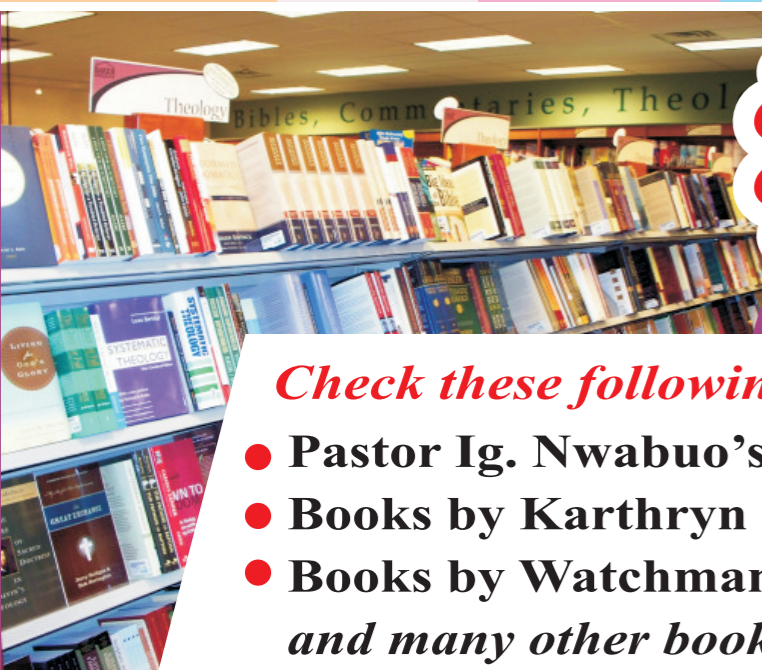


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Editorial

The creation of the heavens and the earth, the light, the land and other elements can only be traced to the word that proceeded from the mouth of the Almighty. This simply implies that everything we can think of is subject to the command of the Almighty.

God gave man dominion after creation, but man lost it and became a fearful creation. God had to come in the form of a lamb and gave Himself for the atonement of our short coming. He came, He lived. and died just to retrieve the keys that man had lost in Eden. In Matthew 28:18. He, after making a ridicule of the devil on the cross, took the keys and every authority was tied to Him.

Dear reader, just believe: He has the key to every issue and as long as the Lord lives, everything is at His command.

As we enter into ember months; let us learn to cleave to God who holds the key to our lives and whom everything is subject to His spoken word.

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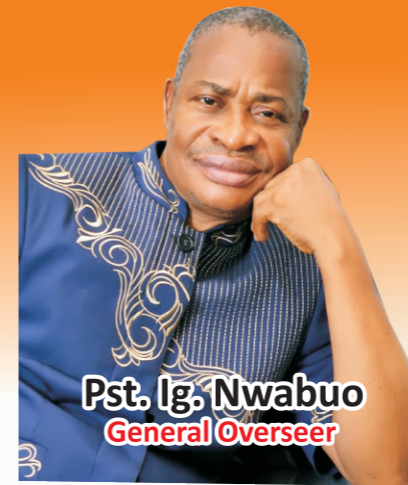
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AT HIS COMMAND

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be family, business, school-related joy that was set before him problem. And like the disciples' state endured the cross, and is set on the sea, there seem to be no hope at the right hand of God.' of escape.

One thing that is constant in life is change. What this implies is that nothing lasts forever. But there are times when difficulties, trials and persecutions become so overwhelming that they look perpetual. They seem to dim any possibility of change. This is what we saw in the scenario at the sea.

The journey that was anticipated to be a smooth ride suddenly turned temperous. The Bible says that the tempest was so great that it covered the ship with waves. All hope of survival was dashed into oblivion.

