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# WELCOME ADDRESS



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You are welcome to the June Edition of our magazine code named - 'Behold I Come Quickly', one of the products of The Global Harvest Mandate Vision Outreach.

We bless God for His faithfulness over our lives and to He alone do we attribute the glory of the work done so far; for no man can receive anything on earth except it be given unto him from above.

We also want to appreciate those who have been following and sharing the magazine with others. May God say 'thanks' to you in a bigger way. Your love for the kingdom will not dwindle in Jesus name.

Kindly be informed that we've created two new additional columns to cater for the needs of teenagers and the youth. This will be featured on a monthly basis; and once in a while, we will be inviting one or two of them to share their experiences on issues relating to them.

In this edition, we are looking at the following topics :

- 1.) "...IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH..."
- 2.) LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU Part 3
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- 5.) DON'T BE IN HASTE (Message for the Youth)

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See you next month.

Yours in His love

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For The Global Harvest Mandate

# “...IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH...”



## OMOLOLA-MARGARET O.

**John 4 vs 20 - 24**

**20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and you Jews say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.**

**21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.**

**22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.**

**23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.**

**24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.**

My attention was caught by a phrase in Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman about the issue of worship in our anchor text above. This phrase revealed the kind of worship required of us by God. It rang so loud in my spirit that I couldn't help but meditate on the verses again and again. In grammar, a phrase is a word or group of words that function as a single unit in the syntax (arrangement) of a sentence, usually consisting of a head, or central word and elaborating words.

In our text, the woman in question, wanted to hear Jesus' opinion about the approved place of worship. She desired an explanation as to why the Jews gave preference to Jerusalem over Samaria as a place to worship. On the contrary, Jesus said to her "Woman believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what, but we know what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth for the Father seeketh such to worship Him; God is a Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth".

What does this imply? To understand this statement, let's look at the meaning of worship itself:

Worship can either be a noun or a verb, simply defined as a feeling or expression of reverence and adoration offered to a divine being. It can also be described as an extreme form of devotion accorded to a deity; a type of unquestioning devotion born out of genuine love. In essence, worship of God can be better explained as an ardent/ferveat or passionate love for God; a glowing and burning desire to yield one's spirit whole heartedly to God (Matthew 22 vs 37), Deuteronomy 6 vs 5 ; And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

In the world of Accounting and Finance, under acquisition of shares, there's a type of shareholding arrangement called 'Wholly Owned Subsidiary' shareholding, where a hundred percent (100%) of a subsidiary's stock or share capital is held and controlled by the parent company. The implication of this is that, the latter has legal control over the operations, products and processes of the former. However, if the parent company only owns between 51% to 99% of the share capital of the subsidiary company, then such is just a regular subsidiary. The wisdom here is that, at salvation, we're wholly, one hundred percent (100%) acquired by God through the death of Jesus; and hence our

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relationship with Him must be total, genuine and absolute; not like that of a 'regular subsidiary'.

The control room of every man is the heart. Whoever controls the heart of such, controls the life. If God can access our hearts, He can have our hands. If He can have our hearts, He can have our legs and mouth. Our legs can run errands for Him, our mouths can be a means through which He communicates His mind to the world and our hands can be an extension of His arms. If our hearts truly bond with Him, then we can be in our place of work, home, in the market and any other place apart from the physical church structure and still stay connected to God without any form of breakage in transmission; THIS IS TRUE WORSHIP!

It is not uncommon to see different places of worship filled up on worship days, especially on Sundays as Hebrews 10 vs 25 encourages us not to forsake the assembly of brethren. Members of the church work force leave their homes early enough to prepare ahead of the service. Sunday School teachers open the service with a lesser percentage of the church members in attendance while others would usually join later. Choristers appear in beautiful uniforms to minister in songs. Ushers position themselves strategically within the church auditorium to maintain orderliness and serve ministers including members throughout the service. Children teachers are not left out as they too have a number of children to cope with in their church. What a beautiful arrangement! All of these are done in the name of just one word - WORSHIP. The phrase, 'in spirit and in truth' therefore becomes important here for this is the only acceptable worship before God. There can be no Father-child relationship until there's a Spirit to spirit connection. God is a Spirit, every service we render before Him must be done through the altar of our spirit. Worship is deep, worship is spiritual!

Worship can be done in ignorance, like Jesus told the Samaritan woman; Ye worship ye know not what; we know what we worship; For salvation is of the Jews. Every worship outside genuine repentance is a fake and vain worship. No matter how religious someone is, failure to acknowledge Jesus' finished work on the cross disqualifies such before God. Isaiah 64 vs 6a says; But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness is as filthy rag.

