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Editorial

Conviction and conversion in what makes up a patriot. This edition will expose us to testimonies of those who lived and died for Christ sake; Jesus told the disciples that they would have gains in this life and in that to come, because a man cannot forsake all the biddings, sitting and fittings of life without having a testimony now and hereafter. We must be expectant of the test that would either make or mar our stance in Jesus. You can only be crowned a

patriot when you have fought a good fight and finished your course. Earthly gains are important but the quest for it (wrongly) may derail us from the path to heavenly gain. We must trust God daily to take away the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.

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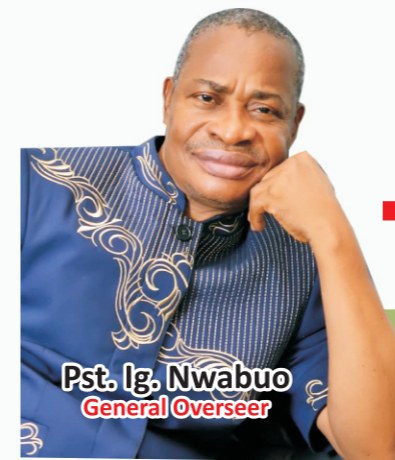
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THE TESTIMONY OF THE HOLY PATRIOTS

Philippians 1:21; Romans 14:7-8; 2Corinthians 5:15

Although the term 'patriots' refer to people who love and zealously support their country, holy patriots refer to people who pursue spiritual visions and aims. They are people who live each moment for the fulfillment of the will of God, suffer for Christ's sake even to the point of death and are the Lord's. They are those who have yielded themselves to Christ, and have testimonies I call 'the Mission Statement of the Heavenly Brethren'.

Who are these people? Our texts comes from one of these men- Paul of Tarsus. Paul clearly states that his desire to live wasn't for material gain, education, business, children or the achievements of the world but Christ; and if he was to die, it would also be for Jesus (this would be his gain, for Heaven is the Goal). This is a purposeful life; It is the life of a pilgrim and patriot, the life of the converted and testimony of the Redeemed. It is the statement of those who despite the season and condition, will not follow the world's system or program because they are convinced, and their hearts are stayed on God.

No man on this earth lives for himself, neither does any die for himself; and for Paul, in both ways, it was still to Heaven's glory. What about you my brethren, have you gotten the purpose for living? Jesus said, "The prince of this world cometh, but he found nothing in me." This showed that He was totally given to the Father; what about you? Have you been convicted of which way to follow? Or are you just a mere member, with no testimony of the new life? If so, then this is the reason why you are so careless with the things of God, the reason you act the way you like, behave as you desire and cannot do things unconditionally for God. If God does not control and influence the way you live, then you are not a patriot.

For the patriots, their living, dying, beauty, ability, endowment, family, gifting and positions in the society are the Lord's and His alone. But several men and women in the Church are on their own. They have left the posts or denomination the Lord commanded them to occupy and are following after the desires of the flesh. How patriotic are

you? Jesus died that the whole world should be reconciled to Him; and for that reason, we ought to live for Him. But today, many have refused the way of Christ, insisting on following the world's pattern even in the Church. Now pastors move from one denomination to the other searching for job or employments; some others open their own ministry in order to get all the tithe and offering for themselves (not for Heaven) and some belong to various organizations, because of the post they hold; even when the Holy Ghost leaves such an organization, they remain, refusing to forfeit their positions in that place. They are on their own. But for the patriot, when the Lord commands it is accomplished!

What could be worthy of dying for, if not Jesus Christ? What is worth suffering for, if not the love of Christ? In those days, when men gave themselves to Christ, they were ready to suffer for him despite the persecution; but Today, a lot of Churches are no more ready to suffer for the cause of Christ. They are no longer interested in suffering for Jesus, but avert this suffering through the use of their 'common sense'; and it is in this new way that they serve the Lord. But it was not so with the True Patriots.

Men regarded as I call patriots are those who do not love their lives even unto death! And one of such men was Job. In Job 13:15, he said; "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him: but I will maintain my way (my conviction, my commitment) before Him." "Though He slay me... Though my skin be destroyed... Though such evil befall me...! what a patriot! In Daniel 3:1-30, we see another set of patriots who despite the burning furnace refused to shrink back in fear from the cause which they had been determined to

follow. In this story, these men refused to bow to the graven image of the king, and when brought before the angry and enraged king, they still maintained their cause. They refused to go down despite their second chance to bow; they told the king of their God's ability and personality. They believed He could deliver them, and even if He decides not to, still they would trust Him. Oh what a mission statement! They didn't say it angrily, or wickedly or in hatred; but they said it full of love. They knew of whom they boasted! And though the king commanded them to be thrown into the fire; these three Hebrew men were not consumed by it. The guards who tried leading them towards the 'seven-extra-times' heated furnace were consumed, but these patriots stayed in the fire unhurt because of the presence of the Fourth Man, Whom the king recognized as one like the Son of God! They stayed in unhurt till the king commanded that they be brought out! The patriotism and trust of these men in their God, led to their deliverance from the fiery furnace, the statement of a new decree by Nebuchadnezzar in respect to the God of the Hebrews, and the promotion of these men.

