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# **WELCOME ADDRESS**



Welcome to the August Edition of Behold I Come Quickly monthly magazine.

We're indeed grateful to God the Father, God the Son and especially God the Holy Spirit who has made His oil to consistently flow into and through our pens. "There's a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty gives him understanding". Thankfully, this has been our testimony all the way. May His name be forever praised.

This month by His grace we shall be accessing the following topics :

1.) THEY WERE SIMPLY FAITHFUL (You Will Be Rewarded - Series 78)
2.) WALKING WITH GOD - (Part 8)
3.) THE WORD AND PRAYER
4.) WALK IN THE SPIRIT (Part 4)

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# **THEY WERE SIMPLY FAITHFUL**

### (You Will Be Rewarded - Series 8) OMOLOLA-MARGARET O.

#### Matthew 25 vs 19 - 23

After a long time, the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

And so, he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

#### 1Corinthians 4 vs 2

#### Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

In the past few months, we've been consistently drawing out series of lessons from the attitude of the servants in Matthew 25:14 - 30 towards their master's business. This parable clearly reveals us as stewards of divine goods, for which faithfulness is required. One day we will all account for how we lived and maximized our gifts and talents as God's resources in our care.

Faithfulness is key in stewardship. It is an attitude and a necessary virtue for success, commendation and recommendation for higher placement, both in the secular and spiritual settings (worlds) Those young stewards in our anchor text were recommended for a greater positionings simply because they were faithful in little things. The quantity of what they received was not what made them but their responses in multiplying the gifts.

#### What then is Faithfulness?

Faithfulness is defined as adherence to promises, oath or in observance of duty.

Synonyms to faithfulness are: fidelity, loyalty, constancy, devotion, dedication, allegiance commitment, adherence, dependability, reliability, trustworthiness and steadfastness. This is to mention but few.

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Faithfulness is a spirit. A faithful person is dedicated and devoted to a course even when there are no indications that he is being watched or supervised. He just wants to be responsible. If you give such individual an assignment to carry out or you entrust a valuable in their custody, for all you care, you could go to bed with your two eyes closed and by the time you open your eyes, the instruction or assignment would have been dutifully carried out.

Unfaithfulness is also a spirit. It is a sign of being irresponsible and lacking in commitment. People in this category are wasters of resources just like the third servant who buried the master's gift till His return. If such are in offices or a local assembly, they cause confusion and heartbreaks for their superiors and leaders. They want authority without responsibility.

Unfaithful people can be full of eye service, they play along when they are under close watch. Their words and deeds are not reliable; they are simply inconsistent.

To handle your talents and gifts with levity is unfaithfulness to God and to His kingdom; and like the master of those 'sales boys' returned when they least expected, so also is the second coming of the Lord Jesus. His mandate to us is 'Occupy till I Come', He also said He is coming to reward everyone according as his work shall be.

#### How do we occupy till He comes?

We are to faithfully keep trading with our gifts for the expansion of His kingdom. As we do this, we won't remain small, those talents will bring us before Kings. God will also commit bigger assignments into our hands and at Jesus' return, we will be greatly rewarded.

#### CONCLUSION

Those little seeds must grow into becoming a forest. Don't despise the days of little beginnings. **Keep planting the seeds, be faithful in little things, you will sure account for that thing you called little.** 

Start small! End big!! Faithfulness is the key!!!

## WALKING WITH GOD (PART 8) (DISOBEDIENCE PRESERVES)

### **OGUNSOLU TAIWO ELIZABETH**

Bible Text: 1John 5:2-3 AMP

2. By this we know [without any doubt] that we love the children of God: [expressing that love] when we love God and obey His commandments.

3. For the [true] love of God is this: that we habitually keep His commandments and remain focused on His precepts. And His commandments and His precepts are not difficult [to obey].

#### INTRODUCTION

In as much as "Disobedience destroys", it is blessed to also know that "Obedience preserves". Obedience is like a tree with many branches and abundant good fruits. It births everything good. Obedience is the expression of our love to God. Jesus said emphatically in the book of John chapter 14 verse 15 that "If ye love me, keep my commandments'. Obedience is very paramount in our walk with God. May the Holy Spirit illuminate our understanding as we study the word in Jesus name, Amen.

#### **OBEDIENCE IS PARAMOUNT**

How can we justify our daily walk with God without obeying Him? How can we claim to be His children without keeping His commandments and heeding His voice?

Taking the account of Jonah in the book of Jonah chapters 1 to 3, God gave Him an instruction to go to the great city of Nineveh to warn them of the impending danger ahead of them due to their sins but Jonah refused to heed. Jonah gave in to the devil's lie that he could run away from the presence of God. The Almighty God showed up in the ship he was boarding to his hideout in Tarshish.

#### Jonah 1:15-17

15. So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging.

16. Then the men greatly feared the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

17. Now the Lord had prepared (appointed, destined) a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.

The people found out that it was sleeping-Jonah that caused the tempest on the sea because he of his disobedience to God. They had no choice but to throw him into the sea. Jonah ended up in the belly of a great fish which God had prepared to swallow him.