We said the heart is important when it comes to appearing before God, why? Because that's the place of contact. Psalm 15 vs 1 - 3 says ; Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. As we come to worship in His presence our hearts should be void of spiritual toxins - little foxes. Our hearts must be a place where God feels so relaxed and comfortable, a place where He can stretch His feet, not a place where he quickly wants to excuse Himself because of envy, hatred, jealousy, anger etc.

In conclusion, coming back to our text, it says God is seeking for worshippers in spirit and in truth. To seek is to desire, to strive after or to search diligently. This search is still on. God is diligently searching for souls who will connect with Him in true worship, in genuineness of heart and love, He is looking for dwellers; for worshippers are dwellers, not 'one - off guests' , 'hit and run' Christians. He seeks people who will be conscious of His presence and carry Him in their spirits everywhere they go - God is a Spirit and those who worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth - TRUE WORSHIPPERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED - ENLIST TODAY.

# LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU (III)



## OGUNSOLU TAIWO ELIZABETH

Philippians 2:5 New King James Version 'Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus'

Philippians 2:5 Amplified Version 'Have this same attitude in yourselves which was in Christ Jesus [look to Him as your example in selfless humility]'

Philippians 2:5 (New Living Translation) 'You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.'

In the part one and two of this lesson, we discovered some of the attitudes of Christ which are to be found in us as genuine children of God. They include, but not limited to these; love, humility, compassion/mercy, goodness and forgiveness. All these are fruits that Holy Spirit alone can plant in our hearts.

### IMITATE JESUS OUR SAVIOR

The bible reference above is a letter by Apostle Paul to the Philippians on attitude and Christian character. It is a letter to every child of God likewise to imitate the Author and the Finisher of our Faith in all we do.

Galatians 5:16-17

16. This I say the, walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh

17. 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.

18. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

The word of God above admonishes us to walk in the Spirit at all times. As long as we still remain in this body, there will always be contention between the flesh and the Spirit. We need to be sober and vigilant at all times, watch what comes and goes into our minds and filter the bad ones away as they come.

Luke 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that the day come upon you unawares.

Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches therefore, we must remain in Him to bear fruits and flourish spiritually. A branch that is disconnected from the tree will soon dry up and be used as fuel. The more we stay connected to the Holy Spirit, the more He renews our hearts and deposits His fruit in us, then we keep growing into maturity in Christ Jesus.

John 15:1-2

1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit He taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Living like Christ is not what can be achieved in isolation of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit in the life of a man guarantees a perfect life. The Holy Spirit conducts regular checks and balances on our hearts and helps us to be established and immovable in Christ Jesus.

The fruits of the Holy Spirit according to Galatians 5:22-23 include: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. Every genuine child of God must have these characters in them. It should

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become our way of life; it is a sign of strength not weakness. The more we walk in the Spirit, the more these characters will be evident in our lives.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you.

Much is expected from us as children of God. We cannot afford to be ignorant of our responsibilities as children of God to avoid being uprooted from the Vine. Let us take a look at the parable of the fig tree in Luke 13:6-9

Luke 13: 6 – 9.

6. He also spoke this parable, 'A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

7. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, 'Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none. Cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground?

8. And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I dig about it, and dung it.

9. And if it bears fruit, well: But if not, after that, you can cut it down.'

Just like the owner of the vine yard in this parable expected the fig tree to have produced fruit for him but found none, that is how God (the owner of the vine yard) is expecting every child of God (the fig tree) to grow and produce good fruits (fruit of the Spirit) likewise the unbelievers are to produce fruits of repentance and turn to God for renewal. Jesus is the Vinedresser, who tends to us, encourages us, warns us, sends witnesses to us among others to ensure that we grow and are not cut-off from the Kingdom.

For you to access this message, it means Jesus is offering you another chance to consider your ways and turn to Him for the renewal of your heart and spirit. If God is expecting so much from us, it means we cannot take our spiritual life with levity anymore as the time is running out and there is a lot to be done.

### REFLECTION

John 4:14; 24

14. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

24. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Jesus is always available to those who come to Him. He is ready to carry them even to everlasting life. The Spirit of God is available to those who accept Him till we all become like Him and see Him in glory. If you are yet to accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, please cry to Him to wash away your sins, save you and accept you now. If you are already part of the Kingdom of God please take account of your life in Christ and take necessary steps for reconciliation and growth today.

### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, please help me to be like you in love, humility, goodness, compassion, forgiveness and every good fruits and help me to reign with you eternally in Jesus name. AMEN

# DON'T BE IN HASTE!

**Celestine Ekele .I.**



Have you ever thought about the plan of God for your life? Have you looked at the creation pattern from the Bible's perspective? Do you believe in the finished work on the cross of Calvary and have you accepted it? If yes, then you will live a life free of worries, sin and you will NOT be in Haste to forget all God has done for you.

God's plan for every youth is tremendous and He expects every youth to ALWAYS keep in mind and NEVER forget His given benefits as clearly spelt out according to His words in Psalm 103:2-5;

**v2. - Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:**

**v3. - Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;**

**v4. - Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;**

**v5. - Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

This is really Amazing!

Beloved youth, do a recap from verse 2 and ask yourself these questions;

(1) How often do you bless or honour the Lord?,

(2) How often do you remember all that God has done for you?

(3) Do you still remember all Jesus went through for your sins to be forgiven?

(4) Do you still remember the countless times He has healed you?

(5) Do you still remember how he redeemed you from destruction, crowned you with lovingkindness and tender mercies?

So beloved, all God needs you to do is to ALWAYS remember His benefits and live your life according to His will and plans. Live a life free from sin and watch how His word will find expression in your life.

**Daniel 11:32 says - "And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."**

Beloved Youth, Do You Know God?

Knowing God begins with accepting Jesus into your life and believing in His finished works on the cross of Calvary. This is the best decision one can ever make, because God is our creator and everything in between (He knows us better).

Do not be in haste to cut corners in life, because Jesus ONLY is the Way. There are NO better shortcuts. All you will ever need is in Christ Jesus because our life is hid in Him and God (Colossians 3:3).

**It is in Him we live, move and have our being (Acts 17:28).**

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NEVER forget that you are created for a purpose and one of it is to please God with EVERYTHING you are, EVERYTHING you have and EVERYTHING you will ever become.

Beloved, wait on God for every step to take and for every decision you will make; put all your trust in Him and God Himself will prosper your ways.

**Isaiah 40:31 – “But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”**

**Deuteronomy 8:18 – “But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: \*for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.”**

**1 Samuel 2:7 – “The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich:\* he bringeth low, and lifteth up.:**

**DON'T BE IN HASTE TO FORGET HIS BENEFITS! (Psalm 103:2)**

Stay Blessed and Take Charge!

See you in the next edition!

Shalom!



# UNDERSTANDING YOUR PERSONALITY AS A CHRISTIAN TEENAGER

## OLUNLOYO FUNMILAYO O.



**Galatians 4 : 19 - My little children in whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,**

We shall consider the three key words in the topic in order for us to do justice to the topic under consideration. We trust the Holy Spirit to broaden it in our hearts.

- Ø Understanding
- Ø Personality
- Ø Christian Teenager

### Understanding

This is the ability to grasp full knowledge, to be thoroughly furnished with necessary information as it relates to a thing, place, person or situation. It is also, all that people individually feel or sense of themselves. The topic is aimed at making teenagers understand themselves, not just as any teenager but a Christian teenager and also to know their place both in the society and Christ Jesus.

### Personality

These are the qualities that make a person distinct from another, they are characteristics that distinguish a Christian teenager from other teens of the world. There are qualities and characteristics that a Christian teenager must possess that will make him or her distinct from other teenagers around.

### Christian Teenager

Teenager is a young person between the ages of thirteen and nineteen years, he is a juvenile between the onset of puberty and maturity. Therefore, a Christian teenager is that Christian juvenile who is transiting from puberty to maturity.

Putting the key words together, God wants every redeemed, saved and regenerated teenager to understand him/herself, know his/her place in Christ and live up to the expectation of society and Christ for him/her. It is however pertinent to note that the teenager under consideration is not just any juvenile but a Christian juvenile who will live his/her life according to the principles of the Bible

### Examples of Godly/Christian Teenagers in the Bible

1. Joseph in Genesis 39 : 7 – 12 was lured into fornication by his master's wife but he understood his personality as a Godly young man who is not permitted by heaven to engage in sex before marriage. Same goes for you as a Christian teenager

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2. Esther was a young orphan girl who grew up with her Uncle Mordecai yet she did not go wayward under the pretense of being an orphan, she obeyed instructions as given by her uncle, even when she had become a Queen. Lack of parental attention, gaining admission to the University, having opportunity to travel abroad or elevation into stardom is not an excuse for waywardness or disobedience to parental/elders' instruction

3. Samuel, though lived with wayward and disobedient Hophni and Phinehas in the same mission house, yet he refused to be corrupted but remained steadfast in Godly living, such that God eventually handed over the priesthood of Israel to him after Eli. 1 Samuel 2 : 22 -25

4. Timothy was another young man who knew God very early in life through the positive influence of his grandmother and mother 2 Timothy 1 : 5 he remained undaunted in his Christian life style that he grew to become one of the great apostles of Christ who got commendation when people like Demas were forsaking the gospel of Christ.

A Christian Teenager among many other things is:

First and foremost a child of God – what distinguishes a Christian teenager from others is the fact that he/she is a child of God, Christ has redeemed him/her from the curse of the law and he or she lives a Christ-like life. 1 John 4 : 4

In the world but not of the world

Temple of Holy Spirit – A Christian teenager is the abode of the Holy Spirit, in such a juvenile, the Holy Ghost lives and thus guides him/her, such that he/she cannot do anything on his/her own except what the Holy Spirit directs.

Light of the world – A Christian teenager is expected to lighten up his darkness engulfed world, he should be an agent of light who should shine wherever he finds himself.

Salt of the earth – Matthew 5 : 13 this world is full of catastrophes, casualties, many teenagers are being heart broken, hence, a Christian teenager is expected to sweeten their world, bring hope to the hopeless around them at home, in school and wherever they find themselves

An Ambassador for Christ – A Christian teenager is the representative of Christ here on earth. To reach the unreached and bring them to Christ especially among fellow teenagers.

An epistle that the world (other teenagers) are reading – 2 Corinthians 3 : 2 the life style of a Christian teenager is been read and observed by others and Christ must be seen in everything they do. They must stand out in righteousness and outstanding in holy living, example for others in humility and Godliness 1 Thessalonians 1 : 7.

In conclusion, having understood who you are as a Christian teenager, you must note this fact that Others may but you cannot – other teenagers may live a life of sin, contrary to the bible, they may be wayward, disobedient and unruly, exhibit all that were listed in 2 Timothy 3 : 1 – 5, but you as a Christian teenager must NOT because you are a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, a Peculiar People.....1 Peter 2:9



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## Genesis 12 vs 1 - 3

1. Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
2. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
3. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

As a partner in a well-established organization, you will usually enjoy certain privileges and opportunities that are not open to non-partners. Such benefits and privileges can come in the form of an official car, official house, cook, all-expense-paid-for trips and more. This is so because the partner is seen as an extension of the organization and its image; and hence should be treated with utmost importance, deserving of a worthy ambassador of the organization.

In a similar vein, people who partner with the almighty enjoy unusual and uncommon privileges reserved only for those who have attained that status. Such privileges can be material, spiritual or physical in nature. For instance, in the book of Genesis chapter 12 verse 1- 3 ; God specifically called Abraham to leave His land of nativity; (Ur of Chaldeans), his father's house and brethren for the sole aim of raising a nation who will love and serve God through him. Indirectly God was saying to him 'let's partner together and you would be greatly rewarded'.

Let's look at the promises of God to Abraham as a result of this Clarion call; "And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Wow! This is great! Abraham would have died small, irrelevant and unannounced if he had not heeded that call. God ensured he ended up becoming a blessing.

Partners are not only blessed but they're made channels of blessing to others. Till today, there's this popular song that we sing in our churches while giving out offerings; "Abraham's blessings are mine (2ce), I am blessed in the morning, in the noon and the evening because Abraham's blessings are mine.

He became a reference point all because he was God's partner and friend. Years after his departure, God still referred to him as His friend while relating with the children - "But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. (Isaiah 41 vs 8).



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As God's representative, God surrounded him with His aura, His glory and blessing all through his life time - Fringe benefits.

Also in Genesis 18 vs 17 - 18; I heard God saying; "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? Therefore, another benefit of partnering with God is access to uncommon information about oneself and in fact, others. God is always revealing deep things, but only to His partners and friends. Partners of any organization are fully informed about the operations of the company. They're not in the dark as regards any of its operations. This is how it is with God when He calls us into His company as partners; we are open to live and fresh information, even those relating to future events like in the case of Abraham.

When God calls us to partner with Him, He ensures greatness becomes our surnames because He is a great God and we have to replicate His true image.

When we truly yield to His partnership call, we completely sign out of a mean and an average life.

Stay blessed and stay safe.