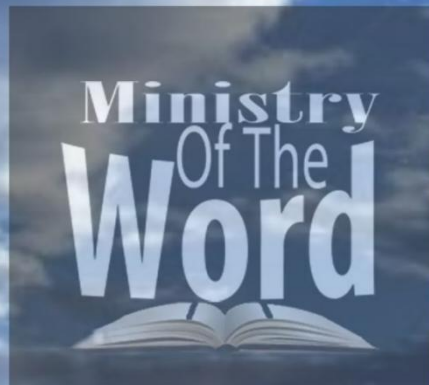


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*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrew 4:12 KJV*



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*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 NKJV**



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# INTRODUCTION

*The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. (Psalm 119:130).*

With the revival currently blowing across the church, by the grace of God in Christ Jesus, Christianity is presently being transformed. True Christians are now beginning to understand it as a means of attaining true spirituality, rather than being practised as a mere religion, as it is currently largely the case. The truth in spirituality in Christ Jesus (The Word of God) should differentiate it from other forms of spirituality.

There are no simplistic, universally acceptable definitions of spirituality. Perhaps, it would not be incorrect to say that spirituality embraces everything good within creation. It is personal to every individual. Irrespective of your faith, beliefs and doctrine, everyone practices some element of spirituality, even if he or she has no spiritual awareness, consciousness or understanding. In this sense, an atheist or agnostic can be spiritual, but this will be limited to the human spirit. My personal understanding of spirituality is that: it is the state of Awareness, Passion, Desire, and Motivation to acquire increasing knowledge of things of the spirit, aimed at putting them into practice. It is a state of individual's consciousness, value and sensitivity to spiritual things.

We know as a fact that man exists in body, soul (mind) and spirit (1 Thess 5:23). Whereas our physical and mental beings are comparatively well understood through health science, this not the case with our spirit being. True spirituality should lead to spiritual growth and spiritual maturity. The word of God recognizes the spiritual person as being in position to help others: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Gal 6:1).



## CHAPTER ONE

*Watchfulness Is Very Important.*

### (True Spirituality, Series One)

Memory verse: 'But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer' (1Pet. 4:7).

Beloved, let's continue to praise God Almighty for a period of completion: And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day (Gen. 1:31).

Staying focused on your goal, and refusing to be distracted is important to achieving your goal. It is very easy to be distracted without being aware. It has happened to me a number of times, but I thank God for His grace that has increasingly minimized distractions in my life. In our memory verse above, Brother Peter admonishes us to be watchful. In another verse, he stated: Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (1Pet. 5:8).

This advice came from someone who was very close to Jesus, but who himself had to battle with distractions while walking with the Lord. The same Peter who walked on the sea started to sink the moment he shifted his focus away from Jesus, and saw the storm: But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me (Matt. 14:30).

Thank God for the wisdom, mercy, grace and compassion in Jesus, who stretched out his hand and held him. Brother Paul in his epistle to the Hebrews wrote: Looking unto Jesus... (Heb. 12:2).

In the body of Christ (the church) today, the devil has been using so many ways to cause distractions. Distractions can come in form of errors, laziness, nonchalance, coldness, lukewarmness, etc. Hence, the same Peter wrote: Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen (2Pet. 3:17-18).

Jesus himself gave us the parable of the ten virgins, to warn us against being distracted; against not remaining focused on the Word at all times, against shifting our focus away from the wisdom of God (1Cor. 1:24). The Lord referred to the five virgins as foolish because they were not watchful, but allowed themselves to be distracted. By the time the five foolish virgins returned, it was too late: Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh (Matt. 25:11-13). In the church today, many people have more time for activities, rather than keeping their focus on the Word, the wisdom of God. When Jesus visited the house of Mary and Martha, whereas Mary sat at Jesus feet, and began to listen to the word of God, Martha was busy about house work and even had reasons to complain, but the Lord admonished her: But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her (Luke 10:39-42).

Beloved, no doubt, you have been 'going to church' regularly. You hardly miss church activities. But believe me, you might be experiencing distractions. Please, say no to distractions! Beware of the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:11). Beware of the fiery darts of the wicked (Eph. 6:16). In this wicked world, the word of God is the spiritual light (Psalm 119:130; 105).

Everything you ever needed in life is hidden in the word of God. So keep your focus on the word of God. Refuse to be distracted: But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matt. 6:33).

Keep your focus on Jesus, the problem solver. He alone is our burden bearer!

Have a Spirit-filled moment

MY PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, as you train yourself spiritually with the word of God, may you receive the spirit of watchfulness in Jesus name, Amen!

## CHAPTER TWO

*What Is Predominant In Your Heart*

(True Spirituality, Series two)

Memory Verse: “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.” (Matt. 15:8).

Beloved, let’s pray that the fire that is currently spreading in the church of Jesus Christ will expose and flush out all the hypocrites and pretenders in the church. The fire in the word of God shall accomplish it (Jer. 23:29).

In our memory verse above, Jesus quoting from prophet Isaiah emphasized the importance of our heart in our relationship with God. As prophet Isaiah revealed: Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men (Isa. 29:13).

The key question is: What have you filled your heart with? How passionate are you about the word of God? How much time do you spend with the Word of God daily? The Word of God is a spiritual person!

King David loved the words of God so much that he hid the words in his heart: Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (Ps. 119:11). It was therefore not a co-incidence that when God was to choose a king for Israel amongst the sons of Jesse, he turned down Prophet Samuel’s choice, in preference to David:

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart (1Sam. 16:7). Brethren, do we sometimes wonder why the words of God do not flow freely from our mouth? The truth is that, it is because our hearts are not adequately filled up with the words of God. Jesus himself says: For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (Matt. 12:34).

The word of God is the greatest weapon we have against the enemy when we are tempted or under attack. Three times, the devil tempted Jesus, three times, he defeated the devil with 'it is written' (Matt. 4:3-11). The words of God in our hearts clean us up (John 15:3); sanctify us (John 17:17); transform us by renewing our minds (Romans 12:2); and keep us from sinning (Psalm 119:11).

Hence, when Joshua was called, God commanded him: This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Josh. 1:8).

The truth is that in life, everyone is involved in one battle or the other, even if the person is not a believer. As believers, we need knowledge to fight our battles. We cannot win our various spiritual battles without the word of God. The Holy Spirit is the greatest Teacher of every believer, and the word of God is the embodiment of the Holy Spirit. The scripture says: When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him (Isa. 59:19). The word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17).

Do not make yourself vulnerable. Spend time with the Word. Fill your hearts with the words of God and your life will never be the

same. This is the spiritual understanding required of every believer. Without knowledge we perish, even though we are believers (Hosea 4:6).

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim. 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to fill your heart with the word of God in Jesus mighty name, Amen!

## CHAPTER THREE

*Speak The Word Into Your Future*

(True Spirituality, Series three)

Memory Verse: But speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed (Matt. 8:8).

Beloved, you did not become a Christian by your own strength; you have been empowered to become the son of God.

Therefore, make the best use of your faith. As powerful as God is, he needs his words to carry out his works: He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions (Psalm 107:20). Again, the Psalmist noted: He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow (Psalm 147:18).

In our memory verse above, JESUS, the Son of God, spoke the word of God and the Centurion servant was healed at that very moment: And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour (Matt. 8:13).

In Christ Jesus every believer has been recreated in the image and likeness of God, to function as god on earth. As revealed by the Psalmist: I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High (Psalm 82:6). Hence, apostle John writing through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit corroborated: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:12).

As Jesus himself revealed, no one can believe in him except his Father draws the person. He says: No man can come to me, except

the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day (John 6:44). Let's praise God, the Father, for drawing us to Jesus!

Unfortunately, on account of spiritual ignorance, many believers in the church allow themselves to be defeated so easily by their enemies. The word of God says, in faith God speaks the things that be not as if they were: God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were (Romans 4:17). No wonder prophet Joel says: let the weak say, I am strong (Joel 3:10). So, in faith, let him who is poor, say 'I am rich'. Indeed, in Christ Jesus, there is no poverty. Hence the scripture says: For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich (2 Corinthians 8:9).

This is why spiritual understanding is very important. In the course of my fellowship, I have met many miserable Christians in the church. I mean many who are very negative in thoughts. This ought not to be so. In faith, speak your future into being! Let there be no more murmuring, grumbling and complaining etc. How do you want your future to be? Speak the Word only into your future!

As believers we are commanded to speak the word of God to one another on a daily basis, not only when we are in the church on Sundays: Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19). I, often, wonder why this scripture is not being daily obeyed.

Why then is the word of God not being spoken daily amongst believers? When the words of God dwell in our hearts richly (Colossians 3:16), then whenever we open our mouths, the word of God will come out, because, according to Jesus: Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (Matt. 12:34).



Brethren, if you have not yet done so, totally surrender your spirit to the Holy Spirit of God, and invite God to fill your heart with his words. Speak the words of God at home, at work, when you sit down, when you stand up, when you are in the bathroom, when you are walking, and when you are driving etc. Speak the Word only!

Speak the Word only and your life will be transformed, and you will become a blessing to many.

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to fill your heart with the word of God, and to speak the Word only in Jesus mighty name, Amen!

## CHAPTER FOUR

### *We Are Commanded To Bless*

#### (True Spirituality, Series four)

Memory Verse: Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it (Numbers 23:20).

Beloved, let's give the highest glory to God for ushering us into the month of double grace plus. I have it strong in my spirit, that before the end of this month, God is going to be glorified mightily, in our lives in Jesus precious name, Amen. The bible tells us that JESUS is a name above every other name, hence, when that name is mentioned appropriately, every knee, power, force, authority etc., whether in heaven, on earth, underneath the earth, must bow to the glory of his holy name (Phil. 2: 9-10).

The commandment we receive as true born again children of God is to bless and curse not. This is what our memory verse is saying. Brother Paul captured this clearly in his letter to the Romans: Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not (Romans 12:14). We cannot be children of God, yet we are thinking evil, speaking evil, wishing others bad etc. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh (Matt. 12:34). This is where spiritual understanding is important. We are to bless and curse not!

Every true born again Christian has new name: son of God (John 1:12); word of God (Rev. 2:17) etc. However, this glorious name is hidden from many, until they are willing to search the scriptures and discover them. The book of Proverbs says: It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter (Prov. 25:2). God sowed Jesus, as a seed so that He will have

many sons in the image and likeness of Jesus. The plan of God is for us to live like Jesus here on earth. Again, Brother Paul revealed this to us vividly: For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God (Romans 8:19).

My brothers, sisters, uncles, etc. we all have a NEW NAME in Christ Jesus. That new name is called: word of God. Please, be in love with the word of God. Jesus himself is the Word of God (John 1:1; Rev 19:13). Please, note that the 'w' in the word is capitalised when referring to Jesus, just as Jesus is the Son of God while every true believer is a son of God. The Word says: He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; to him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it (Rev. 2:17). Let's praise the name of the LORD for our new name! Your new name is the word of God! The son of God!

One thing that has caused me much distress is the lack of unity and oneness within the church (the body of Christ). This ought not to be so. Why is the body of Christ being divided? A very key feature of the early church was the oneness and unity amongst believers. The Word says: And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common (Acts 4:32). It is oneness and unity that generate power. Remember the building of the tower of babel by man (Gen. 11:1-4). Perhaps, this is why we do not have many signs and wonders in the churches today. This is about to change. Thank God for the FIRE currently spreading across his church.

Ignorance has kept many away from enjoying their birth right. Sincerely spend quality time daily to meditate on the word of God, and you will begin to see the difference in your life. Be totally

obedient to the word of God. Live your new name! Do not limit God through your thoughts.

Your new name is the word of God: I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High (Psalm 82:6).

Welcome to the month of November. Have a Spirit-filled month, and a great week ahead.

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim. 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to have the revelational knowledge of your new name, and to live your new name for others to see, in Jesus mighty name, Amen!

## CHAPTER FIVE

### *The law of Harvest is very powerful* (True Spirituality, Series five)

Memory Verse: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap (Gal. 6:7).

Beloved, glory be to God in the highest (Luke 2:14) for giving us JESUS, the power of God and the wisdom of God (1Cor. 1:24). He is the Son of the Highest (Luke 1:32); He is the prophet of the Highest (Luke 1:76).

Friends, believe you me, the law of harvest is very powerful. It works for both the believer and the unbeliever! Some people call it the law of Karma. Some call it the law of retributive justice. You can call it whatever you like, but believe me, we reap exactly what we sow. If we sow sparingly, we reap or harvest sparingly. If we sow weed we reap weed. If we sow junk, we reap junk. However, the harvest is always greater than the seed. Brother Paul says: But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully (2Cor. 9:6). Prophet Obadiah says: For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head (Obadiah v15).

God himself is very much in obedience of this law. He relates to us according to how we relate to Him. Hence, the Psalmist says: With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright. With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward (Ps. 18:25-26).

The word of God enables us to know that God himself sowed Jesus to humanity so that He would have very many other sons. The Word says: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:12).

Jesus himself says: Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy (Matt. 5:7). So if we want God to be merciful to us, we have to be merciful to others. Again, He says: Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God (Matt. 5:8). So if we desire to see God, we have to sow in purity. If you want God to forgive you, forgive others when they wrong you: But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses (Mark 11:26).

Unfortunately, many have reduced the concept of sowing only to money, even in the church today. Sowing can be physical (material things), mental (fruitfulness of the mind or mental ideas) and spiritual (things relating to the kingdom of God). We can sow in money, time, goodness, kindness, mercy, honesty, transparency, compassion, righteousness, integrity, purity, truth etc. We can sow even in our thoughts, words and deeds. We have to be diligent so that we do not sow both good seed and bad seed (weed) out of ignorance. Every true child of God has a good seed. So start sowing good seed and you will reap at harvest. What about your hands, legs, voice, your words etc. Jesus has given you a mouth and wisdom (Luke 21:15). If the word of God is a spiritual seed (Luke 8:11), then your word is a spiritual seed. You can use your words to help others, hence Prophet Isaiah says: The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned (Isa. 50:4).

Beloved, in Christ Jesus, we have not been saved to sit down and be grumbling, murmuring, complaining or live a miserable life. We have been saved to go out and sow good seed. You obtain a great reward for every soul you win to Christ, especially when you guide such soul to maturity. Believe me, no matter your present situation, you have got something to sow. What is that in your hand? What is that in your lip? What is that in your heart? What is that in your tongue? Always remember to sow in purity, hence, Brother Paul admonished Timothy: Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned (1Tim. 1:5).

In Christ Jesus, you are the son of, the Most High, God: I have said, ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High (Psalm 82:6).

Enjoy a Spirit-filled month as you go about sowing physically, mentally and spiritually. However, sowing spiritually carries the greatest reward.

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim. 4:7-8 NIV).

**PRAYER:** There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to sow good seed even in difficult times in Jesus name, Amen!

## CHAPTER SIX

### *The ERA Of Signs & Wonders*

#### (True Spirituality, Series six)

Memory Verse: For I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you (Hab. 1:5b).

Beloved, you are welcome to the ERA of Signs & Wonders!

The Word says: Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion (Isa. 8:18). Our Father is ever at work (John 5:17). Believe me, some of the works God is about to do in Christ Jesus will be so amazing that many will find it hard to believe, according to our memory verse. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this (Isa. 9:7b).

In Christ Jesus, we have been recreated to show forth the glory of God (Isa. 43:7), in our thoughts, words and works.

To be a partaker of these signs and wonders, we have to embrace purity, holiness and keep our focus on Jesus, the Word of God: Looking unto Jesus... (Heb. 12:2). While on earth, on account of his total cleaving to his Father, Jesus was an embodiment of signs and wonders. He promised all those who will follow him and put their trust in him greater works (John 14:12). Before departing this world Jesus was able to look up to his Father and said: I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do (John 17:4).



