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CHAPTER

1

MAKING YOUR LIFE COUNT

And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken. The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully. And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 22:28-31

The above Bible passage reveals the current state of our country and other countries of the world. There is plenty of oppression; plenty of robbery and many people are oppressing the needy and the poor. But in verse 30 of this passage God intervenes by seeking for a man among them but he never found anyone.

In Ezekiel 22:31, the lord poured His anger on them. He consumed them with the fire of His wrath, because there was no faithful man He could find or call on to save the land.

Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 22:31

This in essence tells us how a man can make a great impact and the far-reaching effects of an impact.

In Matthew 5: 13-16. Jesus told his disciples and all the people listening to Him a very interesting thing.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5: 13-16

Here, Jesus told His disciples that they are the salt of the world but if the salt lost its value, then it shall be cast out and be trodden under the foot of men.

Beloved, you are the light of the world. If you put a small quantity of salt in the food you are cooking, the impact of the salt will be felt.

WHAT IS IMPACT?

Impact means power to bring about a result. It means a strong effect or to make a difference. It means to create an impression, a control, a force or an influence. It means to make a mark on something, to strike something with force.

Beloved, in the life of a man, there are only two kinds of impact; negative and positive impact. But as a child of God, you are supposed to be making a positive impact on whatever you lay your hands on. In the school of impact there are only eight departments. These are:

1. Great Impact
2. Significant Impact
3. High Impact

4. Medium Impact
5. Low Impact
6. Insignificant Impact
7. Zero Impact
8. Destructive Impact.

One way or the other you are making one of these impacts in the lives of others and on the society in which you find yourself.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE OF IMPACT?

People of impact are those who make things move. When God wants to punish a community or God wants to pour out His anger upon a country, what He does is to remove the people of impact. When God wants to punish a family, He will just take the man of impact away from the family. The Bible says:

For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water, The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator. And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. Isaiah 3:1-4

There are some things in your life that must bend, burn, bow and break. If those things do not happen in your life it will be a tragedy. If the Lord wants to punish a country just like He wants to punish Jerusalem he will remove all the men of impact before he destroys the country.

Beloved, whoever you are, whatever name you call yourself, you can only make impact on somebody or on your society in one of the eight ways I highlighted.

WORLD CHANGERS

Some people in the Bible made a lot of serious impact. The Bible says:

And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; Acts 17:6

The Bible tells us that these men made an impact in their generation. They turned the world upside down.

I remember a friend of mine who happens to be a General Overseer. He went to visit one of his Churches. He almost missed the address of the Church because the people who surrounded the Church were cult members, lodge members, native doctors, masquerade and they were wearing uniforms. When he saw the signboard of the Church he stopped.

Immediately he alighted from his car he was mobbed by these evil men and they asked him "Excuse me sir, are you the General Overseer of this Church? He answered "By the grace of God, Yes". The men told him, "Listen, that dog which you put here and you call a pastor is causing problems. Remove him from here. That is why we came to wait for you here. Since he came here, all the young men who used to get involved with the masquerade cult have stopped. Look at all the native doctors, they have grown lean because customers no longer patronize them. Your pastor is busy saying that there is nothing called masquerade. To worsen the situation, at 2.00 a.m he would be walking like a spirit on the street speaking all sorts of strange language. Whenever he spoke his language the whole environment would change and we would become uncomfortable".

The old man pinched himself to convince himself that he was really awake because evil men had never confronted him. The men said "Remove this pastor and bring the former pastor". They wanted a pastor they could manipulate. In essence, the pastor made an impact on them and the society. They were infuriated.

Brethren, the tragedy of this is that if you die without making any impact it is a shame. If you get missing will any body know that you are missing? If the answer is that nobody will notice it then your life is not making any impact.

AIMLESS LIVING

A strange occurrence took place in the United Kingdom. A man was in his sitting room and he was dead for two weeks and nobody knew until one day when somebody opened his door and met the television working. The man was seated in the living room but he was dead. That is what happens when your life is not making any impact.

Has anyone's life been changed because you got born again? Who has surrendered his life to Christ because you were born again? Are there lives that are holy because of you? Have you impacted positive things into your wife or husband's life? Is your life positively or negatively affecting other people's lives? Are those who are close to you better or worse because you are in their lives? Is your association with your friends making them better or is it making their lives worse?