All attempt to navigate the ship to safety proved abortive. Death seemed sure; waiting for the hour of their defeat to become a reality. This depicts the life of many believers facing trial, sickness, and other challenges. And at times, these predicaments become so heavy and consuming that it looks as there is no hope. Sometimes, it can be sicknesses that defy all possible cure, exhaust your money and still show no sign ameliorating. Sometimes it can be that state of penury where you literally do not have anything to fend for yourself. You've done almost everything humanly possible to earn a decent income, yet you remain poor and always in need. Other times it can

I came to introduce you to the other man in the same boot with you. His name is Jesus Christ of Nazareth. My Bible tells me that He is the Head of all principality and power. Put differently, all is at His command. When he stepped into the scene at the sea, the sea and the tempest became subject to Him. Mark puts it this way and He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea "peace be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.' A declaration uttered in three simple words, silenced death, stopped the tempest and saved the disciples.

Get ready, this same Jesus has come to turn things around for your good. He has come to change the seemingly unchangeable. All you have to do is believe. Connect with his mighty power by faith. The only thing that is stopping Him and giving your situation hedge over you is fear. He said to His disciples in Mark 4:40 '...why are ye so fearful?' How is it that ye have no faith? The Bible says all things are possible to Him that believes. Beloved, rid yourself off that fear of dying of that sickness. Stop believing that you will always be poor. Remove your focus from that problem and fix it on Jesus. Heb. 12:2 says 'looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the

What you focus on is result. In the wilderness, God commanded the Israelite to look on the brazen serpent, not the fiery serpent, if they were going to be healed. Peter said to the lame man at the beautiful gate, 'look on us,' not on his deformity, and he got healed. The same Peter looked on the blowing wind, instead of Jesus, and he began to sink. Beloved who are you looking at? What is getting your focus and attention? What does your thought settles on each time you remember what you are facing? What is making you sit down to think? Is it on the possibility of God's power, or the pressure of your predicament? Who gets your attention.

God wants you to change focus. He wants you to know who is in the boat of that situation with you. Stop looking at that problem. Focus on Jesus. All is at His command. He wants to say to that situation like He did on the sea, 'peace, be still.'

OBEDIENCE

“But the Lord said unto him, go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the gentiles, and kings and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how great thing he must suffer for my Name's sake” Acts 9:15-16.



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Obedience is compulsory for those who will make it to paradise. It is golden and attracts blessings as well as persecutions. Saul was called to propagate god's word. His spiritual transformation not only involved a commission to preach the message of Christ, but also a call to suffer for the cause of Christ. In Christ's kingdom suffering for His sake is a sign of God's highest favor. “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you”. Matt. 5:10-12. It is often the way to a truly fruitful and effective ministry and it results in great reward in heaven. All obedient children of God must experience this process of “dying to self” (i.e rejecting and becoming unresponsive to sin and

spiritually connected to God allows believers to experience Gods life flowing through them, bringing God's love and salvation to others. Christ's obedient to His father led Him to the cross where He was crucified. Our obedient to God's word must lead to self denial and crucifixion of the flesh. It will lead us to sacrifice our ego, beauty, status etc Note He is the owner of our soul, spirit and body.

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”. 2 Tim. 3:16-17. For us today, scripture refers to the authoritative (i.e completely reliable, supported by solid evidence and established authority) writings of both the OT and NT. They are God's original message to humanity and the only infallible (i.e, incapable of mistake, never wrong, completely true and certain not to fail) in revelation of himself and His saving activity for all people. Jesus Christ Himself taught that scripture is God's inspired word to even the smallest detail. “For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one little shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven”. Matt. 5:18-19. He also affirmed that everything He said was what He

received from the father, and it is all true. He further spoke of revelation yet to come (the truth yet to be revealed in the N.T writings) from the Holy Spirit through the apostle those personally commissioned by Christ to deliver His original message and help establish His church.

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 15:13.

To deny the full inspiration of Holy Scripture is to set aside the foundational witness of Jesus Christ and those Christ commissioned to deliver His work of Biblical inspiration and revelation. He used particular individual including their unique God-given personalities and styles – by guiding and directing them in such a way that they wrote without error. In this way both the ideas and the choice of words were inspired as the Holy Spirit directed the writers to say exactly. What God wanted them to say. All doctrines (i.e teachings, foundational beliefs) commentaries, interpretations, explanations and traditions must be measured and judged by the words, message and standards of scripture, God's word must be received, believed and obeyed as the final authority in all things relating to life, faith, behavior and

godliness. One cannot submit to Christ's Lordship without submitting to God and His word as the highest and final authority over every aspect of his or her life.