We have received empowerment from the Holy Spirit to raise the dead, heal the sick, set the captives free and turn many into righteousness. The Word says:

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

If you have not been baptized in the Holy Spirit, called anointing, please ask for it. Every believer requires anointing. Jesus himself was anointed:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him(Acts 10:38).

Christianity without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit will be extremely difficult. It is wisdom to lead others to righteousness. The power of the Holy Spirit makes you a star!

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever (Dan. 12:3).

You have been recreated for signs and wonders in Christ Jesus. However, you are to draw near to God first, and God will respond by drawing near to you (Jam. 4:8).

Have a Spirit-filled moment and have great expectations, as you keep your focus on Jesus.

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim. 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to be for signs and wonders in Jesus name, Amen!

## CHAPTER SEVEN

### *Being Led By The Spirit*

#### (True Spirituality, Series seven)

Memory Verse: But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law (Gal. 5:18).

Beloved, you are welcome to the twelfth month in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twelve. We have entered the season of miracle, signs and wonders.

The Lord has spoken repeatedly to my spirit that he wants his children to come closer to him. He wants us to come up higher. He says: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matt. 11:28).

Christianity without the leading of the Holy Spirit will grossly limit the believer, and make such believer very vulnerable. God leads every believer through his Holy Spirit and his words. The Holy Spirit is the greatest teacher a believer can ever have. The Holy Spirit guides every true believer. The Word says: Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come (John 16:13).

Our memory verse says every believer led by the Spirit is not under the law. This is because such believer has been empowered to become righteousness conscious and is under GRACE (Rom. 6:14). As a believer, are you able to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit will only lead the sons of God: For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Rom. 8:14).

Aside from leading every true believer, the Holy Spirit also teaches such believer through his spirit. The Word says: But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you (John 14:26).

If you are a true believer, and you have not yet gotten a University education, do not worry, because, you have every opportunity to enter the 'University of the Holy Spirit of God'. And you will qualify in Jesus name, Amen. However, humility and meekness, is a fundamental requirement for the teaching and leading of the Spirit. The Word says: The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way (Ps. 25:9).

The Holy Spirit can only communicate with the spirit of the man, not with his soul (mind), not with his body. However, every true believer needs to spend time with the Word of God, in order to nourish, sharpen, and lighten his spirit for the LORD to see through: The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly (Prov. 20:27). The word of God is the only source of light to our spirit man. The Psalmist says: The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple (Ps. 119:130). See also Psalm 119:105. Believe me, without the words of God in the spirit, such believer is religious, and will function at the level of an unbeliever, despite having accepted Jesus.

This is a clarion call to every believer. Please spend time with the Word of God. Light up your spirit man. God is eager to lead you by His Spirit. But, the Spirit does not speak of His own; but, what He hears from the Word (John 16:13). Indeed, the word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). Without our spirit being rich in the word of God (Col. 3:16), Christianity can be miserable, and the believer will be vulnerable.

If you have not yet been baptized in the Holy Spirit, called anointing, please ask for it. Every believer requires anointing. The Word says: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

As a believer, if you are not hearing from the Holy Spirit, please, do all it takes to hear from Him. God is eager to lead you on the path of righteousness NOW.

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to be led by the Holy Spirit in Jesus name, Amen!

## CHAPTER EIGHT

*Be Transformed By The Word*

(True Spirituality, Series eight)

Memory Verse: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Rom. 12: 2).

Beloved, let us thank God for the transforming power of His word. God is eager to transform us to the image of his first born Son, Jesus Christ. The Scripture says: For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren (Rom. 8:29).

Brethren, no one can become the son of God by his own strength. We are empowered by the Holy Ghost. The only thing required of us is FAITH. Hence, the Scripture says: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:12). Jesus Christ, Himself, enables us to know that no one can receive Him (i.e. believe Him or have faith in Him), unless his Father draws that person: No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day (John 6:44).

My beloved brethren, our memory verse above says in Christ, God is eager to transform us to the image of Christ. God does not want us to conform to the pattern and principles of this world. The spirit behind the principles of this world is anti-Christ spirit.

Believe me, the main reason why many people have challenges believing (have faith) in everything the word of God says, is

because they have not bothered to read the word of God; hear the word of God, study the word of God etc. We cannot believe what we know nothing about. Hence, the Word says: So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Rom. 10:17). Based on ignorance, some believers within the body of Christ (the Church), only believe in some aspects of the word of God, and find it difficult to believe everything in the bible. The end result of this is destruction, despite being in the Church (Hosea 4:6).

The plan of God in our lives is to transform us to the image and likeness of his first born Son, Jesus Christ. Hence Brother Paul says: For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God (Rom. 8:19).

In the course of my practice as a psychiatrist, I have seen very many people go through unnecessary torment, bondage, oppressions, diseases, sickness, fear etc. The word of Proverbs says it is not good for the soul to be without knowledge: Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth (Prov. 19:2).

The Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus, is the most powerful spirit in heaven, earth, and underneath the earth. Having the understanding and obediently surrendering our human spirit to the Lordship of the Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus will guarantee us joy, peace, harmony, divine health, and freedom indeed(John 8:36). This is the truth of the gospel. It is not merely about regularly 'going to Church' in the superficial sense. It is about allowing yourself to be transformed personally, by the power in the word of God.

That God created man in his image and likeness (Gen. 1:27) is a measure of great love. That God made arrangement for man to be reconciled to him in Christ Jesus, after his failure in the Garden of Eden, is a measure of unimaginable love. I love the way Apostle John puts it: Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed

upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not (1John 3:1).

The Lord has spoken repeatedly to my spirit that He wants His children to come closer to Him. He wants us to come up higher. He says: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matt 11:28).

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind by the word of God!

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to be transformed by the power of God in Jesus, mighty name, Amen!



## CHAPTER NINE

### *Christianity Is A Spiritual Warfare*

#### (True Spirituality, Series nine)

Memory Verse: This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare (1Tim. 1:18).

Brethren, whether you believe me or not, life is a battle. Everyone fights the various battles of life, whether you believe in God or not. Unfortunately, some believers are under the impression that once you have given your life to Christ, you can afford to retire to bed at about 7pm daily, and enjoy the comfort of your bed room, waking up at about 7 or 8 am the next day. This is absolute spiritual ignorance. The Scripture says: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge... (Hosea 4:6).

In our memory verse above, Brother Paul charged his spiritual son, Timothy, to war a good warfare. The Word says Jesus came to earth to destroy the works of the devil: He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil (1John 3:8).

As spiritual Christians, let us go about our duties with the consciousness of the fact that we are at war at all times-at our places of work, in our families, in our ministries, within our communities etc. We must also be conscious of the fact that the war we are called to fight is spiritual, not physical. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood... (Eph. 6:12).

Hence, the weapons of our warfare are not carnal... (2Cor 10:4). Jesus is our Captain. Every true believer is a soldier of the cross. Jesus is the Captain of the army of heaven. He rides in a white horse. His names include: Truth, Faithful, Righteousness (Rev. 19:11), and the Word of God (verse 13). He wages war with sword from his mouth: And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword (Rev. 19:15).

The weapons of our warfare are the words of our mouth!

Brethren, we are at war. But it is a spiritual war. It is a war between good and evil. It is a war between right and wrong. It is a war between light and darkness. It is a war between perfection & imperfection. It is a war against ignorance & sin. It is a war against all forms of captivity & oppressions. It is a war against poverty. It is a war against sicknesses and diseases. It is a war against untimely death. It is a war against seduction and manipulation. It is a war against anxiety, doubt, unbelief, and fear. It is a war against unfaithfulness and insincerity. It is a war against laziness and idleness. It is a war against pretense and hypocrisy. It is a war against coldness and lukewarmness. It is a war against falsehood, gossiping, and lies. It is a war against wickedness, in all forms. It is a war against Satan, devils, demons and their cohorts. It is a war in defense of truth, openness, righteousness, honesty, integrity, transparency, divine health etc. Our Captain, Jesus Christ, is in charge. Let us follow His examples. His name is Righteousness! His name is Truth. His name is Faithful.

He says: Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect (Matt. 5:48)

At individual level, if we must win the war, by all means, let us avoid the corruption in this world. Let us love righteousness and hate iniquity (Heb. 1:9). Satan and his cohort can never defeat a

Christian who is living a righteous life. Once, you have given your life to Christ, and living right, expect challenges.

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army (Rev. 19:19).

Speak the word only and my servant will be healed (Matt. 8:8). Speak the word only and the captives shall be set free, fear shall disappear, ignorance shall be no more, abundance of grace & the gift of righteousness will come upon you (Romans 5:17), Satan and his cohort will be put to shame.

Henceforth, speak the word of God only!

To win the war of life, every believer requires empowerment of the Holy Spirit: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

As a true believer, fight the wars of life with spiritual understanding. Aligning yourself with the Son of God will guaranty your freedom indeed, because whoever, the Son shall set free shall be free indeed (John 8:36).

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim. 4:7-8 NIV).

**PRAYER:** There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to war a good warfare in Jesus name, Amen!

## CHAPTER TEN

*Daily Nourish Your Spirit Man With The Word*

(True Spirituality, Series ten)

Memory Verse: But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Matt. 4:4)

Beloved, let's give the highest glory to God for the fire currently spreading in His Church. I have it strong in my spirit, that before the end of this reading, God is going to be glorified mightily, in our lives in Jesus precious name, Amen.

In the course of MOW's passion in promoting the word of God, the wisdom of Christ, and the power in the name of Jesus, I am not unaware of repetitions in my writings. This is deliberate and necessary, as Jesus can never be overemphasized!

The bible tells us that JESUS is a name above every other name, and, when that name is mentioned appropriately, every knee, power, force, authority, principality, spirit etc, whether in heaven, on earth, underneath the earth, must bow to the glory of his holy name (Phil. 2: 9-10).

Both science and religion are in agreement that man exists as trinity: body, soul (mind) and spirit (1Thess. 5:23). In the field of Mental Health, we now regularly talk of attending to and meeting the spiritual needs of our patients.

*Body:* Our human body is *nourished* by good diet, personal hygiene, regular physical exercise etc. We know that a good body shape should have a normal Body Mass Index (BMI) of 18-25. Outside this

range, the person is considered underweight or overweight. The word of God in our spirit is health to our flesh (Prov. 4:22).

Soul (mind): This is the realm usually studied in mental health. This include the domain of our thoughts, beliefs, intellect, perception, reasoning, imagination, (cognition), emotions (feelings), conscience, Will (free Will to choice), all form the personality of the person. God does not influence our WILL. He expects every man with sound mind to know how to choose what is right from what is wrong. The mind can be nourished by positive thoughts, without necessarily using the word of God. Indeed, this is the basic principle of positive thinking or positive psychology. More importantly, the mind can be transformed for goodness by renewal through the word of God being transmitted from our spirit in oneness with the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:2).

Spirit: Our spirit man is our vital link with God. God is Spirit (John 4:24). The spirit man is the power house of the soul and the body. However, the Holy Spirit will only flow in a medium that is pure! The word of God is capable of sanctifying and purifying our spirit, soul and body (John 17:17).

The only food that can nourish your spirit man is the word of God; eating the word of God according to our memory verse (Matt. 4:4; Jer. 15:16), keeps our spirit alert and sharpened. Diligent practice of the word of God produces wisdom (Matt. 7:24).

A man's spirit sustain his infirmity (Prov 18:14). The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly (Prov. 20:27). The Word of God is light to our spirit and soul (Psalm 119:130).

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to daily nourish your spirit man in Jesus name. Amen!

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

*We Reap What We Sow*

(True Spirituality, Series eleven)

Memory Verse: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap (Gal. 6:7)

Beloved, we thank God for JESUS, the power of God and the wisdom of God (1Cor. 1:24). All things were created by him, and for him (Col. 1:16). And verse 17 says: By him all things consist.

Brethren, believe you me the law of harvest is very powerful. It works for both the believer and the unbeliever! Some people call it the law of Karma. Some call it the law of retribution or retributive justice. You can call it whatever you like, but this law is as old as man. If we sow sparingly, we reap or harvest sparingly. If we sow weed we reap weed. If we sow junk, we reap junk. Prophet Obadiah in the Old Testament says: As thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head (Obadiah 1:15).

If we sow righteousness, we reap righteousness. If we sow mercy, we reap mercy, hence Jesus in one of his teachings, says: Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy (Matt. 5:7).

Truly, the harvest is always greater than the seed. Brother Paul says: But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully (2Cor. 9:6).

God himself is very much in obedience of this law. He relates to us according to how we relate to Him. Hence, the Psalmist says: With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man

thou wilt shew thyself upright. With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward (Ps. 18:25-26).

The word of God enables us to know that God Himself sowed Jesus to humanity so that He would have very many other sons. The Word says: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:12).

Jesus says: Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God (Matt 5:8). So if we desire to see God, we have to sow in purity. If you want God to forgive you, forgive others when they wrong you: But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses (Mark 11:26).

Unfortunately, many have reduced the concept of sowing only to money, even in the church today. Sowing can be physical (material things), mental (fruitfulness of the mind or mental ideas) and spiritual (things relating to the kingdom of God). We can sow in money, time, goodness, kindness, mercy, honesty, transparency, compassion, righteousness, integrity, purity, truth etc. We can sow even in our thoughts, words and deeds. We have to be diligent so that we do not sow both good seed and bad seed (tare) out of ignorance. Every true child of God has a good seed. Everyone has got his oil, no matter how little.

So start sowing good seed and you will reap bounteous harvest. What about your hands, legs, voice, your words etc. Jesus has given you a mouth and wisdom (Luke 21:15). If the word of God is a spiritual seed (Luke 8:11), then your word is a spiritual seed. You can use your words mightily to help others in need, hence Prophet Isaiah says: The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to



hear as the learned (Isa. 50:4). You can help that sick child by the words of your mouth. You can help, encourage and empower that frail elderly person by the words of your mouth. The Centurion said: Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed (Matt. 8:8).

Beloved, in Christ Jesus, we have not been saved to sit down and be grumbling, murmuring, complaining or live a miserable life. Within every negative circumstance, there is something positive if you look divinely. We cannot be followers of Jesus Christ, and still nurture bitterness. Bitterness is a destroyer! We have been saved to go out and sow good seed into the lives of others increasing. You obtain a great reward for every soul you win to Christ, especially when you guide such soul to maturity. Believe me, no matter your present situation, you have got something to sow. What is that in your hand? What is that in your lip? What is that in your heart? What is that in your tongue? Always remember to sow in purity, hence, Brother Paul admonished Timothy: Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned (1Tim. 1:5).

In Christ, God is against every form of sicknesses and diseases.

Ignorance, poverty, loneliness, idleness, being lukewarm, distress of any kind etc are not glorifying to God in any way. God is against every form of oppression, bondage, hatred, injustice, deceits, lies etc. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee (Isa 60:1)

In Christ Jesus, you are the son of the Most High God: I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High (Psalm 82:6).

Have a Spirit-filled moment as you go about sowing increasingly.

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim. 4:7-8 NIV)

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to sow good seed increasingly even in difficult times in Jesus name, Amen!

## CHAPTER TWELVE

### *No True Righteousness Without The Word* (True Spirituality, Series twelve)

Memory Verse: For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God (Rom. 10:3).

Beloved, there can be no righteousness of God, without the word of God. This is what our memory verse is saying.

Without the words of God dwelling in our hearts, there is no light in our spirit. It is the entrance of the words of God into our hearts and spirit man that gives LIGHT: The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple (Ps. 119:130). Hence, when Jesus, the Word of God (John 1:1), came in the flesh into the world, he introduced himself as the light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5)

Without the word of God dwelling in our hearts and spirit man, believers of the gospel of our Lord Jesus are not better than unbelievers. They tend to establish and follow their own righteousness, just as the unbelievers. This is simply because; there will be nothing to convict them when they go wrong. It is the words of God dwelling in our hearts that convict us and lead us on the path of righteousness, hence King David did everything possible to hide the words of God in his heart: Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (Ps. 119:11).

