath the Earth and still find that there is nothing that has authority and power like God's Word. There is nothing God honors more, than His Word. God will never do anything beyond or contrary to His Word. And because of this, His Word is trustworthy, for it will do exactly what it says to do.

*“For the Word of the Lord is right and true...By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made...For he spoke and it came to be: he commanded and it stood firm” (Psalm 33:4, 6, 9).*

The power of God is in His Word.

*“By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible” (Hebrews 11:3).*

*“By the Word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth” (Psalm 33:6).*

*“...for you have magnified your Word above all your name”  
(Psalm 138:2).*

God backs His Word with His power and He backs His power with His Word. There can never be God's power without His

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Word. And any word without power is not His Word. God will always confirm His Word with power.

***“Where the word of a king is, there is power” (Ecclesiastes 8:4).***

***“And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through accompanying signs” (Mark 16 :20).***

God can never do anything without His Word and if God is this dependent upon His Word, how much more do we need to be? Every blessing will be made known and come to you, only by God's Word. God's Word is the key to His heart and throne. If you want to know anything about God and His power, go to His Word.

God is totally and wholly dependent upon His Word. What does this mean to you?

***“Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).***

***“Jesus answered and said to them, you are mistaken, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God” (Matthew 22:29).***

By giving us access to His word God demonstrated His great love towards us, in that He gave us access to the key and answer to every need in our lives. By doing this He gave us the ability to operate in His creative power. By giving us His Word He gave us the privilege to be partakers of His divine nature. He

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gave us the ability to operate in the ‘all things are possible’ realm.

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3).*

*“As his divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature...” (2 Peter 1:3-4).*

To make God’s Word our standard in life is to have a high standard of living, it is to live a righteous life.

## Activating God’s Word

GOD GIVES US HIS WORD so that by it and through it we may have our needs met. It is not knowing the scriptures that will make His Word to work in our lives. What will make God’s Word work in your life is believing and acting upon the Word.

*“You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life and these are they which testify of me. But you are not willing to come to me that you may have life” (John 5:39-41).*

*“You could master the text of the Bible yet know little or nothing of its touch and power in your everyday life” (Anonymous).*

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*“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. If anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror, for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of a man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does” (James 1:22-25).*

Spiritual growth is not about how much you know but about what you do with what you know. God's Word can never work beyond your belief in it. God wants us to know His Word so that knowing we may believe and believing we may receive and by receiving we may grow into greater fellowship with one another and with His Holy Spirit. If you want God's Word to work for you, believe it. Just believe it!!!

Whatever the circumstance in your life you just have to nevertheless believe God's Word and your miracle shall be guaranteed. The world is often marked by uncertainty, and people frequently grapple with life's most profound questions. It's during these moments of uncertainty that God's Word can provide much-needed guidance. The scriptures offer insights into how to navigate challenges, make difficult decisions, and find peace amidst turmoil.

Believing in and acting upon God's Word can bring clarity to life's complexities. It can provide a sense of purpose and direction that transcends the fleeting nature of worldly pursuits. As individuals engage with the scriptures and apply them to their lives, they experience a renewal of the mind—an

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inner transformation that reshapes their thoughts and perspectives.

***“But Simon answered and said to him, Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing, nevertheless at your word I will let down the net” (Luke 5:5).***

Failure to believe God’s Word will produce a failure of results in your life. Doubting God’s Word will make you barren of God’s blessings because by doubting God’s Word you make it non-effective in your life. The greatest thing that you can ever do with God’s Word is not knowing but believing it. God gave us his Word so that we may believe in Him.

***“The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge but to change our lives” (D. L. Moody).***

***“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:30-31).***

***“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).***

To believe is to accept something as truth. And what you accept as truth you become committed unto. To believe God’s Word is to accept it as the truth and to agree with God about its truthfulness. The Word of God is Truth and it is the only thing that can never change in this life. As it was, it is, and

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so shall it be forever. It is a sure foundation which can never fail you if you put your hope and trust in it. No one can come to the Word of God and change it but whoever comes to the Word of God will be changed by it. It is the TRUTH and truth never changes! God's Word serves as a catalyst for the renewal of our minds. God's Word can never be changed by anything but it can change anything. It changes everything! Your life is a product of what you have done with the Word of God! You become what you do with the Word of God. The transformational power of God's Word lies in the belief in and active application of it by us.

*“Correct alignment with truth principles guarantees success in life” (Dr. Myles Munroe).*

*“Buy the truth and do not sell it” (Proverbs 23:23).*

*“Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:17).*

*“The entirety of your Word is truth, and every one of your righteous judgments endures forever” (Psalm 119:160).*

*“Truth unless believed cannot serve its purpose” (John Brown).*

What you do not accept as truth, you will always have an alternative for, and what you accept as truth, you will always live by.

*“If you abide in my word... you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31, 32).*

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Make God's word alive, believe it!

God's Word should not just be something you know but believe because God's Word is everything and more to us. When you believe God's Word you become obedient to it and when you become obedient to God's Word everything becomes obedient to you, for submission to God's Word puts everything under your submission. Obedience to the King of kings makes you a king and where the word of a king is, there is power.

The power and authority of your life lies in you believing the Word of God. Belief in God's Word is a powerful force that can shape one's thoughts, actions, and ultimately, one's life. When it comes to God's Word, belief takes on a unique significance. Believing in the truth and wisdom contained in the scriptures can be a source of immense strength and resilience. It provides a solid foundation upon which individuals can build their lives. God's Word is transformative. It has the ability to change not only how individuals perceive the world but also how they perceive themselves. It challenges conventional thinking, encouraging believers to embrace values such as love, compassion, forgiveness, and humility.

For instance, the Bible teaches, ***"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"*** (Romans 12:2, NIV). This verse emphasizes the idea that embracing God's Word leads to a renewal of the mind. It encourages believers to think differently, to view the world through a lens of faith and hope, and to strive for a life characterized by moral and ethical excellence.

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So, ultimately, it is through belief and action that we can experience the transformative power of God's Word and find renewal in our minds and hearts.

## Chapter 2

# THE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF GOD'S WORD

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The word trustworthy means to be worthy of trust. It refers to the state of being dependable, reliable, honest, etc. In a world filled with information, opinions, and ideologies, finding a source of unwavering trust can be a daunting task. When we describe something as trustworthy, we declare it as reliable, consistent, and true. A trustworthy entity is one that has a history of delivering on its claims and can be depended upon to fulfill its obligations. Trustworthiness is the quality of being deserving of trust, characterized by honesty, integrity, and the fulfillment of promises and expectations. It's the assurance that something or someone will deliver on their commitments, thereby creating a sense of security and confidence.

Trustworthiness, the cornerstone of our faith in anything, is the measure of an entity's reliability and dependability.

Amid the ceaseless pursuit of satisfaction and fulfillment, the world presents us with a multitude of options, each vying for our trust and devotion. From material possessions to self-help gurus and the latest trends in wellness, society encourages us to place our faith in external factors. Yet, as we explore these

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avenues, we may find them wanting, offering only fleeting contentment, often leaving us empty and unfulfilled.

All over the world people are searching and are willing to pay highly, for things that they can put their trust in to meet their life's demand for satisfaction. And in order to meet this quest for satisfaction, manufacturers therefore come up with advertisements and brand their products to distinguish them from other products. An advertisement is an appeal about a product's ability to meet a demand for satisfaction. The objective of an advertisement is to create customers. A customer is someone who has made it their custom to buy your product because they trust that it will meet their demand for satisfaction. An advertisement is a call for people to put their trust into a product by buying it.

For as long as you are on earth, whether you are rich or poor, there will always be something calling for you to put your trust into it. But what you need to know and understand is that nothing but God's word is trustworthy. Only God's Word is worthy of trust. Anything by man is subject to change and failure, but this is not the case with God. His Word is forever established and he can never change his mind or lie about his word. He is trustworthy. God's Word can never be changed for anything or by anything under whatsoever circumstance. It is faithfully established as the TRUTH. And truth truly never changes! Truth does not need a defence. It is its own defence. Truth does not need anyone or anything to back it to qualify it as truth. Whether you believe it or not, truth will always be what it is, truth. Failure to believe the truth only makes you

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stand condemned and rob yourself of the freedom that truth brings.

People may seek satisfaction in the material world, but the trustworthiness of God's Word offers something far greater – a spiritual and eternal fulfillment. It is a promise that endures, a truth that remains unaltered, and a source of unwavering hope. When all else fails, God's Word stands as a beacon of light, a foundation upon which we can build our lives, secure in the knowledge that it will not waver.

As we explore the concept of trustworthiness, we must recognize that while products and services may meet our immediate desires, nothing but God's Word can truly satisfy the deepest yearnings of the human heart.

*“The Word of God is not only true, it is the truth” (Kenneth Hagin Jr.)*

*“My covenant I will not break nor alter the word that has gone out of my lips” (Psalms 89:34).*

*“God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind, does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?” (Numbers 23:19).*

*“He who is the glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind, for he is not a man that he should change his mind” (1 Samuel 15:29).*

*“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread*

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*to the eater. So shall my Word be that goes forth from my mouth! It shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:10-11).*

When we describe something as trustworthy, we declare it as reliable, consistent, and true. A trustworthy entity is one that has a history of delivering on its claims and can be depended upon to fulfill its obligations. It is in this landscape that God's Word distinguishes itself as unparalleled in its trustworthiness. It stands alone in offering solace and guidance that transcends the transient desires of this world.

To advertise is to make something known to the public. The Word of God is made known to the public through the medium known as preaching.

*“And he said to them, go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).*

*“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things”  
(Romans 10:15).*

There is no good news in the whole world besides God's Word. Only God's Word is the gospel.

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes”  
(Romans 1:16).*

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The Word of God is all you need to make it in life, *for man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, (see Matthew 4:4).*

Whoever is in need of a miracle must at all cost and with all hope believe God's Word about their situation. Many people miss out on their miracles because they are of the attitude that "unless I see, I will not believe God's Word." They want to see before they can believe. But the principle is believe and you shall see the glory of God, *"for we are saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance," (Romans 8:24-25).*

Knowing God's Word without acting upon it will not profit you anything because you cannot please God without faith. Faith without action is dead. Faith is made complete when you do what God says!

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed"*  
*(John 20:29).*

*"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds?" (James 2:14).*

*"You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that and tremble. You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without actions is useless? Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith was made complete by what he did. You see that a man is justified by what he does..." (James 2:19-22, 24).*

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***“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead” (James 2:26).***

By giving us His Word, God delivered to us the principle and law that controls miracles. Be consistent with the Word and your life shall consist of miracles!