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretations. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” 2 Pet. 1:20-21.

No prophecy in scripture came about by the writer's own ideas or reasoning, but it came from the Holy Spirit. What Peter affirms here about the God-given origin and authority of the prophecy recorded in scripture is true about all things in His written word: “men spake (and wrote) as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” Believers must maintain a strong uncompromising view of the Holy Scripture as inspired and authoritative it is completely reliable. There are several reasons for this.

1. It is the only way to be loyal and true to what Jesus Christ, the apostles (those He personally authorized to deliver His original message) teach Psalm 119.
2. It provides for the Church a true and sure foundation for its faith, certainty of salvation and moral absolutes.
3. It provides Bible believing Christians with absolutes and objective truth
4. It is the foundation on which Christians will be ready to endure the extreme difficulties and deception of the last days
5. It is the basis by which people will recognize the full authority and teaching of the Bible.

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? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's”. 1 Corint 6:29-20. As a Christian, your body is the personal dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. Where the spirit is God's mark on you, signifying that you belong to Him. Because the spirit lives in you and you

belong to God, your body must never be defiled by any impurity or evil, whether by immoral thoughts, desires, actions or images. This principle also includes things that are not sexual in nature, such as caring properly and responsibly for our physical bodies in every respect. We must live and care for ourselves in such a way as to honour and please God with our bodies. After all, we do not belong to ourselves Christ paid a ransom for us with His own life to free us from sin and bring us into a personal relationship with God.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service 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. 12:1-2 Jesus' followers must possess a strong passion to honour Him in every aspect of life. Out of gratitude to God for His mercy and salvation, we should be completely devoted to loving him, living by His standards and serving His purposes for our lives. Our goal should be to show God's holiness. This requires separation from the patterns and practices of the world so we can pursue a deeper relationship with God. As we consider His sacrifice for us offering ourselves to Him as 'living sacrifices is good and pleasing as our spiritual act of worship. We must offer our bodies to God as dead to sin and alive to God and as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

“In like manner also that women adorn themselves in modest apparel with shame facedness and sobriety: not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array”. 1 Tim. 2:9. Modesty involves dressing in such a way as to not draw undue attention to the body it means presenting oneself

in a way that is respectful to God and reflects one's purity and honour. Dressing in away that could stimulate morally and spiritually impure thoughts or desires into this is as wrong as the lust that it provokes. While we cannot control what others think, there are things we can do that will make it less difficult for others to control their thoughts. Refusing to consider how our fashion choices affect others is self-centered. As Christians, we must dress and act not just according to our personal preferences, but also with the spiritual well-being of others in mind. We should avoid braiding i.e weaving our hair, putting on of gold, painting our face or wearing expensive clothe as instructed in the scripture.

“Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel”. 1 Peter 3:3. True feminine beauty is not dependent on outward appearance. Fine jewelry, plaiting of hair and fashionable clothes may impress men and women but do not impress God. You are perfectly created do not help God to make yourself more beautiful.

“Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: let's coming suddenly He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch” Mark 13:35-37. As we obey Him remain raturable.



GIANT SLAYERS

2 SAM. 21:20-22, NUM 13:17, EXO. 14, ZACH 4

The term giant refers to someone or something with human form but super-human in size. Also, the word 'slay' means to killing in a violent way.

These two terms summarize the experience of every believer before they possess God's powers or blessings. Scan through the Bible, in most cases when believers were in their quest to possess the promises of God, there were always giants to fight and overcome. They are there to fight and prevent the actualization of God's promises for your life. Just like the quote 'nothing good comes easily' these giants will do all it takes to defer your fulfillment. They will roar, blaspheme, brag about their height, size, might and experiences just to scare you. They will stamp their feet on the ground and prove to you that you are nothing but a grasshopper in their sight.