For Daniel (Daniel

TESTIMONY

I am here to testify of the victory God gave me over my enemies. What God delivered me from has killed many. I was in my dream and someone visited me. As I was trying to entertain the visitor, rat came out from no where and bit my hand. By the morning, I started feeling pain in the hand, it was swollen. Those who saw it were telling me to be praying because such has killed many. I rejected such news still believing my God because in Christ no weapon of darkness can prosper in my life. I began to pray and God healed me. After some time rat came in my dream and bit my finger again. I caught it and killed it like I did before. The hand started painning me seriously. This time it was terrible. I could not hold anything with the hand. I thank God for this program. When prayer was going on yesterday, we were asked to pray for healing which I did. I did not know God healed me until I got home. I realized when I used that hand to do something. Wow, I pressed it but felt no pain. I was amazed. I give God thanks.

Sis Roseline Omotine

Praise God, I can't thank him enough for this deliverance. Not quiet long God provided for my children and they build a house for me to remove me from rentage. Few weeks ago. I told my daughter to see if there is fuel in our generator so we can use it. She checked and told me yes. I asked them to start it. They tried for a long time but it refused till she decided to check the tank again behold fire from the gen. it almost finished my daughters face. We went for water but it was increasing. I remembered the revelation about fire outbreak that the church prayed against recently. I began to call God my only husband to come and help me. The fire persisted, finished the generator but my house, our lives, and properties were spared by God's mercy. I am grateful to him and will ever be.

Sis. Grace Temishe

I want to thank God for His goodness upon my life and family. My testimony goes like this. During my wedding, my brother (based Abroad) came around and celebrated with me. But, sometime later after I had settled in my home, he called that I pray as he was to undergo a serious surgical operation, hoping to come out fine. But it wasn't until some time after the surgery that he testified of God's faithfulness. According to him, before the surgery commenced, the surgeons to perform it asked a question, "If you do not survive this surgery, what do you want us to do with your body? Do we burn it or do we give it to the government for burial? This question surprised him and he asked, "Are you saying I won't survive;" they told him that it was a 50-50 chance just in case it didn't turn out as expected, his wish concerning his burial will be granted. At this, he decided that his body be burnt and given to his children; and they proceeded with the surgery. Another surprising incident which occurred was the cutting through of the head's surface in order to operate within. In a normal surgery, scissors are used to cut through flesh, but in this case, as the problem related to the head, scissors couldn't be used, but instead a motor-saw, which was used to cut through both sides of his head to operate. And he made it through though afterwards he wasn't allowed to touch or temper with it.

I truly want to thank God for such a miraculous work because 24 hours after the surgery, when my brother awoke, he noticed the surgeons hugging and congratulating each other on the operations success and wondered at it. It was then they opened up and told him that 6 persons before him with this same health challenge (related to the head) and on whom were performed this same kind of surgery had all died during the process. This was the reason behind their unusual question: but they were careful not to let him in on it earlier, so as not to increase his fears, making the process difficult. But now, they joyfully celebrated it; and indeed it was a great joy!

Congregational Hymn

I AM THINE O LORD 2/5/2021

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to thee

Chorus:

**Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord
To the cross where thou hast died
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord
To thy precious, bleeding side**

1. Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine

2. Oh the pure delight of a single hour
That before thy throne I spend
When I kneel in prayer and with thee my God
I commune as friend with friend

3. There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with thee

STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD 9/5/2021

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

**Stand...ing,...stand...ing....
Standing on the promises of God my Saviour;
Stand...ing,...stand...ing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God

3. Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free
Standing on the promises of God

4. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord
Overcoming daily with the spirit's sword
Standing on the promises of God

5. Standing on the promises I cannot fail
Listening every moment to the spirit's call
Resting in my savior as my all in all
Standing on the promises of God

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE 16/5/2021

1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold:
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart—it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love: my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself; and I will be
Ever, only, All for Thee.

PASS ME NOT 23/5/2021

1. Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by,

CHORUS

**Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry!
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.**

2. Let me at thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief,
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief.

3. Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek thy face
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by the grace

4. Thou the spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me;
Whom have I on earth beside thee?
Whom in heaven but thee?

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS 30/5/2021

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my
Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee,
Thou changest not, Thy compassions
they fail not,
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

2. Summer and winter and springtime and
harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses
above;
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and
love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to
guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for
tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand
beside.



6:1-28), his patriotism was tested at a time when the law was passed across all Persia that none bow to any other god, within thirty days, but the king. Any going against this law would attract the punishment of death by the lions; and though other men obliged, not Daniel. This man got the news, still went home, opened his windows and prayed by it, even before the sight of all men; and he was captured and brought before the king. Now this patriot hadn't just been patriotic to God, he also had been patriotic to the Kingdom of Persia, so when the king saw him, he was displeased. Daniel was a man whom he loved, and for that reason, he deliberately began to seek out a way to deliver him. But a fault one can find with the Persian law is this, 'once signed by the king, no one can break or bend the law, not even the king'; so help for Daniel at such a time was impossible. He was thrown into the lion's den, but the king couldn't help but be worried. He stayed restless through the night and early the next day, sought to know the welfare of Daniel, if he was still alive or not. And he was! God had kept him alive; and with this testimony, king Darius ensured that all men feared and trembled before the God of Daniel. The life of the convinced and converted!

Patriotic men live for God; they die for God; and because where they are going is better than this present world, greater than this already fallen earth, they are ready to pursue their cause till the end. In times past, they were those men who... overcame him (the dragon) by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."Revelation 12:11. They loved not their lives to death... But today, ministers in Churches pick out the first two, and choose to let go of the last. They claim to have overcome the enemy by the Blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimony, but leave out the rest. They end there, giving no further on their claim; and

when you see them preach, you discover that they do so to please the government and not Christ, loving their lives even unto death. This is not the way of a Heavenly patriot!