When God delivered the Promised Land to the children of Israel, he warned them not to think it is because of their righteousness (Deut. 9:4-6).

Without the Word of God (Jesus, Truth, Righteousness), every man is nothing in the sense of eternity! Without the truth and grace in Jesus, we have no life in our spirit. We are who we are just by the grace (unmerited favour) in Jesus. Whereas the law came through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus (John 1:17). The word of God says, Jesus who knew no sin, became sin for us so that through our active faith in him, we are declared righteousness: For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (2Cor. 5:21).

I am convinced that full understanding of the righteousness of God is lacking in the Church (the body of Christ). The word of God says as many as are led by the Holy Spirit are sons of God (Rom. 8:14). This leading will be difficult without the words of God in our spirit, no matter how often we 'go to church'. The Holy Spirit can only lead a spirit that has the word of God. The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD (Prov. 20:27).

This understanding is very important in the church more than ever, in view of the times we live in. The devil and his cohort capitalize on the ignorance of believers a lot. There is so much spiritual ignorance in the church today. The Scripture says: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...Hosea 4:6.

The book of proverb says: 'There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death' (Prov 16:25).

Having accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, you need to show commitment. There is need for devotion, dedication, passion, zeal with someone you are in love. Are you in love with the Truth? Are you in love with the Way? Are you in love with the Faithful Witness? Are you in love with Jesus? Then spend time with Him! One of his names is the Word of God (Rev. 19:13).

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to spend time with the Word in Jesus name, Amen!

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

*Righteousness is at the Level of our Thoughts*  
(True Spirituality, Series thirteen)

Memory Verse: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts (Isa 55:7).

Beloved, we bless the name of the Lord, for what he is doing for us in this month of completion. Without Jesus Christ, also called the Word (John 1:1), our life can never be complete. The Scripture says: And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power (Col 2:10).

Our memory verse says the wicked should forsake his ways and the unrighteous man his thoughts. In Christ Jesus, God wants all his children to be one with him in thoughts, words, actions and purpose. Jesus was completely one with his Father. He tells us that in the book of John, where He states: I and my Father are one (John 10:30).

The only thing that can prevent man becoming one with God in Christ is sin. The eyes of God are too pure to behold sin (Hab 1:13). Truly, God loves sinners but He hates sins with passion. Indeed, it was sin that nailed his Son to the cross. Sin creates a separation between man and him (Isa 59:1-2).

Our God is a righteous God. He loves righteousness with passion. The Bible says, Jesus who knew no sin, was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (2Cor 5:21). What else does a man need from a righteous and holy God? It is clear from this scripture that we can never be righteous on our own. Our righteousness only comes through our faith in Christ Jesus. But,

if we accept Christ as our Lord and Saviour, and yet we are not like Him in thoughts, words and actions, then we are hypocrites.

According to our memory verse, unrighteousness is at the level of our thoughts. As true believers, no matter how often we go to church, we cannot be righteous without 'filtering' our thoughts with the word of God, and taking every contrary thought captive until it aligns with the Word (2Cor 10:5). Wickedness is to do with our actions, but unrighteousness is to do with our thoughts.

The secret to righteous and holy living is filling your heart with the word of God; this purifies the heart. David, a man after God's heart, discovered this secret year ago, hence he was quick to hide the word of God in his heart: Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (Psalm 119:11). Jesus made it clear to us that it is truth in the word of God that cleanses and sanctifies us. He prayed for us: Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth (John 17:17). He explained further that evil thoughts come from unpurified heart: 'For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts...' (Matt 15:19).

In one of my previous messages, I received a feedback from one of the readers, suggesting that the Bible as divine instruction manual has no definition of sin. How wrong! The entire bible is God's invitation to man to be one with Him in righteousness, so how would it not define sin? The bible has quite a few definition and explanation of sin.

The one that readily comes to my mind is by Brother James: Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin (Jam 4:17). The anointing we have received is for goodness, there is no room for ungodly thoughts, words or deeds. The unrighteous person can be easily identified by the words of his mouth, hence same brother, James says: For in many things we

offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body (Jam 3:2).

Similarly, the first book of John tells us that: sin is the transgression of the law (1John 3:4). So we sin when we go against the law, whether societal law or divine law. This why every believer need to read the bible regularly and have good understanding of it. We know that even in the secular court, ignorance of the law is not an excuse.

The Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus that dwells in every true believer is a spirit of righteousness. There is no dot of contamination, errors, impurity or unrighteousness in Him. In heaven and on earth the only pure substance that can purify man is the word of God: The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times (Psalm 12:6).

To have increasing spiritual knowledge, requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: Train yourself to be godly (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

**PRAYER:** There is someone reading this message, receive the grace of righteousness, as you remain focused on the words of God in Jesus mighty name, Amen!



## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

### *Never Limit God's Works through You* (True Spirituality, Series fourteen)

Memory Verse: "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? ( Jer 32:27)

Beloved, let's give God the glory for bringing us to the month of total recovery and restoration. Everything you have ever lost will be restored to you in Jesus name, if you are willing and obedient (Isa 1:19). He says: And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you (Joel 2:25). Nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37).

Our memory verse above says nothing is too hard for God to do. God is always looking for willing human vessels to carry out his good works of healing, deliverance, freedom (from ignorance, poverty, and oppressions etc), and above all, His good works of LOVE. God works in miraculous ways! His works are usually such that everyone will marvel and tremble before him. He says: Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you (Hab 1:5).

If you are truly born again, the Word of God says you are for signs and wonders. Prophet Isaiah prophesied this, saying: Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion (Isa 8:18).

This prophecy was fulfilled in the new testament by the works of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Relying completely on the empowerment from his heavenly Father, Jesus' works on earth were characterized by signs and wonders. Prior to departing this world, he in turn empowered all those who will believe in the living God through him (Jesus). He even assured all true believers that they will do greater works than he did on earth, saying: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father (John 14:12).

The relevant question is: If Jesus has empowered us so much, why are we not having signs and wonders in abundance in the church today? Based on the inspiration and leading of the Lord, my response is that the deficiency of signs and wonders in the church today is due to the deficiency in the words of God within the church (the body of Christ). What I am talking about here is the words of God dwelling in our hearts, souls and spirits. I am not talking about the religious reading and quotations of the word of God that often characterized most churches. I am talking about true believers eating the words of God (Matt 4:4), and letting it dwell in their inner beings so that they can speak it (Matt 12:34) and apply it. Brother Paul counseled: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Col 3:16). One thing that is very common in many churches today, is the noticeable 'spiritual gap' between the pastors and the congregations. This should not be so.

God's plans in Christ Jesus for every true born again Christian is to enjoy all round prosperity: Spiritual prosperity, Mental prosperity, and Material prosperity. He says: Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth (3John 2). Jesus did not leave us without empowerment.

The Word of God can never lie. All power has been given to Jesus in heaven and on earth (Matt 28:18). He has given us the power through faith. He says: These signs shall follow those who believe... (Mark 16:17).

Ignorance has kept many away from enjoying their birth right. Sincerely spend quality time daily to meditate on the word of God, and you will begin to see the difference in your life. Be totally obedient to the word of God. Do not limit God through your thoughts. Do not grumble during trials (Num 14:28). Completely surrender yourselves to God and let God work wonders through you.

Everything we need is in the word of God. Total obedience (not partial) is the answer. When Joshua was called, God emphasized the need for him to meditate on the word of God: This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8).

As born again Christians, we are for signs and wonders. Make yourself available for God to use.

To have increasing spiritual knowledge, requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

**PRAYER:** There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace of fresh empowerment (new anointing) for signs and wonders, in Jesus mighty name. Amen

## CHAPTER FIFTEEN

*Knowing the power of his resurrection*

### (True Spirituality, Series fifteen)

Memory Verse: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; (Phil 3:10).

Beloved, we thank God for Jesus. Like Brother Paul in our memory verse, everyone should desire to know the power of his resurrection increasingly. It was really a supernatural power. Death could not hold him in the grave, against all laws and expectations. The power was so mighty that it caused a great earth quake and the veil of the temple was torn (Matt 27:51).

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay (Matt 28:6).

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Today, Jesus is alive to die no more. He says: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death (Rev 1:18).

There are many believers in the body of Christ today who fellowship quite regularly, but there is no depth or substance in their faith. Having Jesus as our Lord and Saviour requires faith that is active. We thank God for the power that resurrected Jesus. The power has been made available to every true believe. The gospel is about the kingdom of God, and is about power: For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power (1Cor 4:20).The resurrected Jesus Christ living in our hearts is the basis for this power. He is the embodiment of this power and he has handed it to all true believers. He says: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth (Matt 28:18). The more we understand and make use of this power the more we understand what brother Paul meant when he said: I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (Phil 4:13).We are the branches. He is the vine. Without him, we can do nothing (John 15:5). His name is the Word of God (Rev 19:13)

Once we have received the Holy Spirit that power is in our thoughts and in our words. Let us make use of it daily. Through spiritual training, His grace enables us to align our thoughts with the thoughts of God. Never use your words to contradict the written word of God. Any thoughts that you have that contradicts the word of God, take it captive to the obedience of Christ (2Cor 10:5). As you do this increasingly, you will realize that all things work together for your good, irrespective of your circumstances (Rom 8:28).

We thank God for Easter. It is well with you in Jesus name.

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PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to have increasing understanding of the power within you, in Christ Jesus as you obediently focus on the words of God in Jesus mighty name, Amen!

## CHAPTER SIXTEEN

*A New Beginning*

### (True Spirituality, Series sixteen)

Memory Verse: Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. (Rev 21: 5)

Beloved be spiritually symbolic of a New Beginning. Welcome to your new beginning! A new beginning of what? A new beginning of anointing, power, wisdom, knowledge, obedience, faith, joy, grace, mercy, peace, signs and wonders, and above all LOVE. It is also, a new beginning of uprooting bitterness, hatred, anger, fear, envy, sorrow, and sickness etc. I pray that everyone reading this message will have increasing spiritual understanding.

Provided, you are strongly rooted in Christ Jesus, the month of August is the new beginning of appearance of everything good in your life and the life of those around you. It is also the new beginning of disappearance of everything evil in your life and those around you. JESUS is the only true source of our goodness. Every goodness not rooted in Jesus Christ is founded on falsehood. He is our true source of goodness. In Him, we live, and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). The Word says: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning (James 1:17).

He says: Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert (Isa 43:19). Please, do not worry yourself trying to figure out how God is going to do it. Everything about God in Christ Jesus is supernatural, beyond the visible. In another place, He says even the heathen will marvel at His work and find it difficult to believe His works in us and through us: Behold ye among the

heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you (Hab 1:5).

The requirement from us is willingness and obedience (Isaiah 1:19). Jesus is the head of all principalities & power (Col 2:10). Everyone who has Jesus fully formed in him, has been spiritually recreated to influence and dominate his environment with the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus himself was very conscious of the enormous power he gave to his disciples, hence he reassured us: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father (John 14:12).

If you are truly born again, then you are for signs and wonders (Mark 16:17-20). Enough of running around; looking for someone to pray for you or see vision for you. Jesus says: Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you (Luke 10:19). Brother Paul truly tapped into the anointing & power in Christ Jesus, so much that his handkerchiefs were healing the sick (Acts 19:2). He made us to understand that the kingdom of God is not merely in words but in power: For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power (1Cor 4:20).

To possess our possessions, we need to be totally delivered from the forces of darkness. Only then do we get sanctified by the truth in the word (John 17:17), and then get empowered for holiness. Hence, the Word says: But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions (Obadiah 1:17).

Brethren may this month be your new beginning indeed. However, for your new beginning to be manifested, you have to arise spiritually. A key principle in life is that nothing happens for nothing. If you are not ready to do something different from what

you have been doing, the chances are that nothing NEW will happen. A new beginning starts with a new way of thinking! A new way of speaking! A new way of behavior! Thinking, speaking, and acting in line with the Way (John 14:6)

Have a Spirit-filled month.

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PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace of a NEW BEGINNING, in Jesus mighty name. Amen!



## CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

*Eating the word of God*

(True Spirituality, Series seventeen)

Memory Verse: Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts (Jer 15:16).

Beloved, truly, we have entered the year of unimaginable miracles, signs and wonders. A year that many believers and unbelievers alike, would say, as with one voice: Only God could have done this!

The year is loaded with divine assignments, divine promises, and divine expectations etc. The Lord is asking His children to be spiritually aggressive this year. The Lord wants His children to be spiritually violent. The Lord is reminding His children that life is essentially a battle field. Whether, you are a believer in our Lord Jesus Christ or not, everyone fights the battles of life.

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, then you are likely to fight the life battles with spiritual understanding. I say likely, because, there are many believers in Jesus, within the Church (the body of Christ), who are living in significant ignorance, hence they are not fighting their life battles with understanding. Prophet Hosea puts this succinctly: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children (Hosea 4:6). Prophet Isaiah saw it as a form of bondage or captivity: Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honorable

men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst (Isaiah 5:13).

As a believer, to win your life battles, you need the knowledge & the understanding that you require LIGHT and JOY in the word of God, in your spirit man. These are weapons that your enemies cannot withstand.

When our Lord and Savior Himself was timely tempted by the devil, He responded: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Matt 4:4). After Jesus had worked so hard and His disciples were encouraging Him to eat something, Jesus responded: I have meat to eat that ye know not of (John 4:32); He then added: My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work (John 4:34).

The Scripture says many of Jesus' disciples left him (John 6:66) out of ignorance when He said they have no life unless they eat His flesh and drink His blood: *Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you (John 6:53).*

We know from the Scriptures that JESUS is the Word of God (John 1:1). We also know from the Scriptures that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all (1John 1:5).

Our memory verse above says, eating the word of God produces so much JOY. I go further to say that in addition to joy, eating the word of God produces what the bible describes as the fruit of the Spirit: love, peace, goodness, gentleness, longsuffering, faith etc (Gal 5:22). This reveals the character of the believer.

Eating the word of God produces FIRE & LIGHT in our spirit man. This is the understanding that every believer needs to have when fighting their life battles.

How do we eat the word of God?

When Joshua was called, God charged him: This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8).

Meditating on the word of God involves focusing on the word, occupying your mind with the word, dwelling on the word ('eating'), digesting the word, absorbing the word, assimilating the word into your heart, blood, and spirit man. In other words, the word of God is moved from the level of your head & mind, into your inward being (heart, blood, spirit), hence becoming inseparable from you. Since the word of God is Fire (Jer 23:29) and Light, eating the word of God will produce fire and light in your spirit man. The devil and his agent are spirits of darkness, hence can never withstand a believer whose spirit has fire & light in the word of God. Indeed, evil spirits will see you and run away!

I have been asked a few times, how I manage to remember the words of God so vividly when I am communicating. The answer lies in meditating on the word of God. Jesus says: out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (Matt 12:34). He also says where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matt 6:21). Henceforth, learn to treasure the word of God. Spend time with the word of God. Fill your heart with the words of God, and when you open your mouth, only the words of God will come out and things will begin to happen around you. The Centurion said: Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed (Matt 8:8).

Every true believer, needs to spend time with the Word of God, in order to nourish, sharpen, and lighten his spirit for the LORD to see & act through: The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly (Prove 20:27). The word

of God is the only source of light to our spirit man. The Psalmist says: The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple (Ps 119:130).

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PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to eat the word of God daily in Jesus name, Amen!

## CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

*Knowing the power of his resurrection*  
(True Spirituality, Series seven)

Memory Verse: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; (Phil 3:10)

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We thank God for Easter. It is well with you in Jesus name.

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## CHAPTER NINETEEN

RELIGION ENSLAVES BUT TRUE SPIRITUALITY MAKES

US FREE INDEED

(True Spirituality, Series Nineteen)

Memory verse: But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law (Gal 5:18).

Beloved, I feel it deep and strong in my spirit, that there is a wave of revival currently taking place in the body of Christ (the church).