But their reaction can never determine your limit unless you let them. The Bible says 'greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world'. This was the brain behind Caleb's determination in wanting to go over and possess Canaan. This was what gave Celeb the stamina to go over and possess it, to not see himself as grasshopper in the giant's sight. He was not looking at himself but the God backing him. Who are you looking at? Use the scenario of the Israelites at the red sea for example when the Egyptians began covering the distance between them and the Israelites, the Israelites cried out because they were

looking at the Egyptians. And that did not change the situation. But when Moses turned to the Lord, solution came. Who are you looking at?

Becoming a giant Slayers means learning to look unto God. Initiate an intimate communication with the Holy Spirit. This is the way you are yourself. This is how you upgrade your technology above the understanding of these spiritual giants. You must understand the technology of prayers. This is where you begin to know and understand the supremacy of God so much that nothing scares you. Not even the entire host of hell because you know that the earth is the Lord and the fullness thereof. Praying in the spirit doesn't just make you a giant slayer, over time you become a giant to your giants. You not only understand the nothingness and futility of their claims you also pass it to them automatically so that they comprehend it and flee. The demons that tormented the sons of sceva, not having seen Paul declared 'Paul I know' why, because Paul had so become a giant in the spirit that it was almost impossible for any demon to miss his height or ammunition. These men do not kill, they slay giants.

Beloved, God's is calling you to climb up to the place of prayers in the spirit, to the realm of giants. It is the will of God that you move beyond this stage, to come up higher. This is the time to be angry with those giant that have hindered all aspect of your life and take the mantle of sonship. Climb up the ladder of intimacy and obedience and begin to rise like the giant you were destined to be.

Nwabuo Ig. Promise



Nneka had initially gone into the house to get some cash when the sight made her transfixed, shocked to the bones. The body of her husband hung on a rope tied to their ceiling fan. She gave out a spine-chilling wail that attracted the attention of the neighbours. They rushed into their two rooms' apartment to know the cause of such wailing. They too were shocked at the sight. Some of her fellow women were consoling her while others joined her to wail. Some of the men made plans and contacted the deceased family and the police. His body was taken away. He left no suicide note and that increased her misery as she couldn't fathom what could push her beloved husband into taking his own life. In her grief, she kept wondering why such an ugly thing happened. Could it be diabolic? Was he murdered and hung there? Was it spiritual remote control? All these and more ran through her mind as she tried to wrap her head around the mystery. But the answers lied within her. She was the architect of her problems. She killed him indirectly. He was an (commercial motorcycle) mechanic before Okada was banned in the state. That put him out of job. But before his 'joblessness', he was, in his own way, a loving father and husband. He made sure his family lacked nothing. His three children attended an average private school in the area. Food was never scarce in the house. He made sure of that their Rents were promptly paid, other bills too. He visited his in-laws generously at interval. Practically, he provided his family with the basic needs of life and made them happy. During his fruitful years in the Okada business, he opened a roadside restaurant for his wife and it was flourishing. Then the table turned and the wife's business became the source of the family's livelihood. That was the Beginning of his and. Verbal abuse became his plight. Within few months, the once darling husband became "a useless man". She didn't mind what she said to him. After all, she was the boss and his benefactor. The bible quote "he who cannot take care of his family is worse than an infidel" became a resonant song to his ears. He heard it every day. The most heart wrecking part to him was

that the place of the verbal abuse and insults was not discriminated. She said it to him anytime and anywhere. He became the wife of the house and did all the house chores just to prove his usefulness. Sometimes he served in her restaurant seeking relevance. Yet it was nothing as far as it didn't yield money. As time went on his mind started playing on him. He started believing he's truly useless. His thoughts were: it could actually be true. They could actually be better off without me. A mouth less to feed could help. His initial plan was to run away from his family with no trace.

Be he couldn't bear the shame. These thoughts were still on his mind when the switch flipped. On one of the days he served in her restaurant, she told him she regretted marrying him. That her greatest mistake in life was choosing to marry him out of all the reasonable and useful men who sought her hand in marriage. This was in the presence of her costumers.