Ask yourself these questions; are the things you are doing productive and will they have impact when you are no more? Are you involved in anything that will be productive and will last after you are dead? Will your absence in your place of work affect co-workers? The reason why believers are not valuable in this world is because of the lack of impact. Are you sacked from your company and your absence is not felt? When you die will anybody apart from your family member be sorrowful? Are you leaving any footprint on the sands of time? Does your community know that you are a believer? Beloved, when you are gone what will be the result of your existence? These are important questions you should ask yourself.

Are you a pastor of your belly or a bank manager? What impact have you made since you were called a pastor? Does your environment know that you are a pastor? The name pastor is now like a nickname. Some people call themselves all kinds of names without knowing the impact of the name.

MAKING AN IMPACT

People of impact are never satisfied. People of impact have the desire to go beyond their present level. People of Impact are matured people and they manifest mature Christian principles. People of impact aspire to gain greater heights contribute to something bigger than themselves.

People of impact are people who do not care about what they will benefit financially as long as others are blessed. People of impact see beyond their needs, their wants and their desires. People of impact focus on long term results rather than short-term result. People of impact sow when it is very hard to sow. People of impact spend when they cannot even get immediate rewards. People of impact see into the future and plan to make meaningful impact. People of impact are able to see beyond now and are driven to prepare for the future.

When Bishop Ajayi Crowther took the Bible and opened to the book of Genesis he said, "I am sure my people will need to read the Bible in Yoruba language". He took his pen and began to translate it to Yoruba language. Perhaps he did not know what he was doing. But today it is only heaven that can quantify the millions of lives the Yoruba Bible has saved. I was introduced to the Yoruba Bible and not English Bible.

SHIVERS AND MOVERS

People of impact are willing to do what others are not willing to do. People of impact work hard with little supervision. People of impact are not afraid of challenges. People of impact leave a legacy for others who will come after them. People of impact don't run their life making money. If you run your life making money then you are not making any impact, The reason is that immediately you die, money will be useless and those who will spend the money are those who do not sweat with you. That is why your life will be spent on something of lasting value.

People of impact are stars in their generation. They are extra ordinary. People of impact are agents of change. They are people whose lives are characterized by commitment.

The story of David Livingstone is a story that will challenge your life. With his wife he left his comfortable country and came to Africa to preach the gospel. He went through the jungle and terrible places. His wife was killed as a result of malaria fever. He went to bury his wife and came back again. A lion attacked David Livingstone. The lion almost chopped off his two hands. As a result of the attack, one hand was rendered useless because the lion had damaged it. He had only one hand left and he still came back. He

fasted and suffered so much until he developed ulcer. He had a small goat, so he squeezed out milk from the goat and drank it because of the ulcer he had. Anywhere he went he took the goat along.

Unfortunately, the same people David Livingstone was preaching to stole his goat. So, he had no milk to drink and manage his ulcer. Until one morning, David's housemaid went to his master's bedroom and called him "Bwana, Bwana" which means master. David no longer answered. She found out that the master was dead. They took David's dead body back to his country. We are reading about David Livingstone today not because he had money but because he made an impact.

MAKING A MARK

When you are a person of impact, you are making a mark. You are making life count. You are making your life a life of sacrifice. You are doing something significant in your life. People of impact see more than others see. They see beyond, they see before and they see deeper than others. People of impact live ahead of their time. They also live ahead of their contemporaries. People of impact live above their circumstances. They disallow the immediate from affecting the ultimate.

People of impact do not allow present circumstances to make them compromise their faith. People of impact stretch themselves and soar beyond their personal gifts through determination and self-development. They leave a place better than they found it.