The revival was prophesied in the Old Testament as 'a new covenant' (Jer 31:31): 'I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts' (Jer 31:33b). Prophet Isaiah also spoke about it: My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed (Isa 59:21).

Jesus, the embodiment of this new covenant, when asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God will come (Luke 17:20), He replied: behold, the kingdom of God is within you (Luk 17:21). This was an extra-ordinary insight into the divine nature of man by Jesus. Meaning, when the Word of God (Jesus) dwells in us, we are empowered to live a heavenly lifestyle here on earth (Acts 1:8).

Brother Paul re-echoed this 'new covenant' (Heb 8:8) in his letter to the Hebrews, thereby confirming the prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah: I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people (Heb 8:10).



When we all manifest the signs of the new covenant; when the word of God dwells in our minds and hearts richly, the Bible says it will no longer be necessary to teach every man any more: And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34). No wonder Isaiah prophesied: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea (Isa 11:9).  
Hallelujah

As we continue to improve our spiritual understanding through the word of God, it is important for us to constantly separate spirituality from religion. It is important to know that Christianity is actually a means to true spirituality, but unfortunately, many believers often practiced it as a mere religion, out of ignorance.

Jesus himself was a highly spiritual person while on earth and not religious person.

Thank God for the current revival in the body of Christ in fulfillment of the new covenant promise. Indeed God is eager to manifest us as Jesus, the Word of God: For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God (Rm 8:19).

Spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus enables us to have certain spiritual qualities, which are the nature of God in Christ, such as the 'fruit of the Spirit' (Gal 5:22). Fruitfulness of the spirit will enable true believers to develop excellent character, personality and behavior.

Spirituality is not a function of our praying ability or ability to fast. Neither is it a reflection of the number of times we 'go to church' or our involvement in church activities in the physical sense. True spirituality is to do with our richness in the word of God (Col 3:16) and our ability to diligently put it into practice, which is wisdom (Matt

7:24), within the grace God has given us. It is not merely our ability to quote the scriptures (even the devil can also quote!), but our ability to diligently practice that which we have quoted.

Without spirituality, it is impossible to live and 'walk in the Spirit' (Gal 5:16). Without spiritual training and maturity, it's difficult to crucify the flesh as expected by the word of God: 'And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts' (Gal 5:24)

Christianity should not be misrepresented as a religion, such as what happens in many churches today mainly characterized by series of activities, doctrines and traditions.

True spirituality is found only in the word of God and it is life. Jesus himself said: It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life (John 6:63). The Word is the truth that set us free (John 8:32).

In conclusion, to truly grow spiritually, requires spiritual training in the words of God in Christ Jesus: 'Train yourself to be godly..' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV). Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2Tim 2:15)

MY PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to experience a personal spiritual revival in Jesus mighty name. Say Amen.

## CHAPTER TWENTY

IT'S WISDOM TO LIVE ONE DAY AT A TIME!

(True Spirituality, Series twenty)

Beloved, according to the word of God, it's WISDOM to live ONE DAY at a time!

Many a times, we spend a lot of time, worrying a lot about our past, present and future. The fact is, we may not be able to change our past. However, we can influence the present. We can change our future.

What our minds focus on most of the time is very important. Our thoughts are the seeds we sow in the garden of our minds. Healthy thoughts invariably will bring about healthy mind and vice versa. It's very important for us to be sensitive to the predominant thoughts in our minds because, we are the sum total of our thoughts. The book of Proverb says: 'For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...' (Prov 23:7)

It's a lot easier to diligently obey God and live holy one day at a time. Many at times, our minds are crowded with much worries and wrong thoughts that we are unable to perceive or hear what the Holy Spirit is saying. The Holy Spirit as a Person, is always speaking to us (John 16:13). Let us learn to be still and know that He is God (Ps 46:10). Our Lord, Master and Saviour Jesus Christ admonishes us: Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil there of (Matt 6:34). Earlier on, our Master had admonished us not to worry about life at all: Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye

shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? (Matt 6:25).

May God give us the grace to live holy on a daily basis in Jesus mighty name!

Let me welcome you in advance to the month of PERFECTION in Jesus mighty name.

## CHAPTER TWENTY ONE

JOY RADIATES FROM THE WORD OF GOD

(True Spirituality, Series Twenty One)

Memory verse: Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts (Jer 15:16)

Beloved, we praise the name of the LORD for the month of GRACE.

Jesus is eager to envelope us with his peace and joy before the end of the month. He appeals to us: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matt 11:28).

As our memory verse reveals, true joy comes from the word of God in our spirit. In the presence of God is fulness of joy (Ps 16:11). When we take time to Eat, Digest, Absorb and Assimilate the words of God into our spirit, it produces unimaginable joy. No wonder, Jesus, the Word of God (John 1:1) says unless we eat His flesh and drink His blood, we have no life in us: Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you (John 6:53). He further explained: He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him (John 6:56). So, the more you eat the word of God, the more you have the mind and the divine nature of Jesus. He warns us: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Matt 4:4).

Even within the body of Christ (the church), many are under the false belief that true experience of joy, contentment, satisfaction etc. comes from academic achievement, financial success, work

achievement, material acquisition etc. All we can obtain from any of the above is happiness, which is transient.

Although, some people use the word joy and happiness interchangeably, but in truth, they convey different meanings. Happiness is said to be related to happenings or events around us, for example, when we experience a positive life event such as winning lottery or having a significant promotion at work. Whereas joy originates from our inner being, our spirit being when in unity with the Holy Spirit and has little or no variation to external events around us. The Psalmist says: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning (Ps 30:5b)

True and everlasting joy can only be obtained from the WORD OF GOD and from the HOLY SPIRIT. It will be there whether we are in good health or ill health; it will be there whether we are in wealth or poverty; joy can actually increase in the midst of trials and temptation. It was the joy in Job that enabled him to trust God, despite his trials. He said: Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him (Job 13:15). Despite challenges, it was the joy in the word of God that enabled Brother Paul to say: We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair. Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed. Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body (2Cor 4:8-10). The Word says Jesus Himself endured the cross because of the joy that was set before him (Heb 12:2).

There is so much joy in the Word of God in Christ Jesus. There is so much joy from the Holy Spirit. As Prophet Isaiah prophesied: Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away (Isa 51:11)

The basis we are able to teach and preach the good news gospel is the joy of the LORD. Even when we are faced with so many challenges, we are kept bouncing by the joy of the Lord: The joy of the LORD is your strength (Neh 8:10). Indeed, Jesus himself says there is so much joy in heaven for one soul converted to the LORD: I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance (Luke 15:7).

The Holy Spirit of God is the custodian of God's wisdom (Isa 11:2), and Jesus is the embodiment of the Holy Spirit (2Cor 3:17). Jesus said: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life (Jn 6:63). We know from the scripture that Jesus is the Word of God (Jn 1:1). So the unspeakable joy we need is in the word of God.

Beloved, why not begin to experience the JOY of the LORD today by spending quality time with the Word. The word of God is freely given to us. Having received the Word by His grace, we must give out the word of God freely: freely ye have received, freely give (Matt 10:8)

To truly grow spiritually, requires spiritual training in the words of God in Christ Jesus: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV). All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (2Tim 3:16). Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2Tim 2:15)

MY PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to grow spiritually and to gain spiritual understanding as you begin to experience the Joy of the LORD in the word of God in Jesus mighty name. Amen

## CHAPTER TWENTY TWO

### LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP

#### (True Spirituality, Series Twenty Two)

Beloved, the LORD welcomes you to a day of fruitfulness and glory.

The LORD says: I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you (Joel 2:25). However, to be fruitful, the LORD says you should avoid shallow water or the so called 'moderate risk', but rather you should: Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught (Luk 5:4).

Fear often prevents many true believers from taking the necessary steps required for their fruitfulness. Our Father Himself is very much aware of this, hence He commands us to Fear Not (Gen 15:1), in up to 365 times in the bible. God is very much aware that we are victims of our fears. The only one the LORD wants us to fear is Himself, which according to Him, is the beginning of wisdom (Ps 111:10).

During the call of Joshua, assured him: There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee (Josh 1:5). But when God saw Joshua's fears, He commanded him: Be strong and of a good courage (Josh 1:6-7). Yet, Joshua was still fearful. Hence, God became rather angry with him: Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest (Josh 1:9). In the army of Gideon, I understand a mere announcement that if anyone is fearful, he



should stay back, led to 22,000 men out of 32, 000 dropping out: Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand (Judges 7:3).

Brethren, believe me, fear is real in true spirituality warfare. However, we need not be afraid once we abide in him (John 15:7). We are not fighting on our own strength (Zech 4:6). God is Christ is our senior partner. He is the invisible worker. So Arise and shine... (Isa 60:1). In true spirituality warfare, you need Esther's mindset of "if I perish I perish" (Esther 4:16), to fully claim your lost glory. You will recover everything you have lost in Jesus name.

Prayer: Standing on the authority of the word of God, I curse and rebuke every spirit of fear in every true believer in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

## CHAPTER TWENTY THREE

*Let His Praise continually be in our Mouth*

(True Spirituality, Series twenty three)

Beloved, we are now in the moment whereby, our attitude of praise to God should be increased.

Let's bless Him at all times and may His praise continually be in our mouth (Ps 34:1). Let everything within us praise Him (Ps 103:1). Let's praise Him for His mercies, which endureth for ever (Ps 136). Let's praise Him for His 'wonderful works to the children of men' (Ps 107:15). Let's praise him, for 'it is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed' (Lam 3:22). In all circumstances, praise and thank Him (1Thess 5:18). Ignore that ugly situation you may find yourself, and just praise him for mercies, grace, and good works. As you praise Him, may He appear in your situation as the fourth man in FIRE, one 'like the Son of God' (Dan 3:25) and melt whatever ugly challenges you are facing in Jesus Mighty Name. Praise Him to the extent that He will cause a great earthquake that shall shake open your 'prison yard', so that you will be free indeed (Acts 16:26; John 8:36). Praise God in Christ Jesus with everything you have and glorify His holy name (Ps 150).

Thank you Jesus!

Have a praise-filled month!

Prayer: Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD (Ps 150:6).

## CHAPTER TWENTY FOUR

LET PEOPLE READ JESUS IN YOU

(True Spirituality, Series Twenty Four)

Beloved, as you meditate and focus on the WORD this season, be conscious of your Divine Nature. Always remember that God created you 'in his own image' (Gen 1:27). He has the best thoughts, purpose and plan for your life (Jer 29:11). God says he created us for His glory: Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him (Isa 43:7).

JESUS CHRIST manifested the 'fullness of Godhead' while on earth (Col 2:9). Indeed, the scripture says: 'it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell' (Col 1:19).

So if Christ is in you, let your life reveal the fullness of Christ in all aspects. You are the epistle others want to read. When Christ is fully formed in you, you will be amazed how many unbelievers will give their lives to God in Christ by reading your thoughts, speech and deeds. Indeed the Word says: Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men (2Cor 3:2). We are the epistle of Christ, 'written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God' (1Cor 3:3). People may not want to read books about Jesus. People may not want to hear messages about Jesus. But everyone is eager to 'read' Jesus in you. Everyone is eager to 'see' Jesus in you.

In all our situations and circumstances, may we never misrepresent Christ in Jesus name. Amen

You can do all things through Christ which strengthens (Phil 4:13).

## CHAPTER TWENTY FIVE

Let us Emulate Christ

### (True Spirituality, Series Twenty Five)

Memory Verse: Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered (Heb 5:8).

Beloved, Christianity without Jesus Christ is an empty religion. He is the Word of God. He was with God in the beginning and He is God (John 1:1). He created all things (John 1:3).

He is the Way, the Truth & the Life (John 14:6). He is ONE with His Father (John 10:30).

In Him, we have oneness with the Father (John 17:21). In Him we live: For in him we live, and move, and have our being (Acts 17:28).

In the Ministry of the Word, we promote and encourage learning, knowledge and application of knowledge, both general and spiritual. Wisdom is the diligent application of knowledge. Jesus Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God (1Cor 1:24).

#### **What are some of the things JESUS has taught us to do?**

**To love God with ALL our heart:** Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind (Matt 22:37)

**To love thy neighbour as thyself:** And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these (Mark 12:31);

**To love our enemies:** But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you (Matt 5:44);

**To do to others as you want others do to you:** Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets (Matt 7:12);

**To give in order to be blessed:** It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

**He who scatters increases:** There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth (Prov 11:24)

**If our enemy is hungry, give him food:** Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head (Rm 12:20);

**We should move mountains with our faith:** For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith (Mark 11:23);

**Jesus is humility exemplified, hence the Father exalted Him:** ...Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name (Phil 2:5-9);

To always persist and persevere, with faith and with prayer, using the parable of the persistent widow. (Luke 18:1-8)

I pray that Christ be well formed in us (Gal 4:19), so that we can diligently emulate Him in our body, soul and spirit, within the Church, and outside the Church in Jesus name. Amen.

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV). Please, key into the Word of God Ministry.

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, receive abundant GRACE to emulate Christ daily in Jesus Mighty name. Amen!

## CHAPTER TWENTY SIX

*Let your FAITH lead to TRUST in God*  
(True Spirituality, Series Twenty Six)

Memory Verse: They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever (Psalm 125:1)

Beloved, our Father wants to start something new in our lives. He is about to take us higher and higher. We praise the name of the LORD who is in the process of restoring every good thing we have lost in the past. We need to have a good understanding of FAITH and TRUST in order to fit into our new assignment. Faith is often explained as an active form of believing. Believing in action.

Faith is the evidence of things not yet seen. It is the assurance of what is hoped for (Heb. 11:1). Faith is never passive. Hence the word of God says faith without works is dead: For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also (James 2:26). Of course, we know that without faith, it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6).

In life, things happen to us according to the level of our faith (Matt 9:29). Indeed, Jesus himself says if we have just a little faith we can command mountain to move: If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. (Matt 17:20).

If faith is this powerful, what then is trust? TRUST in God is even a higher level of faith. Trust in God is faith that is focused and sustained. Trust is faith that does not waver no matter the circumstances. Trust in God is faith that is unshakeable even when

we are at the valley! Our memory verse says those that trust in the LORD can never be removed! It was Job's trust in God that gave him so much confidence, that despite what he was going through, he remained focused and was not distracted.

It was his trust in God that gave him the confidence to say: Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him (Job 13:15). I love the B component that says 'but I will maintain mine own ways before him'. Many believers get so easily distracted when faced with trials and challenges. In the process, before they know it, they have gone contrary to God's words. Thank God for His restoration power.

With regard to our personality, it is noteworthy, to understand that man is the sum total of his thoughts, imaginations, beliefs, faith, as well as what he predominantly puts his trust in. Some people put their trust in horses and chariots; some in their houses and wealth; some in their occupational position, some in their children and family; some in human wisdom etc. All these will pass away, but the Word of God lives forever.

Please, join me to say in GOD we trust all day long! Amen! Thank God for grace, that enabled our faith in Christ Jesus which has set us free indeed (John 8:36), and made us sons of God.

The Scripture says: But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:25-26). Brethren, let your faith in God mature to the level of trust. Let's trust in God alone. It is better to trust in the LORD than put confidence in man (Ps 118:8). The Word says: Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding (Prov. 3:5).

The Psalmist says: 'Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help (Psalm 146:3).



To have increasing faith and trust in God requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: Train yourself to be godly... (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV)

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace of increasing faith and trust in God in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

## CHAPTER TWENTY SEVEN

*Let's Emulate Christ's Humility*

(True Spirituality, Series Twenty Seven)

Memory Verse: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God (Phil 2:5-6)

Beloved, believe you me, the glorious essence of being a Christian, is to increasingly become more like Christ, in mind, thoughts, feelings, behavior and deeds. This is why spiritual training is very important. This is the essence of true spirituality training. The scripture says only God can truly exalt us when we humble ourselves and diligently obey His words. As glorious as Jesus was before He became flesh (John 1:14), God the Father Himself had to exalt Him on account of His humility: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name (Phil 2:8-9).