She had helped him decide. He went home before every of his family members. The children were in school and the wife at her restaurant. The result was what she beheld. Now that was just a story but can we reflect on it?

Women how often have you pushed your man to the edge with foul words? Are you waiting for his suicide before you change your ways? It must not be about financial incapacity. It could be sexual, educational or otherwise. Men are you guilty of this? Have you been dehumanising her with foul words because of certain incapability of hers? Change your ways before her corpse hangs. Verbal abuse contributes to the increasing rate of depression and suicide. Some people may not kill themselves physically, because of fear of hell fire and their religious inclination but within they are already dead. We can help reduce it. Let's save humanity while we can.

GOD'S FAVOUR

Exo. 33:11-19; Rom. 9:15-16

Another word for favour is grace. All those who worked/walked with God in Bible days simply found His sight. In the beginning God created everything; man did not contribute to the work of creation. Even the wife given to man was by God's favour. In the time of Noah, the Lord was to destroy the whole earth but Noah found favour in God's sight and was preserved. Abraham, the father of faith, was called, separated from his people walk, to a walk of favour with God that today, his favour is transferred unto us. Moses was born in a land of oppression, his mother having discovered he was a favoured child, hid him for three month. By favour, he was nurtured and raised by the King's daughter until he came to a resolution not to settle for the glory of Egypt. He rose to fight for his people and his destiny and the favour of God upon him continued to speak for him, until he became a deliverer that God used to savage the Israelite.

Moses at a time said to God 'if I have found grace in thy sight,

to the children of Israel but his ways unto Moses. How close he was to God. He could even see God's similitude (Exo 33:20-23, Number 12:6-8) because he was a special person in God's sight, By favour

Rahab enjoyed the security, blessings and salvation meant for God's children even as a prostitute from a pagan Nation. Favour makes the different between the great and the small in every society. Moses divided the red sea not by his power but by God's grace upon him if God declares you favoured, you are blessed and when you are blessed no one can curse you. Balaam was hired to curse God's children, when he opened his month, he found himself blessing them instead and he cried out, 'I can't revise it because the Lord has blessed them, none can curse them. That is the case with you child of God. The enemy may be willing to curse you but they cannot. He that bless you is blessed but he who curses you is cursed forever. Amen. God will never stop until He finishes the work He has started in your life. The enemy may not want it so

but God is already in the business and that settles it. Samuel in the Bible was a child of favour, he therefore dwelt in the temple, from the day he answered the call of God, he became a servant of the Lord. What a great person he became by God's favour. He fulfilled ministry as a priest, as a prophet and as a judge irrespective of his multiple assignment, the grace of God made him outstanding. He walked righteously that the people could not find fault with him.

Favours speaks when other voices are silenced. No matter where you are hidden now by the enemy, the favour of God will find you out, and announce you. It was in the case of David that as a lad, he was in the bush feeding his father's flock, when Samuel visited his father's (Jesse's) house to choose and anoint a new King after Saul for Israel. His elder brothers were around and ready to be anointed but favour sought for David, fetched him from the bush and announced him. Jacob was another man of favour. From the womb, favour began to speak for him against his twin brother Esau (Rom. 9:10-13). It is not of he that wills, nor he that runs but of God who shows mercy.

If you are God's choice, you will shine against all odds. For Jacob, the Brother Esau succeeded to come out of the womb first yet he later got the birth right because he was a man of favour. You may be a sinner today but because you are favoured the devil has lost the battle, you are going to shine. Think of Jesus saved in the Bible – Saul, the woman caught in adultery, Moses, were once sinners but favour spoke for them. Queen Esther was a child of favour, for her sake heaven created vacancy in the palace. Queen Vashti had to step aside by all means that the child of favour might step in. The three Hebrew boys alongside Daniel became King Nebuchadnezzar's choice men above all men of the land because God favoured them with great wisdom. God's spirit did great exploit through them such that unbelievers around could not deny it.