***“It is by believing a principle that it becomes influential”  
(John Brown).***

*If you would love to see your miracle, believe God’s Word. This is the key to your miracle. Whatever God tells you to do, do it. Peter walked on water because he believed that if Jesus would call him to do so then he can do it.*

***“And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you on the water. And he said, come, and when Peter had come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus” (Matthew 14:28-29).***

Don’t just know God’s Word, believe it and above all, live it. It is not knowing but believing and doing the Word that makes the difference. Seeing an advertisement, does not make the product yours unless you take the step to buy that product. And it is only when you buy the product that you get to enjoy the product’s satisfaction.

So it is with God’s Word, knowing it is not enough, you can know God’s Word and die knowing without ever enjoying its great satisfaction. Believing God’s Word makes you buy into the Word’s satisfaction! Buy into God’s Word and see the Lord’s salvation!!!

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***“Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” (Isaiah 53:1).***

- Sow into God’s Word to reap the harvest of God’s Word!
- Miracles follow those who believe!

***“And these signs shall follow them that believe...” (Mark 16:17).***

- And no one ever becomes a child of God by knowing about God but by believing in Him.

***“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).***

You can never speak and act upon God’s Word and all be in vain. You can never cause God’s Word to go back to Him in vain because it is meant to accomplish every purpose for which it was sent. There is nothing trustworthy as God’s Word. Believe it, live it and it will work for you, because to believe the Word means to BE and LIVE the Word. You cannot become the manifestation of the Word and yet not reap the benefits of the Word.

The power of believing God’s Word is in this, God and His Word are one, by believing and living God’s Word you, too, become one with God. God is His Word and His Word is God. This is how all things become possible for you. When you believe the Word you make it alive to become flesh and substance for all to see it by your life.

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***“When God’s Word becomes engrafted or infused into your spirit it has become a part of you. It cannot be separated from you! It is YOU! The WORD MADE FLESH. Then your flesh will reflect the life of that Word” (Charles Capps).***

The moment God’s Word becomes flesh in your life, his glory shall be seen upon your life.

***“Jesus said to her, Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” (John 11:40).***

***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory...” (John 1:1, 14).***

***“If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire and it shall be done for you” (John 15:7).***

***“God gives His Word to us as a seed. He wants that word to produce a rich harvest of His giving to us” (Colin Urquhart).***

If you want the glory of God, abide in His Word. Simple! You can never have it any other way than that! You abide in God’s Word by trusting in God’s Word!

It is by putting your trust in God that you are empowered for success and prosperity.

To trust someone is to put that person under obligation, binding him to deal with something over which he has control for the benefit of your life or of other persons. You bind God to do the good pleasure of His Word, over which He alone has control, for your life, when you trust His Word. It is by trusting

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in the Lord that you stand secure for life, for those who put their trust in the Lord can never be put to shame.

***“He who is of a proud heart stirs up strife, but he who trusts in the Lord will be prospered. He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered”***  
***(Proverbs 28:25-26).***

***“The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe”*** (Proverbs 29:25).

***“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes”*** (Psalm 118:8-9).

By God calling you to put your trust in Him, God is telling you to commit Him to His Word, on your behalf, for your benefit.

You commit God to His Word in your life by trusting in His Word.

***“Trust in the LORD, and do good, so shall you dwell in the land and verily you shall be fed. Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass. And He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him, do not fear because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass”*** (Psalm 37:3-7).

Let your trust be firmly anchored in God, and you shall truly live to testify of the Lord's goodness, mercy and grace, for the

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LORD our God is truly trustworthy to do all the good that He has promised to do for us by His Word.

# Chapter 3

## THE SPIRITUAL LAW OF GOD'S WORD

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God's Word is spiritual because it is spirit. God's Word transcends mere letters on a page. It is life-giving. This spiritual essence isn't grasped solely by the intellect; it touches the soul.

*"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being," (Genesis 2:7).*

*"...the words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63).*

The Word, therefore, works according to a spiritual pattern simplified as follows:

Hear + Believe = Faith

Or expanded as follows:

Hear + Believe = Do/say or say and do.

God gives us his Word so that we may believe and believing we might have faith.

*"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).*

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- Faith is the ultimate result of believing God's Word.
- Faith is the outward expression of what and how you believe.
- Faith is your belief in action.
- Faith is revealed by your words and your actions, if your words match your actions and your actions match your words, you are faith-full. You are full of faith!

***“God wants His church to be a FAITH-FULL people!”  
(Colin Urquhart).***

- To be faithful is to act your talk and to talk your act.
- Unless I hear your words and see your deeds I will not know what and how you believe.
- How much you believe God's Word will be revealed by what you do with it. Faith, what you do with God's Word, is what will make God to reward you. But it is by first believing in God's Word that you live a faith-filled life.

***“God places a great premium on faith at every point in a  
Christian's life” (Anonymous).***

***“But without faith it is impossible to please him, for he who  
comes to God must believe that He is, and that he is a  
rewarder of those who diligently seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).***

Believing is when you accept in your heart God's Word. Faith is you acting upon that word (God's Word). As human beings we survive by maintaining the process of breathing, e.g. inspiration and perspiration, inhalation and exhalation, etc..

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What we breathe out gives life to our environment and the environment sustains us. We all need the breath of God, His Word, into our hearts that we may breathe out life to our environment. The environment you give life to will sustain you. Breathe in the Word and breathe out faith (life). Faith is life, and you can only have it through God's Word. God's Word is the breath of life, and you cannot afford to live life and see success without it!

*“All scripture is God breathed... that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”  
(2Timothy 3:16-17).*

*“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living being” (Genesis2:7).*

*“But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding” (Job 32:8).*

*“The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life” (Job 33:4).*

God's Word returns to him when we confess it with our mouths or when we do it. And God's Word will not return to Him empty without accomplishing His desire and achieving His purpose for sending it.

*“When you believe the word of God, what He says can be translated into action, God's action in your life and in His world around you” (Colin Urquhart).*

God gives. You believe. You receive.

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God has already done his part in blessing you. So stop looking up to the heavens for your blessing. God has released his Word on earth. The key to being blessed is in your heart and in your mouth. For with the heart you believe and with the mouth you confess. Your blessing will be seen when you take God's Word back to him because you can never cause his Word to go back to him in vain. ACT the Word! That is:

- Acknowledge the Word
- Confess the Word
- Trust the Word

*“The Bible teems with promises of blessings that God makes to His people, but unless you believe them and act upon them in faith you may never know those blessings in your own experience,” (Anonymous).*

*“So Jesus came again into Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain noble man whose son was sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. The noble man said, Sir, come down before my child dies. Jesus replied, you may go, your son will live. The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on his way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living” (John 4:46-47, 49-51).*

## The Obedience Factor

FAITH IS THE EXPRESS manifestation of obedience to the Word of God. Obedience reveals your position concerning the Word of God in relation to your life. If your position is that God is the Lord, you will obey Him. Obedience determines what you do with God's Word, serve Him or not.

*“Faithfulness is expressed in obedience” (Colin Urquhart).*

Faith has to do with your attitude towards God whereas obedience has to do with your perception of God. Obedience is all about your standing with God. Obedience to God's Word reveals who God is to you. Obedience shows whose you are. It reveals what you honour. You cannot display faith if your perception of God is wrong, *“for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (see Hebrews 11:6, NKJV).*

*“Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?” (Romans 6:16, NKJV).*

Blessing is always the ultimate reward for obedience. Blessings follow obedience because obedience births faith.

*“Now it shall come to pass, that if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and*

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*overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face, they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways... And the LORD shall make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them” (Deuteronomy 28:1-7, 13 & 14).*

When you believe, you put God in a tight corner to fulfill His Word. But when you obey Him, you delight Him to not only answer your prayer but to bless you, too!

## **Obedience makes God to delight in you**

A GENUINE EXPRESSION of faith can only come from a genuine attitude of obedience. Whereas faith has to do with action, obedience has to do with standing or position. Where you are determines your action. To do what God requires calls for one to be under God. To be under God is to be in God. This is why obedience is a delight unto God.

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*“The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land which flows with milk and honey” (Numbers 14:7-8).*

*“If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land” (Isaiah 1:19).*

The only right response to God's Word is doing it because God gives us his Word so that we may know it and do it. It is by doing what He says that we please God! Please, understand this, there is no substitute for obedience. Obedience settles everything for you. Your blessing is determined and secured by your obedience to God's Word.

*“It is the Word of God at work in you that determines your worth in life. To make maximum impact, respond positively to the Word of God” (Dr. David Oyedepo).*

In our relationship with God, obedience is the end of the matter, because in the Kingdom of God, everything rises and falls on obedience. And God's Word is a call to obedience.

*“Whatever He tells you to do, do it” (John 2:5).*

*“But the word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it” (Deuteronomy 30:14).*

Obedience means doing what God wants done, the way God wants it done, and when He wants it done. This is the key to greatness. Whatever God says, do it! Never edit the Word of God no matter the circumstance! God's Word does not bow

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to any circumstance but circumstance is meant to bow before God's Word. This happens through your obedience.

***“Obedience is not optional. God demands and expects it. He may require things that seem foolish to us, but our task is to obey Him, not to evaluate His wisdom” (Cheryl V. Ford).***

***“Every word of God is pure, He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar” (Proverbs 30:5-6).***

***“Your Word is very pure, therefore your servant loves it”  
(Psalm 119:140).***

Obedience to God's will is the key to a fulfilled life because nothing is as certain and permanent as the Word of God. His Word is eternal! And it is the foundation and authority upon which His Kingdom is established.

***“Miracles are the only thing that can happen when you obey the Word of God” (John Hagee).***

***“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away” (Matthew 24:35).***

God's will can only be fulfilled in a willing heart.

A willing heart is a heart of obedience.

Miracles are works of simple obedience.

***“If you really believe the word, you will put it to work in your life and then you will see God doing the things that He says He will do, the things that He promises” (Colin Urquhart).***

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***“If you are not ready to obey God, don’t even bother to pray because it is obedience to the voice of God that will guarantee 100% answered prayer” (Isaac Giwa).***

God has not called us to do hard or difficult things in order for us to please Him. He has called us to a life of simple obedience. He has not called us to sacrifice but just obedience. The result of obedience, like it has been noted, is faith (action) which ***“is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”, (Hebrews 11:1, NKJV).***

***“For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices. But this is what I commanded them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you” (Jeremiah 7:22-23).***

***“If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best of the land.” (Isaiah 1:19).***

***“Obedience to God can lead to many blessings. Obedience to God’s Word can lead to miracles” (Andy Economides).***

***“But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).***

God is not after what we can give him. Sacrifice is beyond our means but obedience is simply a choice. Sacrifice is out of fear but obedience is out of love and trust. Sacrifice is out of self effort but obedience is a sign of dependence upon God.

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Sacrifice is an outward form of religion that can be done even without the right relationship with God but obedience is an inward attitude that springs from a right relationship with God.

*“Obedience is much more than following rules, it’s a state of the heart” (Andrew Murray).*

Sacrifice is an act of the body, you can do it even without you heart involved but obedience is of the heart.