Without daily spiritual training and growth, Christianity becomes a mere religion, which can be quite frustrating.

Recently, in response to my empowerment spirituality message, a long standing 'born again' Christian responded with a question thus: "The light of God brings breakthrough, deliverance, happiness etc. then why is this not my case? I am truly born again and I try as a human being to keep to the tenets of God's commandments, and yet things are not working out well for me, why? I have been thinking about this for some time now because things are not the way they should be and honestly I am not happy".

It was a long response. I have left out some part. I responded with further empowerment message backed up with scriptures and I made reference to Hosea 4:6, with regard to the high prevalence of spiritual ignorance in the body of Christ (the Church). The person responded again and expressed appreciation.

True spiritual training will lead to our perfect transformation in accordance with the word of God: 'And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God' (Rm 12:2). Truly, in Christ Jesus, while we live on earth, God wants us and expects us to be perfect as He is perfect (Matt 5:48). Indeed God is all about perfection and there is no variableness in Him (Jam 1:17), and the Holy Spirit is an excellent Spirit (Dan 6:3). God is light, and in him is no darkness at all (1John 1:5). Each time, I remember the servant of God, Moses, I shake a bit. The Bible says no human being on earth was as meek as Moses (Num 12:3), yet he could not make it to the promised land due to his poor emotional control.

True spiritual training will ultimately enable us to develop the Mind of Christ (1Cor 2:16). A mind full of love, grace, truth, purity, joy, glory etc. A mind of Christ is an extremely humble mind! A mind that esteems others above himself! A mind that is peaceful. A mind that avoids strife at all cost. A mind that is other-centered! A mind that honors others above ourselves! The Word says: Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves; Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others (Phil 2:3-4).

**MY PRAYER:** There is someone reading this message, as you train yourself with the light in the word of God, may you receive the spirit of humility with the mind of Christ in Jesus precious name. Amen.

## CHAPTER TWENTY EIGHT

### *Never Limit God's Works through You* (True Spirituality, Series Twenty-Eight)

Memory Verse: "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? (Jer. 32:27)

Beloved, let's give God the glory for bringing us to the month of total recovery and restoration. Everything you have ever lost will be restored to you in Jesus name, if you are willing and obedient (Isa 1:19). He says: And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you (Joel 2:25). Nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:37).

Our memory verse above says nothing is too hard for God to do. God is always looking for willing human vessels to carry out His good works of healing, deliverance, freedom (from ignorance, poverty, and oppressions etc.), and above all, His good works of LOVE. God works in miraculous ways! His works are usually such that everyone will marvel and tremble before Him. He says: Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you (Hab 1:5).

If you are truly born again, the Word of God says you are for signs and wonders. Prophet Isaiah prophesied this, saying: Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion (Isa 8:18).

This prophecy was fulfilled in the New Testament by the works of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Relying completely on the empowerment from His heavenly Father, Jesus' works on earth were characterized by signs and wonders. Prior to departing this world, He in turn empowered all those who will believe in the living God through Him (Jesus). He even assured all true believers that they will do greater works than He did on earth, saying: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father (John 14:12).

The relevant question is: If Jesus has empowered us so much, why are we not having signs and wonders in abundance in the church today? Based on the inspiration and leading of the Lord, my response is that the deficiency of signs and wonders in the church today is due to the deficiency in the words of God within the church (the body of Christ). What I am talking about here is the words of God dwelling in our hearts, souls and spirits. I am not talking about the religious reading and quotations of the word of God that often characterized most churches. I am talking about true believers eating the words of God (Matt 4:4), and letting it dwell in their inner beings so that they can speak it (Matt 12:34) and apply it. Brother Paul counseled: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Col 3:16). One thing that is very common in many churches today is the noticeable 'spiritual gap' between the pastors and the congregations. This should not be so.

God's plans in Christ Jesus for every true born again Christian is to enjoy all round prosperity: Spiritual prosperity, Mental prosperity, and Material prosperity. He says: Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth (3John 2). Jesus did not leave us without empowerment.

The Word of God can never lie. All power has been given to Jesus in heaven and on earth (Matt 28:18). He has given us the power through faith. He says: These signs shall follow those who believe... (Mark 16:17).

Ignorance has kept many away from enjoying their birth right. Sincerely spend quality time daily to meditate on the word of God, and you will begin to see the difference in your life. Be totally obedient to the word of God. Do not limit God through your thoughts. Do not grumble during trials (Num. 14:28). Completely surrender yourselves to God and let God work wonders through you.

Everything we need is in the word of God. Total obedience (not partial) is the answer. When Joshua was called, God emphasized the need for him to meditate on the word of God: This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8).

As born again Christians, we are for signs and wonders. Make yourself available for God to use.

Have a great week ahead!

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

**PRAYER:** There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace of fresh empowerment (new anointing) for signs and wonders, in Jesus mighty name. Amen!

## CHAPTER TWENTY NINE

### No Light without Fire: Let your Fire Burn (True Spirituality, Series Twenty-Nine)

Memory Verse: Do not put out the Spirit's Fire (1 Thess. 5:19, NIV).

Beloved, as true believers in Christ Jesus, you are in this world to make a difference. In Christ, God must have a purpose for preserving your life till this very moment. Jesus is the Light of this world. He says: As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world (John 9:5). Let your fire burn! Let your fire manifest for all to see. Let your fire give light to others. Jesus says: Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel... (Matt 5:15).

Everyone has got his oil. Everyone has got his fire. Even a beggar on the street has got his oil. However, due to spiritual ignorance, some people may not be aware of their oil. Some people may not be aware of their fire. It's your responsibility to discover your oil. It is your responsibility to be conscious of your fire and to keep it burning. It is your duty to shine your light for others to see. There is no record in the word of God, where Jesus, while on earth, met anyone in distress, and his condition remained the same. So do not hide Jesus in you!

Brethren, there can be no light without fire. However, there are different levels of light. The first book of the Bible (Genesis) makes mention of "two great lights"; greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night (Gen 1:16). The question then will be: How bright is your Light? Jesus says: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father

which is in heaven (Matt 5:16). The spiritual light is in the word of God (Ps 119:130; 105).

I love John the Baptist so much. In an attempt to convince others of the divinity and superiority of Jesus Christ, he had this to say: 'I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire' (Matt. 3:11). In another place, he said: He must increase, but I must decrease (John 3:30).

One of the biggest problems we have in the church today is the lack of the fire component of the Holy Ghost baptism. The cold and lukewarm nature of the church today has enabled demons, witches and wizards, agents of darkness etc. to feel comfortable and to 'enjoy' fellowship with the true children of God.

Thank God in Christ Jesus, for the revival currently going on in the church. By the grace of God, the fire component of the Holy Ghost baptism will be rekindled. The early church experienced this (Acts 2:3). This gave them the courage and boldness do exploits for the kingdom of God.

The Centurion had a very good understanding of the power in the word of God. His faith was amazing. Hear him: The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed (Matt 8:8). The interesting thing about this story is that his servant was healed the very moment Jesus spoke: And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour (Matt 8:13)



The Scripture declares that the word of God is a spiritual fire and hammer: Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? (Jer. 23:29). One way of ensuring that the fire returns to the church is by speaking the word of God always and by doing what the word says. Speak it at home, at work, on Sundays, during the weekdays, when driving, when sitting down and when standing up, when using the restroom etc. Always remember to say 'it is written'. The word of God is one thing the demons cannot stand! The word of God will ensure that your oil never dries. There is fire in the word of God.

Ensure That Your Oil Does Not Dry. Speak the word of God only and things will begin to happen around you. Let your fire burn visibly for others to see.

Let Your Fire Give Light to Others.

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to rekindle the fire of the Holy Ghost, as you daily speak the words of God and put them into practice in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

## CHAPTER THIRTY

*Peace Makers are Children of God*

### (True Spirituality, Series Thirty)

Beloved, do you know that if you are committed to PEACE and conflicts resolution on earth, JESUS, the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6) says, you are qualified to be called a child of God? This promise is from the Prince of Peace Himself. He says: Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God (Matt 5:9).

In the kingdom of God, there is absolute peace. Brother Paul says: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost (Rom 14:17). In Christ our God is the God of peace (Rom 15:33). In fact, Brother Paul tells us that Jesus Himself is our peace: 'For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us' (Eph. 2:14).

In a simple sentence, peace can be explained as absence of storms or conflicts. True peace is a state of complete physical, mental and spiritual rest. We should learn to recognize JESUS as our burden bearer (Isa 53:4). When we have worked very hard, when we have struggled and it seems as if there is no solution, we should leave the matter to our burden bearer and enter into His rest. The scripture says: For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his (Heb 4:10). Brother Paul admonishes us: 'Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord' (Heb. 12:14).

May you be a peace maker on earth in Jesus Name. Amen.

I welcome you all to a period of a new beginning, may God Almighty begin something new in your lives according to His promise in Jesus name. (Isa 43:19)

Have a blessed week and a glorious month of August

Prayer: For every one reading this message, I stand on the authority of the Word of God. I speak the Word of peace into all the storms and conflicts in your life. I say: Peace, be still (Mark 4:39). In Jesus mighty name Amen.

## CHAPTER THIRTY ONE

*Perfection is a necessity*

### (True Spirituality, Series Thirty-One)

Memory Verse: Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect (Matt 5:48).

Beloved, we thank God in Christ for ushering us peacefully into the month of grace. The month of divine unmerited favour. Truly, His grace is all we need to live a victorious life in an evil generation.

According to our memory verse, Jesus declares that God expects all His children to be perfect. Indeed when God called Abraham, the first commandment given to him was to walk in perfection with God: And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect (Gen 17:1).

In the body of Christ today (the Church), I have been opportune to interact fairly regularly with Christian brothers and sisters, who think, talk and behave as if perfection is not a reality. Many will readily quote the saying: To err is human. However, this is not a biblical saying. God will not ask his children to be perfect if perfection is impossibility with man. God will not ask his children to be holy if holiness is not possible with man (Lev 11:44).

What is perfection?

The free internet Encyclopedia (Wikipedia), explains perfection as: A state of completeness and flawlessness. Perfection is a state of excellence. In other words, there should be no single fault, error or mistake in what is being examined. No wonder the blessings of

Deuteronomy 28: 1-14, requires diligent obedience. Brother James puts it succinctly: For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all (James 2:10).

There is a Bible character called Daniel. The Scripture says when his enemies examined him, they could not find a single fault because of the excellent spirit in him, hence in their wickedness they set a trap for him, but fell into it themselves. The word of God says: Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm (Dan 6:3). The Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus that dwells in every true believer is a spirit of excellence and perfection. There is no single error in Him.

Oneness with God in Christ Jesus, the Word of God is the only authentic platform for man's perfection on earth. Truly, no one can be perfect by his own strength. Cleaving to God in oneness is very vital to attaining perfection on earth. This is God's plan for his children. In the words of Prophet Jeremiah: For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear (Jer 13:11).

However, oneness with God does not come without a price. The Scripture says Jesus himself learnt obedience by what he suffered, prior to becoming perfect. The Word says: Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him (Heb. 5:8-9). The challenges you go through in life are what God uses to transform you if you maintain the right focus, and faint not. God uses your life challenges to bring you to perfection.

Jesus enjoyed absolute oneness with his Father. He was able to say: I and my Father are one (John 10:30). Please note that, oneness does not necessarily connote equality, but POWER (this is a very common error of thinking even by big title holders in the Church). In the same book of John, in humility, Jesus was able to add: for my Father is greater than I (John 14:28). If Jesus was one with his Father, we can also be one with God the Father through Christ Jesus. This is a glorious oneness that Jesus extended to all true believers out of love. He says: And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me (John 17:22-23).

Beloved, as you cleave to Him this month of grace , in a quality relationship, praise, worship and meditation on his words, may He arise for you in Jesus precious name. Amen!

Please ensure you walk with Him in righteousness, holiness and purity in the words of God. His name is Holy! He is the only spiritual ally you can trust hundred percent! Diligent practice of the words of God brings holiness, the exact nature of God. He does not compromise on holiness. The Word says: Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity (Hab. 1:13)

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to attain perfection as you remain focused on the words of God in Jesus mighty name, Amen

## CHAPTER THIRTY TWO

*Purity is Mandatory*

### (True Spirituality, Series Thirty-Two)

Memory Verse: Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God (Matt 5:8).

Beloved, in Christ Jesus, God is constantly calling us to come higher and be one with Him, purpose, thoughts, words and actions.

However, what has prevented man from being able to face God is SIN. According to Prophet Isaiah: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear (Isaiah 59:2).

Our memory verse says only the pure in heart shall see God. Sin in any form or guise, is a contamination or an impurity to the divine nature of God.

The Psalmist was one person who had a very good understanding of the purity of the word of God. Hear him: Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it (Psalm 119:140).

His son Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived on earth, before Jesus Christ also noted: Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him (Prov. 30:5).

The Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus that dwells in every true believer is a spirit of purity. There is no dot of contamination or impurity in Him.

Brother Paul, in admonishing his spiritual son (Timothy), and indeed every youth, with the help of the Holy Spirit, says: Let no man

despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity (1Tim 4:12).

What is Purity or what does the word purity mean?

As common as the word purity may sound, there is no doubt that it is poorly understood and not often manifested in practice. In simple terms, to be pure means to be: Spotless, flawless, and without blemish. It means freedom from contaminants, the absence of anything harmful, inferior, unwanted, fault, error etc. Purity is reflected in excellence & perfection.

The free internet based Encyclopedia (Wikipedia), explains purity as:

The absence of impurity or contaminants in a substance. It goes further to say that the term also applies to the absence of vice in human character. It also goes further to explain vice as: a practice or a behavior or habit generally considered immoral, depraved, or degrading in the associated society. In more minor usage, vice can refer to a fault, a negative character trait, a defect, an infirmity, or a bad or unhealthy habit, such as an addiction to smoking.

Synonyms for vice are noted to include fault, depravity, sin, iniquity, wickedness, and corruption etc. Whereas synonyms of purity include: Cleanliness, wholesomeness, spotlessness, transparency, limpidness etc.

Most people will agree that man exists in trinity: body, soul and spirit (1Thess 5:23). We may be surprised to know that most unbelievers share this view. Whereas the defect of the body is easy to recognize, it is not so with the defect of the mind (soul), which is studied in mental health or psychiatry. The defect of the spirit is even more difficult to recognize. Impurity or contamination can affect the body, soul and



spirit. Defect of the spirit, gives rise to character flaw. A man of excellent spirit (Dan 6:3) has a spotless character .Such a person is described as upright, just, and a man of integrity.

I am often amazed at the character flaw display within the body of Christ (the Church). I mean character defect such as dishonesty, cheating, insincerity, unfaithfulness, lies, deceit, manipulation, seduction, etc. among those who are 'born again' Christians. Others may simply refer to them as 'lack of moral values'. This is absolute spiritual ignorance! No wonder Prophet Hosea says: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6).

The word of God says: This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all (1John 1:5). If there is no trace of darkness with God, why should there be traces of darkness with the sons of God? (John 1:12). Every true believer is a son of God. Jesus himself is the one who declared that all true believers are the light of the world (Matt 5:14).

Attaining purity of the heart calls for increasing knowledge of spiritual matters, hard work and diligence. This is exactly what Brother Peter has admonished us to do: And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness (2Pet 1:5-6).

With increasing spiritual training, others will be able to see and enjoy the fruit of the Spirit in us: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith; Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Gal 5:22-23).

Oneness with God in Christ Jesus, the Word of God is the only authentic platform for man's purity on earth. Truly, no one can attain purity of the heart by his own strength. Please ensure you walk with

Him in righteousness, holiness and purity in the words of God. His name is Holy! He is the only spiritual ally you can trust hundred percent! Diligent practice of the words of God brings holiness, the exact nature of God. He does not compromise on holiness. The Word says: Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity (Hab. 1:13)

In heaven and on earth the only pure substance that can purify man is the word of God: The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times (Psalm 12:6).

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: Train yourself to be godly (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

**PRAYER:** There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace of purity of the heart, as you remain focused on the words of God in Jesus mighty name, Amen!

## CHAPTER THIRTY THREE

*Put on the Full Armour of God*

(True Spirituality, Series Thirty-Three)

Beloved, the battles before us are spiritual. The Word says: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood. (Eph. 6:12). However, many in the body of Christ need increasing spiritual understanding.

The word of God recognizes that our common enemy is deceptive, seductive, manipulative, cunning, tricky, wicked and full of antics, hence the Word warns us: Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:11).

Therefore to be fully protected, we are to wear Truth, Righteousness, Peace, Faith, and to hold onto our salvation at all cost (Eph. 6:13-18). In emphasizing the role of faith, verse 16 says: Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

We are to make use of the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (v17). In all this, we are to pray always. The word of God is light, full of understanding (Ps 119:130). Once, our spirit man is lightened with the word of God, all devils and agents of darkness will stay clear of us. So, put on the full armour of God. Arise and shine... (Isa 60:1).

Have a beautiful day.

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, receive the grace to wear the full armour of God henceforth in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

## CHAPTER THIRTY FOUR

*Be joyful when faced with Challenges*

### (True Spirituality, Series Thirty-Four)

Memory Verse: My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (James 1:2).

Beloved, Let me share a major secret of life with you. No matter the magnitude of the challenges you are going through in life; never lose your joy in the Lord. Never stop thanking and praising God in Christ Jesus. The enemy knows that if you lose your joy, then weakness and discouragement are imminent because the joy of the Lord is your source of strength (Neh. 8:10). The Word says: Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation (Isa 12:3).

The Book of Proverbs says joy is like medicine to our body: A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones (Prov. 17:22).

Brothers Paul and Silas began to praise God in prison instead of complaining, grumbling or lamenting and God visited them, and the prison yard was thrown opened. Please, read the whole story:

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled... (Acts 16:25-34).

Hence Brother James says: My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing (James 1:2-4).

Brother Paul refers to our challenges as 'light affliction': For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory (2 Cor. 4:17).

The Bible tells us that Jesus was able to endure the cross because of the joy ahead of him: Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb. 12:2).

Brethren, I do not know what challenges you are going through right now, what I do know is that my Daddy calls them 'light affliction' .

Learn to recognize, identify and resist negative emotions like anger, hatred, envy, frustration, fear, impatience, sadness etc. Learn to avoid grumbling and murmuring when in the valley. It is difficult to boast of the presence of God when you are enveloped in sadness because in His Presence is fullness of Joy (Psalm 16:11).

The challenges we go through are what God uses to take us to the next level. Life is like being in a school, if one is promoted without passing exams, he or she must have been fraudulent. Learn and master the habit of praising God in your challenges. Receive the grace of increasing spiritual understanding in Jesus Precious Name. Amen.

## CHAPTER THIRTY FIVE

Be an Example

(True Spirituality, Series Thirty-Five)

Memory Verse: Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. (1Tim 4:12)

Beloved, a true Christian life is a life of integrity and example for others to emulate. Meekness and humility are vital for us to be guided in the right direction: The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way (Psalm 25:9). Humility is the basis for our exaltation. The Word says, Jesus was exalted on account of his humility, and given a name above every other name, that when the name JESUS is appropriately used, every knee, power, force, authority etc. whether in heaven, on earth, underneath the end, should bow to the glory of his holy name (Phil 2: 9-10).

The Bible says Christ in you is your hope of glory (Col 1:27). To what extent can other see Christ in you? The Word says as true believers, we are the epistle that people should read: Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men (2Cor 3:2). Epistle of Christ, written not in ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart (2Cor 3:2).

Our memory verse above says we should be an example to others in: WORD, CONVERSATION, CHARITY, SPIRIT, FAITH, & PURITY. I pray that God gives us increasing daily understanding in this area. Going into details of each of these words would have been edifying but is beyond the scope of this message. However, in my spirituality journey thus far, I have discovered that out of ignorance, many Christians significantly limit their progress in life through their thoughts and words, ignoring what the Scripture says:

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned (Matt 12:37).

The book of proverbs says: Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof (Prov 18:21). The word of God is the Word of Life (1John1:1). When you wake up every morning by the grace of God, speak the living word of God to your life and the lives of others, for example: Greater is he in me than the one in the world (1John 4:4); Christ in me is my hope of glory (Col 1:27); today, Brother Ben Bassey will resist the devil, and he will flee from me (Jam 4:7); Brother Ben Bassey can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil 4:13) etc. If you do this every morning, and you are in Right Standing with God in Christ, you are sending a serious warning to the devil and his cohorts that you are untouchable.

The commandment we receive as true born again children of God is to bless and curse not. Brother Paul captured this clearly in his letter to the Romans: Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not (Romans 12:14). We cannot be children of God, yet we are thinking evil, speaking evil, wishing others bad etc. Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh (Matt 12:34). This is where spiritual understanding is important. We are to bless and curse not!

Ignorance has kept many away from enjoying their birth right. Sincerely spend quality time daily to meditate on the word of God, and you will begin to see the difference in your life. Be totally obedient to the word of God. Live your new name! Do not limit God through your thoughts.

My daily prayer is that; Christ be well formed in your heart (Gal 4:19). The kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17: 21).

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: Train yourself to be godly (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, receive the grace to live exemplary life, in Jesus mighty name. Amen



## CHAPTER THIRTY SIX

Spiritual understanding is very important  
(True Spirituality, Series Thirty-Six)

*Memory Verse: The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead (Prov. 21:16)).*

Beloved, as we make every effort to improve our spiritual understanding daily, I implore you all to have basic knowledge of the spirit realm and your spirit being in Christ Jesus.

Permit me to keep repeating that man is a three in one creature: body, soul, and spirit (1Thess 5:23). The Word of God says every true born again believer is a recreated person. Brother Paul puts it very succinctly: Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (1Cor 5:17). To explain it in simple terms, every true born again Christian, undergoes 'spiritual circumcision' or 'spiritual heart transplant'. With the help of the Holy Spirit, he is given a 'new spiritual heart' and a 'new spirit' (the Holy Spirit). Hence, Prophet Ezekiel speaking through the Holy Spirit says: A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh (Ezek 36:26).

This recreation takes place, when with humility we have surrendered all to God in Christ. After, we have confessed all our sins to God in Christ and have made up our minds to live a life that is pleasing to God. In Christ, God does not influence our WILL.

Having given us His words to guide us, He expects us to make the right choice. He expects us to 'choose life'... (Deut. 30:19). Hence, the same Ezekiel says: Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? (Ezek. 18:31). Please, note that in the spirit realm, there is no gender difference (Gal 3:28), hence the female gender is represented by 'he'. According to Ezekiel 18:31, the new heart is automatic, once you have cast away all your transgressions! Praise God! Halelujah!

It is good to know that in the spirit realm, our heart is very important. In Christ Jesus, when God wants to examine His children, He examines their hearts. Indeed, when David was to be anointed king of Israel, God made it clear to Prophet Samuel that God only looks at the heart, and not outward appearance which man tend to look at (1Sam 16:7). In the spirit realm, the heart is the 'spiritual organ' for thinking, and perceiving things, hence the book of Proverb says: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he. (Prov. 23:7). Jesus Himself, the embodiment of true spirituality says: for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (Matt 12:34). In another verse He says. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matt 6:21). He further explained: For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies (Matt 15:19).

Spiritually speaking, the only 'food' that can nourish and nurture our spiritual hearts and our regenerated spirits is the Word of God. Just as we need physical food to nourish our body, we need healthy thoughts to nourish our mind.

In spite of the overlap between our body, mind and spirit, only the word of God can truly nourish our spirit being. The more you 'eat' the words and diligently obey, the more alert will be our spirit being, to communicate with the LORD. When tempted by the devil, Jesus

quoting the scripture responded: It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Matt 4:4; Deut. 8:3). David loved the word of God so much that he 'hid' the Word in his heart: Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (Ps 119:11). He knew that the word of God is light, that will keep him away from darkness (Ps 119:130).

Brethren, without this spiritual recreation, we can never be 'free indeed' (John 8:36), to enable us to diligently obey first commandment: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment (Mark 12:30). Beloved, let examine ourselves sincerely, have we received the new heart and the new spirit? Truth, honesty, sincerity, transparency are the nature of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus. If you do not have the conviction in your spirit that you have received the new heart, there is room to return and rededicate your life to God in Christ (Mal 3:7).

As I said in my previous message, Hosea 4:6, 'My people', refers to believers, not unbelievers. Many believers have been destroyed due to lack of spiritual knowledge. Without spiritual understanding, believers function at the level of unbelievers, even though they may 'go to church' regularly.

Our memory verse above says such a man remains at the congregation of the dead (Prov. 21:16). The psalmist, in recognizing the essence of spiritual understanding prayed: Give me understanding, and I shall live (Ps 119:144b). With spiritual understanding, you will always know what to do in every situation, operating at the level of Jesus on earth (John 6:6). You will be well placed to live a life that is pleasing the Almighty God in Christ Jesus. When the fire in the Word (Jer. 23:29), come upon your head, you will no longer need any one to encourage you to listen, read, study, and meditate on the word of God. As we know the measure of your

faith is related to regular and constant exposure to the word of God: faith cometh from hearing the word of God (Rom 10:17).

How much time do you spend with the Word of God daily? May God help us and have mercy on us in Jesus name. Amen

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace of enduring spiritual understanding in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

## CHAPTER THIRTY SEVEN

*Tell the truth and shame the devil*

(True Spirituality, Series Thirty-Seven)

Memory Verse: “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6).

Beloved, let’s thank God in Christ for bringing us safely to the month of double grace and for the fire that is currently spreading in the church of Jesus Christ.

In our memory verse above, Jesus affirms that He is the truth. We know from the scriptures that the word of God is also the truth: Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth (John 17:17). Hence, Apostle John starts his gospel with the affirmation that Jesus is the Word of God: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1). John did not only affirm that GRACE and TRUTH came through Jesus (John 1:17); he also edified us that Jesus is FULL of grace and truth (John 1:14). Thus, the scripture says those who worship God should worship Him in truth and in spirit: God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

On the other hand, the scriptures clearly present the devil (Satan) as a liar from the very beginning and indeed, the father of all liars. The same Apostle John states: Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it (John 8:44).

The key question is: how often do we hear lies being told within the body of Christ (the church)? Personally, I am amazed to perceive the prevalence of lies among the children of God. Telling lies are very common in the church today. When we tell a lie, no matter how little, we are promoting the devil and siding with Satan. Every time, we lie, we tell the devil, 'you are my father'.

Children of God ought not to promote the devil. Henceforth, let us only promote God in Christ by always siding with the truth. Stand for the truth in Christ, even if it means losing your life and God will be proud of you.

Christianity is about spiritual knowledge. Go for it! Only the truth shall set us free indeed (John 8:32;36).

Henceforth, never misrepresent JESUS. Stand up for the truth. Put the devil to shame in your life! May you never compromise on the truth!

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

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## CHAPTER THIRTY EIGHT

### *The Kingdom of God is Within You* (True Spirituality, Series Thirty-Eight)

Memory Verse: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21)

Beloved, we thank God for the new thing He is doing in our lives. Believers often travel long distances to find God in Christ. The truth is, if Christ is well formed in your heart (Gal 4:19), then be sure you carry God within you.

When Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God will come, His response was: the kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21). There are deep hidden meanings in the statement. The Bible says our body is the living temple of God; hence we ought to keep it holy. According to Brother Paul: What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (1Cor 6:19). He then added: For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (1Cor 6:20).

We need this God's consciousness in our walk with God in Christ. Once, we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, then the true God is in us. This is why Brother John says: Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). This is why Brother Paul says: Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col 1:27). This why the Psamist says: I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High (Psalm 82:6). I could go on and on.

Once, you have received Jesus Christ into your heart, there is the need for you to *grow in grace and knowledge* that is in Christ Jesus,

to enable Christ to be well formed in you. The plan of God is to manifest all true believers as Jesus on earth, hence Apostle Paul revealed: For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God (Rom 8:19).

God is a Spirit (John 4:24). The Holy Spirit of God will not dwell in a vessel (body) that is impure. What is that 'habit' that you secretly hold unto, which you know very well does not glorify God in your life. You may call it any name, but if it does not bring glory to God, please drop it NOW. Is it procrastination? Is it laziness? Is it miserliness? Is it sleeping too much? Is it impure thoughts? Is it poverty of ideas? Etc. As a Spirit, God has ears, feelings, eyes etc. The Holy Spirit cannot withstand imperfection, hence the Word says: Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity (Hab. 1:13).

In conclusion, to optimize your work and walk with God in Christ, you need to carry that consciousness that the kingdom of *God is within you*. His is a kingdom of power, boldness, hardwork, righteousness, transparency, integrity, care, comfort, peace, etc. God loves a humble and contrite heart: For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, *with him* also that is of a *contrite* and *humble* spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones (Isa 57:15).

The words of God are in ONENESS with the Spirit of God, and they are life (John 6:63).

To have God- like thoughts, feelings, words and deeds require spiritual training in the word of God: Train yourself to be godly... (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).



MY PRAYER: There is someone reading this message now, may you receive the grace of understanding that the kingdom of God is within you in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

Note: Chapters 37 and 39 carry the same message but different headings

## CHAPTER THIRTY NINE

*Be still and know that I am God*

### (True Spirituality, Series Thirty-Nine)

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## CHAPTER FORTY

### *The law of Harvest is very powerful* (True Spirituality, Series Forty)

Memory Verse: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap (Gal 6:7)

Glory be to God in the highest (Luke 2:14), for giving us JESUS, the power of God and the wisdom of God (1Cor 1:24). He is the Son of the Highest (Luke 1:32); He is the prophet of the Highest (Luke 1:76).

Friends, believe you me the law of harvest is very powerful. It works for both the believer and the unbeliever! Some people call it the law of Karma. Some call it the law of retributive justice. You can call it whatever you like, but believe me we reap exactly what we sow. If we sow sparingly, we reap or harvest sparingly. If we sow weed we reap weed. If we sow junk, we reap junk. However, the harvest is always greater than the seed. Brother Paul says: But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully (2Cor 9:6). Prophet Obadiah says: For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head (Obadiah v15).

God himself is very much in obedience of this law. He relates to us according to how we relate to Him. Hence, the Psalmist says: With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright. With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward (Ps 18:25-26).

The word of God enables us to know that God himself sowed Jesus to humanity so that He would have very many other sons. The Word says: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:12).

Jesus himself says: Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy (Matt 5:7). So if we want God to be merciful to us, we have to be merciful to others. Again, He says: Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God (Matt 5:8). So if we desire to see God, we have to sow in purity. If you want God to forgive you, forgive others when they wrong you: But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses (Mark 11:26).

Unfortunately, many have reduced the concept of sowing only to money, even in the church today. Sowing can be physical (material things), mental (fruitfulness of the mind or mental ideas) and spiritual (things relating to the kingdom of God). We can sow in money, time, goodness, kindness, mercy, honesty, transparency, compassion, righteousness, integrity, purity, truth etc. We can sow even in our thoughts, words and deeds. We have to be diligent so that we do not sow both good seed and bad seed (weed) out of ignorance. Every true child of God has a good seed. So start sowing good seed and you will reap at harvest. What about your hands, legs, voice, your words etc. Jesus has given you a mouth and wisdom (Luke 21:15). If the word of God is a spiritual seed (Luke 8:11), then your word is a spiritual seed. Use your words to help others, hence Prophet Isaiah says: The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned (Isa 50:4).