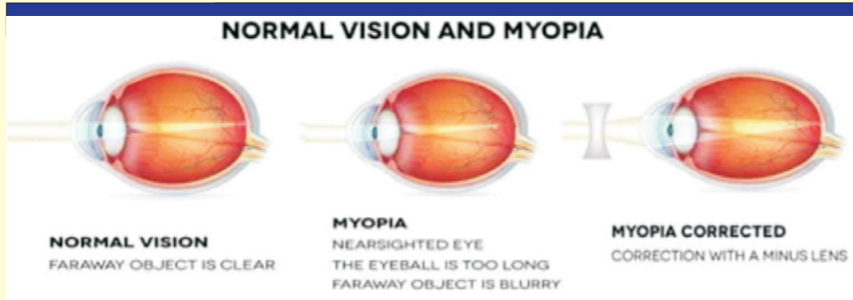
As born again children of God we are highly favoured. By the

reason of our salvation, we are blessed God says in His word you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people, a holy nation.... It is the same grace shown Abraham, Enoch, Noah, Saul, David, Moses, and others that has been shown us. We should be happy because we are the most favoured of this world by the reason of our salvation. Crying over your life challenges is inconsequential surrender your problems and see how God will carry them for you. It is not by labour but by God's favour. He that made an axe head to swim out of water by the word of Prophet Elisha, is still alive. The God I know and serve is the impossibility specialist. You may have done all you should do all to no avail. I tell you, the burden bearer is here. He says I will lift up the load of the Assyrians from your shoulder. You have suffered so much but now be relieved of all your burdens in Jesus name. He favoured people in the time past. He is still the same yesterday, today and forever. If you are not born again, you have a big problem, surrender now to Jesus. Then say, Lord, if I have found favour in thy sight, show me thy glory. I see the Lord reaching out to you. The God of mercy and grace is his name. you are blessed.

Pastor Ig. Nwabuo

Myopia (Nearsightedness)

I can't recognize what my teacher writes on the board!!



The above statement does it sound common or have you listened to such grievance from your child/ward, do your kids sits close to the tv or even squint whenever he/she is looking at a distant object, it may be a sign that your child/ward has an eye condition called Myopia/nearsightedness.

Myopia according to Wikipedia is defined as an eye disorder where light focuses in front of the retina, which causes distant objects to be blurry while close objects appear normal. Studies have shown that myopia is caused by genetics i.e hereditary and environmental factors; environmentally, myopia could be driven by numerous changes in lifestyle that have occurred in recent generations. Children spending less time outdoors, excessive close work such as reading, writing, and possibly using hand-held devices (smartphones, tablets, and computers) has been implicated as causative factors. An "everything in moderation" approach is therefore generally recommended, although children

are recommended to and psychological well-being, read, they should also and development.

spend some time away from reading and computer games doing regular eye check, American Optometric Association recommends:

According to the international myopia institute estimate, 30% of the world is currently myopic, and by 2050, almost 50% will be myopic, which is a staggering 5 billion people.

Myopia is a highly significant problem not only because of the high number of persons affected but also it can increase the risk of vision threatening conditions (e.g retinal breaks and detachment, glaucoma). When myopia is left untreated, it can be a limiting factor in a child's ability to learn in school and their quality of life, personal

It is very important to always have your child/ward computer games doing regular eye check, American Optometric Association recommends:

A comprehensive baseline eye exam between the ages of 6 months and 12 months, At least one comprehensive eye exam between the ages of 3 and 5 to check for any conditions that could have long term effects,

An annual, comprehensive eye exam starting before first grade i.e primary one.

Finally, the Bible counsels "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he" (Proverbs 29:18, KJV).

Dr. Chinyere Omeeke

BE CAREFUL!

There are days I wear clothes that are brightly colored; clothes I know that when it gets stained: It becomes an issue or possibly make me uncomfortable with those clothes. I tend to be very careful. How do I mean.... Days like that, I am very careful of what I eat or drink, places I go (sometimes, I stay away from certain areas in the market or carefully walk through such areas), people that come close to me (days like that everybody is a suspect), where I sit, etc. Why? I don't want to get stained!