It was in the belly of the fish that Jonah acknowledged the almightiness and supremacy of God over men and all creatures. Jonah prayed to God and repented of his sin and God commanded the fish to vomit him on the dry ground after three days and nights.

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Do we have to get to the belly of the fish before we learn to obey God? Only Jonah will be able to tell the fish-belly experience. It would never have been a vacation trip. He became restricted to a place and until he had a change of attitude, he remained imprisoned in the fish-belly. Many people are passing through the fish-belly experience in their ministries, careers, relationships e.t.c as a result of not yielding to God.

#### Jonah 3:1-4

1. Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

2. "Go to Nineveh the great city and declare to it the message which I am going to tell you."

3. So Jonah went to Nineveh in accordance with the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three days' walk [about sixty miles in circumference].

4. Then on the first day's walk, Jonah began to go through the city, and he called out and said, "Forty days more [remain] and [then] Nineveh will be overthrown!"

Imagine the number of souls that could have been destroyed if Jonah had not finally heeded to God's instruction the second time. Nineveh was a great city and thousands of lives could have been destroyed because of one man's disobedience. Jonah walked round the city for three days to deliver God's warning to them. The people turned back to God and they were saved because of one man's obedience.

God's instructions are time bound. Imagine if Jonah had not learnt obedience the hard way, the people of Nineveh who had only 40 days of grace would have been consumed. God expects instant obedience to His instructions and word. One seconds delay can lead to a great destruction. We don't have to wait till God gets hard on us before we act in obedience.

#### CONCLUSION

Obedience to God comes with great rewards including eternal glory.

#### REFLECTION

Reflect on those areas you have not been obedient to God, acknowledge your faults to God and take action on doing things right.

#### PRAYER

Father, as I have chosen to obey you all the days of my life, please use me to save souls from destruction and make my life a definition of your glory and grace in Jesus name! Amen!

# THE WORD AND PRAYER

### **KAYODE VICTOR**

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

First, let's consider the study of the Word. 2 Timothy 2:15 says 'Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.'

Another portion of the scripture says 'This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shalt make thy way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.' (Joshua 1:8)

We study to know and thus be delivered from the hold of ignorance. In the place of study, we discover our promises in Christ, our responsibilities as believers, our attitude towards life, and many more Stay in obedience to the word of God, when you study the word, practice what you study: let the word of God correct you, teach you, rebuke you on your daily living, The more of God's word you know, the better you become like God. Let the word of God be your standard and example for living and making decisions. Spend more time with the word of God so you can grow thereby.

1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Beloved, there more to God you don't know, seek more of God's word to know Him much more, and the more you know Him is the more you want to know. Go deeper in God through His word, and seek to build intimacy with God via His word.

Now, prayer, is communication with God. We pray to thank God, make petitions, intercede for others, to mention but a few. As believers, we have the injunction to 'pray without ceasing' (1Thessalonians 5:17)

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The place of the Word and prayer is the place of your growing and becoming. When you feed on the word of God, you development more strength and gain more understanding on living the life of Christ.

Permit me to make this illustration. Let's liken the word to the money in your bank account, and prayer to the mode of withdrawal you decide to use. Definitely, the withdrawal you make is dependent on the money you have stored up in your bank account. In like manner, without withdrawals, the money remains in the account, unused.

We pray with the Word of God. Our prayers become more aligned when we pray the Word of God. We withdraw realities stacked up for us in the Word with prayers. Daniel, in the scriptures, understood the prophecy concerning Israel by studying and made prayers based on that revelation (Daniel 9:2-3).

Prayer is a communication mode with your father in heaven. When you learn how to kneel to God in prayers you receive grace to stand before any men and situations of life. Pray about everything, nothing is too small not to pray about. You involve God when you pray in your journey of life. Stay in a prayer mode and do that always without relenting.

Dear believer, study the Word, Pray, for it is in the doing of the both that you obtain results. Remain blessed.

## Walking in the Spirit (Part 4)

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#### (Continued from previous edition)

This is our final study of Walking in the spirit and I want to believe that you have meditated on the word of God as they are listed in the past three editions. The bible says in Joshua 1:8 "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall read [and meditate on] it day and night, so that you may be careful to do [everything] in accordance with all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will be successful."

Ensure that these words never depart from you and your life will never remain the same.

Let's take the final points as we conclude.

So, as we continue to walk in the spirit, we will not operate as fools. The Bible makes us understand in Ephesians 5:15-

16, it says – "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil".

Also as we walk in the spirit, because we walk with the Holy Spirit, the righteous and just requirement of the law is fully met in us. Romans 8:4 say – "In order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the Spirit".

And finally, because we walk with the Holy Spirit, we no longer live in fear, and our mind is sound. **The word of God** says – "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7) Dear Youth, I pray for you that these words will continue to find expression in your in Jesus Name. Amen! See You in the next edition by His grace. God Bless You! Be a Wise Youth! Jesus is coming soon!

Stay Blessed and Take Charge!

See you in the next edition!