Know this- All earthly, worldly pursuit, purpose and cause ends here on earth and as we know, this world will not last forever, it will surely pass away. The holy patriots of times past suffered, and died for the worthy cause of Christ; they were stoned, beaten, hurt and despised for their spiritual patriotism and have therefore, their reward. In this earth, we hear of men and women who have been killed, hurt, imprisoned, tortured, destroyed, murdered and despised when they decided to fight for human rights, cultures and way of life just so they aren't abolished, lands aren't illegally taken and people illegally enslaved. But for the Heavenly Patriots, they are Heaven's martyrs. They suffer and are persecuted for Christ's sake: and though the earth understands them not, Heaven CELEBRATES them! Revelation 2:8-10,12-17. The difference is, those who die for Christ's sake will receive a crown of Life; they will be received in Heaven. But for those who die for JUST an earthly cause, for a land's liberation, for rights and freedom and so on, they only gain and earn earthly rewards. They are remembered by the people of the world, but at the other side, in eternity, they will suffer terribly in hell if they do not repent before their death.

Still looking at the

lives of patriotic heavenly men, we have men like Moses- (Hebrews 11:24-27) a man who believed in He who is invisible, just as did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego what about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephtha, Samuel, David and the prophets, men who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword...? Men who out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in faith, turned to flight the armies of aliens, were tortured (not accepting deliverance), had trials of cruel scourgings and mockings... Men"... of whom the world was not worthy..." The world was not worthy to suffer for, not worthy to die for, not worthy to live for...Hebrews 11:32-40.

Brethren, what are you living for? What do you want to die for? This remains the question for me; 'If I am to live, it will be for Jesus, and if I am to die, it will be for Jesus.' And no sorrow suffered for Christ is in vain, neither is any trial endured for Christ's sake. When you endure and are patient, you will receive your reward in hundred fold both HERE on earth and IN eternity! Matthew 19:27-29. Remember Daniel, after his ordeal in the lion's den, he was promoted above his former position. What about the three Hebrew children, they also were rewarded. Expect your reward! If you are suffering for your conviction in Christ, convinced of decision to follow Jesus, know that you have a reward! No wonder Balaam desired to die the death of the righteous! (Numbers 23:10). And many like him, because of the things of the world, its pleasures and sometimes its persecutions, turn from following God in pursuit of the world. From such men, move away!

Conclusively; this message is for you; 'Don't give up, no matter what! For after the rain, there will be sunshine...' Hold your peace, for one day the Owner of your life will give you the Crown of Life. Don't join them in compromise, no matter the trial, the temptation and persecution for in it, God will give us sufficient grace to overcome. For Paul, we see a man who just for the Gospels sake was ready to die- (Acts 20:17-25, 21:8-14). When the prophecy came that he was to be bound by his fellow Jews in Jerusalem and given to the gentiles, his brethren were afraid for his life and besought that he wouldn't go there anymore; but Paul thought differently, "... I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the Name of the Lord Jesus." This was his mission statement.

**WHAT IS YOURS?
REMAIN BLESSED!!!**

HE IS INCOMPLETE



Sis. Delight NWABUO

"How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? For the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man" K.J.V Jere. 31:22.

"How long will you hesitate, faithfulness people? I have created something new and different, as different as a woman protecting a man". Jere. 31:22. GNB.

How long will you wander, O unfaithful daughter? The Lord will create a new thing on earth - a woman will surround a man". Jere. 31:22 NIV.

Our husbands, need our encouragements, our love and our prayers. They are mortal, and can make mistakes. As we have our weak points they are vulnerable and can make their own mistakes. Your being around him is not only to satisfy his sexual desires. It is not only to bare children we are like coverings to them. We should protect them from danger. Do not sentence him, judge him, condemn or ridicule him when he do or say the opposite. He married you because he love you. some of them are expressive to commend, encourage or praise our good works to our hearing but in their heart they know our worth.

He is incomplete. "And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him". Gen. 2:18 woman was created to be a loving companion for man and a helper for him. She was to share his responsibility, co-operate with him in fulfilling God's purposes. In order to fill the gap of a loving companion, we will see it as our Gods given duty. Manifest love all the time so as not to expose him to destroyers. Forgive his lapses and manifest love to him. True or genuine love will motivate you to pray for him always.;

most times, one may be tempted to return fire for fire' or harbor grudge which may lead to unforgiveness. "For if ye forgive men their trespasses; your heavenly father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses. Matt. 6:14-15.

To forgive means to let go, to leave behind, to dismiss and even to cancel a debt. It is used for the forgiveness of sins by God (implying also the cancelling of guilt). We are to forgive others in the same way God forgives us. Jesus teaches that there should be no compromise in our readiness or willingness to forgive the offenses of others including our husband and children. Please don't be like painted sepulcher, our charity should begin from our homes. Holding on to unforgiveness is a sin because of the bitterness and destruction it can bring in one's spirit and because it fails to reflect God's character in our lives. If we refuse to forgive others, Christ will not forgive us neither will he answer our prayers – because we choose to hold on to sin. This is an important principle because God uses it as a measure for forgiving us. "So likewise shall my heavenly father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses". Matt. 18:35.

In order to protect them, we should manifest love without disguise "though I speak with tongues of men and of Angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a thinking cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing... charity suffereth long, and is kind: charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. Beareth all things, believeth

Joseph. He not only thought of what others would say, but he also feared and revered God, Whose eyes see all and refused to engage in that which could make him defiled and undistinguished from the rest.

Genesis 24:16-For Rebekah, the Bible tells us that she was fair and a virgin. Beautiful, yet a virgin-Remember this was why the King of the Philistines sought to take her in. But in our day, these two qualities do not entirely go together. We see many handsome young men and beautiful young girls who have lost themselves to wickedness and evil. The world is filled today with boys and girls, youths whose beauty has caused both their downfall and the downfall of others. And God's charge to His own is, "You must be different!" As Rebekah was before marriage, so we must be. See; we can be both beautiful and distinguished. We will be different!

DRAWBACKS OF THE SINGLE'S HOLINESS;

1. Lack of Understanding:

Many do not know the sensitivity of this youthful stage. They don't know that this stage is a gift for maximizing spiritual authority and principles, as things not done now may be too late to do after the marriage- 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. Paul's words were, "Let no man despise thy youth..." 1 Timothy 4:12; and it seems that Job had an understanding of the youthful age- Job 29:4; for while still a youth, this man built an altar with which he communicated with God; and it was to this altar, at his old age, that he brought the matters of his children to the God of his youth.

2. Careless Visitation:

Guided steps is Key. Genesis 34:1-2- Careless visitations has destroyed a lot of people. It was as though Jacob had reasons for hiding Dinah. His sons, those grown, could go out, but not Dinah. Notice we didn't hear of her, after her birth, till chapter 34 when she went out to meet the daughters of the land. It seemed as though she was preserved and kept from the outside world; but after that day she went out to visit the 'daughters of the land', Dinah did not come back same. Proverbs 4:13-18 25-27. And on this matter of carelessness, I would say, 'Many persons are so desirous of people from the opposite sex to call them, talk to them and so on, forgetting that if Christ tarries, we will have up to 50, 60 70, and many more years, of endless calls and texts enough to get one tired; so why start now?' Why begin that which you will get tired of when it is actually the time? And in relation to this, I would also advise singles that even during the stage of courtship, the Church rules must be obeyed. They are meant to guide us. Let's stop hiding to see each other, call each other and receive gifts from each other when we have been told to stay apart till marriage! Are

these really necessary?

I'm trusting God with this; 'We will get to a stage where, as we get married, we do so in. purity.' I desire that we get to an era where we can still hold up our 'certificate of purity' to God, even after years of being married. A certificate that speaks on our behalf of being pure as regards obeying and following Church rules without faults... A certificate of purity!

3. Wrong Association/ Misguided Discipleship:

To a focus-less single, any direction is direction- 2 Samuel 13:1-5. How I wish Amnon had a brother or friend who heard his predicament and offered to counsel properly and pray with him. How I wish! 1 Corinthians 15:33- When you have a friend, one with whom you walk, talk, converse, and spend time with, it wouldn't take long and you will be influenced to be just as he is, and he as you are. You both will look and behave same. For Peter, James and John, when we read the Scriptures, we discover that they were always together; they consistently walked together and thus at the end, became the Pillars of the Church!- Galatians 2:9. Avoid wrong association...

The Corinthian Church can be likened to our Church generation today-1 Corinthians 4:15-17. In that day, they had many gifts, and equally had many instructors, instructing them on the way they should go. But Paul said to them, "I alone am your father in Christ and True Discipuler. For in Jesus Christ, I have begotten you through the Gospel." And since he could not go to them, he sent Timotheus, who he described to be just as he; and one who would bring to their remembrance his ways (Paul's ways) in Christ. What Paul was trying to say here is, "There is something as misguided discipleship. Not just anyone should disciple you. Not just anyone."

The problem of the Lord is, when a true Christian begins to listen to the wicked words and poisonous utterances of a supposed discipler, it begins to eat deep; it is like a virus that destroys. This is misguided discipleship; so from such a person, please run! See; as you are trusting God that you grow in faith, don't be sentimental, flee from poisonous men; insist on following right! You have the Holy Spirit within you. Discern! Else they sow poisonous tares which can take root!

CONCLUSION:

Bible Holiness has been the standard and remains the standard. The Key to a sustained life of purity and Holiness is revealed in 1 Thessalonians 5:22. If you truly desire to pursue holiness, 'mere appearances of evil' must be avoided! Diligently seek holiness, even in a mixed multitude. It is possible!

Shall We Pray?

Bro. Ebuka Unoka

REFLECTION

TRAIN YOUR SONS

Sometime in February, I asked my son to dress up properly because we were going out. He asked if he should tell his sisters to dress up too and I said no - We are going out on a date! Just the two of us! His emotions were mixed, I guess. The excitement of going out for a meal and the embarrassment of being seen with your mum at age 15. Going out with me of course also meant dressing properly, no falling trousers, proper shoes, proper hair, smelling good, etc. It was shortly after Valentine's day and I had had a little skit with Mr Man. I also had seen some stories of domestic violence and abuse by some men on their women and I realized that a lot of effort goes to training women on how they should act but never the men. Before getting into the car, I stood by the door and asked him to open my door for me."Why?" He ask "Because it is what a gentleman would do" I say. "Don't you see your father open doors for me when we go out?" He affirms. After some eye rolling, he comes and opens the door for me and goes to his seat. I drive us to a restaurant and when he gets there, opens the door, and goes out. I honk and motion for him to come to my side. More eyes rolling. He opens the door for me while staring into space."Please take my arm and help me out of the car" I say. He looks at me like I am out of my mind. He obliges and grabs my hand with a sigh."When you open the door for me, you have to watch that I do not miss my step" I say. "Do you understand why you must pay attention?" He nods "Will you hold my handbag and hold my arm as we walk?" I ask. There I got a categorical "NO". I decide not to push it. When we get to the restaurant, he walks to his table and sits. I cleared my throat."What now?" He asks looking exasperated."Please pull out my chair" I say. More rolling of eyes. He gets up pulls out my chair. I sit and he adjusts it for me. His meal arrives before mine and before he digs in even forgetting to say Grace, no sir you can't wolf down your food. You have to wait for mine to get here so we eat together. Frustration but hey...you are with mum....and

then we talked. We really talked. I told him as a man, it is his responsibility to treat a woman right. To take care of and protect his sisters and in same way protect any future woman he will marry.

You see, every day we "educate" the girl child. We teach them how to talk, walk, how to avoid being victims but we never teach the boys how not to be perpetrators of such crimes. It is time that we as parents start educating our boys on what it means to be a man and possibly a future father. It is time we start talking to them and understanding their frustrations rather than leaving them to take it out on defenseless females. The men who rape are our children. The men who harass are our children. The men who beat up women are our children. The grown ups may have failed but we have a chance to save the next generation.

#WOMEN LET 'SEDUCATE OUR BOYS
#WE SAY NO TO RAPE
WHO IS GROOMING THE BOYS?

Right from when I can remember being a girl, I was bombarded with subtle, covert, overt trainings and awareness of my feminine roles and responsibilities as a female. I had baby toys. I bathed them. Fed them. Backed them. Put them to sleep when they 'fretted'. I recall putting my dolls to my flat chest to give them suck. I was grooming for my role

later in life. I was made to help out in the kitchen. Taught to set the table. Taught to keep the house clean. Tidy up the bed. Sweep. Wash. And I was always told "when you get to your husband's house." "When you marry. In your husband's house..." "When you have your children..." "We watched our mothers practice what they taught us, so, it wasn't just empty lectures. Today, we are where our mothers used to be and we are repeating history. Teaching our girls to be ladies, wives, mothers. But who is teaching the boys????? Who is teaching them to be good men, gentlemen, husbands, fathers? A properly raised lady meets a badly raised man in marriage. That marriage is dead on arrival. A girl was practically raised learning how to keep a home and submit to her husband. But who helped raise a boy teaching him how to love his wife and earn respect and submission? Who is raising the boys to know that it is okay to enter the kitchen and cook for his wife and kids? Who is teaching them that they can also make their beds? Do their laundry? Help with groceries? Before you label me an extreme feminist, hear me out. Were you not cooking before she came into your life? Were you not doing your dishes? Making your bed? Sweeping your apartment? Were you not? Life is responsibility and responsibilities do not end with marriage! In my house, everybody cooks. Everybody makes their beds. Do their dishes. My son is home from school for some work experience training. As usual, homecoming is not just a period to deplete my kitchen and sleep unended, it is time for training. It has now become a joke in my house for me to start a sentence and my son ends it with "...So that your wife will..." "For example "Baba, you should have washed your coffee mug instead of leaving it in the sink..." and he would cut in with "so that my wife will not be upset..." "Or" "So that when I marry.." "He comes back from work in the evenings.

all things, hopeth all things, endureth all thing". I Corinth 13:1-2,4-5.

Love must be the guiding principle in our home. Possessing spiritual gifts without love amounts to nothing. We should not allow an outsider to show more love to our husbands. We should manifest, demonstrate and show love to our husbands. We should not provoke them to anger but to love. Respect him, honour him, care for him, buy him cloths and shoes, cook good food for him. Clean your environments and keep yourself neat by putting on beautiful and godly cloths. In conclusion, Our charity or love should start from our homes. Do not respect or honour any man above your husband, he is your head.

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything". Eph. 5:22-24. As wives let us understand and support our husbands in a way that brings honour to God. He is the head and should be respected and revered as we do to Christ. In decision making, we suggest and they rule. Our character can build or destroy our marriage. True love and respect is a strong weapon we can use to shield and protect our husbands. Do not push him outside by dirtiness and lack of respect.

"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives. While they behold your chaste

conversation coupled with fear". I Pet. 3:1-2. Peter instructs a Christian wife how to conduct herself in order to influence her husband to accept Christ. She must be submissive to her husband i.e willing to yield her own rights for his sake, recognizing his God-given role of leadership in the family and helping him to fulfill it. We should conduct ourselves in pure and respectful manner, with gentle and peaceful spirit. Those with unbelieving husbands will attempt to influence their husbands to accept and follow Christ more by her behavior than by her words.

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man". Colo. 4:6. As Christians, our speech must be pleasant, encouraging, kind and gracious i.e worthy of being identified with Christ. It should set an example of godliness and decency for all who hear, and it should always speak the truth in love. This kind of conversation results from the work of God's grace i.e His undeserved favour; love and spiritual enablement in our hearts. "Seasoned with salt" is conversation that is right for the occasion, wholesome, marked by purity and free from corruption. Like salt, it should enhance and add flavor in a spiritual sense, giving people a thirst and appetite for God's graceful speech, however, does not rule our stern words, when necessary, to challenge and oppose the enemies of Christ.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven" Matt. 5:14-16.

Light cannot be hid and cannot be overcome by darkness. This light in us must be manifest by us daughters of Sarah. This God given assignment of compassing our husbands shall not be toiled with. Our lives should stand out from other people in the society in a positive and spiritually enlightening way. After all, genuine faith in Christ cannot be hidden, but will be evident to those around us, many of whom are looking for direction and hope in their lives. As Christians we have the privilege of lighting the way to God by reflecting the life, love and light of His son, Jesus. This happens not only through words, but often more effectively through actions. In order to show people who Jesus is and what He is like, we must follow His example and be among people as ones who serve. We should actively look for ways to assist our husbands in meeting the needs of the family. Let us reflect Christ's humility and show His compassion. Note your husband is not complete without you. You are his missing rib. Make yourself his best friend. If you do, he will be known when he sits among his kinsmen and your children shall call you blessed, prov 31:8-23

May we receive strength to surround them as we comply, remain rapturable.



THE SAME ANOINTING TEACHES ALL THINGS

- I have seen 'anointed' people with an unforgiving spirit.
- I have seen 'anointed' people with an unruly behavior.
- I have seen 'anointed' people without love and patience.
- I have seen 'anointed' people who despise the poor and are friends only to the rich.
- I have seen 'anointed' people tell lies unapologetically.
- I have seen 'anointed' people dress worldly, and tell you "God searches only the heart." (What a biased statement!)
- I have seen 'anointed' people who have no control over their bodies; they still lust after the flesh and are also ruled by the 'lust of the eyes.'
- I have seen 'anointed' people who are proud and rude.
- I have seen 'anointed' people who are terrible wives, husbands, sisters, brothers, daughters, sons, etc.
- I have seen 'anointed' people who disregard Purity and Godliness...

They are no doubt 'anointed', but they have refused to give themselves to discipleship and disciplines.

How do I mean?

The same anointing those people received, which enabled them manifest several gifts of the Spirit, also TEACHES. The Holy Spirit doesn't release an anointing that brings about manifestations of gifts only, the same ANOINTING teaches meekness, right conduct, gentleness, patience, love, faith, godliness, purity, etc.

1 John 2:27; "But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in it."

Let's carefully look at the later part of the highlighted scripture:

- "As the same ANOINTING teacheth you of all things and is truth..."
- The same ANOINTING disciplines.
- The same ANOINTING inculcates Godly virtues.
- The same ANOINTING that heals, disciplines and disciplines.
- The same ANOINTING performs miracles, disciplines and disciplines.
- "...AND EVEN AS HE HATH TAUGHT YOU, YE SHALL ABIDE IN HIM."
- The question is, "Have you given Him access into your heart?"

precious and your eternal end much His true disciples and all withdraw thyself.. "And John's counsel valuable- Luke 9:22-26. You cannot those who will join in is that we (true Christians) serve two masters except they agree; carrying out His work of should, "...love not the world, neither and we know that God and the devil turning the world to the things that are in the world (the lust can never be served together since Him, they will be greatly of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the they do not agree on anything. So, rewarded- Matthew pride of life). If any man LOVE the world, while the enemy wants you to desire 19:27-30; just as was the Love of the Father is NOT in him. I physical things more than the promised to His John2:15-17.

spiritual; its the Lord's desire that we apostles. If you are here, I would like to yearn for those things spiritual than Conclusively, introduce you to the true Gospel, for it physical. To the Laodicean Church, it Jesus said, "If ye love me, heals, delivers, relieves, aids, restores, was recorded that they were rich, k e e p M y rebuilds and releases. If you have been increased in goods and lacking in commandments, "but offended or misled by those saying, nothing, yet the Lord saw them much the modern Church has "Gain is godliness", then know today differently – poor, wretched, blind, learnt to love other the True, Living and Unchanging naked and miserable- Revelation things more than Him, Gospel, "...Your Heavenly father knows 3:17-18. And they were charged to t h e r e b y k e e p i n g t h a t y o u n e e d A L L T H E S E T H I N G S buy of our Lord, GOLD TRIED IN commandments which (money, clothes, food, children, help FIRE...And what of the Church in are not His-John 14:15. and even spouse)...take no thought for Smyrna? The Lord said, "I know thy P e t e r ' s w o r d s tomorrow..." The Lord will take care of works, and tribulation, and thy w e r e , " . . . f a l s e your today, tomorrow and furture... You poverty (but thou art rich)... be thou prophets...shall bring in only need to, "SEEK FIRST THE faithful unto death and I will give thee damnable heresies, KINGDOM OF GOD..." Matthew 6:24- a crown of life." This Church was poor even denying the Lord 34. materially and physically, yet Jesus that bought them...and And Remember! proclaimed, "Thou art rich...!" Oh many shall follow their Gain Is Not Godliness; But GODLINESS what divine recognition! And Jesus pernicious ways..." (2 WITH CONTENTMENT IS GREAT GAIN!!! promised to give them a crown if they Peter 2:1-3). Paul's **REMAIN BLESSED!!!** be faithful till death... Revelation 2:8- c h a r g e i n t h i s **PST IG NWABUO** 10. What does He say about you? To was, "...from such

or well equipped man of God, but without holiness, Heaven remains very far from you. This was why the Patriarchs of the Bible did their best to attain it. It wasn't a 'follow-come package' given to a selected few whom Jehovah loved, while leaving the others to struggle... No! They worked for and consistently walked toward it, till they attained this nature of God.

It can be deduced from our second text that the Corinthians practiced a "form" of holiness, and Paul had to call them to a Bible-based pattern of Holiness, which is PERFECTION. (Matthew 5:48, 1 Peter 1:4-6, 1 Thessalonians 4:7). From 2 Corinthians 7:1, it shows that holiness can be initiated, but still must be Perfected. To attain perfection, you must be holy; and for any person with this desire of holiness, staying in a group or circle of people wherein holiness is not strived for, it will be unconsciously transmitted to your heart that holiness is impossible to obtain in such an environment. You must let go, and then be separate! Holiness starts from Separation; and when separation has been achieved, the promises of God concerning such a one who separates will begin to seek expression in his life. 2 Corinthians 6:17-18.

From 1 Peter 1:14, we see that it is possible for an individual to accept Christ, but yet still pattern his life after his former lusts. If you are to be holy, you must consistently and committedly refuse to fashion yourself according to your former lusts which deter the perfecting of Holiness. If God wasn't in Himself, holy, it would have been a difficult assignment for His children to attain holiness; but because a lion can only be begotten by a lion, and a sheep can only be begotten by a sheep, holy children can only be begotten by a Holy God. And He says, "Be ye holy; for I am holy." If you don't understand this concept of holiness now, it would be very difficult to live holy at your campuses, schools, neighborhood, workplaces and soon; leading to the conclusion that 'Holiness is difficult to attain.'


From Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 6:17, I believe if there is one thing our youths in this day struggle with, it is SEPARATION. And in Psalms 144:11, it seems as though it was a battle for Israel's youth (as we have in our day) to keep holy, because when these sons of the mixed multitude spoke, it was vanity, and when their hands worked, it was falsehood and deceit; and David cried for a change, that his children be not defiled. And he took a step further by revealing the expected results of this separation and difference as relates to the expectations of God from Israel's singles (youths) in Psalms 144:12, "Then our sons in their youth will be like well nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace."-(NIV VERSION). There must be a difference! What David was trying to saying in Psalms 144 is, "...so when you see our daughters and sons, you wouldn't have to be confused or be told that they are believers because their character and ways will show it.

Our God is one who loves Difference! Leviticus 10:9-11;"And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy,

between unclean and clean..."He never wants to be likened or associated with darkness or evil; and desires that a clear distinction be made! So He charges His children that they be separate. But sadly, in our day, 'Christianity has suffered a lot!' You know, you can enter a Bank or an establishment with 20 workers, and if two amongst them are Muslims, it wouldn't take time to distinguish them. How? Their conduct, character and behavior always give them away. But sadly, the same cannot be said of Christianity which began even hundreds of years before Islamism was founded. In our day, you can find a Christian, who for six months in a new environment stood for Christ, but by the seventh begins to waver, feeling inferior due to much standing alone... And I ask, "In a system or setting wherein you are required to stand alone, will you stand?" God's words are, there must be difference!" There should be an obvious difference between the gentile singles and Israeli singles...

And we have some men who had such difference! Due to God's commands to Israel, the Israelites were and ought not to ever bow to any other god. We can see this exhibited well in Daniel 1:3-4,8. These young Hebrews chose to be different not only in their ancestral descent, but even in their choices; they insisted on obeying God's laws, even if it brought offences from others. They went against the orders of kings in other that God's commands and statutes be upheld- Daniel 3:14-30. They stood out, not even in their own land, but amongst the heathen, in a land wherein they were only but slaves. In Esther 3:1-4, Mordecai, a Jew, stood alone. Haman had just be promoted to a post above all princes in Babylon and as commanded by the king, his servants at the gate were to bow in reverence, and they all did; but not Mordecai. I don't know how long his fellow servants tried to persuade, counsel or even beg him so as not to incur the king's wrath, but Mordecai stood his ground, in spite of opposition. This wasn't just a one - day thing, yet his love and respect for God made him stand alone and strong.

In such a compromised generation such as this, there is no greater need for distinguished singles more than now! Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Your light ought to be so, that it doesn't just give light, it also lits up the light in others. And in Joseph's case, his statement is my concern, "...how can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" Genesis 39:9. Potiphar loved this one; he even placed everything into his care except his wife, but this woman sought after Joseph for days. The question is, "What about the other young men?" The devil didn't have to use any other since it was the destiny of Joseph he sought after. To those men, it would have been a privilege to lay with the wife of the Master, but not



YOUTH MANDATE

SECOND DAY: NATIONAL ZONAL RETREAT

SEMINAR 1(B): BIBLE HOLINESS AND THE SINGLES

PSALMS 144:11-12; 2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

Teaching Enrichment- Holiness means, "Being perfect in goodness and righteousness." Its synonyms include; godliness, saintliness, purity and sinlessness. And a 'single' is one 'who is unmarried and unattached!'

BODY

It seemed to have been a cry in his heart! How could their children have been polluted so? Vanity had found her ways amongst the streets and into the hearts of Israel's youths; the right hand of falsehood from strange children, which warred against God's design permeated through, and

prompted the cry and intense desire of David, "Rid me... deliver me...!"

All through Scripture, holiness is depicted as an essential commodity for a true child of God. It is God's exclusive title in Heaven (Revelation 4:8), Jesus' identity (Mark 1:24) and the specification of the Holy Spirit (Romans 1:4); and the Bible believers who came to terms with this unavoidable nature of God, made sincere efforts to attain it. Why unavoidable? It is because you can choose to avoid it here on earth, but not over there, in eternity! You can be a graced singer, seasoned preacher

There's a call for abiding, and one can only abide when he/she is being trained/disciplined by "the same ANOINTING."

The reason why we see 'loose cannons'(unbridled believers) everywhere, is because they refused the disciplining of the same ANOINTING.

I will summarize with these listed below:

- You can never be relevant in this time if you refuse the disciplines of the same ANOINTING.
- The ANOINTING is two sided...transforming and manifesting, don't neglect either.
- The ANOINTING will produce eternal results only when the vessel has been

- disciplined by the same ANOINTING.
- The ANOINTING also tries the heart; it ensures the heart is internally converted.
- If the same ANOINTING has not disciplined you, not every assignment can be assigned to you.
- The ANOINTING has a way of putting you in check.
- Your PURSUIT should be for "a correct life" and this is what the same ANOINTING gives!