There are many believers who are not conscious of whom they are or the garment they are putting on. They go everywhere and do anything. They are not conscious of whom God has made them to be.

1 Peter 2:9 - But you are God's chosen treasure—priests who are kings, a spiritual "nation" set apart as God's devoted ones. He called you out of darkness to experience his marvelous light, and now he claims you as his very own. He did this so that you would broadcast his glorious wonders throughout the world. The

Passion Translation. believers are not like that, We are TREASURES, they can't even protect the let's act like such. We name of Jesus. Instead they are PRIESTS who are drag His name to the mud. KINGS, so let's talk as We do so many things just to such, we are not protect our clothes....but, I ordinary, we are a don't see many doing much SPIRITUAL NATION to protect their connection whom God has called with JESUS. They talk filthy, to show forth his they dress carnal, they visit praise everywhere. terrible places and do all sort

We shouldn't be of things that would cause carefree or careless of even the weak to fall. Are we our Christian journey truly afraid of getting or our faith. If I am stained?

wearing a cream We ought to be mindful colored skirt or a of what we say, what we do, white dress, I know I where we go....we have to be have to be careful deliberate about making because of my Jesus proud. Everyone of us clothing, the same ought to live consciously as applies to everyone of pilgrims in this present evil us. There are times we world. We need to give others want to sit, we take (unbelievers) the privilege of out our handkerchiefs seeing the DIVINE through and clean the chairs us.... If JESUS will be seen by presented to us, why? the world, it is through you. WE DO NOT WANT TO So, start doing a good job in BE STAINED. When we ensuring you live a life worthy enter a bus we try to enough to broadcast God's maintain a distance, glorious wonders. Now I even when we are ask...How protective are you misunderstood, we of your Christian faith? Are don't care because we you deliberate about making are trying to protect Jesus proud?

something, but many **Shall we pray?**

GOD ROBBERS

(Holiness and Tithing)

by William F. Hill

It has never made sense to me that a person could claim to live a Holy Life and be stingy with his money. It has been a real joy for me to travel coast to coast in this United States and also in other countries preaching the joys of Tithing and giving.

Entire churches in Kenya, East Africa and the Philippines, have pledged to pay God the Tithes until Jesus comes again, after I preached to them on tithing. In the U.S.A many have pledged to Tithe, while Tithers pledged to give the second tenth to missions or to their local church. I receive no personal monetary gain from this, I have no blessing pacts to offer, only the one God offers in His word.

When I say I received no personal monetary gain from preaching on tithing in other churches, the answer should be obvious. I have always believed the Bible teaches that the tithe should be paid into the local church where the person is attending. The reasons for this could be many, not the least of which is this where you are to receive most of your spiritual food. Also, as a member of the church, you have a voice in saying how it is spent and you are privileged to watch the lives of those who are in charge of

the money. This you cannot do when you send your Tithes to evangelists, missionaries, etc. I am a strong believer in the local church, without the local church, all of the other ministries would soon fail.

Many a pastor becomes distressed when he finds that his members are sending their tithe off to ministries that are already extremely wealthy, and who spend the money received on dubious projects that seem to be more for the purpose of glorifying the Evangelist or the flesh rather than promoting the kingdom of God.

“Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now, herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes”. Malachi 3:10-11.

I will never forget the time several years ago when I was suffering with heart trouble. I would awaken in the early morning hours with chest pains and numbness in my left arm and leg. One such morning at 2:00am I felt I was dying, I whispered to my wife to pray for me. She sat up in bed, laid both hands on my chest and prayed, “Father, you promised us that if we would pay our tithes, you would rebuke the devourer for our sakes, our tithes is paid, this attack is nothing but the devil and if you don't heal my husband, you are a liar”. I said, “Honey, don't insult God, I am about to have to face Him”. Shortly after that I was completely healed. Some will say that tithing is

only under the law. Abraham whether of seed of the land paid Tithes 400 years before the law was given.

And blessed be the most high God, which delivered thy hand. And he gave Tithes of all. Gen. 14:20. Jacob paid Tithes before the law was given.