Beloved, it is possible for you to come to this world as a silent stranger and leave the world like a dumb and deaf stranger. It is possible to come to this world with a dead trumpet. You are blowing it but it is not producing any sound. You are making no impact. It is possible to live without impact. It is possible for you to be a spiritual vulture. It is impossible to come to this world and behave like a toy. It is possible to come to this world and you possess the spirit that is called Methuselah's spirit. Methuselah was the oldest man. His father was Enoch. Enoch walked with God. Enoch pleased God and God took him away. Enoch was the first prophet. Enoch foretold the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Enoch gave birth to a child and named the child Methuselah. Methuselah begin to grow but had no

achievement apart from his age. He was big for nothing. It reminds me of the song we sang in our primary schools days then about somebody who was big for nothing but had no strength. Methuselah lived long on earth but he had nothing to show for it. Methuselah was a missionary but he had nothing to show for it.

Enoch left a legacy of righteousness and holiness, but Methuselah did not continue where his father stopped. Enoch must have prayed to God to prolong his son's life so that he could change but there were no changes in Methuselah's life. He did not walk with God like his father. Eventually he had brothers. Noah was the grandson of Methuselah. God bypassed Methuselah and sent Noah to build the Ark. Methuselah lived for almost a millennium but there was nothing worthwhile recorded about him apart from the birth of many children. Some have Methuselah spirit troubling them. Big for nothing, stagnancy, fireless spiritual life, lack of heavenly vision, living without a purpose, aimlessness, claiming authority but no ground, resistant to change, all these are the problems of Methuselah.

RIPPLE EFFECTS

Brethren, you must affect others, you must make the world a better place. People must become better by meeting you. Don't make your association with people to be empty.

You must, as a matter of necessity, affect the lives of the people you meet. You must be a blessing, because you are created to be a blessing to the world. Your life must be like a big stone that somebody threw into a pond with a mighty ripple effect in the water.

A man of God had said that you are born original and you should not die with a life of photocopy. Your life is a present to the world. You are not born by mistake. God has a plan for you.

You must live your life in a way that when you are gone, the devil will throw a big party. You must be a contributor not a consumer. There is something in you that the world needs.

You can do more than you are doing now. The largest room in the world is the room for improvement. You must be a thermostat to this world and not a

thermometer. You must be able to control and not just adjust to what anybody says. God has loaded you so much that you cannot afford to be a follower. You are born as a star and God is commanding you to rise and shine everywhere in the world. There is saying, which says "Aim at the moon, if you miss the moon you will hit the stars.

Brethren, it is a tragedy and a sin to die without making maximal use of the deposit of God inside you. Where you are born does not determine your destiny. The decision is yours. Foundational powers cannot determine your destiny. The ball is in your court. What happened to you does not matter but it is what happens in you that matters. Yesterday has ended and you have a future to pursue.

Brethren, you must make an impact in the life of people. When the Lord calls you home, what will be the record of what you did when you were on earth?

WHAT ARE THE ENEMIES OF IMPACT?

The first enemy is ignorance. Ignorance is the greatest enemy of man. Everyman's mountain is a mountain of ignorance. Ignorance is to be unlearned, unaware and unschooled. Ignorance is like a dog chasing its tail. Ignorance is a terrible thing. It is the mother of personal destruction. There are five things we should never be ignorant of:

1. **You must know your God.** The Bible says those that know their God shall be strong and they shall do exploits. Those who do not know their God shall not be great and they will be exploited themselves.
2. **You must know who you are.** Know yourself.
3. **You must know your enemy.** You must know the enemy you are fighting.
4. **You must know your destiny.** You must know the kind of role God wants you to play on earth.
5. **You must know your battle.** You must know the son of whom you are. You must know the battle you are fighting.

I came from a very poor family and we were so poor that my father did not have money for air ticket to travel within the country let alone travel abroad. So, I knew the battle I was fighting. In those days, I played with three days dry as if it was twelve o'clock fasting. I went to work every day so I understood what is called warfare.

HOW TO EXCEL

All of a sudden, God spoke to me that He would take me abroad. All of a sudden I got a scholarship, ticket, money and everything was given to me. They gave me everything six months before I traveled. I knew the battle I was fighting so I decided to keep it as a secret to myself because if I did not I would end up not going anywhere. The tenant in my house saw me with a brief case and asked "Daniel where are you going?" I answered, "I am traveling to the United Kingdom". They asked for how long? I said three years, They were surprised and they asked "Did you just hear about this now? I said I knew it six months ago. But I decided to keep it to myself. That was how I left for the United Kingdom.

I knew the battle I was fighting. Any small progress they got they made it known to everybody. Before you know it all the witchcraft informants would have known about the progress and that is how they will destroy their destinies. You must know your battle.

When I got my first class degree I never told anybody. In fact I did not want to go for the graduation until one man from our family came to the front of our house and started crying saying; "What kind of family is this". You got a first class degree and don't want to attend the convocation. That was why I went. I took pictures and I went back home. On the same street one person got third class and everybody knew he got a degree. He blocked all the streets for a party. One year later, the street was blocked for mourning because he was dead.

The number two enemy of making impact is to be out of touch with God. Once you refuse to make God your friend you will fail. Once you are out of touch with God you cannot make any impact.

The third enemy is the fear of man and the fear of criticism. This is a serious enemy of making impact. If you fear man and criticism, you cannot make any impact. Those who were criticizing MFM when we started are the ones praying our prayers now.

The fourth enemy of making impact is laziness. Many believers, today, are very lazy. There are some productive programmes they need to get involved with in order to make them better but because of laziness they turned them down. You cannot make any impact if you are the lazy type.

The fifth enemy of making impact is contentment. Being contented with being average is failure to move forward. Just want to be average, you want to be at the centre, not too hot not too cold. If you don't want to improve where you are, you will die without making any impact.

The sixth enemy of making impact is giving up to failure. You must not give up because you have tried and there is no result.

Disobedient to God is another enemy of making impact.

The eighth enemy of making impact is the evil powers of your father's house. The evil power of your father's house can reduce you to nothing. It can reduce you to what you should not be.

The ninth enemy of making impact is the spirit of error. Just as the Bible talks about the Spirit of truth, so also there is spirit of error. The spirit of error inhabits people. When the spirit of error leads you, you will begin to listen to wrong messages.

Nowadays, the kind of preaching believers want is the preaching they will hear and start jumping up, screaming and getting excited. You will not make an impact when you listen to that kind of message. The kind of message that will change you should be the messages you listen to. When the spirit of error is in charge of you, you will be practicing the wrong thing. When the spirit of error is in you, it will lead you to the wrong people. When the spirit of error is in place, it will lead you to a wrong place. All these are things that keep people away from making impact.

WHAT MUST YOU DO IF YOU WANT TO MAKE IMPACT

1. **Make God your friend.** You must know God and you must make Him your friend because He is the Master of impact.
2. **Have a desire to bless others.**
3. **Understand the divine purpose for your life.**
4. **Be filled with the Holy Ghost.** Men and women who are filled with the Holy Ghost will always make an impact.

I know a man who died at the age of one hundred and two years old. He was a spirit filled man. One day, he was at the bus stop with one of his evangelist, and they were going for a crusade. All of a sudden a very beautiful lady appeared at the bust stop. Immediately, the attention of the evangelist was diverted. He was looking at the lady and almost lost concentration. When the old man saw that the evangelist attention had been diverted, he walked up to the lady and commanded the lady to manifest in Jesus name. Instantly, the lady turned to a cowry And the old man picked the cowry and kept it in his pocket. About five minutes later he could concentrate. The evangelist never knew he was looking at an agent of darkness. You need to be filled with the Holy Ghost. Make God your friend today.

5. **Have a positive attitude towards life.** Don't be negative. Don't see negative things in everything you do.
6. **You must set goals and pursue them.** You must set your goals in life. List them out on a paper and pursue them.
7. **Move with people who have vision.**
8. **Develop yourself.** Learn and grow.

You need a complete transformation. A complete change is the need of the hour then you will not die without making impact.

Prayer points

1. Vulture of impact assigned against my life, die in the name of Jesus.
2. My destiny, jump out of the pit of no impact in the name of Jesus.
3. Every power that wants me to come to the world in vain, die in the name of Jesus.
4. O Lion of Judah, make me excel in the name of Jesus.
5. Dustbin of life, reject me by fire in the name of Jesus.
6. I am lifted by the power in the blood of Jesus.
7. My life, hear the word of the Lord; make impact by fire in the name of Jesus.

CHAPTER

2

CONSECRATION AND COMMITMENT

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:33

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

What does it mean to surrender?

It simply means to give up completely, to concede, to give in and to admit defeat.

When you surrender, it means you are backing out completely, you yield to a particular power to control you or you give yourself completely over to something.

When you are in a battle, you have three options. The first option is to be on the offensive and attack the enemy, so that you can take from him the territory he wants to defend. The second option is to defend the ground the enemy wants to take up from you. The last option is to surrender.

ABSOLUTE SURRENDER

In the context of Christian living, to surrender means to give up completely to the lord Jesus Christ. It is important to surrender to God. Perhaps you find yourself defending the same thing over and over again, and then it is an indication that it is time for you to surrender to Jesus Christ. Is there anything you are trying to pursue and it is distracting your attention and robbing you of peace with God? Then it is an indication that it is time for you to surrender.

Are you taking any decision and the decision is affecting innocent people? Then it is an indication that it is time to surrender. Do you notice that the enemy is taking over the important things you are defending? Then it is an indication that it is time for you to surrender. When you notice that God is not concerned about what you are concerned about, then God wants you to surrender. When you surrender everything to Him your heart is at rest.

Christians sometimes fall into problems that can be prevented because they have not totally surrendered some areas of their lives to God. You will hear them say: "unto Jesus I surrender" but have not surrendered anything.

Perhaps you are holding onto certain things and God is saying you should let go, release those things and let better things come your way.

When you hold on to what you are supposed to let go then you are blocking the flow of abundance to your life. The devil is an unfair fighter; he will hit you below the belt. He is such an unfair fighter that when he saw that Jesus had fasted for forty-days the first temptation he brought was the temptation of food because he knew Jesus would be hungry.

WHAT YOU MUST LET GO

The devil can use your need to track you down. The area where the enemy is troubling you most and where the devil is the strongest in your life is that area where you are still holding back from Jesus. The devil will be so strong in those areas.

When you give your life to Christ, there are some things you need to deny yourself of. There are lots of things you need to let go. Sometimes a smaller thing you hold on to may cause a big problem for you. Are you bitter, angry

against somebody or some people about something? Brethren, let it go. Are you thinking of taking, revenge on something or somebody because you have the right? Let it go, that may be what the enemy is using to block your breakthroughs.

Are you angry because you are being denied your rights? Let it go. Surrender your rights to Jesus Christ. Let Him have His way. Are you worried so much that your heart is turned upside down and you are stubborn and aggressive? Surrender all to Jesus Christ.

WHOSE BATTLE

If you find yourself in a battle, the first question you should ask yourself is what battle is this? Whose battle am I fighting? Does this battle belong to the lord or am I just fighting it to boost my ego or to make sure that people respect me? Have you vowed never to talk to some people or have anything to do with them again in your life? Surrender all to Jesus leave your battles for God to handle.

Some Christians will say they are the children of Abraham. They even sing the song "Abraham's blessings are mine". But when you ask them that can they go through what Abraham went through, they will say no. They cannot surrender what Abraham surrendered.

Abraham was called the father of faith as a result of his ability to surrender everything to God. Abraham surrendered his future to the Lord. He surrendered the fortunes, the security and the comfort of his country and he left the country.

Christians like Abraham are pilgrims. They cannot put their tents in the wrong place. Abraham also surrendered his people.

Your greatest enemies are members of your own family. Jesus Christ said the enemies of a man should be the members of his own household. Abraham's family served other gods. It is a big tragedy and a disaster for a believer to get married or associate with an unbeliever. If you do that then you have gone to the camp of the enemy to associate with them.

WHAT TO SURRENDER

Are you a Christian sister or brother and you are thinking of getting married to an unbeliever? It is better you stop it now before you get to the deep waters of trouble. A Christian sister should know how to detect a man who loves God because it is easier for them to know. Sitting down and having a discussion with a man for one hour, a Christian sister will know whether the man loves God or not. But when a man keeps on focusing on kissing, romance and all sorts of immorality, then the sister should know she is already in the camp of the enemy.

Abraham surrendered his mind to God. Anywhere God sent him, he went. He surrendered his personal privileges to God. Abraham was the one who brought up Lot but all of a sudden Lot and Abraham fought and Abraham surrendered his personal privileges for the sake of peace. Abraham told Lot to pick what he wanted and Lot picked the best places and went there. This later became a spell for him.

TOTAL SUBMISSION

God told Abraham to send Ishmael away. Abraham surrendered. Are you holding unto your Ishmael, which is going to destroy you, and you are asking for a blessing? It doesn't work that way. God told Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham did not argue with God. He knew that if he sacrificed the boy God had the power to bring the boy back to life again.

God is looking for consecrated and surrendered believers who will serve Him without question. A surrendered life that will submit to God in all areas.

A surrendered believer will obey God without questions.

Brethren, what are the things that are hindering your walk with God? What kind of mess have you gotten yourself into that you need to get out from? You cannot stand with God with muddy and dirty feet. Are you doing a dirty job where you need to consistently tell lies? Surrender it to God. Are you involved in unwholesome entertainment? Do you bring all kinds of terrible movies, games, video and music into your house and you allow filth

to enter into your house? Surrender them now to Jesus Christ. Do so completely.

One good area in which you can know that you have truly surrendered yourself to God is your money. Some Christians do not pay their tithes. God said give one tenth and you decided to hold onto the one tenth. What if God takes the rest from you?

Are you complaining saying that if it were not for one situation, you would not be where you are? You better surrender everything to God. Avoid what is called "the rear mirror Syndrome". You cannot drive your car and focus on the rear mirror and you hope to get to where you are going because you are only seeing the back and not the front.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

Beloved, you need to ask yourself these questions:

1. Have I totally surrendered every area of my life to God?
2. Are there certain things I am still strongly holding on to?

Many years ago, there was a boy who made traps to catch bush animals. But there is something dangerous about the trap. It was a locally made trap. When the trap caught an animal, the more the animal struggled to get out, the more the trap would become tighter and stronger. No animal ever escaped from the trap.

A COSTLY SACRIFICE

One day, the boy was setting his trap by the beach since certain animals normally come to the beach at night to hunt for fish. While the boy was setting his trap, accidentally, the trap caught one of his fingers. The more he tried to pull his finger out of the trap, the tighter the trap held on to his finger. He decided to sit down there and waited for somebody to come to his rescue. Nobody came. He waited till night nobody surfaced. But there was a regular occurrence. Terrible waves came each night sometimes carrying people away. When the terrible wave erupted and the boy

discovered that the waves almost got to where he was, he thought of how to go away from that place and the trap held him. He summed up courage and brought out a pocketknife and cut the trapped finger so that he could be free.

Brethren, this is what the Lord is asking you today. Whatever the enemy is using to hold you down, surrender it to Jesus Christ. Are you beginning to notice that your prayer life is going down? Surrender it to God today. Is your spiritual temperature oscillating between high and low then you need to surrender your life to Christ today. Have noticed that God is resisting you the way he resisted Balaam? Then you are holding something you need to drop.

Do you notice that the bad dreams, which you once had, are now coming back? Then you need to surrender yourself to God. Do you notice that dream attackers are now having so much success in your life? Then give up something, which you are holding on to. Are you bewitched when unbelievers practice that fetish and they succeed? Consecrate your life to God today.

When you got born again many years ago you started memorizing Scriptures, do you now find it hard to quote scriptures, then you need to surrender yourself to God. Are you worldly? Then you need to surrender to God. The Bible says 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven', The Scripture didn't say as it is done in America, the Scripture didn't say as it is done in United Kingdom or TBN television.

SURRENDER ALL

Are you addicted to lying, and then you need to give up something? Did you prophesy before but you no longer do so, you need to release what you hold on to. Do you evangelize and witness to people before but you don't do it again? You need to surrender to Jesus. Do you have the ability to fast for long you no longer do it, then you need to give up what you held on to. Did you read the Bible and got profitable information before but now the Bible is so dry to you? Then you need to surrender to God. Has lust occupied your heart? Did you have a dream of loosing your Bible or coming, to Church and finding out that the Church is closed? Then you need to surrender to

God for a new life. Were you such a prayer addict that would scatter but you don't pray like that again then you need to surrender to God afresh.

THE NEED OF THE HOUR

Brethren whatever you need to drop for God drop it now. Your anger, your hypocrisy, and your dirty deals must be dropped and given to God, so that He can handle your case for you. Surrender yourself to Him so that better things can come your way. This is the time you have to confess everything to God and allow Him to rescue you from the camp of the enemy.

Recently somebody sent a text messages to my phone asking to know why in MFM sexual immorality is attacked so much? I told the person that it is because of all the sins in the Bible, fornication is the only sin that God will personally supervise. Today, there are academic harlots, office harlots, unmarried harlots, and spinster harlots. God will personally supervise all these harlots. If you are in this category, you need to surrender before it is too late.

You have opportunity to talk to the Lord in prayer, surrender to Him now, so that He can do marvelous things in your life. Consecration and commitment are the needs of the hour.

Prayer points

1. Lord, I put myself in Your hands, take control of my life afresh in the name of Jesus.
2. Lord, I will do what You want me to do in the name of Jesus.
3. Lord, I will make the decisions You want me to make in the name of Jesus.
4. My Father, give me grace to do whatever You want me to do in the name of Jesus.
5. Satan, get behind me in the name of Jesus.
6. You cage of the world, you cannot hold me, break in the name of Jesus.

7. Any habit in my life assigned to take me to hell fire die in the name of Jesus.
8. My Father advertise, Your power in my life in the name of Jesus.

CHAPTER

3

POWER OF CONSECRATION, COMMITMENT AND LOYALTY

When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. Luke 11:21-23

In the above Bible passage, it was revealed that when a greater power comes upon a lower power as a matter of necessity the lower power must bow. It is a normal rule that does not change. The paper may be boasting, the crumps of leaves may be threatening, dirty things on the floor may be boasting. People may be shouting that there is no wind but the moment the wind blows there will be no doubt in anyone's mind.

POWER BELONGS TO GOD

If you have been pursued by beggarly powers, what you need is a stronger power. As a Christian this is the first principle you must understand.

The second principle can be found in Matthew chapter 10. The Bible says:

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and of heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Matthew 10:1

Here the Bible says that God gave his disciples power over unclean spirits, to heal and cast them out. The second principle of power you must learn in the school of power is that ultimate power belongs to God and He can give to you. Many dark powers that are threatening and boasting are yet to meet their match. Instead of running helter sketer and complaining, you need to obtain and demonstrate the greatest power. Your war is not against flesh and blood; your weapons are not carnal. That is why you must understand the third principle. The Bible say"

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18

This is the third principle. The Spiritual determines the physical. If you want real power you must go to the spiritual realm; not the physical level.

Why is it possible for a six years old girl to put a forty-year-old man into trouble? It is because she got her power from the spiritual realm.

Your battle started right from birth. There has been always war. The world itself is a battlefield. In the battlefield you either fight or you perish. The battle of life can make you to lose things and you may be captured. The battle of life centers on three major things.

1. The enemy wants to steal your peace
2. The enemy wants to steal your joy
3. The enemy wants to steal your, salvation.

If you happen to lose your peace, joy and salvation other things will follow. Money does not bring power; power is acquired in the spirit realm. In the battle of life you must fight to overcome some powers.

SPIRITUAL POWER

When all your inputs and efforts cannot give you success, then you need to acquire Spiritual power. When you begin to face dark forces and things that cannot be explained are happening to you, you need power to fight. When

you are supposed to go forward and you are going backward you need power to fight. When those who do not merit success are placed above you, you need to fight. When you know that inside you, you are a winner but you are loosing then you need power. When you know you are governed by powers you cannot control and these powers are contrary to your will then you need power to obtain power on high.

When you notice sudden hatred between you and your loved ones then you need power to fight. Are you a very brilliant student and all of a sudden you became dull? You need power to fight.

I knew a particular lawyer. We regarded him as the best, not because he was brilliant but because he had satanic power, which he used, in the courtroom. When he got to the courtroom and the contesting lawyer was about talking, there was charm in his pocket, once he shook the charm, the contesting lawyer would start uttering absolute rubbish. The judge would shout at him, saying that he was talking rubbish. The lawyer won so many cases. Until one day he had to contest against a different lawyer, a child of God who understood the principles of spiritual powers. When they got to the courtroom, the lawyer shook his charm and the contesting lawyer stood up and told the judge "My lord before I begin to say anything in this court room, I will like to talk to my co-lawyer". The contesting lawyer went to meet this lawyer and said "That thing you are shaking in your pocket, shake it very well because it will not catch me. It might have been catching other lawyers but it will not catch me". Suddenly the charm the lawyer was using started working against him and he began to say rubbish for the first time in his career and he lost his first case to a Christian. When a greater power comes upon a lower power the lower power must bow.

POWER TO STAND OUT

An old man once come to meet me in my office. As he was talking he was shaking a small calabash underneath his clothes, I was just looking at him because if it were those days when I was still young I would have behaved rascally and rushed to him to pull out the calabash. But I decided to talk to him, I said "Baba if that calabash can catch me do you think I will still be here". The Baba said "I am not shaking anything" I told him to get out of

my office. When a greater and lower power meets, the lower power must bow.

A brother once attended one of our seminars where I taught the principles of power. After the programme, the brother prayed hard and the anointing of God fell upon him. He received the power of boldness. When the brother got home, there was a witch who made everybody afraid. That night, a family member could not sleep and he started screaming, "Sidikatu is here, she is holding my neck. Please, help me". The brother got up and went straight to where his younger brother was lying and he said "Release him now, in the name of Jesus". That was how the victim got delivered.

As a result of spiritual boldness the brother, confronted the witch saying "Sidikatu you don't have respect, if you try what you tried last night again, I will set you on fire". The girl said "Sorry sir", and she never troubled them again.

There is power in the armoury of the Almighty but the trouble we have is that many of us do not position ourselves properly and understand the principles by which these powers work.

HOW TO ACQUIRE POWER

You need the power of God in your life. You need to understand the principles of acquiring spiritual powers. Finally, take note of these facts:

1. You need to surrender your life to Christ. It is not negotiable. God will not give His power to those who are against Him.
2. There must be hunger and thirst on your part. The Bible says "Blessed are those which hunger and thirst after righteousness, they shall be filled".

You need to manifest spiritual thirst and hunger.

A young boy asked his father a pastor that he wanted the power of God in his life and the father said "Really? If you want the power of God in your life follow me. The father took him to a stream and pushed him into the

water and did not allow the boy to come out until when the boy was almost drinking the water. Then, the father allowed him to come out. The father asked, "When you were in that water, what was the greatest thing you ever wanted?" The son answered, "I wanted air desperately". The father declared: "When you seek the power of God desperately, you will get it".

3. Fervent prayer.
4. You must die to self.
5. Fasting.
6. Persistent faith. A faith that does not give up.
7. Daily devotion to God.
8. Avoiding negative talk.
9. Avoid sin of any sort.
10. Ask.

The Bible says ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find.

On the day of Pentecost, the disciples gathered in one accord in order to seek for the power of God. Suddenly, there was the sound of a mighty rushing wind from heaven cloven Tongues of fire came upon them and they were filled with the power of God.

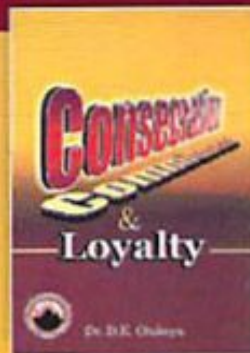
Let the power of hunger and thirst for God's power be part of you and you will be filled with it.

Brethren, confess your sins to God. Allow God to do the impossible in your life. Allow God's power to fill your heart and every evil power tormenting your life will bow.

Prayer points

1. Holy Ghost Fire, incubate my life in the name of Jesus.

2. Yoke of powerlessness, break in the name of Jesus.
3. Powers that cannot be insulted by any witchcraft anointing come upon my life in the name of Jesus.
4. Every wicked mouth speaking against me, shut up in the name of Jesus.
5. Witchcraft incantations, hear the word of the Lord, backfire in the name of Jesus.
6. I receive the power to pursue, overtake the enemy and recover what they have stolen from me in the name of Jesus.
7. My hands, become the battle axe of the Almighty in the name of Jesus.
8. Power of God that sank Pharaoh in the Red Sea, envelope my dwelling place in the name of Jesus.



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