*“Outward obedience without the change of heart is inadequate for Christ”(Andy Economides).*

*“Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying, these people draw near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips but their heart is far from me” (Matthew 15:7-8).*

Obedience is for worshippers. Worshippers are those who do the will of God. And God seeks for such to bless.

*“...if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, He hears him” (John 9:31).*

*“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him” (John 4:23).*

*“The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, but the prayer of the upright is His delight” (Proverbs 15:8).*

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King Saul missed out on God because he depended on sacrifice to please God, but of David God calls him, *“a man after my own heart”* (Read 1 Samuel 13:1-15 and 1 Samuel 15:1-35).

*“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice...Because you have rejected the Word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king”* (1 Samuel 15:22 & 23).

*“And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish... and when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will do all my will”* (Acts 13:21-22).

Never depend on your sacrifice, but obedience to God's will, to obtain the right relationship with God. It is not because of your sacrifice that your sins are forgiven but because of your obedience to do what the WORD of GOD tells you to do.

*“And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins”* (Hebrews 10:11).

*“Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings and offerings for sin you did not desire, nor had pleasure in them...Behold I have come to do your will, O God”* (Hebrews 10:8,9).

What distinguished Elijah from the rest of Israel and the prophets of Baal was that Elijah obeyed and trusted God whereas Israel and the prophets of Baal depended upon their sacrifices.

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*“God is concerned, not only with the spiritual lives of His people, but with their material needs and prosperity. He will fulfill his promises for these things, if they are obedient”  
(Colin Urquhart).*

You can only best run after God with your heart and not with your legs.

You can only best serve God with your heart and not with your hands.

Never put your trust in the swiftness of your legs or in the strength of your hands to please God.

*“It is virtually impossible for you to experience great success in life without total obedience to God” (Isaac Giwa).*

*“He does not delight in the strength of the horse, He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in His mercy” (Psalm 147:10-11).*

*“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God” (Psalm 20:7).*

*“No king is saved by the multitude of an army, a mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety, neither shall it deliver any by its great strength. Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who hope in His mercy, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine” (Psalm 33:16-19).*

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When you give your heart to obeying God, you turn your life and not the substance of your life into a sacrifice to God. This is what God calls the true and acceptable form of worship.

***“Obedience to God’s plan will put you in the centre of His will” (Andrew Murray).***

***“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1).***

***“To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice” (Proverbs 21:3).***

***“Success in life is directly connected to your ability to stay attracted and focused on God’s Word and your ability to follow or obey God’s Word” (Isaac Giwa).***

The more aligned you are to the Word of God, the more successful you will be in life. Obedience to God’s Word is your key to fulfillment.

Obedience to the Word of God will make your life to be filled full with the full-filled promises of God because obedience is the key factor that more than anything will secure your blessing from God.

Sacrifice is about what you can do. Obedience is about what God can do. So what can God do? His Word! God can do nothing but His Word. He is only committed to His Word, to perform it.

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*“... for I am ready to perform my Word” (Jeremiah 1:12).*

Blessed are those who hear the WORD and do it!

*“But why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to me, and hears my sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like. He is like a man building a house who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great” (Luke 6:46-49).*

It is just a matter of simple obedience and whatever is standing against your progress will give way.

By Moses' obedience, the Red Sea gave way.

*“But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea... then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided” (Exodus 14:16, 21).*

By Joshua's obedience, the River Jordan gave way.

*“... for I am ready to perform my Word” (Jeremiah 1:12).*

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By Joshua's obedience, the walls of Jericho fell down (see Joshua 6:1-27).

The key to becoming God's friend is in believing and acting upon God's Word, obedience.

*"... Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. And he was called the friend of God" (James 2:23).*

*"You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14).*

The spiritual law of God's Word will work for whosoever will apply it, for God is no respecter of persons but of His Word. Remember always that it is not how much you know the scriptures but how much you believe the scriptures that makes God's Word alive for you. And it is not by memorizing scripture that you possess eternal life. Eternal life is obtained through obedience to the Word of God.

*"You diligently memorize the scriptures because you think doing so you possess eternal life. These are the scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life" (John 5:39).*

*"Blessed is she who believed, for there shall be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord" (Luke 1:45).*

The key to progress in life is in doing what the Word of God says.

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***“If you walk in my statutes and keep my commandments and perform them, then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit” (Leviticus 26:3-4).***

***“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success” (Joshua 1:8).***

***“Obedience is your covenant right to abundance” (Isaac Giwa).***

There is nothing that is as powerful as when you believe and act upon God's Word.

***“If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes” (Mark 9:23).***

You can only receive from God according to how much you believe His Word.

***“...Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you” (Matthew 8:13).***

To believe and act upon God's Word is to put God in a tight corner with no choice but to bless you.

You make God duty-bound to perform his Word when you believe and act upon it.

***“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Samuel 15:22).***

## God's Word: Our Spiritual Currency

GOD'S WORD IS OUR SPIRITUAL currency which we can use to purchase blessings from God's gift shop. There is no currency stronger than God's word. It is not affected by any kind of inflation. Nothing can change or devalue God's Word, it is forever settled and established to do whatever is God's purpose for it.

***"Forever, O LORD, your word is settled in Heaven" (Psalm 119:89).***

***"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8).***

***"The Word of God is incorruptible. It cannot be destroyed. You can't freeze it out. You can't burn it out. You can't run it out. You can't do anything to destroy it. It is FOREVER!" (Kenneth Hagin Jr.)***

God's Word is the answer to all our needs because everything we will ever need in life is in God's Word!

***"All a man needs to live a prosperous and successful life and enjoy good success is contained in the Word of God" (Dr. David Oyedepo).***

God's Word is money. It is cash but you can only use it by placing a demand on it. And just as there are people who are careless with money, there are also people who are careless with God's Word. They have it but they do not know how to get the best value from it for their lives, they fail to make a demand upon God's Word for their lives.

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No matter how big your bank account may be, the bank teller is only obliged to give you what you demand against the account. To give you any amount other than what you have demanded for is fraud. It is a crime. So it is with God's word, you can only receive from it as much as you believe. It is by believing that you place a demand upon God and his Word.

And just as man watches over his money to see that it is not wasted but used according to plan and budget. God watches over His Word. He will never allow His word to go to waste. No! Not even a jot of His Word can be allowed to go to waste. He will always see to it that his Word performs His good pleasure for it.

***“For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled” (Matthew 5:18).***

***“And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail” (Luke 16:17).***

Nothing works like the WORD. Hence, when everything else fails try the WORD! The WORD never fails!

You can only access God's provision and grace through His Word!

The economic principles of God's kingdom, where all good and perfect gifts come from, are governed by God's Word. Failure to believe and act upon God's Word will lead to spiritual bankruptcy which will devastatingly affect your physical state of life as well.

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And just as the physical economic state of bankruptcy is brought about by being in perpetual debt, spiritual bankruptcy is brought about by a state of being in doubt.

*“But when he ask, he must believe and not doubt , because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind that man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord: he is a double minded man” (James 1:6-8).*

When you doubt Gods Word you grieve him, because to doubt His Word is to limit him. To doubt God’s Word is to compare and equal God to other alternatives. To doubt God’s Word is to tell God that there could be better alternatives (gods) than Him.

*“You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3).*

*“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption” (Ephesians 4:30).*

*“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, measured out heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding? To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare Him? To whom then will you liken me, or to whom shall I be equal? Says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls*

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*them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing” (Isaiah 40:12-14, 18, 25 & 26).*

Doubt is a great hindrance to living a faith-filled life. It keeps you from your portion of blessings. It keeps you from entering your land of promise. Unbelief is a great hindrance to you receiving your blessing. Even Jesus it is recorded failed at one time to perform miracles because he was confronted by people of unbelief toward Him.

*“...And he did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief” (Matthew 13:58).*

*“God cannot manifest Himself where there is the slightest bit of indifference or doubt” (Kenneth Hagin Jr.)*

To doubt God's Word is to reject God's Word for your situation. It is to take God out of your situation. This is terrible! Disobedience is rebellion against God and by it, you forfeit God's plan for your life.

*“But it shall come to pass, that if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country. Cursed shall be your basket and cursed shall be your kneading bowl. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. The*

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*LORD will send on you cursing, confusion and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken me” (Deuteronomy 28:15-20).*

Obedience turns you into a wonder. People will amazingly search for you to see how they too can access God’s favor and grace. But disobedience will only make you to wander the Earth, moving from place to place searching for a blessing and not knowing how to get it. Obedience brings rest to your soul and life, whereas, disobedience robs you of your rest.

*“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of the Lord, He also has rejected you...” (1Samuel 15:23).*

*“And to whom swear He that they should not enter into His rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief” (Hebrews 3:18-19).*

*“For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that rest...” (Hebrews 4:2-3).*

*“Because of unbelief they were broken off and you stand by faith” (Romans 11:20).*

To doubt God’s Word is to despise God. And I know not of anything that could be more grave than this.

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*“He who despises the Word will be destroyed, but he who fears the commandment will be rewarded” (Proverbs 13:13).*

*“Because he has despised the Word of the LORD, and has broken the commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him” (Numbers 15:31).*

The lie of the devil is that ‘seeing is believing’ but this is not so with God concerning his blessings. The earthly law is ‘seeing is believing’. But concerning spiritual things the law is ‘believe and you shall receive’ or ‘believe and you shall see.’

So if we want to see God’s Word alive and at work in our lives, let us doubt not but believe. There is power for all things when we believe God’s Word. Whatever God says no matter how impossible it may seem before our eyes, it is a done deal because all things are possible with God and when we believe, we connect into His fellowship and all things become possible for us too.

*“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do” (John 14:12).*

*“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them” (Mark 11:23 – 24).*

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There is absolutely nothing that God cannot give you. And it is his absolute pleasure to grant you the desires of your heart.

*“Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in my name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full” (John 16:23-24).*

*“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:32).*

God answered your prayer and need the day He spoke His Word, and that is from the foundation of the world, before you were even born. His answer to your need and prayer will always be YES! But the problem with many Christians is that they believe that when they pray or ask God for anything, they expect him to answer Yes, No or wait.

God’s answer to your prayer or need, my brothers and sisters, has been and will always be ‘Yes.’ But you can only receive when you believe that it is so.

*“God has the answer even before you realized you had a problem” (Ray McCauley).*

*“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through Him the Amen is spoken by us to the glory of God” (2 Corinthians 1:20).*

The only time you cannot receive from God is when you ask amiss, with wrong motives, or when you do not ask at all. This is the only time you expect a ‘No’ from God.

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*“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures”(James 4:3).*

*“....yet you do not have, because you do not ask” (James 4:2).*

So whatever you are going through, whatever your problem. No matter how big or small, no matter how bad or worse it may be, God knows. In fact, God knew that from the foundation of the world, that is why he spoke his word about your situation from the foundation of the world to get you out of that problem, if only you can believe and obey God.