And this stone, which I have set for pillar, shall be God's house and of all that thou shall give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee. Gens. 28:22.

Actually, not to pay tithes is stealing. I have respect for a bank robber than a God robber. I have told women while preaching this message that it is dangerous to sit by non tithers in church. If they will steal from God. They might try to get in some woman's purse or pick a man's pocket. Could it be that this is why the farmers and others are hurting financially, and even going bankrupt? Most have not tithed, and are living under a curse.

Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment and mercy and faith these ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone”. Matthew 23:23.

“But woe unto you Pharisees for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and Passover and judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone”. Luke 11:42.

“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In Tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation”. Malachi 3:8-9. “And all the tithe of the land, confirms tithing in the New

Testament in a forceful way. “Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel”. I Cor.9:13-14.

There are many more passages of scripture referring to Tithing that could be used. The earnest seeker of truth does not demand to be overwhelmed with a great number of scriptures, and the rebeller would not be convinced if God Himself would write it in the sky and then come down and slap him on the head to get his attention.

There are those who claim to believe in and to live a holiness life but do not pay God the tithes.

My advice for those who make such a claim is to repent of their thievery for there will be no robbers in heaven.

Let him that stole steal no more. Ephesians 4:28.

DEVELOPING MENTAL CAPACITY

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- (1) Holiness
- (2) Ministry
- (3) National
- (4) Women
- (5) Retreat

- (6) Blaze
- (7) Teens
- (8) Priesthood
- (9) Generation
- (10) Chosen

Congregational Hymn

OLD RUGGED CROSS

- On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus
*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.*

- Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

- In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.

- To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

HOLY SPIRIT LEAD US NOW

- Holy Spirit, lead us now
Boldly to the throne of grace;
While our heads in prayer we bow,
Let Thy presence fill this place:
Holy Spirit, Heavenly Guide,
Lead us to the Crucified!

- This is now our time of need,
This is now the day of grace;
Now our souls with manna feed
Ere we leave this sacred place:
Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove,
Lead us to the feast of love!

- At the blessed mercy-seat
Peace and joy are freely given,
While we wait at Jesus' feet,
Make this place the gate of heaven;
Holy Spirit, Heavenly Friend,
Now upon our hearts descend!

- Weak and sinful though we be,
Jesus' blood can cleanse from sin;

At the fountain full and free
Wash and make us pure within:
Holy Spirit, Cleansing fire,
Burn up every base desire!

JESUS ONLY IS OUR MESSAGE

- Jesus only is our message
Jesus all our theme shall be
We will lift up Jesus ever
Jesus only will we see

Chorus:

*Jesus only, Jesus ever
Jesus all in all we sing
Saviour, sanctifier, Healer
Baptizer and coming King*

- Jesus only is our saviour
All our guilt He bore away
All our righteousness He gives us
All our strength from day to day

- Jesus is our sanctifier,
Cleansing us from self and sin,
And with all His spirit's fullness,
Filling all our hearts within

- Jesus only is our healer
All our sicknesses He bare
And His risen life and fullness,
All His members still may share

- Jesus only is our Power,
His the gift of Pentecost
Jesus breathe thy power upon us
Fill us with the Holy Ghost

- And for Jesus we are waiting
Listening for the trumpet's sound
Then it will be us and Jesus
Living ever with our God

WHY NOT? WHY NOT?

Why do you wait, dear brother!
Oh, why do you tarry so long!
Your saviour is waiting to give you
A place in His sanctified throng

Chorus:

*Why not? Why not?
Why not come to Him now?*

- What do you hope, dear brother,
To gain by a further delay!
There's no one to save you but Jesus;
There's no other way but His way

- Do you not feel dear brother,
His Spirit now striving within!
Oh, why not accept His salvation,
And throw off thy burden of sin!

- Why do you wait, dear brother!
The harvest is passing away;
Your Saviour is longing to bless you:
There's danger and death in delay.

ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME

- Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy river side which flowed;
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from it's guilt and power

- Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not alone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone,

- Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I Cling!
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, come to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, savior, or I die

- While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to world unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne;
Rock of Ages cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee