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Watch The Unchanging Truth!

With Pastor Ig. Nwabuo

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Tuesday 10:00pm on ITV, Wednesdays at 9:30pm on EBS and NTA Sundays at 3:00pm



Editorial

A fresh start, a new dawn, a new hope. I know we couldn't wait for 2021 to wrap up and just like I did, we were looking forward to what God has in store for us in the New Year. I can gladly tell you that we have stepped into the promise. Our living is not a product of our qualification, but a spill of grace.

Our anchor is bringing us into the realm of

unlimited possibilities. Our wellbeing is a concern to the father and that is why he will be instructing us in this year, so as to bring us to the desired sweetness He has planned for us.

It is a train of the 7p's, I would encourage you dear reader to join the train as we embark on this journey into unlimited possibilities. From me, and every single member of my crew, we want to say a big welcome to the year 2022, the year of the 7 p's. Array, we made it.

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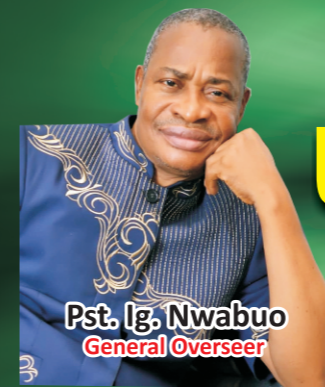
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Jesus Christ the captain of our salvation is leading us into 2022 from the beginning of the year to the end. His eyes, presence and glory shall be over us, His care will be unlimited. Josh 5:13-15, Heb. 2:9-10, Deut. 11:12, When He leads the way, we shall enjoy the unlimited possibilities in all areas of our life's endeavor in 2022. Dear fellow pilgrims and Christ's ambassadors in this year of our Lord Jesus, as we are willing to obey and please God by faith, God's promises of blessings will follow you and overtake you. Deut. 28:1-13, Isa. 1:19, Heb. 11:6.

- (a) Peace unlimited which is the Lord's peace, Jn. 14:27, Heb. 12:14; Psm. 119:165, Jn. 16:33. This is the most essential commodity which the world do not have, despite their efforts.
- (b) Purity, which is God's nature will beautify you, Matt. 5:8, I Pet. 1:15-16, 2 Chron. 20:21, Heb. 12:14b.
- (c) Prosperity will swallow all your poverty as you spend your years in prosperity. As you obey and walk with the Lord; physical prosperity, material prosperity, financial prosperity, spiritual prosperity which I call unlimited prosperity will be your inheritance, Job. 36:11, gen. 26:12-14, 3 Jn. 1-2.
- (d) Power Unlimited; Lk. 10:19, Matt. 16:19, Acts 1:8, God is Power, and He gives it to whosoever He wills. Psm. 62:11.
- (e) Progress, a bonafide possession for the righteous, whatever thou doest shall progress. Josh. 1:7-8, Psm. 1:3.
- (f) Promotions astronomically. Joseph and Mordecai were examples- Psm. 75:6, Gen. 41:38-44, Esther 10:1-3, from the prison to the throne. Eccl. 4:14, from being a gate man to being the second in command. Oh what a wonderful God we serve.

(g) Protection unlimited is possible in 2022, despite the security challenges in Nigeria and the world over; the name of the Lord is a strong tower the righteous runneth into it and are safe- Prov. 18:10. For the upright and true believers your security is guaranteed by God, day and night. Psm. 91:1-16, Psm 121:1-8.

(h) Possibilities without limit is our portion in this year which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Salvation is possible, restoration back to the faith is possible, sanctification and holiness all year round is possible, healing and miracles, deliverance, total freedom from all the works of the devil is possible, longevity is possible, walking in dominion and ruling in the midst of your enemies is possible Lk. 1:37, Mk. 9:23. God will break protocols and natural laws to make all things possible in your lives, families, businesses, careers, academics, marriages, single brothers and sisters expecting to be coupled this year are not left out, barrenness and infertility, death will be swallowed up in victory. Psm. 110:1-3, Isa. 25:8-10, Job 20:15.

All your wealth, riches, destinies, businesses, marriages, favors, blessings, C.Vs, womb, eyes, legs swallowed by the devil and demons must be vomited, the Lord Himself will practically cast them out of their bellies – this is what God is saying to the righteous man. Isa. 3:10, Although in the world of the ungodly there will be tribulations but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world. The government of our world are saying things will be hard and harsh, and that tough time awaits the world in 2022. Increment in almost everything in the market, more hardship awaits the wicked world but for the redeemed of the Lord you shall flourish as Palm tree and Cedar planted in Lebanon, Psm. 92:12-14, Psm. 1:1-3, Jere. 17:7-8. This is our time to rule, shine, rejoice and be glad for the end of sorrows, crying and captivities is near. Isa. 40:1-2, Psm. 126:1-3, Is. 60:1-22.

As you enjoy these glorious promises, don't lose the sight of heaven.

A Happy and A Holy 2022
New Year Message by Pst. Ig. Okwuchukwu Nwabuo
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2022 A YEAR OF CLOSE WALK WITH THE Holy Spirit



Sis. Delight NWABUO

But ye shall be baptised with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" Acts 1:5^b, 8.

As the world is aspiring a one world government that will foster one world religion, every true child of God should go in for a close walk with the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew the importance of this so, He commanded the Apostles to wait in Jerusalem until they were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. In Obedience to the Master's instruction, as they left Mount Olive for Jerusalem and there continued with one accord in prayer and supplication along, with the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. Acts 1:4, 12 and 14. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as

of a rushing mighty wind, and it dealt with is our flesh which filled all the house where they constantly wars against our spirit. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4. And their works, thereafter, were filled with His power.

In this same rein, Paul charges that we believers walk with the Holy Spirit. Saying, walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the spirit, ye are not under the law" Gal. 5:16-18. Our number one enemy that must be

2022 is a year of unlimited peace, purity, prosperity, power, progress, promotion, protection and possibilities for those who will begin a close walk with the Holy Spirit of God, spend time with Him in the secret place, and yield to His leadings. Such persons will see His smiling face at the climax of this race.

THE BENEFITS OF A WALK WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. If you do, the word of God will become absolute life to you.
 2. If you do, your prayer life will change completely.
 3. If you do, He will transform your daily Christian life.
- Do you want your wilderness to become a fruitful field and your

heart's infertile field be made a forest? Walk with the Holy Spirit. Do you want the breath of the Almighty God to give you life? Then walk with the Holy Spirit. Job 33:4. Do you know that God has garnished the heavens and His hand hath formed the crooked serpent? This is why you must walk with the Holy Spirit. Job 26:13. God is still willing to fill and equip us with the sufficient grace we need to scale through. Before Jesus set out for His mission on earth, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove upon Him. Do you know that the Holy Spirit is the Strength of believers? He is our Power, our Teacher, our Instructor, our Baptizer, our Comforter, the believers Oil, our Companion, and our Intercessor.

pray to the Holy Spirit; you simply fellowship with Him. this word means "commander." He's like a captain, a ruler, or a boss but a loving, and friendly one. Just as He instructed the apostles where they should go and where they should share His joy and He must be allowed to rule in your personal affairs. Remember, since Christ departed, the Holy Spirit is in charge" on earth.

So, are you listening to His voice? Are you ready to commune with Him? When I began my fellowship with the Holy Spirit I talked with him day and night. Not a day passed that I did not say, "Holy Spirit. Precious Holy Spirit" participation with you.

And we began our time of prayer and communication." For us to endure persecutions and overcome trials and temptations. For us to carry out the great commission of preaching the Gospel to every creature we must walk in partnership with the Holy Spirit. With Him it is indeed friendship. The spirit longs to be your closet friend, someone with whom' you can share the deepest secrets of your heart.

Sixth, the word means communion means presence. God the Father's desire for you is that the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit will be with you.

Second, it means fellowship. You do not need to communion means

Happy rapturable 2022

WHO IS YOUR FRIEND?

Before we begin to explore the concept of friendship, it is important that we do not mistake it for acquaintanceship. And the dividing line that distinguishes these two are influence and relatedness. Acquaintance refers to the people that crosses your path due to one reason/situation or the other. These set of people do not command a significant influence in your life friend. A friend is one who you share a deep connection with and a friend also plays a huge role in determining who and what you will eventually become.

Friendship is a choice, but love is a commandment, whosoever you make or accept as a friend influence your life positively or negatively with or without your knowledge. Abraham became the friend of God, but before that God had to tell him to walk in wholesome, perfection, Genesis. 17:1, Genesis 18:17&18. The friendship between Abraham and God influenced Abraham to be like God. The popular adage says "Show me your friend and I will tell you who you are".

The Bible tells us in James 4:4, that friendship with the world" is enmity with God. Eve made the choice of a friend by her association with the serpent. It influenced her to disobey God and she suffered the consequences. The word of God also says in I Corinthians 15:33 that "evil communication corrupts good manners". You are who your friends is. If your friend is a occultist, homosexual lesbian, troublemaker, backslider, thief, etcetera, that is who you are or that is who you will eventually become.

We are advised and warned concerning the choice of our friends in proverbs 22:24-25 and proverbs 1:10. The wrong friends will surely teach you their ways. If you love your soul flee from wrong friends

and sinners. I Corinthians 6:16-17 encourages us to make friends with those who are humble, zealous, sincere, godly, holy and pure. The only way to ensure that you move according to God's plans for your life is to first check your life's action and who or what is influencing it. If it is the world – sinners, then you must separate. If you join yourself to a brother or sister who likes to criticize the doctrine/teachings of the church, you will soon be out of the church. That's why we ought to join ourselves to those who are ready to serve God and are preparing for eternity because with them your soul will live. Ammon's friendship with Jonadab lead to untimely death as see in 2 Samuel 13. The friends friendship between David and Jonathan as seen in I Samuel 18:1-4 and I Samuel 23:16-18 was a true friendship that strengthen. David in the Lord (I Samuel 23:16). It was a sincere friendship full of sacrificial love, that is the kind of friendship that true believers ought to have, iron, sharpens iron. Convert your time spent with ungodly friends, food and sleep to time of prayer, Bible study and fasting. Consciously learn to delight in them. Tell yourself that you delight in these spiritual disciplines even when you are not. Slowly and gradually you will begin to delight in them as your attention changes, because you will be calling into being the things which are not.

Marriages have also separated some Christians from God just like it separated King Solomon from the God of his father, David. I Kings 11:1-6. Dear reader, don't love the things, friendship, marriages and association of this world. Remember who you are: a chosen generation. I Peter 2:9. Come out from this world and be ye separate. Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Light has nothing to do with darkness. 2 Corinthians 6:14-17. Instead, join yourself unto the Lord; John 15:14-15. It is often said "turn to the sun and the shadows will fall behind you". I say to you today, turn to God and consciously talk to yourself into delighting in Him and his activities and the shadows of attractions for sinful practices and sinful people will wane into extinction. And just before you end this article and switch to something else. Sincerely ask yourself this question, "who is my friends?"

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

Heb. 13:1-3, Matt. 22:35-40

You have often heard the statement asking about the welfare of those not to leave undone. 'Christianity is not religions. But less likely to be cared for, and Beloved, this message what then is Christianity if not a reaching out to them. calls us to do some analysis. religion? Define your Christianity. Is it

First, let's get the concept of religion clear. Religion, according to the Merriam Webster, is simply an organized system of beliefs and rules used to worship God. This follows that religion devises a set of protocols to seeking or reaching out to God. In other words, it is man exploring means to access God. Religion is purely orchestrated by man. By this we mean that the effort to connect to God, to ever get to the realm of the divine is entirely the achievement of man.

But Christianity doesn't follow this pattern. In contrast, Christianity is God seeking man. It is the eternal love of God compelling Him to seek after mankind, taking upon Himself the nature of man and dying for, man. Christianity is anchored on this practical love of God. This is the distinguishing factor between Christianity and religion. Rom. 5:8 tells us 'But God commendeth His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.' Christianity has nothing to do with a set of rituals that must be followed. Instead, it is a life duly surrendered to God. It is a life lived on a daily basis that reveals to the world what it means to live in practical love, holiness, righteousness and truth. The Christian life can be expressive through any man. Just like Jesus, you find this practical Christianity in the form of selfless giving: giving to the poor, consciously looking out for the needy in the church or one's immediate environment and making it a point of duty to reach out to them. This selfless act of giving can also be seen in the act of recognizing the unrecognized,

asking about the welfare of those not to leave undone. Beloved, this message calls us to do some analysis. Define your Christianity. Is it based on religion or practical Christianity? Remember, Christianity is a lifestyle, religion is a service. What is your Christianity like? Is it hanging on the sacrificial love of God expressed through absolute surrenderedness and service to God and your neighbour or is it you making all the decision on whether or not to reach out to the poor while using your commitment to the work of God as a consolation. Remember calls all those who fall into the latter hypocrites. And we know, beyond any reasonable doubt, that no hypocrite will ever enter heaven.

Think about the act of Jesus to Zaccheaus. He was the least considered for an encounter with Jesus, because of his criminal record. Also, think for a moment on the act Jesus showed to the cripple at Solomon's porch. While the angel stirred the pool, none help him in cared to even though this could have changed the course of his entire life. Beloved, a single phone call or a word of Prayer can completely change the life of a person. Some of us now place premium in church attendance and being called upon to hold one position or the other, but have forgotten the fundamental command of God; "by this shall all men know that ye are My disciples." If you love one another. We have forgotten that love is only viewed through the parading of sacrifice and love entails placing your money, time and attention at the disposal of others. We fail to recall hat God's blessings are meant to satisfy our needs as well as that of others and now use church attendance, title and offering to cover up. Thus, replacing the fundamental command of God in consequential. And Jesus warned us about this devotion in Matt. 23:23 'woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for you pay tithes of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and

Hear the words of Jesus 'ye have heard that it has been said, thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, love them that despitefully use you and persecute you. That ye may be the children of your father which is in heaven. This is Christianity. And if your life does not mirror this reality, do not deceive yourself anymore. You are practicing religion not Christianity. Release your life to God today, confess your short-coming to Him and tell Him to help you.

I WAS AN ADDICT

The Story of Mike Bamiloje

Several years ago, precisely 1982, at age 22, before I entered the ministry, during our church convention, I was standing outside the large church building on that Sunday morning, when a very famous music minister was called upon to come out and minister to us in song. She walked out to the front, grabbed the microphone and began to sing. Shortly, the whole pace became electrified with the presence of God. I and a lot of others were standing outside the large hall building because there was no longer space inside to sit. The anointing that morning was so heavy upon the congregation as the voice of that woman rent the hallowed chamber of the large hall. As I listened to the songs she sang, I could not control myself anymore when I began to sob in tears and pray: "LORD, you are using a woman, use me too. I want to serve You. Use me too..." This was all I was praying in tears, when I suddenly began to hear His voice coming up from me. I heard Him plainly speaking to me: "I will use you, if you surrender your gift at my feet." That was the contention, my Gift. The Talents. I was a gifted writer. I wrote drama script and novels. But the things I wrote at that time were non-christian literary pieces. Purely secular. When the Lord was talking to me that morning, my heart went directly to the drama scripts I had just written which were not Christian stories, but mere moral, theatrical secular themes. I heard Him that morning, telling me to stop using my writing gift to write whatever I liked. I heard Him speaking to me softly, persuasively, that He would use me beyond my wildest dream, if I could make a covenant with Him to use my writing Gifts for His glory alone. I heard Him telling me to go and pack all those uninspiring non-spiritual drama and novel scripts aside and abandon them and determine now to start writing for Him. That was why I was crying. I was crying to be used by God like that woman who was singing. And I was crying because I was told to stop writing all those secular literary pieces I was writing if I would be used by God. I didn't want to stop writing those theatrical dramatic pieces; I didn't want to stop writing those adventurous and investigative novels that profited the Heavens nothing.

That morning, in tears, I prayed and promised the Lord, I would stop writing those unchristian literary drama and poetic pieces. I told God I would release my gift to Him for His use. I restrained for a while, but I soon backslid and went back writing those secular drama, poetic pieces and novels again. It was like I was drugged. It was like I was addicted to writing those plays, poems and novels. I was like a drunkard addicted to drinking. I was like a smoker addicted to smoking. I would write till my fingers began to hurt, and I would get someone to sit down and be writing for me, while I dictated. So, I backslid into writing again, what I told God I would not write again. I was hooked into writing secular dramatic, poetic and adventurous and investigative literary pieces. In order to convince God otherwise or please Him, I adopted another strategy: I began writing Bible stories in dramatic form but with traditional secular themes, that had no reference to God or any spiritual lessons. One of such stories was the story of David and Uriah, but written in traditional war-drama, without any reference to God, Biblical or

spiritual matter. The Script became very theatrical and highly academic that one of the famous educational publishing company rated it presentable and approved for the 100 level University Yoruba Literature Class. Two other ones were already being proof-read in other publishing houses. I was glued to this gift. It had become an idol to me. I found it difficult to submit it at the feet of Christ. I could not do what the Lord was demanding from me. I love writing plays and poems that had nothing to do with Christ or the Kingdom of God, though I was a sound believer, a child of God. I continued in this till one morning, the Lord showed me in a dream, that unless I obeyed Him and go urgently to withdraw those scripts from the publishing companies that had offered and prepared to publish them, the devil would use the publish books to rubbish my ministry later in life and He would not be able to do what He wanted to do in my life and ministry. He showed me in the dream it was urgent. I had just organized a Drama Ministers Conference and had just taught many people how to write gospel drama for the expansion of the Kingdom of God. I had left those scripts with the publishing companies and they could bring the scripts out any time. I had already began my ministry and gone 4 or 5 years into the ministry by then.

who was, incidentally, in charge of that particular script. She was a woman and I told her what I had come to do. I had come to withdraw my script from publishing. I never wanted it to be published again. She tried to persuade me, but I stuck to my request. She said she was also a Christian, but there was nothing bad in the script. I stuck to my demand. At last she agreed and said she would table the matter before the management and send the manuscript to me. She presented a document to me and I signed and I left the place. A week later, I got the script back. I was relieved. I then told the Lord, "I hereby submit all my gifts at your feet." And that was all.

Today, have I not produced more better drama scripts for the Lord? Have I not turned many drama scripts into great movies for the Kingdom of God? I may not be known as literary author today, but I am known as a Drama Minister in Nigeria and outside Nigeria. Therefore, every gift is deposited in a person's life by God for the Expansion of the Kingdom of God, it is not meant to serve your pleasures and neither was it given to you to do whatever you like with it. "For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country,..."

THE ISSUES OF GIFTS AND TALENTS ARE ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. It is a Kingdom's Issue. It is not a joking matter, it has to do with the matter of Eternal Life.. GIFT AND TALENT IS A KINGDOM ISSUE."...who called his own servants..." EVERYONE POSSESSING ONE TALENT OR THE OTHER HAS BEEN CALLED TO BE SERVANT OF GOD. Everyone with one Spiritual Gift or the Other has automatically been called as Servant of God, called by God to use the Gift and Talent for the Matter of the Kingdom of God. Because the Parable of the Talents is about the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, whatever gift you found out you have been endowed by God (music, drama, acting, singing, dancing, writing, poetry, administration, counseling, teaching, decoration, etc), it was deposited in your earthen vessel for the purpose of the Kingdom of God,

by the Master who had travelled and is coming back for reckoning. It is not for pleasing the World or pleasing yourself or serving the purpose of the Devil.

I woke up in the morning and told my wife, I needed to travel to those publishers. I went to them and met one of the Publishing Directors

THE SECRET OF NOBLES

ECCLESIASTES 10:16-17

From our text, there were three categories of people mentioned. They were the kings, princes and nobles. And the Bible says, "Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning! Blessed are thou, when thy king is a son (product) of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!" As we look at this Scripture, we'll realize that the most important set of persons of the three mentioned are a certain people the wise man called 'nobles.' What this means is, when the king becomes a child, it is a noble's fault... And when the Prince chooses riotous living, spending extravagantly, we realise that it is still not his fault, but that of the 'nobles'. But blessed is that land whose king was disciplined by nobles, and whose prince (as a result of the noble's discipleship) have become persons who eat because they need strength. Unlike our normal rational thought of the meaning of the word 'nobles', in this context, it isn't talking about 'a title given to chiefs' but 'a ranking attained,' with which, if he disciplines certain persons, the king will not be a child. For Solomon to have said, "Woe to that land when your king is a child...", it means there were several Land in the Bible where their kings were children. Children, not necessarily by age, but in understanding the purpose and the will of God for that time, so, anywhere we find a noble, the king will be matured. So the Lord is saying, through Solomon, that a land will go into penury when their king is a child and their princes eat in the morning. And if the most important set of people, before God, are not the kings or princes but the nobles, then our concern is; Who are the Nobles?

From Paul's writings in 1 Thessalonians 1:6, it becomes clear that

when he and his companions visited the Church in Thessalonica, they didn't just go there as apostles or preachers. Instead, they assumed a unique posture; because of which the disciples in Thessalonica became followers first of them, before becoming followers of the Lord Jesus. The truth is, if you find any person following the leadings of a noble, eventually he would start following Christ. It's like what John the Baptist did when he came and began labouring much to raise a people whom he pointed to Jesus. And when Jesus came, he stepped aside. It's just as the work of the groom's man. From Paul's perspective, "We disciple /ministered to you, and you started following us. But eventually, you became followers of Christ. Every noble will disciple people from his own standpoint. And if as a believer you have not conquered the world (gone through everything the persons to be disciplined will go through and successfully conquered them), you are not permitted to lead them. These disciples began first to follow Paul and at a point, stopped doing so and became followers of Christ instead, because everything they were taught, and the life the apostles lived, all mirrored the life of Christ. That was why they followed them and didn't end as something else.

Furthermore, we note from the text taken in the Book of Ecclesiastes, that it was said, "Woe to thee, O land, when your king is a child, and your princes eat riotously...but if you have nobles who can disciple, then your land can

enjoy..."(paraphrased). This means the Noble is NOT a Child, because he has an understanding which makes him not to eat for drunkenness. And that's why he can successfully nurture a king into maturity, and can successfully disciple a prince into sustaining a certain kind of understanding. Therefore, the Noble is not vulnerable to the challenges of the kings and princes; he is the one saddled with the responsibility of nurturing them. And the Bible states that a land with nobles is blessed, because eventually, all the kings found therein will be matured, and the princes will have understanding. This has nothing to do with leadership, for in the apostolic Church, everybody is expected to be a noble. Follow the trend of the Book of Acts! Remember when Paul and Barnabas had a sharp contention? Paul took Silas, and Barnabas went with John Mark. But at the end of the day, the testimony was same; Silas and John Mark, who were raised became strong enough to raise others, so much so that even Paul later sent for John Mark. This shows that everyone of that Church were nobles.

SECRETS OF NOBLES

1. NOBLES ARE NOT CHILDREN Galatians 4:1-7

A servant has no stake in the inheritance of a king. And the Bible says, if we find any heir who remains a child, he is not different from a servant. But because the father is committed to his kingdom, all he can do is to place his heir under governors and tutors, teachers who would raise him to the extent that he becomes mature, else, the father has no business in transferring anything to him. The Father happens not be sentimental, nor emotional. If an heir refuses to grow, there is no inheritance for him. And in Hebrews 5:12-14-there seemed to have been complaints when the persons who ought to have become teachers of others, still needed people to teach them the elementary principles of the Kingdom. Elementary, in our day refers to Kindergarten.. This therefore shows that, in the school of God, such persons are still in Kindergarten; a phase they ought to have outgrown. The Amplified version calls them 'Spiritual infants. 'These persons could be well advanced in age, but because they still take milk, they are babes. But strong meat belongs to a group of people who, by the reason of use, have had their senses exercised. They heard the Gospel and began to make consistent and conscious attempts towards growth, despite the times they failed. They continually exercise their mind to consciously pursue holiness while growing in the Word and ways of God till it becomes a life, and we can tell that they are no more babes. But for those still taking milk, they never made attempts to live by the Word they heard. You can tell if you are practising Scriptures... That's how we grow.

This point is shared in three, under two categories;

i. The First Principle or the Kingdom Principle CHILDREN-

Children still labour on the First Principle-Hebrews 6:1; one of which is that of Repentance from dead works. Many times when we come to Church, the preacher has to labour on the teachings/messages of Repentance continually because the members have decided to be babes. They constantly

have many things to repent from, and this ought not to be so. The mind of God is; when you hear a message, it pricks your heart and you decide to give your life to Christ, you should repent and become saved, and from that point you should begin to grow. But when you repent again of sins you confessed yesterday, it means you are not growing.

FULL AGE-

Those of full age go for Kingdom Principles- Galatians 1:15-16. According to Paul, when it pleased the Lord to save him, immediately he refused to confer with flesh and blood (all sins). He decided to break himself from several things. It was his choice; and he chose to grow. For him, he got saved late, so there was no point falling and rising... As all traces of carnality in his life were removed, he pursued spirituality by all means. This is how kingdom people grow.

ii. Milk or Strong Meat

CHILDREN-

For children, they need milk-1 Peter 2:2.

FULL AGE-

They have need for strong meat.

John 21:15- It wasn't just Peter who had backslided, other disciples had also done same. But when Jesus came, He didn't look at all of them, but simply faced Peter, and asked him thrice, "Do you love Me?". Why the emphasis on Peter? Jesus had a special concern for Peter; so when it came to the matters of rebuke, He left the rest. There was something He wanted to get out of Peter, so He gave him strong meat. Its not everyone the Lord does this to. There are those He's still trying to manage. But when it comes to those He is interested in, it's strong meat He gives them. That's when we begin to talk about matters of obedience, conviction, and consecration. We don't talk about repentance at this point, but are going into deep issues, which we call 'strong meat. 'That's the reason He told Peter, "When you are converted, strengthen thy brethren..." He didn't say, "When you all are converted...", because He knew that if He could raise one noble, He could go, and the noble will raise the rest. If the Church doesn't become nobles, we go nowhere.

iii. Practice And Delivery

CHILDREN-

- They are unskilful:

Do you know, it was under those forty days Moses left Aaron in charge of the Israelites, that he made them a golden calf and called it 'The Lord.' It became obvious that Aaron was not a noble. What Moses had been doing for years, how come he just left him for forty days and he turned to obey the people? Aaron's senses had not been exercised. So when they threatened to leave him, he broke and gave way to their

desires. His life hadn't been moulded by the principles of the Word of God. He was a babe.

FULLAGE-

-Their senses have been exercised:

In Hebrews 11:24, it was recorded that Moses, though in the House of the Pharaoh, chose not to be called of the son of pharaoh's daughter. By his will, he decided to go to Goshen, where the Israelites were, and began to labour with them. A man who saw so much affluence, yet decided to break off from it because of a cry in his heart. Moses began his Christian walk very early, and whenever he had challenges/questions, he would go to God and present them. And at some point, because it was necessary for him to leave the people for some time, that he might go to the Mountain to hear from God, he did so. But under those days, Aaron moulded a new god because of pressure. So Moses, though physically younger than Aaron, yet was more spiritually mature. He had been worked upon by the principles of the Word of God, so he was not a baby.

2. THEY HAVE UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUAL TIMING

Ecclesiastes 10:16-17

The difference between a king and a prince is that, "A prince is a king without a territory yet (he's just a king in the making)." And if a prince is going to be a king, the reason for the emphasis in our text, "...the land is cursed when the prince rises up to eat in the morning...", becomes the challenge. It shows that several princes are not conscious of Timing. They don't know that as a prince, their time of preparation for kingship is limited. So, when that prince begins to eat and drink instead of preparing, it shows that he does not have understanding. Therefore, because a noble has an understanding of spiritual timing, he is expected to communicate the matter of urgency to

the prince, pulling him out of that riotous living. To further explain this point, we can use Elisha and Gehazi to explain the king and the prince. Before this time, when Elijah was yet around, he was a 'king figure'(who wielded the affairs of the territory) while Elisha was the 'prince figure'(waiting for the king to step down so he could take over). And when it was time for Elijah to go, though there were several distractions around Elisha, yet he refused to yield to them, because he was focused on his master as he followed him. And after he received his mantle of kingship, he brought revival to a land which was barren and bitter. The question is: 'What if Elisha had not followed? What if, even as a prince to Elijah, he just woke up in the morning and began to enjoy life?' At the end of it all (after Elijah's death), the city would have gone into penury. So when it came to Gehazi's turn, Elisha expected that just as he had followed his master step for step, understanding the times, so also would his servant (the now-prince) follow him... But it became obvious that Gehazi had a different mindset. At a time when he ought to be following his master, instead ran after Naaman's riches. And when he got back, Elisha's question for him was, "Is it time for you to start pursuing after these things?" He never said it was wrong to possess them but rather, "Was it the time?" A noble has an understanding of spiritual timing, without which he'll waste as prince. And the mind of God is that everyone of us would have an understanding of what spiritual timing is.

Paul (a king figure in this context), wrote in 1 Timothy 1:18 to Timothy, 'his son' reminding him of all that had been said concerning

him. Probably the need for this was because he began to notice some level of care freeness on the part of Timothy, so he decided to remind him of all said, so he could war a good warfare with them. What was Paul saying? They can say many things about you, how that you are going to be great, but if you don't use these prophecies to war a good warfare, forget about them. So every noble knows that there is something called spiritual timing, if I don't maximize it, eventually, those prophecies will waste. Forget this mindset of, "If it were God who gave this prophecy, He understands and will not allow it to die...", because if this were true, Paul wouldn't have asked young Timothy to war. A noble is one person who pays the price. We may be many in an environment, but a noble knows that you don't rise up in the morning and begin to eat and drink. Every prince should know the place of seclusions and 'seeking the face of God, until God rubs off upon him.'

"Blessed is the land when your Kings are the sons of nobles..." And who are the nobles? Nobles are 'ranking men' who don't do what others are doing because they have understanding of spiritual timing. God doesn't just make you a ranking person, **HE CHECKS YOUR PROCESSES.**

HEALTH TIPS

The Importance of Regular Health Check

The fear of receiving a difficult diagnosis or something else as perceived as 'bad news', anxiety associated with doctor's offices, hospitals or medical procedures involving needles coupled with busy life schedules, cost of health care, have made many people postpone having a regular health check.

Regular Health Check can identify any early signs of health issues. Early diagnosis means that your chances for effective treatment are increased therefore enabling a longer, healthier life. Many factors, such as your age, health, family history and lifestyle choices, impact on how often you need checkup.

According to Wikipedia, Health check is a medical procedure whereby a medical practitioner examines a patient for any possible medical signs of a medical condition. This consists of series of questions about you followed by an examination based on the reported symptoms. The purpose of these visits are for primary prevention, to check for current, emerging medical problems, assess your risk of future medical issues, prompt you to maintain a healthy lifestyle and to enhance relationship between you and your doctor.

The American Medical Association suggests for adults over 18 to 40 years should have their health check every five years. Those above the age of 40 years should have theirs every one to three years, in

this age group, it is important to take specific health exams to determine underlying illnesses that may need attention. Research have shown that you should have dental exam every six months, blood pressure test, diabetes test, pap smear, pelvic test, HIV, eye test, STI test, FOBT (faecal occult blood test), blood density test, breast cancer screening, prostate cancer screening, cholesterol screening ECG, hearing test should carried out once a year or as recommended by your doctor.

The benefits of regular health check can't be overemphasized as it enables you keep track of your health so that you can make wise decisions for your well being. Life threatening diseases can be detected early before they become complicated and severe. Money can be saved as it is cheaper to prevent, manage diseases at their early stages unlike when it is detected at a severe stage.

Regular health check play an essential role in maintaining overall wellness, peace of mind and stability in the long run. Now is the best time to prioritize your health.

DEVELOPING MENTAL CAPACITY

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| (3) Peace | (8) Protect |
| (4) Prosper | (9) Twenty two |
| (5) Power | (10) Welcome |

Congregational Hymn



STAND UP! STAND UP FOR JESUS 2/01/2022

- Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss;
From victory unto victory
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.
- Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day!
Ye that are men now serve Him,
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.
- Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
Stand in His strength alone:
The arm of flesh will fail you
Ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armour,
And, watching unto prayer
Where duty calls, or danger,
Be never wanting there.
- Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song;
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the king of glory
Shall reign eternally

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS 9/01/2022

- Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all—a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain
- In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*
- Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and morning star
Shed its beams around me
 - Near the Cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadow o'er me
 - Near the Cross, I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS 16/01/2022

- My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand

- When darkness hides His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

- His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
- When He shall come with trumpet Sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! 23/01/2022

- Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- Holy, Holy Holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.
- Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see:
Only thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.
- Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

I AM SO GLAD 30/01/2022

- I am so glad that our father in heaven
Tell of His love in the Book He has given
Wonderful things in the Bible I see;
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me

Chorus:

*I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me,
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,
Jesus loves even me*

- Though I forget Him, and wander away,
Still He doth love me wherever I stray
Back to His dear loving arms do I flee,
when I remember that Jesus loves me
- Oh, if there's only one song I can sing,
When in His beauty I see the great King,
This shall my song in eternity be,
"Oh, what a wonder that Jesus loves me
- Jesus loves me, and I know I love Him:
Love brought Him down my poor soul to redeem;
Yes, it was love made Him die on the tree:
Oh, I am certain that Jesus loves me!
- If one should ask of me, how can I tell?
Glory to Jesus, I know very well!
God's Holy Spirit with mine doth agree,
Constantly witnessing-Jesus loves me

- In this assurance I find sweetest rest,
Trusting in Jesus, I know I am blest;
Satan, dismayed, from my soul now doth flee,
When I just tell him that Jesus loves me.