God cannot do anything about your situation, He has given you His Word to act upon. If you cannot see results, the problem is not God for His word fails not. The power to make God's Word alive and working in your life is in your hands. The power to bind and loose is in your hands. Believe God's Word and you shall see the glory of God in your life. To fully harness the power of God's Word for the benefit of our lives we must put our faith into action.

## Chapter 4

# THE PATHWAY OF LIFE

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“**T**he daily application of God’s Word ... is the direct pathway to success and prosperity” (John Hagee).

Successful living is a matter of the ear, heart and the tongue. The pathway to success is in through the ear, down through the heart and out through the mouth. These three make up the pathway for successful living and you do well if you maintain them with the Word of God. The ear is the inlet to the heart and the mouth is the outlet.

The only way to control your heart is by controlling what goes into it.

*“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things” (Matthew 12:33-35).*

What goes into the heart is as important as what comes out of it because what comes out of the heart is determined by what goes into it, junk in, junk out, as the saying goes!

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The good treasure of the heart is a product of the rich Word of God deposited into it. The good tree of the heart is produced by the good and pure seed of God's Word sown into the heart.

Your capacity to receive from God is dependent upon your ability to communicate with God. Communication is a means of expressing one's thoughts and desires. Using words is one of the modes of communication because words are meant to express your thoughts. Words create a mental picture of your thoughts. You can only receive from God if your words are a true reflection of your thoughts.

And effective communication can only be said to have taken place when your words truly reflect your thoughts in line with God's good pleasure.. God's answer to your prayer and need is already an established "YES" (see 2 Corinthians 1:20), but it remains for you make that a reality by causing your words to be a true reflection of your thoughts concerning God's will for your life. To create the Heavens and the Earth God used His Word according to His desire and purpose. To create your world God is waiting upon you to speak your heart's desire. He is waiting for you to speak your thoughts in line with His Word so that what you speak or decree He shall create and put in place for you to be blessed.

***"Without words, there wouldn't have been any creation. Your words create images and eventually you will live out the reality of that image" (Charles Capps).***

***"If creation, the greatest event in human history, came as a result of the Word of God, then the greatest impact a man***

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*can make will have to be as a result of the Word” (Dr. David Oyedepo).*

*“I create the fruit of your lips...” (Isaiah 57:19).*

*“You shall also declare a thing, and it shall be established for you. So light will shine on your ways” (Job 22:28).*

*“A man’s belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and from the produce of his lips he shall be filled” (Proverbs 18:20).*

*“A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth” (Proverbs 12:14).*

Your worth is in your word even as God’s worth is in His Word. So you should at all cost treasure the power of your word so that where your word is, there should your heart also be. Your word should always convey your heart’s desire. The word of your mouth is so powerful. There is nothing that can compare with it in authority over your life. Even God cannot go beyond your word. ‘As you have spoken, so shall it be unto you’, is the principle God follows.

*“As I live, says the LORD, just as you have spoken in my hearing, so I will do to you” (Numbers 14:28).*

Whatsoever thing you call into being with your mouth, God will honor your word and allow it to be. You bring things into existence by giving them names. And whatsoever thing you call by giving it a name in your life, God will allow it to be according to your word.

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***“Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name” (Genesis 2:19).***

So you need to be careful with how you use your mouth because your mouth has power over your life.

***“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit” (Proverbs 18:21).***

***“Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from trouble” (Proverbs 21:23).***

Words are so precious to God such that you stand accountable for how you use them. You use your words carelessly at your own peril because God will hold you accountable for every idle word you have spoken.

***“But I say to you that for every idle word men speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned” (Matthew 12:36-37).***

***“A fool’s mouth is his destruction and his lips are the snare of his soul” (Proverbs 18:7).***

The word of your mouth is so powerful and great. It is by the word of your mouth that you set for your life a course of action which will either bring life or death to you and to others. On the day of judgment, will your words condemn or justify you? The will of God for your tongue is that you may use it to bless.

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Use your tongue to give life to situations around you. You have this power by your word, use it and God will bless you greatly.

*“The mouth of the righteous is a well of life, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked” (Proverbs 10:11).*

*“The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the lips of the wicked what is perverse” (Proverbs 10:32).*

The mouth always works with the heart. Whatever the heart believes, the mouth shall confess. So for the mouth to confess righteousness, the heart must first be filled with righteousness.

### **The mouth is a disciple of the heart**

THE MOUTH CAN ONLY operate within the contents of the heart. Therefore, the only way your mouth can speak life is if and only when your heart is filled with the Word of God.

*“The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, and adds learning to his lips” (Proverbs 16:23).*

*“And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed and therefore I spoke, we also believe and therefore speak” (2 Corinthians 4:13).*

Whatever is in the heart can only find its way out through the mouth, by word. So since it is from the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks, then you can only tame your tongue by taking heed of what goes into the heart because whatever goes into the heart becomes the raw material for your confession. Food cannot defile you because food does not go

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into the heart, it only enters the body and comes out, but words go right into the heart. And whatever goes into the heart becomes an issue of life destined to come out by way of the mouth.

*“So he said to them, are you thus without understanding also? Do you not perceive that whatever enters a man from outside cannot defile him, because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated? What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts...” (Mark 7:18-21).*

*“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you” (Proverbs 4:23-24).*

*“A sound heart is life to the body” (Proverbs 14:30).*

### **You are only as perfect as your word**

YOUR SUCCESS IS TOTALLY dependent upon your ability to keep a listening ear. The ear, being the inlet to the heart determines what goes into the heart, and it is from the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

Therefore, if the ear does not listen to the Word of God, your heart shall be empty of God's Word and your mouth shall confess nothing but death to your situations and circumstances. And your life shall be empty of God's blessings because it is by faith that you live to please God to be blessed by Him. So then keep a listening ear and be quick to listen to the voice of God.

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*“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Romans 10:17).*

*“... my beloved brethren, let everyone be quick to listen...”  
(James 1:19).*

God’s Word can only be heard in the silence and stillness of life. Not everyone can hear God’s voice and the only thing that can open your ear to hear God is His Word.

You can only hear God’s voice in the stillness of life’s moments.

*“Then He said, go out, stand on the mountain before the LORD. And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him...” (1 Kings 19:11-13).*

Hearing the voice of God calls for attentiveness to God. Until you can teach yourself how to sit down before God’s feet, you will never understand God’s Word for your life, because it is only he who is familiar with the Word of God who can hear the voice of God. He who is familiar with the Word of God will always stand still and unwaveringly wait upon God. To become familiar with the Word of God, you need to spend time with the scriptures. Jesus chose the twelve disciples that they might

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be with Him to know Him and that through knowing Him, He might make them known to the Father who endues with power and authority over all things.

*“Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons” (Mark 3:14).*

Attentive hearing is called listening. To be attentive means to listen. It means to give ear to something.

What you listen to, gets listed and engraved upon your heart.

*“Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, and give attention to know understanding...” (Proverbs 4:1).*

Do not be comfortable with just hearing the Word of God, listen to it, and incline your ear to it. Let it be engraved upon your heart and your heart shall be changed and made new.

*“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them,” (Ezekiel 36:26-27).*

## Distinguishing Listening from Hearing

LISTENING IS AN ART which you can acquire and develop through learning. Hearing is not an art.

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Listening is a deliberate act. Hearing is a general act, which is done even without any demand for your concentration.

Listening is learned and subject to perfection.

Anybody can hear but not everybody can listen except those who choose to.

Noise is heard but instructions are listened to. You hear noise but listen for instructions.

If you care for your heart, then take heed to what you give your ear to, because what goes into the ear goes right into the heart. Remember always that a clean ear will always keep a clean heart. And the reward of a clean heart is holiness, fellowship with God.

The purity of the heart is determined by the inclination of the ear, because the heart is made up of what you hear with your ear. What your ear hears makes your heart.

*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”  
(Matthew 5:8).*

*“He who loves purity of heart and has grace on his lips, the king will be his friend” (Proverbs 22:11).*

The greatest discipline and training one can ever have is in the art of listening, and more so listening to God's Word and voice. Your ability to obey and believe God's Word for your life is determined by your effectiveness in listening to God.

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*“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27).*

*“Why do you not understand my speech? Because you are not able to listen to my Word...He who is of God hears God’s words, therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God” (John 8:43,47).*

*“Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good. And let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the sure mercies of David” (Isaiah 55:2-3).*

You improve your listening ability through study. Studying the Word of God improves your ability to hear God.

*“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).*

The Word of God is counsel, hence the need to study it with all diligence, and no one can afford to live without it, for the Word of God is instruction for life and godliness. It instructs in the path of righteousness and holiness. And no one can ever be successful without God’s counsel, His Word.

There is no counsel like God’s Word and there is no counsel against God’s Word.

*“Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days” (Proverbs 19:20).*

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*“Cease listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge” (Proverbs 19:27).*

*“There is no wisdom or understanding or counsel against the LORD” (Proverbs 21:30).*

*“The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations” (Psalm 33:11).*

To every problem in life, there is an instruction for dealing with it as well as getting out of it. An instruction simply means an answer to a problem. And success in life depends upon how good you are at carrying out instructions effectively. The carrying out of an instruction is called obedience.

Look at it this way, your breakthrough is dependent upon God hearing your voice and also very much upon you hearing God's voice. When you pray, always expect for God to speak an instruction to you. The major hindrance to most of our prayers is our inability to listen for God's voice. Our prayers remain unanswered, mostly not that God has not answered but because of our failure to listen for the instructions of His voice. What many of us believe is that after we have prayed, it is now time to open our eyes, for, to see how God has answered our prayer. But, I am here to tell you that before you open your eye to see if God has answered your prayer, keep an open ear, because breakthroughs came by God's instruction. Keep your watch on God, not with your eye but with your ear. You wait upon God with your ear. Keep an open ear to God and you shall surely have life and abundance, for the just shall live by faith and not by sight. Faith is of the ear and not the eye, for

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faith comes by hearing. And what the ear will hear, the eye shall definitely see!!! That is why God's instruction for your life and blessing is that you must live by faith and not by sight.

The instruction of the LORD is the key to success and prosperity. Therefore, keep a watchful ear that you may receive and grasp God's Word and instruction for your life!!!

***“He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, but he who refuses correction goes astray” (Proverbs 10:17).***

***“Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart” (Job 22:22).***

***“Cause me to hear your loving kindness in the morning, for in you do I trust, cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to you...Teach me to do your will, for you are my God, your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness” (Psalm 143:8, 10).***

Whoever listens to instruction is called wise.

***“Hear instruction, and be wise” (Proverbs 8:33).***

***“Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go, keep her, for she is your life” (Proverbs 4:13).***

The instruction of God's Word in your life makes your life an attraction for blessings.

Nothing was ever achieved which was without instruction. Even miracles are worked through instruction.

Ask God for a miracle, and He will give you an instruction.

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So, with all diligence, keep a listening ear for the Word of God. That done, I can confidently say, rest assured, that you shall live a miraculous and blissful 'heaven on earth' life. Whatever you may be going through right now, by all means be still, seek for God's counsel, listen to what God is saying concerning that situation and be instructed about what ought to be done.

Make God's Word your daily diet and food, eat it through a listening ear and you shall live a healthy, prosperous and successful life! Isn't this what we all need?

*"If you want to become a man of impact, your responsibility is to get addicted to the Word of God" (Dr. David Oyedepo).*

*"How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth. Through your precepts I get understanding" (Psalm 119:103).*

*"I have not departed from the commandment of His lips, I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12).*

*"Your words were found, and I ate them, and your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD God of hosts" (Jeremiah 15:16).*

*"Does not the ear test words and the mouth taste its food?" (Job 12:11).*

*"Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge, for it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; let them all be fixed upon your lips, so that your trust may be in the LORD; I have instructed you*

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*today, even you, have I not written to you excellent things of counsels and knowledge, that I may make you know the certainty of the words of truth, that you may answer words of truth to those who send to you?" (Proverbs 22:17-21).*

An Instruction is not subject for your approval. An instruction is a command. You are to do as it says. It is you, who is approved upon carrying the instruction. The only right thing to do with an instruction is to do what it says, this is obedience. God's Word is instruction, therefore, whatever the Word of God says, do it!

## The Word of God cycle

THE WORD OF GOD BEGINS its journey within us through the sense of hearing. It is often said, "*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God*" (Romans 10:17). This implies that our ability to comprehend and internalize the Word is dependent on our ability to hear it. The Word may come to us through various means – through scripture, sermons, or the still, small voice of God in moments of prayer and meditation. It is in these moments that we open our hearts and minds to receive the divine message.

Upon hearing the Word of God, it has the potential to inspire and ignite something profound within us. This inspiration is often a spiritual awakening that moves us to action. When we hear the Word, it resonates deep within our souls, stirring a desire to align our lives with the divine will. Inspiration compels us to seek a closer relationship with God, fostering a sense of purpose and direction in our lives.

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Inspiration alone is not enough; it is faith that bridges the gap between belief and action. Faith is the unwavering confidence that the Word of God is true and reliable. It is the catalyst that propels us to put the Word into practice. Without faith, the Word remains dormant, and its transformative power lies untapped. Faith is not mere belief but a trust so profound that it compels us to act on what we have heard and been inspired by.

Once faith is firmly established, we take the Word back to God. This act of returning the Word signifies our willingness to surrender our plans, desires, and actions to the divine will. We trust that God will bring about the fulfillment of His Word in our lives. This act of submission and surrender is an essential part of the divine cycle. It is in this step that we relinquish control and allow God to work in and through us. This is referred to as obedience.

As we return the Word to God through faith and surrender, He, in turn, performs it in our lives. God's faithfulness ensures that His promises are fulfilled. This may not always happen in the way we expect or on our timeline, but in His perfect timing and according to His divine plan. The blessings we receive may come in the form of spiritual growth, emotional healing, material provision, or guidance through life's challenges.

When we hear and receive the Word, allow it to inspire us, exercise faith, and surrender to God's will, we position ourselves to receive His blessings. This process is not only a mechanism for change but a profound spiritual journey that

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connects us intimately with the Creator, leading us to a life filled with purpose, fulfillment, and divine favor.

# Chapter 5

## THE POWER OF YOUR MIND

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**Y**ou are not who you say you are or what people think you are. You are what you think you are.

*“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7).*

Words are meant to create mental pictures of your thoughts. They have a powerful impact upon your life. The words you speak and the words spoken to you have a great bearing and impact upon your life, for better or for worse, to make you rich or poor, to give you health or sickness, because you are married to the word you speak and to the word you accept into your life.

Your word has a great impact upon your life. But greater than your word is your thinking! Your thinking has a far greater impact upon your life than your word such that even for your confession to be right, it has to be in line with your thinking. Your words will not bear fruit if they are not in agreement with your mind. When your words are not in line with your thinking, it is called unbelief.

To get the best value out of your heart's abundance, you need to have a renewed mind. You renew your mind with the Word of God. It is by the renewal of the mind that transformation takes place. Transformation is growth. So if you want to grow,

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renew your mind to desire for nothing more than God's Word. Never turn your back on God's Word. It is the material for your renewal and transformation.

How you think determines what you believe, and what you believe determines your confession. And what you confess becomes your life.

*“And do not be conformed to this world , but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” (Romans 12:2).*

*“And be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:23-24).*

As children of God we grow by feeding on the rich and nutritious Word of God.

*“As new born babies desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious” (1 Peter 2:2-3).*

Exploits and miracles can never be worked by babies but by those who through the Word of God have matured in their knowledge of God.

*“... the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. And those of the people who understand shall instruct many...” (Daniel 11:32-33).*

## Except your mind be renewed, you cannot obey God

*“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God” (Romans 8:5-8).*

IF YOU CANNOT OBEY God, you cannot serve God. You can only serve God if and only when the mind of Christ becomes the attitude of your mind. To have the mind of Christ means to have a clear conscience towards God. A good conscience towards God means willingness to abide by God's Word. And it is only the Word of God, itself, that can wash and cleanse your mind to give you a good conscience towards God.

*“... how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God” (Hebrews 9:14).*

Growth or transformation comes about as a result of your obedience and willingness to do God's will. You do not grow to serve God but you grow by serving God. It is by serving God that you grow in your relationship with God. Growth or transformation is a result of your obedience. God wants you to grow, He has, therefore, given you the ability and opportunity

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to serve but whether you will grow or not depends upon your willingness to obey.

The more you serve God, the more you grow in grace. For it is only he who serves that grows.

*“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:5-11).*

*“But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Hebrews 5:14).*

Those who sit and wait for promotion to come before they serve, never get to see it or have it because promotion is a reward for diligence. No work, no promotion. And no promotion, no growth!!! You are saved to serve!!!! And thereby grow by serving.

The mind is a key element to your growth in Christ because the attitude of your mind determines the level and quality of your service. The state of your mind, more than anything else,

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determines your status, physically and spiritually. You serve God with your mind using your legs, hands, machines, etc.

*“... so then, with the mind I, myself, serve the law of God but with the flesh the law of sin” (Romans 7:25b).*

The Increase of your hands is determined by the state of your mind, which is why you should by all means strive to have a renewed mind, the mind of Christ. Strive to have a mind that is set on pleasing God at all times and in everything because the state of your mind affects and determines your thinking capacity. To put it in other words, you can only serve and honor God according to your thinking. Your thinking plays a great role in your relationship with God, and as far as God is concerned, you are what you think you are.

*“As in water face reflects face, so a man’s mind reveals the man” (Proverbs 27:19).*

### **The quality of your mind determines the quality of your life**

IF YOUR THINKING IS righteous, like it or not, your words and actions shall follow through with righteousness because it is as the saying goes that ‘if the tree is good, the fruit will also be good’. Your words and your actions are fruits of your thinking. Whatever you say or do in life is a product of your thinking. Poor thinking equals poor results. And wicked thinking will only produce wickedness because ‘you reap what you sow’. And it is no wonder that of all things about your life God looks at the heart because the real you can only be found in your heart.

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***“For the LORD does not see as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart”  
(1Samuel 16:7).***

***“Do not let your adornment be merely outward, rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quite spirit, which is precious in the sight of God” (1 Peter 3:3-4).***

So the heart of the matter is simply that, no matter what the matter might be, protect your heart with all diligence. Don't let your heart be troubled. At all times and with all hope let your heart be filled with the Word of God because a troubled heart will only produce a troubled mind and life. Believe and have faith in God.

***“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.” (Proverbs 4:23-24).***

***“A sound heart is life to the body” (Proverbs 14:30).***

To weaken and take you away from God, the devil targets your mind to keep you blind from believing the Word of God, which is the Gospel of salvation. You need to understand that as much as God wants you to yield your mind to Him, the devil is also after your mind.

The devil is not afraid of you having knowledge. What he is afraid of is you believing the knowledge of the gospel because once you believe the gospel, you will seek to understand it and once you understand it, you will apply it in your life. Understanding the gospel works totally against the devil. So he

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will by all means try to keep you ignorant of the gospel. And also, if you are not careful, he will blind you from believing and understanding it. All this he will do just to prevent you from applying the gospel, the Word of God, in your life because ignorance of the gospel is ignorance of the power of God, for the gospel is the power of God unto salvation and righteousness.

*“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart,”*  
(Ephesians 4:27-18).

The devil's mission is to take you as far away as possible from the power of God, the gospel, by keeping your mind preoccupied with the things of this world, which without Christ is vanity, a chasing after the wind, because substance is only in faith in Christ and in seeking God's Kingdom and righteousness. A mind preoccupied with the things of this world is an empty mind, and indeed an empty mind is the devil's workshop. What the world can show you cannot be compared to what God has put in you. So do not let yourself into being cheated to settle for less but settle for what you are worth. You are worth far much more than this world can give. None of this world's riches can be worth your value. You are a treasure beyond this world's measure. You are worth the love of God, so stop cheapening yourself. Stay your mind on God!

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***“You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you” (Isaiah 26:3).***

The mind is the control tower of your life and whoever controls it, controls your life.

***“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost, in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine upon them” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).***

Your mind is your greatest ally for success. And if only you can allow the Word of God to renew your thinking, there is nothing that can stand against your progress in life. With your heart and mind renewed and filled with the Word of God you are more than a conqueror and there is nothing that you can fail to do.

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

***“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).***

The only obstacle standing against your progress and the fulfillment of God's good promises in your life is your thinking. How is your thinking? If the attitude of your mind is corrupt, it will be difficult and impossible for you to obey and trust God for anything.

**Changing your thinking is the key to**

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### changing your whole life

THE GREATEST BATTLE in life is the battle for the mind and you can only win this battle by using the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. The Word of God is our mighty weapon of warfare. Nothing can withstand the power of God's Word at work in your heart and on your lips. Use the Word to make the thoughts of your heart and everything about your life obedient to Christ.

*“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God” (Ephesians 6:17).*

*“For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).*

*“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:4-5).*

### The Process of Renewing the Mind

YOU RENEW THE MIND through the study and meditation of God's Word. Knowledge is food. But just having it by itself is not enough, because you can have food and still die of hunger. What will keep you from starvation is eating the food. And you can only get a benefit from your eating by

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properly digesting what you eat, because for anyone to grow and develop physically healthy, there has to be food to eat and digest. Even mentally, for you to grow and develop, you need to feed your mind with the food called knowledge. You eat knowledge through study and digest it by meditating upon it. You renew, grow and develop your mind through the study and meditation of God's Word.