Beloved, in Christ Jesus, we have not been saved to sit down and be grumbling, murmuring, complaining or live a miserable life. We have been saved to go out and sow good seed. You obtain a great reward for every soul you win to Christ, especially when you guide such soul to maturity. Believe me, no matter your present situation, you have got something to sow. What is that in your hand? What is that in your lip? What is that in your heart? What is that in your tongue? Always remember to sow in purity, hence, Brother Paul admonished Timothy: Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned (1Tim 1:5)

In Christ Jesus, you are the son of the Most high God: I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High (Psalm 82:6).  
Have a Spirit-filled month as you go about sowing.

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to sow good seed even in difficult times in Jesus name, Amen!

Note: Chapters 5, 11, and 40 carry the same message. While chapters 5 and 40 carry the same heading, chapter 11 has a different heading.

## CHAPTER FORTY ONE

*True PEACE is only from the Prince of Peace*  
(True Spirituality, Series Forty-One)

Memory Verse: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (John 14:27).

Beloved, be not deceived, true ENDURING peace can only be obtained from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The peace that JESUS gives to us is totally different from the peace of this world (John 14:27). This verse tells us one thing clearly: this world can offer us some semblance of peace.

Many erroneously believe that they can have true peace, joy or security from money, family, qualifications, titles, high positions etc. It is good to have them if we can. Believe me, the peace and sense of security that comes with having these things are ephemeral. It fades away with time, especially if the things are no more. But true peace is a blessing that only the Lord can give. It is unwavering and eternal with little or no relationship to events around us. There is no sorrow added to it. The Word says: The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich and he added no sorrow with it (Proverb 10:22).

There are 24 hours in a day; how much time do you spend with the Word daily? Remember, He is your First Love (Rev 2:4). Spend time with Him. This season, may you receive TRUE PEACE from the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6) in Jesus name. Amen.

His thoughts towards you are that of peace:

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end (Jer. 29:11).

You will notice that this divine peace from the Word of God is a component of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22). Apostle Paul tells us that without this divine peace, no one will see the Lord: Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord (Heb. 12:14). The depth of your peace is the extent you trust in him. Put your total trust in Him. Let Him be your source of every good thing. The Psalmist, the great warrior says: Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God (Psalm 20:7). No wonder he was able to say: In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah (Psalm 44:8).

This is what the Scripture says of Jesus in prophecy:  
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6).

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: Train yourself to be godly (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV). Please, key into the Word of God Ministry.

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, receive the true PEACE from the Prince of PEACE in Jesus Mighty name. Amen



## CHAPTER FORTY TWO

*The name ABOVE every other name*

(True Spirituality, Series Forty-Two)

Memory Verse: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name (Phil 2:9)

Beloved, let us thank God for the month of perfection. JESUS is a name above every other name, universally. When the name Jesus is mentioned appropriately every knee, power, force, authority, principality etc. should bow, whether in heaven, on earth, or underneath (Phil 2:10).

All true born again Christians have new names: sons of God (John 1:12); word of God (Rev 2:17) etc. However, these glorious names are hidden from many, until they persevere and are willing to search the scriptures and discover them. The book of Proverbs says: It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter (Prov 25:2). God sowed Jesus, as a seed so that He will have many sons in the image and likeness of Jesus. The plan of God is for us to live like Jesus here on earth. Again, Brother Paul revealed this to us vividly: For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God (Romans 8:19).

Unfortunately, many born again Christians do not fully appreciate their new status in Christ Jesus. That every true believer is a son of God is a measure of tremendous amount of love from God. Hence, Brother John, writing from inspiration, says: Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called

the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not (1John 3:1).

There is the need for increasing understanding of the importance of having an ally with a name above every other name. He is the head of all principalities and power (Col 2:10). Everyone who has Jesus fully formed in him, has been spiritually recreated to influence and dominate his environment with the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus himself was very conscious of the enormous power He gave to his disciples, hence He reassured us: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father (John 14:12). In Luke 10:19, Jesus says: Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Brother Paul truly tapped into the anointing and power in Christ Jesus, so much that his handkerchiefs were healing the sick (Acts 19:2). He made us to understand that the kingdom of God is not merely in words but in power: For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power (1Cor 4:20).

If you are a Christian in good standing with Jesus, everything contrary to the plan and purpose of God in your life should bow. This could range from ignorance, pride, stagnation, poverty, to illness, disease, fear, doubt and unbelief etc. Every challenge that we have, has a spirit behind it. Every spirit has knees. If every knee is not bowing to the Jesus in you, be open and honest with yourself, and carry out self-examination. Identify the hindrances and aggressively flush them out! His eyes are too pure to behold evil (Hab. 1:13). You have been bought with the precious blood of Jesus (1Cor 6:20). Do not allow anyone, thing, force or power to steal your joy.

Christianity without POWER is a mere religion. We thank God for the fire that is currently spreading across his church.

Ignorance has kept many away from enjoying their birth right. Sincerely spend quality time daily to meditate on the word of God, and you will begin to see the difference in your life. Be totally obedient to the word of God. Live your new name! Do not limit God through your thoughts.

Your new name is the son of God, the word of God: I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High (Psalm 82:6).

Have a Spirit-filled day.

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: Train yourself to be godly (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

**PRAYER:** There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace of increasing knowledge of the power in Christ, and to live your new name for others to see, in Jesus mighty name. Amen!

## CHAPTER FOURTY THREE

### *The Purpose of the Empowerment* (True Spirituality, Series Forty-Three)

Memory Verse: “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Beloved, let us continue to praise the name of the Lord for the FIRE that is currently spreading in His church.

Let’s thank Him for a New Beginning of Anointing, Power, Victory, Joy, Mercy, Goodness, Peace, Grace, Signs and Wonders etc. In this month of a new beginning, I can hear the LORD repeatedly saying: Behold, I will do a new thing... (Isa 43:19).

Without empowerment from above, from the true source of power, the Holy Spirit, the Christian living can be extremely difficult, and indeed miserable. As divine as JESUS was right from birth (Luke 1:30-32), He still needed to be empowered.

The Scriptures tell us that much: How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him (Acts 10:38). Hence, Jesus Himself, at the beginning of His ministry, quoted the prophecy of Isaiah (Isa 61:1) that heralded His coming to the world, saying: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach

deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised (Luke 4:18).

So, if Jesus Christ, the High Priest himself needed to be empowered through anointing then all believers in God in Christ need to be empowered through anointing. I have to say that I personally did not have good understanding of what ANOINTING means, until about 4 years ago, when I had a personal experience. By the grace of God, I was anointed by the Holy Ghost, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, 2008. A power from above suddenly overwhelmed me and knocked me on the floor, and I began to scream uncontrollably like a baby. I presume people may have different experiences. This is also called the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I believe that being born again is a process, and that what Jesus was teaching us in John 3:3-8 includes Holy Spirit baptism.

Brethren, if you have not yet been baptized in the Holy Spirit, persistently ask God in Christ until you receive it (Matt 7:7). Believe me, our God is a very generous being (Eph. 3:20). However, after you have been anointed, you must be very very careful, not to allow evil to come out of your mouth, let alone carry out evil act. I strongly believe this where many believers are living in ignorance (Hosea 4:6).

Brother James puts it succinctly: Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be (Jam 3:10).

I am writing this from personal experience. Within the Ministry of the Word, I have heard and indeed witnessed a believer curse another believer out of anger. I can tell you, that within the church, this not uncommon!

Beloved, the anointing is for goodness entirely. There is no room for any trace of evil. The eyes of God are too pure to behold evil (Hab.

1:13). God is light and in Him is no darkness at all (1John 1:5). The new anointing is for goodness alone. It is an empowerment of compassion, humility, patience, mercy, honesty, truth and love. It is an anointing to heal the sick, open blind eyes, make the lame walk, make the dumb speak, to set the captives free, to destroy yoke, to terrorize the kingdom of darkness etc. Please, beware of your thoughts and words during that moment of anger. Beware of your words when you feel seriously insulted, when your ego is adversely affected, hence the Word says: Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21).

Beloved, what I have tried to explain here is the concept of righteousness which is what establishes us (Isa 54:14) and exalts us (Prov. 14:34). We will achieve this if we fill our hearts with the words of God. The word of God dwelling in our hearts has a way of purifying and sanctifying us.

Jesus himself, the embodiment of true spirituality says: for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (Matt 12:34). In another verse he says. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matt 6:21). He further explained: For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies (Matt 15:19).

My prayer for every reader of this message is that you will endeavor to spend time increasingly with the Word of God daily!

To have increasing spiritual knowledge requires total fear of God, and spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace of fresh empowerment (anointing) in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

## CHAPTER FOURTY FOUR

*There is Fire in the Word*

(True Spirituality, Series Forty-Four)

Memory verse: Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? (Jer 23:29)

Beloved, let us say thank you Jesus for the fire that is currently spreading around His church.

Our belief in Jesus is not by coincidence. He says: No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day (John 6:44). Let us thank our Everlasting Father, the Holy One of Israel for drawing us to Jesus.

In our struggle to increasingly understand Christianity as true spirituality, a means of spiritual growth, let us constantly bear in mind that our staff of office is the Word of God. Our memory verse above says there is fire in the word of God. My daily prayer is that God will open our spiritual eyes, ears and minds to understand that every good and perfect thing we ever needed in our lives in this dark world is loaded (hidden) in the Word of God (James 1:17).

It is the quality of the pure word of God dwelling in us (hidden in us!) that will enable the fire of the Holy Spirit to significantly burn in us so as to destroy everything in our body, soul and spirit which is not of Christ. Even our thoughts are to be held captive until they are obedient to the words of Christ (2Cor 10:5).

Truly, the Holy Spirit can only flow in a pure medium. The word of God is the purest material in heaven and on earth. The Psalmist affirms this: The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried

in a furnace of earth, purified seven times (Ps 12:6). Without the chaff in us be destroyed or cut off, by the fire of the Holy Spirit, it's difficult for the fruit of the Spirit to manifest (Gal 5:22).

This is why John the Baptist, who heralded Jesus, declared: I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire (Math 3:11). Jesus is the only one that can baptize us with the Holy Spirit.

One of the biggest problems we have in the church today is the lack of the fire component of the Holy Spirit baptism. The cold and lukewarm nature of the church today has enabled evil to thrive within the body of Christ. It has enabled demons, witches and wizards, agents of darkness etc. to feel comfortable and to 'enjoy' fellowship with the true children of God.

By the grace of God, I am confident that the wind of revival currently blowing in the church is going to rekindle the fire component of the Holy Spirit baptism, which is the complete or perfect baptism of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Indeed, during the Pentecost (Acts 2:1-7), It was the fire component of the Holy Spirit baptism that led to amazing changes in the believers and allowed extra-ordinary work to be done: And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.(Acts 2:3).

The scripture tells us that the words of God are spirit and life: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life (John 6:63). One way of ensuring that the fire returns to the church is by letting the words of God dwell in us and speaking the word of God always. Speak it at home, at work, on Sundays, during the weekdays, when driving, when sitting down and when standing up etc. Always remember to say 'it is written'. Fill up your heart with the



words of God, and it will become easy for you to speak it: for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh (Matt 12:34). The word of God is one thing that the devils and the demons or their agents cannot withstand! There is fire in the word of God. The fire we need is in the word of God. No wonder Paul explains to us that the word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17). He warns us: Do not put out the Spirit's Fire (1Thess 5:19, NIV).

To truly grow spiritually requires spiritual training in the words of God in Christ Jesus: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV)

Have a great day

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit, as you daily diligently study, speak and practice the word of God in Jesus mighty name. Amen

## CHAPTER FOURTY FIVE

### *Thinking, Speaking & Acting like God* (True Spirituality, Series Forty-Five)

Memory Verse: I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High (Psalm 82:6)

Beloved, let us keep praising God, and thank Him in Christ for what He is doing for us in this month of perfection.

Please, let us pay attention to what his Word says. The devil is a liar from the very beginning (John 8:44). He often defeats many Christians at the level of their thoughts. The book of Proverb says: For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he (Prov. 23:7). Man is the sum total of his thoughts, perceptions, imaginations, speech and confessions. There is an irreversible link between what we think, believe, perceive, imagine, and our speech, actions as well as how we behave. The Holy Spirit of God is the vital link between God and man. The inspiration of the Almighty gives the spirit of man the required understanding (Job 32:8).

In the beginning, God created man in his image and likeness (Gen 1:26-27), to function like in Him in thoughts, words and actions. Of all his creation, man was the only creature that God extended his divine nature to, out of love.

God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul (Gen 2:7). However, this divine nature was lost when the first man Adam, sinned by yielding to the temptation of the devil. Thanks be to God for Jesus, who has endeavor all true believers to regain this divine nature, by shedding his precious blood, at the cross. The Scripture says: But as many as received him, to them

gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name (John 1:12). Hence, our sonship of God is only in Christ Jesus by grace, and it is a gift from God through a divine empowerment.

Unfortunately, many people in the Church lack understanding of their divine nature, and their position in Christ Jesus. As a son of God, according to our memory verse, God expects you to Think, Speak, and Act like Him. A lady minister of God asked a vital question in one of her messages I was opportune to listen to. The question is: How can you be a child of God or a son of God and you are not able to hear the voice of your Father? Something must be seriously wrong somewhere.

In many churches today, the common practice is for the congregation to run to the pastor, priest, reverend father or general overseer to ask them what God is saying in their specific circumstance. Inasmuch as there is nothing wrong in consulting your spiritual father when faced with challenges, if you are truly born again, then you have got the SEED of God deposited in your spirit man. All that you need to hear from God directly is spiritual understanding.

The Holy Spirit of God, speaks, leads, guides and directs us daily, but ignorance may not allow the believer to hear from Him. The Bible says the Holy Spirit only speaks what he hears from the Word: Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come (John 16:13).

Within the body of Christ, (the church), it is amazing how often believers speak without paying attention to the quality of the words that have come out of their mouth. Many at times when these errors in speech are pointed out to the person, you may get response

such as: I was just joking. Unfortunately, there are no 'jokes' in the spirit realm. What words do you speak in times of trials, temptation, challenges? The Word says: As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you (Num. 14:28). Jesus himself says: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life (John 6:63).

The words we speak out of our mouth are very powerful indeed. They are messages we send out to the angelic world. Even when we cancel it, it is not exactly the same thing as if we never uttered it. The Bible is full of examples. Death and life are in the power of the tongue (Prov. 18:21). The same Proverbs says: 'Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth' (Prov. 6:2). Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man (Col. 4:6).

As a mental health specialist, I can tell you that your thoughts are very important in maintaining a stable mental state. Our thoughts produce our words and emotions, which in turn produce our behaviors and actions. If our mind is filled with thoughts of doubt, fear, uncertainty, anxiety and failure, this will be reflected in what we say and how we behave, hence, the word of God says: 'for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh' (Matt 12:34).

If we fill our minds, hearts, spirits, and inner beings with the words of God, this will be reflected in what we say and how we behave. The words of God are reflection of the thoughts of God. God has the best thoughts for man: For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end (Jer. 29:11).

If our thoughts are aligned with the thoughts of God through His words, then our speech will edify others. Brother Paul admonishes us: Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but

that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers (Eph. 4:29).

God is a Spirit. God is a supernatural being and He does supernatural things. We often use our thoughts and physical senses to limit Him. Our faith in God is not based on the physical things, we see but on the things that we cannot see.

God is a Spirit of goodness. He is excellently and perfectly positive! There is no trace of negativity in him. He calleth those things which be not as though they were (Roman 4:17). We are to take every contrary thought captive and make it obedient to the word of Christ (2Cor 10:5).

Be transparent, open, honest and sincere with yourself. Identify negative thoughts and feelings and refuse to dwell in them. This requires spiritual training. Resist the devil and he will flee from you (James 4:7).

To have God- like thoughts, feelings, words and deeds require spiritual training in the word of God: Train yourself to be godly (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

MY PRAYER: There is someone reading this message now, may you receive the grace to retrain your thoughts, words and deeds to align with the word of God in Jesus mighty name.

## CHAPTER FORTY SIX

Train yourselves to be Spiritual

(True Spirituality, Series Forty-Six)

*Memory Verse: The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly (Prov. 20:27).*

Beloved, if there is one thing you must seek this season of productivity and glory, let it be spiritual growth. Let it be true spirituality in the word of God. Let it be spiritual understanding. The Word says: The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead (Prov. 21:16).

Science and the word of God are in agreement that man exists at three broad levels: body, soul (mind) and spirit (1Thess 5:23). In healthcare, whereas the physical and mental needs of man are reasonably well appreciated and attended to, the contrary is the case with our spiritual needs. It is therefore not wrong to say that many human spirits are malnourished, hence are not as alert or sharpened as it ought to be. The Holy Spirit is constantly searching for a sharpened, refined and nourished human spirit to communicate with, and to bear witness. The Word says: The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God (Rom. 8:16).

Our memory verse above says, the spirit of man (not body or soul) is the candle of the LORD. Thus, God only relates or communicates with man's spirit, since God himself is entirely a Spirit (John 4:24). Without regeneration of man's spirit in a spiritual rebirth in Christ Jesus, this link or reconnection between God and man can never

be truly re-established having been lost in the garden of Eden to disobedience (Gen 3:1-24). Once regenerated, the spirit man needs to be nourished with the words of God (Matt 4:4).

Jesus Himself was a highly spiritual person while on earth, with regard to a strong and inseparable cleaving with His Father. At one point He said: I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things (John 8:28b).

Unfortunately, there is very little spirituality in many churches today. Hence, Christianity has been misrepresented as a religion and many churches are now characterized by their own activities, doctrines and traditions. True spirituality is found only in the word of God and it is life. Jesus Himself says: It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life (John 6:63).

Without spirituality, spiritual awareness and understanding, we are vulnerable to the destructive forces of the Devil, whose sole purpose is to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). This is irrespective of whether we believe in God or not. The Word says: my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge... ('Hosea 4:6). 'My people' refers to believers, not unbelievers!

True spirituality would enable us amongst others to:

Be in friendship with the truth;

Be others-centered rather than self-centered;

Do unto others as we would others do unto us;

Have 'thirst' and 'hunger' for righteousness;

Be unique and be in oneness with the universe and to live a heavenly lifestyle here on earth.

Respect and tolerate others' beliefs, cultures and religions;

Recognize that to help others is to help oneself;

Recognize that to harm others is to harm oneself;

Be totally committed to purity, holiness, honesty, sincerity, humility, diligence, and peace etc.

Above all recognize that to love others is to love oneself, hence like Jesus, go about doing good (Act 10:38).

To be like Jesus, requires spiritual training in the words of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV). We can never train successfully with our human strength. However, Jesus, who is the Word of God, is the embodiment of true spirituality, and is full of grace (John 1:17). He will certainly give you the grace to do it if you sincerely ask Him.

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace of rapid spiritual growth in Jesus mighty name. Amen.



## CHAPTER FORTY SEVEN

### WE CANNOT RISE ABOVE OUR THOUGHTS (True Spirituality, Series Forty-Seven)

Memory Verse: 'For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he...' (Prov. 23:7)

Beloved I have it deep in my spirit that God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost is going to be glorified exceedingly and abundantly in our lives in Jesus name. Please, let's pay attention to what His Word says.

Man is the sum total of his thoughts, perceptions, imaginations, speech and confessions.

There is an irreversible link between what we think, say, imagine, and our actions as well as how we behave.

If our minds and inner being are filled with thoughts of doubt, fear, uncertainty, anxiety and failure, this will be reflected in what we say and how we behave, for the word of God says: 'for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh' (Matt 12:34).

What are your predominant thoughts? Our memory verse says we are what we think about most of the time. What we perceive and think about most of the time will determine our habits, lifestyles, behaviours and actions.

We either think/speak life to ourselves and others, or death. The book of Proverbs says: 'Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof' (Prov. 18:21). The same Proverbs says: 'Thou art snared with the words of thy

mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth' (Prov. 6:2). Even when we are going through trials and temptations, God is constantly waiting to hear our thoughts and speech. God says in His book: 'Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you' (Num. 14:28).

Negative thoughts, speech and confession are very rampant in our societies, even amongst believers. We cannot think sadness and expect to be happy. We cannot think defeat and expect success. We cannot think doubt or fear, and expect to have confidence. If you think, you cannot do it then you cannot do it. This is contrary to faith, based on the word of God which: 'callesth those things which be not as though they were' (Rom. 4:17).

Brother Paul must have fixed his focus on the one who has all the power when he said: I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (Phil. 4:13). Brethren, avoid focusing and dwelling on negative thoughts, feelings and life events. A true believer that is filled with the Holy Spirit should train himself to appraise things based on the leading of the Spirit and not based on physical senses. Please, note what prophet Isaiah said about the coming of Jesus: And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears (Isa. 11:3).

When we align our thoughts to the higher thoughts of God through spiritual training, it is amazing how our minds begin to work. God's thoughts and ways cannot be imagined by man. The Word says: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts (Isa. 55:8-9).

If our thoughts are aligned with the thoughts of God through His words, then our speech will edify others. Brother Paul admonishes

us: 'Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers' (Eph. 4:29). Again, he says: 'Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man' (Col. 4:6).

God's thoughts for us are that of peace, goodness and prosperity (Jer. 29:11). God's wish is for His children to be prosperous and be in good health (3 John 2). The devil however mightily uses the weapon of fear to put many people in bondage, both within the church and outside the church. As believers, we are empowered to resist the devil, when we draw near to God.

I truly love the way Brother Paul concluded his epistle to the Philippians: 'Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things' (Phil 4:8).

To have God- like thoughts requires spiritual training in the word of God: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV).

**MY PRAYER:** There is someone reading this message now, I pray that you receive the grace to retrain your thoughts to align with the word of God in Jesus mighty name. Say Amen!

## CHAPTER FORTY EIGHT

### No Light without Fire: Let your Fire Burn (True Spirituality, Series Forty-Eight)

Memory Verse: Do not put out the Spirit's Fire (1 Thess. 5:19, NIV).

Beloved, as true believers in Christ Jesus, you are in this world to make a difference. In Christ, God must have a purpose for preserving your life till this very moment. Jesus is the Light of this world. He says: As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world (John 9:5). Let your fire burn! Let your fire manifest for all to see. Let your fire give light to others. Jesus says: Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel... (Matt 5:15)

Everyone has got his oil. Everyone has got his fire. Even a beggar on the street has got his oil. However, due to spiritual ignorance, some people may not be aware of their oil. Some people may not be aware of their fire. It's your responsibility to discover your oil. It is your responsibility to be conscious of your fire and to keep it burning. It is your duty to shine your light for others to see. There is no record in the word of God, where Jesus, while on earth, met anyone in distress, and his condition remained the same. So do not hide Jesus in you!

Brethren, there can be no light without fire. However, there are different levels of light. The first book of the Bible (Genesis) makes mention of "two great lights"; greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night (Gen 1:16).

The question then will be: How bright is your Light? Jesus says: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,

and glorify your Father which is in heaven(Matt 5:16). The spiritual light is in the word of God (Ps 119:130; 105).

I love John the Baptist so much. In an attempt to convince others of the divinity and superiority of Jesus Christ, he had this to say: ' I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire' (Matt. 3:11). In another place, he said: He must increase, but I must decrease (John 3:30).

One of the biggest problems we have in the church today is the lack of the fire component of the Holy Ghost baptism. The cold and lukewarm nature of the church today has enabled demons, witches and wizards, agents of darkness etc. to feel comfortable and to 'enjoy' fellowship with the true children of God.

Thank God in Christ Jesus, for the revival currently going on in the church. By the grace of God, the fire component of the Holy Ghost baptism will be rekindled. The early church experienced this (Acts 2:3). This gave them the courage and boldness do exploits for the kingdom of God.

The Centurion had a very good understanding of the power in the word of God. His faith was amazing. Hear him: The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed (Matt 8:8).

The interesting thing about this story is that his servant was healed the very moment Jesus spoke: And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour (Matt 8:13)

The Scripture declares that the word of God is a spiritual fire and hammer: Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? (Jer. 23:29). One way of ensuring that the fire returns to the church is by speaking the word of God always and by doing what the word says. Speak it at home, at work, on Sundays, during the weekdays, when driving, when sitting down and when standing up, when using the restroom etc. Always remember to say 'it is written'. The word of God is one thing the demons cannot stand! The word of God will ensure that your oil never dries. There is fire in the word of God.

Speak the word of God only and things will begin to happen around you. Let your fire burn visibly for others to see.

Ensure That Your Oil Does Not Dry.

Let Your Fire Give Light to Others.

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, may you receive the grace to rekindle the fire of the Holy Ghost, as you daily speak the words of God and put them into practice in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

Note: Chapters 29 and 48 carry the same message and heading.

## CHAPTER FORTY NINE

*True Spirituality is Hard Work*

### (True Spirituality, Series Forty-Nine)

Memory Verse: Surely you remember brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you (1Thess 2:9, NIV).

Beloved, let us appreciate Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2)

Let us appreciate Jesus for the revival and the fire that is spreading across the body of Christ (the church). Little by little, the word of God is dwelling in our hearts, soul and spirit in fulfillment of the New Covenant (Jer. 31:33; Heb. 8:10)

We know from medical science and from our understanding of the word of God that man exists in body, soul and spirit (1Thess. 5:23). The word of God is the embodiment of the Spirit of God (John 6:63), and it's the vital link between God and man.

The word of God says God created man divinely, and commanded man to be fruitful and multiply, and to have dominion over all things: And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth (Gen. 1:28).

Hence, Man was created to function optimally at three broad levels: physical, mental and spiritual. Unfortunately, due to spiritual ignorance (Hosea 4:6), many people tend not to function optimally

at the spiritual level. Spiritual functions are often left only in the hands of the priests, pastors, reverend fathers etc. Jesus is a very good example of a man who was optimally fruitful while on earth. He was fruitful physically, mentally and spiritually. Today, by His special grace, many of us are beneficiaries of His all-round fruitfulness, even though many are not sufficiently appreciative of Him. Man is never complete without optimal functioning at the physical, mental and spiritual levels: And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power (Col 2:10).

Brother Paul, that great follower of Jesus Christ, who wrote about two third of the New Testament, informed us of the need to be hard working while we preach the gospel as per our memory verse (1Thess. 2:9). Despite his spiritual exploits, aside from being a trained lawyer, he was a tent maker, so that he would not be a burden to others. This is how Brother Paul funded his ministry as I understand it. Do we ever wonder how Brothers Paul, Peter, John, James etc. funded their ministries? Were they dependent only on offerings and tithes? Today, within the body of Christ, we see so many young ministers leaving their so called 'secular jobs', claiming to have been called into full time ministry. How do they expect to fund God's work? Where do they expect the money to come from? No wonder that many of them resort to manipulating and seducing their members to get money. Only God will help us in this regard!

Spiritual development in Christ Jesus enables us to have certain spiritual qualities, which are the nature of God in Christ, such as the 'fruit of the Spirit' (Gal. 5:22). Fruitfulness of the spirit will enable believers to develop spiritual understanding and to carry out spiritual exploits in the kingdom.

Spirituality is not a function of our praying ability or ability to fast. Neither is it a reflection of the number of times we 'go to church' or our involvement in church activities in the physical sense.



True spirituality is found only in the word of God which is Jesus. He says: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life (John 6:63). True spirituality is to do with our ability to put the word of God into practice. The higher our true spirituality level, the higher our ability to practice the word of God. The higher our ability to practice the word of God; the more we are able to commit God to perform His work through us. Hence, the more fruitful our life on earth will be. Indeed, the word of God is the Word of Life (1John1:1).

Without Jesus, our spiritual growth is very limited and we have no eternal life, because the scripture says salvation or eternal life is found in no one else (Acts 4:12). Again Brother Paul emphasized this in his epistle to his son Timothy: For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1Tim. 2:5).

PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, receive the grace to carry out spiritual exploits in Jesus mighty name. Say Amen.

## CHAPTER FIFTY

*God is full of Love*

(True Spirituality, Series Fifty)

Memory Verse: Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not (1John 3:1)

Thank God for Brother Paul, who has given us an extra- ordinary insight into the full nature of divine love. Love is the fullness of God.

God's love for man is phenomenal. It is difficult to conceptualize. It is difficult to imagine. It is difficult to explain or describe. The scripture says: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

When we look at our societies, even within the church, there is no doubt that our greatest challenge, problem, sickness, or disease, stems from lack of love! There is no fullness of love anywhere! It's very difficult to find perfect love. Someone reading this message may wonder if there is such thing as 'perfect love', yet the Word says that is the treatment for all fears: There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love (1John 4:18).

As you study the scriptures, you would agree that faith is the basis for our salvation: 'For by grace are ye saved through faith' (Eph. 2:8). Indeed, Brother Paul tells us that: 'But without faith it is

impossible to please him' (Heb. 11:6). We also do know that our future glory is based on our hope in Christ: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' (Col. 1:27)

As important as faith and hope are, the word of God says love is the greatest of them all! And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love (1Cor 13:13, NIV).

What then is love? Love is the full nature of God. God is love! God's love is pure and perfect (James 1:17). He expects perfect love from His children: 'He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love' (1John 4:8). According to Brother Paul, it's possible to give all our possessions to the poor and even surrender our body to hardship, yet still not love: If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing (1Cor 13:3, NIV). Here Brother Paul is referring to good works not based on pure motive. Love based on ulterior motive.

Brother Paul gives us an extra-ordinary insight into the full nature of divine love. I implore every one reading this message to set some time aside and read or meditate on 1Cor 13:1-13, especially the NIV or amplified version, so as to benefit from the apostle's supernatural insight into love. I particularly love his inspirational description of love in verses 4-7 as stated below:

4. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres (1Cor 13:4-7, NIV).

Without deep knowledge of God in Christ, it is difficult to possess divine love. Thanks be to God in Christ for His unconditional love to

mankind. God's love surpasses human understanding and knowledge. Brother Paul puts it this way: 'And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God (Eph. 3:19). Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law (Rom. 13:10).

But we should not love in word and in tongue but in deed and in truth (1Jn 3:18). We need to learn to overcome EVIL such as pride, anger, resentment, bitterness, unforgiveness with GOOD (Rom. 12:21). Goodness, a component of the 'fruit of the Spirit' (Gal. 5:22), is our greatest defense against being harmed. I love the way Apostle Peter asks the question: And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? (1Pet. 3:13) Truly, no one can harm you if you are an uncompromising follower of goodness.

Indeed Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans, tells us that the only debt we could never finish paying to one another is love: 'Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law' (Rom. 13:8, NIV).

To truly grow spiritually requires spiritual training in the words of God in Christ Jesus: 'Train yourself to be godly...' (1Tim 4:7-8 NIV) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2Tim 2:15)

MY PRAYER: There is someone reading this message, receive the grace to have supernatural insight into divine love, and to show divine love to one another in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

## CONCLUSION

Spirituality is good for every one as a means of maintaining mental health stability. True Spirituality in Christ Jesus is desirable, especially with regard to our salvation and eternal life. Recent studies, even by non believers, have identified certain values that spirituality promotes. This includes patience, perseverance, kindness, honesty, compassion, wisdom, hope, joy, etc, all of which help to maintain healthy mental health

Christianity should be seen as a means of spiritual growth not to be practised as a mere religion, because our Lord and Saviour was not a religious person. More so, religion often brings about lack of respect for differences of belief and religion has been used as a political tool leading to intolerance and conflicts.

True Spirituality is indeed a spiritual warfare, as the devil is constantly trying all tricks to take control of people's mind. True Spirituality uses the word of God in Christ Jesus. Indeed, the word of God is described as the sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17). The words of God are spirits and life (John 6:63). The words of God are quick and powerful (Heb 4:12). Without Jesus the word of God (Rev 19:13), no man can obtain salvation and eternal life

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For the word of the LORD is right,  
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