- Don't be a believer that stinks, because of bad character, indiscipline, improper conduct, etc. So, I ask;
- "Can we give ourselves over to the same ANOINTING to teach (disciple) us?"

Let us pray!

GAIN IS NOT GODLINESS

1 TIMOTHY 6:5 (b)-12; LUKE 12:15

When you look into today's body of Christ, her fellowships, conferences and programs hold worldwide; you will be forced to ask ".....is this the church founded by Jesus? Is this the body redeemed by the blood? How come there are no messages against sin, satan and the systems of the world? What happened to the suffering persecution that once characterized Christ's church.

In the end, if truly you are born again and spiritually sensitive, my guess will be your guess. Our conclusions will match "THE CHURCH HAS BEEN BASTARDIZED!" In our modern churches so much goes under the tag, 'PROGRAMS'. People now buy, sell and get enriched under this tag. When our Lord came, He too met the Temple of His Father in such a

state as we see today He reacted sharply, casting out both they that sold and those who bought-Luke 19:45. If truly you were born again in the 1970s, you will testify that the holy standards of Christ have been pushed aside. Holiness, righteousness and purity pushed aside, and Love for God as well, just to dish out the technicality and mechanism on how to get rich, to get married to the best for you, to dress to attract your suitors, and so on... But, was that the message of Paul? Was it the one taught by Peter or our Lord Jesus? Then why does our generation do so? Why does it teach that which the Lord has not taught or ordained?

In our time, many have come to the conclusion that a proof of

God's presence in your life, is evident in riches, wealth if you have financial issues, then God is very far from you. And this is Christ's question, "Why have you made My Father's House so?" Luke 19:46 tells us that His House is expected to be a House of Prayer; yet the ungodly now buy and sell ideas in the House of God. And Paul said to Timothy, "men... supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." When you find yourself amongst them, listen not to their counsel or ways, withdraw thyself. Supposing that gain is godliness, does not make it so. There is a day of reckoning; a day when men will be judged according to their works-

Luke 21:33-36. And Peter told us that such false prophets will be judged- 2 Peter 2:1-3.

Paul said, "Godliness with Contentment is Great Gain." Salvation brings joy; when a man becomes born again, he may not have money, house, car but he will be happy, why? Because of the reality that he has been set free and that Heaven awaits him when he goes yonder, he is content and satisfied. So many have accumulated much wealth, drugs, women and are a teach site of fun fair, pleasure and enjoyment, but without real joy or happiness, without that which lasts... But that poor man with nothing, yet with Jesus as a companion is happier and joyous, with unstoppable melodies going on within. Godliness with contentment... But man is insatiable! This is why so much evil has filled the world... A man has a wife yet desires something else from another woman. A young lady wants more money and so goes into prostitution and wayward living. A child wants things beyond which his parents can provide and then seek other means for gain-getting, pleasure and so on. To make matters worse, materialism and merchandise is going on in Churches now, and many so-called Holiness Ministries aren't helping the situation tempting unsuspecting members into desiring money, beauty, and positions, power and gain through whatever at ALL MEANS...

God's House- now a den of thieves and a house of merchandise, money-making and gain-seeking... From such withdraw thyself!

And Beware! In this ungodly world, ungodly Churches have put a sign denoting, 'GAIN IS GODLINESS' and men throng to follow its ways!

Man's happiness has now being tied to availability of wealth, children, wives and husbands, gain, profit and all obtainable. So when they lose their jobs or children or spouse their joy is lost; even the once-called elect have now joined such a group with happiness attached to earthly treasures. When Job lost all which he had, he still retained his joy of salvation and was able to say, "...blessed be the name of the Lord..." He even acknowledged that which many in our time forget to take note of, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither..." Job 1:21. Though his wife mocked his decision, Job remained unmoved, for we can receive good, as well as evil from the Lord-Job 2:9-10. And wise king Solomon made us understand that Vanity upon vanity, remains vanity-Ecclesiastes 1:1-2. With all going on in earth's economy, Our world and generation is sinking into poverty; but please do not allow them to confuse and mislead you into thinking that you have been forsaken by the Almighty, for such is not so. The gentiles (ungodly people) may seek after those materialistic things which makes life pleasurable, But true Christians ought not to... their joy is beyond those things which are seen. And again, it can be noticed today that many want to get gain without working, reap without sowing-but Luke 6:38 shows that your blessings will come, and men will give to your

bosom when you GIVE first...In other words, when you give, God speaks to men to give for your sake.

But note that the world's being in a hurry to get wealth, does not condemn wealth; it's being in a hurry to get married, does not condemn marriage; and even any being in a hurry to get children doesn't condemn the concept of child-bearing (for the Bible deals not just on prosperity, holiness, healing or on faith... But it deals on everything, and so we have to preach everything, not just one. Preaching just one alone continually, such as holiness or prosperity or healing, isn't a complete Gospel.

The Scriptures only state that when you are in so much a hurry to get that which you ought to wait patiently for God on, you will end up piercing yourself through with much sorrows and that which was supposed to bring blessing then adds pain and hurt. This is not God's will for His own. Beware of covetousness; when those things which you desire are due and you are still in Christ, God will send them to you...David was full of joy when he realized that since he was young, till he waxed old, he was yet to see any who so trusted in God, yet without bread. Remember that your life is worth much more than these things which you desire. Ecclesiastes 12:7-8.

Jesus, our Lord, warns, "What shall it profit a man, if he gains the whole world but loses his own soul in hell?" Matthew 16:26. Your soul is much more