*“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate upon it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success” (Joshua 1:8).*

*“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of mockers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night...” (Psalm 1:1-2).*

*“Study to show yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).*

The objective of studying is to get understanding. He who studies knowledge shall understand knowledge. Having knowledge but yet lacking its understanding is the same as not having knowledge at all because what you do not understand you cannot apply or use to make your life better. And many are they that are perishing not that knowledge is lacking, but that they are lacking understanding.

What you do not understand, you do not know at all.

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*“Hear the Word of the LORD, you children of Israel, for the LORD brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: There is no truth and mercy or knowledge of God in the land...My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of God, I will also forget your children” (Hosea 4:1,6).*

Ignorance does not mean without knowledge, but without understanding.

*“Then the Spirit said to Philip, Go near and overtake the chariot. So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, Do you understand what you are reading? And he said, How can I, unless someone guides me...” (Acts 8:29-31).*

Knowing about a thing is not the same as knowing the thing. Having knowledge about someone is not the same as knowing that someone. Having knowledge about God is not the same as knowing God. This is having knowledge but lacking understanding. And if all you have is only knowledge, your life will be of no impact and you will not amount to anything in this life until you turn that mere knowledge into understanding. Having knowledge but yet lacking its understanding is the same as looking at knowledge from a distance. It is like seeing light at the end of a tunnel. Seeing light at the end of the tunnel is not the same as having light in the tunnel. It is not the amount of knowledge you possess that will add value to your life but how much you understand things. How much you understand determines how much and

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what you get to possess in life. So with all your might, get understanding. When you possess understanding your life will shine and you will have influence on Earth.

### **He who has understanding shall outstand and outshine all**

THERE IS NOTHING MORE excellent in life than getting understanding. It is understanding and not knowledge that crowns your life with wisdom, honor and riches untold. To understand is to see through things. It is to have insight. And there is no better insight than insight of the Word of God. Understanding God's Word brings excellence to your life, because insight of God's Word will keep you in sight of God's favor and grace.

*“Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him, and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm”  
(Daniel 6:3).*

*“...and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit”  
(Proverbs 17:27).*

*“And those of the people who understand shall instruct many” (Daniel 11:33).*

*“Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength, by me kings reign, and rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth, I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me. Riches and honor are with me, enduring riches and*

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*righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, and my revenue than choice silver. I traverse the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice, that I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, that I may fill their treasures” (Proverbs 8:14-21).*

Understanding God’s Word will distinguish your life above your peers. It will make you to live an extraordinary life, supernaturally.

*“... the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do... and all their brethren were at their command” (1 Chronicles 12:32).*

Failure to grasp and understand the Word of God, like it or not, will only extinguish your life. No matter how high and esteemed your position on Earth might be, if you lack understanding, there will be no distinction to your name, only extinction will overshadow you, because those who lack understanding perish like any other beast of extinction.

*“A man who is in honor, yet does not understand is like the beasts that perish” (Psalm 49:20).*

Understanding of God’s Word will guarantee you favor with God. And you cannot have favor with God and fail to have favor with man. Favor with God, whether the world likes it or not, automatically grants you favor with man. That is why with all your might, get understanding.

*“And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and men” (1 Samuel 2:26).*

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*“And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52).*

*“Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you, she will bring you honor, when you embrace her. She will place on your head an ornament of grace, a crown of glory she will deliver to you” (Proverbs 4:7-9).*

A man of understanding will always be sought after, because a man of understanding is a man of wisdom. The queen of Sheba had no option but to travel miles and miles just to come and see King Solomon, and in so doing, not empty handed but with great treasure to offer to King Solomon (Read 1 Kings 10:1-13). Joseph and Daniel were promoted to high positions of authority in foreign lands (Read Genesis 41:1-57 and Daniel 5:29-6:3). What did Joseph, Daniel and King Solomon have in common which found them favor before men? WISDOM! They had wisdom. Wisdom is a product of much understanding. It is the ability to rightly apply knowledge. Wisdom is the right application of knowledge! You can only rightly apply what you have come to understand. What you understand, you apply and when you apply, you are approved and rewarded. To grasp this concept well, let us paraphrase 2 Timothy 2:15, as follows:

*“Understand so that you may show yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

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A wise man is a man who has understanding. Show me a wise man, and I will know a man who has understanding, for wisdom springs from a heart that has understanding. Understanding is the foundation upon which wisdom builds and is established. It is also through understanding that knowledge is used to fill your life with all precious and pleasant riches. The combination of knowledge, understanding and wisdom is known as skill. With skill you will always have an upper hand in life, for truly kings and noblemen will seek for your audience. With skill nothing will be too hard or impossible for you to achieve.

*“Through wisdom is a house built, and by understanding it is established, and by knowledge shall the rooms be filled with all precious and pleasant riches” (Proverbs 24:3-4).*

*“If the axe is dull, and one does not sharpen the edge, then he must use more strength, but skill brings success” (Ecclesiastes 10:10).*

*“Do you see a man who is skillful in his work? He will stand before kings, he will not stand before unknown men” (Proverbs 22:29).*

*A man of understanding is a man of distinction and not shame.*

*“Wisdom is found in the lips of him who has understanding. But a rod of correction is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding” (Proverbs 10:13).*

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***“Good understanding gains favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard” (Proverbs 13:15).***

***“Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding...”  
(Proverbs 14:33).***

To understand something means to have enlightenment over it. To be enlightened means to have something illuminated, brought to light. You can only understand the Word of God when the light of the Word shines upon the eyes of your understanding. The light of God's Word is the Holy Spirit. Unless the Holy Spirit guides you into the truth of God's Word, you cannot understand it and you will, therefore, not know the Word. When the Holy Spirit shines into your heart, He makes the Word of God to shine in your life so that you may walk in paths of righteousness all the days of your life. The Holy Spirit makes clear as light the Word of God to you. God does not want His children to dwell in darkness, that is why He has given to us His Holy Spirit to guide us into the truth and light of His Word.

Until your mind is enlightened by the Word of God, you will always live below your means, because you will not understand how great the riches God has already provided for your use. And until you mind is enlightened, you cannot access your riches to bless the world as a light and salt of influence.

***“We cannot believe that God will willingly keep His children in darkness and ignorance. Surely He must be anxious to help us see His meaning even as we are to seek it” (Gerald Kennedy).***

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*“But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding. Great men are not always wise, nor do the aged always understand justice” (Job 32:8).*

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined” (Isaiah 9:2).*

*“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”  
(Psalm 119:105).*

*“For you will light my lamp, the LORD my God will  
enlighten my darkness” (Psalm 18:28).*

*“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power” (Ephesians 1:18-19).*

*“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is mine and declare it to you” (John 16:13-14).*

There is nothing that is as exciting in life than for the light of God to shine upon you. If, even, in the natural and physical order of life, light is sweet and pleasant to behold, how much more then in the spiritual. But it is only through the study of the Word that God is able to cause His light to shine upon you.

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Therefore, arise, draw near to God, wake up and set your eyes upon His Word, for nothing but the Word of God can make you wise because God's Word is understanding, instruction and life.

*“Truly the light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun” (Ecclesiastes 11:7).*

*“But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says : Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light...Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, but be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:13-14,17,18).*

*“The entrance of your Word gives light, it gives understanding to the simple” (Psalm 119:130).*

*“For with You is the fountain of life, in your light we see light” (Psalm 36:9).*

*“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul. The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart, the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes” (Psalm 19:7-8).*

God has already made His Word, the key to every blessing, available for you, but are you willing to seek it, understand and apply it in your life and daily living? Are you willing to make the Word of God your life? Failure to understand the Word of God will rob you of life and fruitfulness. The Word and

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counsel of God is already there for you. It is even in your heart but it takes understanding for you to take and apply it in your life and daily living.

*“Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out” (Proverbs 20:5).*

*“When anyone hears the Word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in the heart...But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces...” (Matthew 13:19, 23).*

*“A man who wanders from the way of understanding will rest in the assembly of the dead” (Proverbs 21:16).*

The Word of God Is truly seed for your heart, you are meant to be fruitful and great. But you can only be fruitful enough to multiply if the seed of God's Word gets infused into your life. Make the Word of God the standard of your life, understand it, and let it be the word that you will stand under and upon all the days of your life. Let the Word of God be your appetite so that by all means you may make every effort to understand it, because what you do with the Word of God determines the quality of your growth and increase.

Give no rest to your heart and ears in seeking the Word of God. Stay up and study the Word so that your heart may have the Word material to meditate upon.



## Chapter 6

# REPURPOSED ATTITUDE AND REBIRTH

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**N**ow, after all that has been said, first things first, YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN!!! The most important thing to do in order for one to have a closer walk and fellowship with God is being born again. God's Word is spiritual, hence the need for someone to be born again in order to understand and grasp it. Only when you are born again, are you able to manifest the life of God in you through His Word. The concept of being "born again" is deeply rooted in the idea of spiritual transformation and renewal. To connect this concept to our daily lives, we can consider the idea of adopting a repurposed attitude. Just as being "born again" implies a fresh start and a new perspective, a repurposed attitude involves a fundamental shift in our thinking and approach to life.

The first step to taking hold of the Kingdom of God is being born again. You can never get hold of the Kingdom of God in no other way except by being born of God. It is not a physical rebirth but a spiritual one, involving a change of perspective, purpose, and identity.

*"Jesus answered and said to him, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).*

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To be born again means to put on a new mindset. It means to have the mind of God. And just as being born again means leaving behind the old self, a repurposed attitude encourages us to release the weight of our past mistakes, regrets, and failures. It's about forgiving ourselves and others, allowing us to move forward with a clean slate. Being born again is about gaining a spiritual perspective on life. Similarly, a repurposed attitude enables us to see the world with fresh eyes, finding beauty and purpose in even the simplest things. And just as the rebirth is centered on the kingdom of God, a repurposed attitude helps us rediscover our life's purpose. It encourages us to align our actions and goals with our newfound values and beliefs, creating a sense of fulfillment and contentment.

***“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”  
(Philippians 2:5).***

***“And be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God in true righteousness and holiness” (Ephesians 4:23-24).***

When you become born again you become the dwelling place of God, and whatever is of God becomes of you. You become a God's-will-doer.

***“...For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said, I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God and they shall be my people” (2 Corinthians 6:16).***

***“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16)***

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You cannot expect God to be one with you if you are not yet born again, because when you are not born again, the Word of God does not make sense to you for you cannot understand it and submit to it. To those not yet born of God, the Word of God is foolishness. But to those born of God, the Word of God is a precious jewel and it is the Bread of Life. And God, Himself, also treasures His Word, so much, such that He can only give it to His children to eat and grow thereby. Growing in the Word of God starts with you first receiving and perceiving Jesus Christ in your heart as the Lord and Savior of your life.

*“But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs” (Matthew 15:26).*

*“But as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become the children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13).*

When you become born again, the presence of God comes to live in you in the form of the Holy Spirit. And it is the Holy Spirit who takes what is of God and makes it known and real to you.

*“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him, but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you” (John 14:16-17).*

*“But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has*

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*prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.*

*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God “ (1 Corinthians 2:9-12).*

It is only with the help of the Holy Spirit that we can understand the Word of God enough to run with it. Without the Holy Spirit, we are as foolish and ignorant as pigs concerning the Word of God.

God's Word is a treasure but treasure in the hands of pigs is of no use because it is trampled upon in mud. And God cannot allow His Word to be treated like that, for He has highly honored His Word and He watches over it more than He watches over anything else.

*“Do not give what is holy to the dogs, nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces” (Matthew 7:6).*

It is only when you are born again that you get to have your mind renewed and your ear inclined to the instruction of God so that you may obediently do His will fully assured that His Word is trustworthy to do all that He has said to do for you.

To be born again is to be alive to the mind of Christ. It is to be of one mind with God. It is to put on the new man of the spirit. Being born again implies dying to self and being raised

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up in Christ to have His mind. Until the Word of God kills you, you cannot be alive and sensitive to the Word and mind of God, for you can only be alive to God's Word when you are disconnected from the flesh and its way of thinking.

### **Dead to the flesh, alive to God**

YOU ARE EITHER DEAD to the flesh and alive to God or alive to the flesh and dead to God. But life is only when you are alive to God. You need to come to Christ, for He alone can give life. Without Christ, you cannot serve God because without Christ you are dead, no matter how physically fit and healthy you might be. Life is Christ living in you!

***“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10-10).***

***“The flesh is a way of thinking that contradicts the Word of God. The flesh is not bad behavior but bad thinking that works against the Spirit of God” (Dr. Creflo Dollar).***

The key to serving God is in dying to self. Without dying to self, you cannot serve God. And if you cannot serve God, you cannot access God's favor and grace.

God desires to use your life in a great and most exciting way of bringing new things into your life through the Holy Spirit. But the only thing preventing Him from doing so is the old man of the flesh in you, who only enslaves you to the old habits of life. And old habits are always bad habits because they stand against new ways of doing things in your life. You cannot serve God

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with an old attitude or habit. Before God can use you, your ways must first Change. Do not doubt it, God wants to use you, but first your ways must change. It is impossible to have fellowship with God in your old habits because old habits of the flesh cannot submit to God's will.

*“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, nor can it be. So then, those who live in the flesh cannot please God” (Romans 7:5-8).*

Fellowship with God is brought about by repentance, turning away from your old and sinful ways of life, to following Christ. The moment you choose to follow Christ, everything about your life becomes new, no matter how bad your life had been. And it is from this point of a new life that God fills you up with His Spirit for great exploits and influence. With a new life, God now uses you to carry the wine and oil of His Spirit to all nations.

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

*“Then He spoke a parable to them, No one puts a new piece from a new garment on an old one, otherwise the new garment makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. And no one puts new wine*

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*into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new, for he says, the old is better” (Luke 5:36-39).*

*You need to let go of your life and let be buried in Christ and God will multiply the greatness and influence of your life. Death to the flesh symbolizes humility. It is by the humility of the heart that you have access to God’s beautiful treasures and grace.*

*“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up” (James 4:10).*

Humility means being flexible to the hand of God. The hand of God is the will of God. Jesus was humble because all that the Father wanted to be done was all that He did, nothing more, nothing less. And we ought to follow in His footsteps. This can only be possible with one who is flexible to the will of God even as clay is in the potter’s hands for him to do and to make what whatever will please him.

*“O house of Israel can I not do with you as this potter? Says the LORD. Look as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel” (Jeremiah 18:6).*

It was all because of humility that Mary humbled herself that the will of God be done in her life for her to become the mother of our Lord. And because of this, she was called blessed and highly favored of God.

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*“Then Mary said, Behold I am the Lord’s servant! Let it be to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38).*

*“And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name” (Luke 1:46-49).*

Humility is a great attribute of a child of God. You cannot claim to be a child of God and yet be hard-hearted towards the will of God. Humility will make you to be a great servant of the Lord’s will. Humility will help you not to compromise but to obey the Word of God with sincerity of heart in spirit and in truth.

Humility is a longing and acceptance for the will of God to be done in your life.

*“He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me, nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:39).*

*“Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to finish the work” (John 4:34).*

Humility is a character of love. There can never be found humility where love is not. It is from love that humility is expressed. This is why it is important that you should be born again because no one can have love in them without being born again. But I know of many who may argue against this point

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relying on the facts of good works, but facts are just facts, they are not the TRUTH. The truth is that GOD is love!

*“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love...No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us...And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him”*  
(1 John 4:7-8, 12 & 16).

Good works are nothing but just good works, they are not love. For your good works to be acknowledged by God, they must be done out of a heart full of love. A heart full of love is a heart full of God.

*“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal...And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing”* (1 Corinthians 13:1&3).

Where there is no love, humility cannot be found, and where there is no humility, man cannot obey and do the will of God. In the absence of love and humility, everything man does is out of selfish ambition and pride. And this is vanity, a chasing after the wind, because whatever is done without love and humility is an abomination before God.

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***“Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).***

Obedience is only possible where humility, which is a fruit of love, is.

It is not possible to submit to God if you do not have love because it is out of love and not fear that you obey God enough to do His will.

***“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7).***

It Is the Holy Spirit who brings love into your heart because the Holy Spirit brings God's presence into your life. Love is the only proof that you are born of God. Without love, you have no identity in Christ.

***“Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us” (Romans 5:5).***

***“By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).***

Love is the only proof that you are a child of God. Love is the fruit of the Holy Spirit upon which all aspects of your growth as a child of God must spring forth. To have love is to have the nature of God. When you show love to one another, you then have fulfilled the righteous requirement of God for your life.

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***“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Galatians 5:14).***

To not be born again is to deprive yourself of the most important thing in life, LOVE! You can amass riches untold of this world to your name but without love, and as far as God is concerned, you still don't have a name, He does not know you. Without love, you are a nobody! People empty of love try to find comfort and refuge in the abundance of earthly possessions. But this is foolishness, for no amount of riches is able to save a life from the power and corruption of death and eternal damnation, because the life of a person does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses (see Luke 12:15).

***“Those who trust in their wealth and boast in the multitude of their riches, none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give God a ransom for him, that he should continue to live eternally and not see death” (Psalm 49:6-7,9).***

So what are you still waiting for, get up and do some selling. Sell your life to God. When you give your life to God, even your possessions will have real value and meaning because it will become the King's property.

***“For whosoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:25-26).***

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*“Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death” (Proverbs 11:4).*

*“Better is a little with righteousness, than great treasure with trouble” (Proverbs 15:16).*

No matter how rich you might be, never put your confidence in your riches but in God, for riches are uncertain, they can grow wings and fly away anytime but the love of God for you is eternal. Nothing can take away God's love for you because the love God has for you is eternal and unconditional. Whether you love God or not, His love for you still abides. And there is nothing that anybody can do to make God change His mind about you, He loves you. And there is nothing anybody can do to make God love them more than you, He loves us all just the same, but what makes a difference is whether you will accept His love and love Him back.

*“Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings, they fly away like an eagle toward heaven” (Proverbs 23:5).*

*“He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish...” (Proverbs 11:28).*

*“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?...For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:35,38-39).*

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It is very alright for you to be rich and wealthy, and you should by all means aspire to be. But let God, and not your riches, be your foundation and strength. God, and He, alone should be your strength. God's interest for your life is to produce righteousness. Righteousness grows by love and not riches. Riches do not bring righteousness but righteousness attracts riches.

The legacy of a man who lived his life without Christ is one that laughs and mocks at him saying, *"Here is the man who did not make God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness", (see Psalm 52:7).* But that of a righteous man speaks in this manner, *"Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things, you shall now be made ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord and your God", (see Matthew 25:14-30).*

*"The wise shall inherit glory, but shame shall be the legacy of fools" (Proverbs 3:35).*

*"Command those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant, nor to put their trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:17-19).*

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,*

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***but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).***

Let love, and not riches, rule your life. Love will keep you in God and give you access to greater wealth, riches and honor. Riches, alone, without love will only keep you away from God, the source of all true wealth and riches untold. You cannot love the Lord, your God with all heart, mind, soul and strength, in spirit and in truth and fail to stand attractive to all good and perfect things that the Lord has placed in this world for your blessing.

It is only when you love the Lord that you will willingly do His will. And it is doing the Lord's will that opens your life to His blessings. Love will keep you in the Lord's paths of righteousness. And when righteousness flourishes, God's Kingdom is established because righteousness means doing things right God's way. Righteousness in your life will bring God's presence into your life. You cannot abide by God's law and God forsakes you. God is ever present and near to those who love and do His will.

***“A faithful man will abound with blessings, but he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished” (Proverbs 28:20).***

Heaven is a place of plenty and abundance. Heaven is a treasure by itself. The only thing missing in it is not riches but YOU. There is absolutely no room or place for riches or anything else but YOU in heaven. There is just enough room for one thing

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only. And that one thing is YOU!!! There is just enough room for you without baggage or luggage of any kind.

You cannot occupy heaven if your heart is occupied with riches, for you cannot enter heaven if your trust is in your riches and not in God's Word.

*"As Jesus started on His way, a man ran up to Him and fell on his knees before Him. Good teacher, he asked, what must I do to inherit eternal life? Why do you call me good? Jesus answered. No one is good, except God alone. You know the commandments... Teacher, he declared all these I have kept since I was a boy. Jesus looked at him and loved him. One thing you lack, he said. Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me. At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, how hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God"(Mark 10:17-23).*

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3).*

## Commitment to God's will commits God to your life

GOD IS MORE THAN READY to reward righteousness, because righteousness brings His presence in your life. And where there is God's presence, there is His Kingdom and with God's Kingdom comes all good and perfect gifts for your blessedness. God's presence brings light into your life. God's

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presence into your life is a symbol of God's involvement with your life. It means that whatever touches you, touches God. Righteousness in your heart makes you the apple of God's eye. And when you are in this state, no weapon formed against you can prosper because the lord, God the Almighty becomes your shield and buckler. Righteousness does not only grant you protection but secures you from lacking any good thing.

*"The LORD loves the righteous" (Psalm 146:8d).*

*"Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you,  
He shall never permit the righteous to be moved" (Psalm  
55:22).*

*"For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the LORD  
upholds the righteous. The LORD knows the days of the  
upright, and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not  
be ashamed in the evil time, and in the days of famine they  
shall be satisfied...I have been young, and now am old; yet I  
have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants  
begging bread...The law of his God is in his heart, none of his  
steps shall slide. The wicked watches over the righteous, and  
seeks to slay him. The LORD will not leave him in his hand,  
nor condemn him when he is judged. Wait on the LORD,  
and keep His way, and He shall exalt you to inherit the land;  
when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it...But the  
salvation of the righteous is from the LORD, He is their  
strength in the time of trouble, and the LORD shall help  
them and deliver them, He shall deliver them from the  
wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him" (Psalm  
37:17-19, 25, 31-34, 38-40).*

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Nothing works in the Kingdom of God, without love and humility. Righteousness, which produces holiness, is a fruit of love and humility.

Humility and love are the key factors to living a righteous life, a life of doing things God's way. It takes a humble heart to submit to God's will and do things the way God wants them done. There can never be righteousness where there is no humility and love. In the absence of humility and love, there is pride. And God hates pride. Pride drives you far away from God's presence.

It takes humility to walk in paths of righteousness because it is only a humble heart that can acknowledge that God is our Father and King, our Master, Savior and Lord, whose thoughts and ways are higher and better than ours.

***“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9).***

Humility will always find you a place right before God's feet, this is the highest place of honor for anyone in the presence of God, for the heavens are His throne, and the earth, His footstool. That is why the righteous are exalted to inherit the land.

***“But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace” (Psalm 37:11).***

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***“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth”  
(Matthew 5:5).***

***“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of  
God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care  
upon Him, for He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:6-7).***

***“For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity,  
whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place, with  
him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit  
of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones”  
(Isaiah 57:15).***

God's plan is to establish His Kingdom on earth through righteousness. God's Kingdom on earth simply means 'God's will being done on earth as it is in heaven'. This is what righteousness is all about, abiding by God's will. God's Word is the law of His Kingdom. It is His way and mode of doing things. To dwell and abide in God's Kingdom calls for you to be word-abiding. You cannot expect to experience God's Kingdom in your life if you are not ready to abide by His Word and Law. Righteousness is all about abiding by the Word of God.

You can never experience the Kingdom of God without righteousness in your heart!

***“So He said to them, When you pray, say, Our Father in  
heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come, Your  
will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Luke 11:2).***

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God's Kingdom cannot be established here on earth without humility on our part. Until we become flexible to the hand and will of God, His Kingdom cannot be established because God's Kingdom can only flourish where there is righteousness, where people are doing things God's way. It is only when people become Word-abiding that God's Kingdom is established. It is, therefore, God's interest, and should be yours too, to see that righteousness flourishes the earth.

***“For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations” (Isaiah 61:11).***

It is not enough to just seek the Kingdom, but to seek, find it and abide in it all the days of your life. It is through righteousness that you abide in God's Kingdom and presence. Dr. Myles Munroe points it out like this, that, ***“Seek to become a citizen of the Kingdom of God and then stay in alignment with the government's law. If you do those two things, citizenship and obedience to the laws, then everything you need will be added to you...Righteous citizens are law abiding citizens”.***

***“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).***

God has given us His Word that we may be fruitful. The fruitfulness that pleases and glorifies God is not of worldly possessions but of the state of our hearts. The fruit God expects from our hearts and lives is the fruit of righteousness. With

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righteousness you can never have it wrong, when it comes to receiving the favor of life and blessings from God. With a heart of righteousness, God's Kingdom and favor will be upon your life. It was because of their righteous hearts that God visited and blessed Zachariah and his wife, Elizabeth, for the Lord's eye is ever upon the righteous to reward them with blessings.

*“There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zachariah, of the division of Abijah. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless”*  
(Luke 1:5-6).

*“The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry...The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles...Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all”* (Psalm 34:15, 17 & 19).

*“Blessings are on the head of the righteous”* (Proverbs 10:6).

Let us now hear the end of the matter, it is that God wants us to be fruitful. But we can only be fruitful if we are born of God, filled of God and lead of God. We are supposed to be as vines in the Lord's garden to bring forth His fruit of righteousness by His Spirit working in us to will and to obey His Word. When we are righteously fruitful, God sees to it that we are granted whatever we need for life and godliness. God can never forsake the righteous, nor let them be ashamed.

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*“Trust in the LORD, and do good, dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday” (Psalm 37:3-6).*

Therefore, if you want to live a successful life, here on earth, narrow down the focus of your mind to two things only:

### **Seek to understand the position of your existence**

WHERE IS THE POSITION for your existence? The rightful position for your existence is in the Kingdom of God. To live outside God's Kingdom is death, for there is no life outside God. To live outside God's Kingdom is to live away from God's presence. And the only thing that can keep you dead and away from God's presence is sin. Our position of existence is Christ.

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).*

*“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:13-14).*

*“...for in Him we live and move and have our being...” (Acts 17:28).*

## **Seek to achieve the mission for your existence**

HOW CAN YOU ACHIEVE the mission for your existence? You can only achieve the mission for your existence here on earth by maintaining your citizenship in the Kingdom of God through righteousness. For righteousness were you born, for righteousness were you saved, and for righteousness may you live your life. Maintain the right standing before God and you shall dwell in His house and presence all the days of your life. The great reward of righteousness is holiness and life everlasting.

*“For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life” (Romans 6:20-22).*

*“In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death” (Proverbs 12:28).*

Seek the Kingdom of God, that you may dwell in it all the days of your life!

Man was created and made, for, to dwell and abide nowhere but in the Kingdom and presence of God. It is all because of sin that man finds himself outside God's Kingdom and away from God's presence. It was all because of sin that Adam and Eve were chased out of the garden of Eden. And, also, because of sin, Cain was cursed and chased out of the presence of God.

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*“Surely you have driven me out this day from the face of the ground, I shall be hidden from your face, I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me” (Genesis 4:14).*

*“But your iniquities have separated you from your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear” (Isaiah 59:2).*

If you have not yet given your life to Christ, please give your life to Him, so that you too may become a citizen of Heaven, God's Kingdom. There is absolutely no reason why you should spend your life on earth as a fugitive, because that's what life away from God's presence is. Come back to Him and be clothed with beauty, royalty and honor. God is your Father and He has prepared for you a robe of righteousness to put on. God loves you so much, because, ... *“you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had obtained no mercy but now have obtained mercy” (see 1 Peter 2:9-10).*

Turn your heart back to home, for home is where you'll find the love, humility and righteousness to make your life shine as a wonder, and not a wanderer, on earth!!! Get back home that your heavenly Father may clothe you with His robe of righteousness and set you to walk in the path of righteousness because you are of the royal priesthood for His name's sake.

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So as we navigate life's challenges and uncertainties, the idea of being "born again" can serve as a guiding principle, reminding us that we have the capacity for renewal and growth. By adopting a repurposed attitude, we can move closer to the kingdom of God, not only in our faith but in our daily lives, as we seek a more meaningful and purposeful existence.

# CONCLUSION

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In the final moments of our journey through these pages, I hope you've discovered the incredible power within you when you align with God's Word. The power to renew your mind, transform your life, and repurpose your attitude is a gift that lies dormant within all of us, waiting to be awakened.

This book has been a guide, a map to help you navigate the labyrinth of your thoughts, beliefs, and attitudes. It has urged you to dare to believe in yourself and your dreams through your faith. Through the insights and practical strategies shared here, you've learned that the path to renewal and transformation is not always easy, but it's undeniably worth the effort.

Remember, the renewal of your mind is an ongoing journey. It's a process of continuous growth, self-discovery, and self-improvement. It's about making the conscious choice every day to reshape your beliefs, embrace a positive attitude, and nurture your faith.

As we conclude this book, I encourage you to take a moment of reflection. Think about the changes you've already made in your life, no matter how small, and acknowledge the progress you've achieved. Recognize that you have the power to create a life filled with purpose, joy, and fulfillment.

In your quest to renew your mind, transform your life, and repurpose your attitude, you'll face challenges, setbacks, and

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moments of doubt. But remember that these are all part of the journey. Embrace them as opportunities for growth and learning.

Belief and faith are your allies on this path. Trust in God. With unwavering belief, you can overcome obstacles, and with unshakable faith, you can weather any storm.

The renewal of your mind is not a one-time event; it's a lifelong commitment. It's an adventure that leads to a life beyond your wildest dreams, a life that is truly your own creation.

Thank you for embarking on this journey with me. I have no doubt that you will continue to dare to believe, reignite your faith, and embrace the transformation of your life. May your days be filled with renewed joy, purpose, and boundless possibility in God.

Never let go of the scriptures and of God's Word. Study the scriptures diligently. Keep believing, keep renewing, and keep transforming. The world is waiting for the incredible person you are destined to become.

Now begin to live your life in the power of God's Word knowing that God's Word is trustworthy. God's Word can never fail you, it is all that you need for life and godliness. It is above all manner of nature!

It is supernatural!! It is spirit and it is life!!! There is nothing like it in nature and power.

Incline your ear to God's Word. Study and listen to it day and night that your heart may be filled with it, for then shall your

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mouth confess it and your life shall be a testimony of the glory of God.

With a renewed mind, I know you can DARE TO BELIEVE (BE and LIVE) the Word of God.

May the Lord's goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life!

AMEN!!!!

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### PRAYER FOR SALVATION!

The Bible says, believe in God and believe also in Jesus Christ, His Son, who is His Word. When you believe in God and in His Word your heart will not be troubled by the cares and worries of this world because you will begin to live and operate in the knowledge that Jesus Christ has overcome all the obstacles to your life and that His grace is sufficient for you to do all things through Him.

God as your Father wants you to live a glorious and blessed life. But this can only be possible if you can go back to your rightful position of grace from where you have fallen. This position is in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus Christ, God's Word, is the only way to God's heart and Kingdom, for no one can come to God the Father except through Jesus Christ, His Son.

God is waiting for you to come to Him by just believing in your heart that He took away your sins by Jesus Christ dying on the cross for your salvation. If you believe that God has forgiven your sins, confess also with your mouth that because God raised Jesus from the dead, you have a new life to live unto righteousness. Pray the following prayer meditatively.

Dear God, I believe that you exist and that you love me so much that you sent your only dear Son into this world to show me your great love by dying for my sins that I might be called the righteous of God. Your Word tells me that you love me. I believe your Word, for your Word is TRUTH.

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Thank you for taking all my sins away. Grant me now grace to embrace your love with my whole life that I may live to do your will for my life and to live according to your ways and pleasure for my life.

This day I choose to serve you from now onwards. Help me to stand faithful to your Word, for I choose you to be my LORD now and forever more.

In Jesus' name, AMEN!!!

If you have prayed this prayer, WELCOME HOME! And please find and get yourself attached to a Bible believing fellowship. And let's also be in touch to encourage one another. Contact me: [simbulemuchinga12@gmail.com](mailto:simbulemuchinga12@gmail.com)



# DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT

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“It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate upon it day and night, that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it, for then you shall make your way prosperous, and you shall have good success” (Joshua 1:8).

I declare this day that for me, the Word of God is nothing but THE WHOLE TRUTH and I, therefore, commit my whole life to it. I will study and meditate upon it day and night. SO HELP ME GOD!



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