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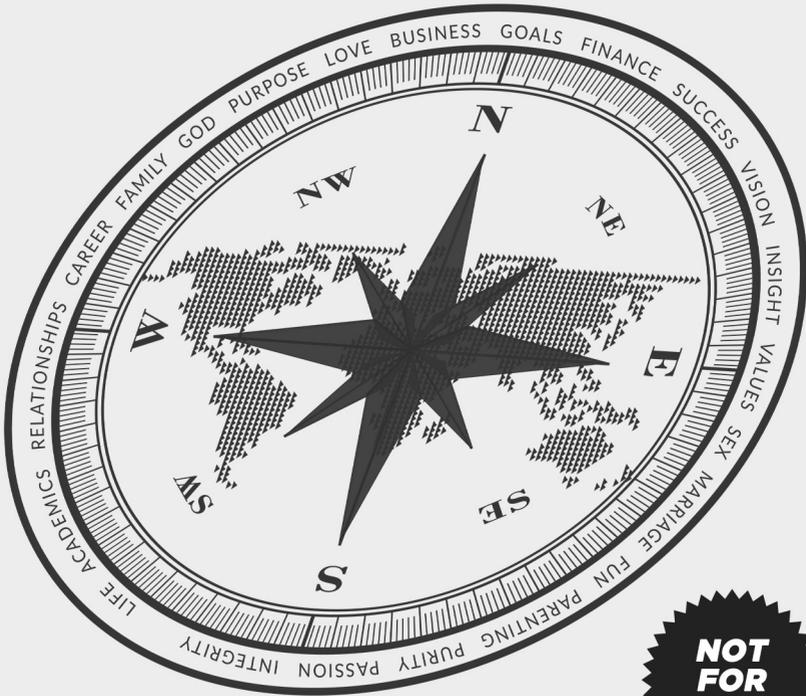
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# Introduction

Every day has a lesson hidden in it. We can only draw it out if we are patient enough to look closely! Our pains can become a point of thanksgiving. Our smiles can become another's push for another mile.

What do you gain reading this devotional? There should at least be a practical thought that can make your day productive.

The story should lift your spirit. The letters should come to life. You can spot where you are in the middle of a simple story. But more, you can spot who you will be at the end of a thought.

I simply want to be a part of your story-  
See you smile when you would normally frown;  
See you grow instead of standing on a spot;

See you choose what is right without a fear of what might go wrong;  
See you pursue life with a cause just like Christ who died on the Cross;

See you read up God's love letter to you as you beam with smiles each day;  
See you love your dear ones and dare your limitations and obstacles;

See you run this race to end while taking each day with grace;  
See you when time ceases to count and give you a high five that we finished the race with Joy!

I write because I love God and I love you.

Do not forget! The Compass Devotional is not a substitute to your Bible Study. It is only a complement of it.

The Lord bless you and multiply you all around.

# Feedback

God bless the day(March 10th 2023) I stumbled on your tweet on - "THOSE YOU DROP THE STANDARD FOR". Thank You Sir for giving out value for FREE. I was so blessed that I quickly followed, screenshotted the tweets and clicked the link to join the WhatsApp group.

When I noticed you drop the daily devotional, I was so happy that I began sharing on my status, and to my siblings group.

People would read and enter my DM, thanking me for posting, sharing lessons gleaned and how blessed they are.

Even my class representative, when I was in school, had to add me to his group and asked that I share the daily devotional with them. God is using you Sir to bless lives. Keep up the good work.

How you begin each devotional with captivating stories with spiritual instructions, especially the ones about you and your Beloved "Irewamiri" - I love Godly marriages and homes. God Bless you, Sir. When I saw the link to download COMPASS, my joy knew no bounds. Every morning, I look forward to what God has to say to me through you. Keeps me wondering how Lawyers become great Ministers of God. Thank you for answering and honouring the CALL OF GOD on your life.

More Grace, fresh anointing and fresh fire upon you Sir! God bless you for me.

- **CHISOMAGA, ABUJA**

I look forward to the devotional every morning because each message has been refreshing and instructive. The first time I shared it on my WhatsApp status, someone pleaded that I keep sharing it. Just last week, someone else chatted me up and told me the devotional I share has been a great blessing to her. Well done, sir. The Lord bless you and the ministry. His grace abounds towards you. You will not run dry. I pray Kingdom financiers (including me) arise to support this.

- **JUSTINA OYEDEJI, ILE-IFE, OSUN STATE**

To the glory of God, the devotional is relatable and very practical. It has really kept me in check. Especially the one entitled " Why do you have to check it? It's a blessing.

TGod bless you, Pastor.

- **MICHAEL, GHANA**

Thank you so much sir for what God has blessed us with through you. It has been an amazing journey. I started reading from someone's status, got your link, and started posting on my status as well for others to see I posted late one day and someone noticed.

It's been a good journey for me, with so much wisdom and depth. God bless you, sir! They come with relatable stories and lessons from each day. I can't get enough of them. God bless and increase you, sir!

- **TOLULOPE, IBADAN**

I usually read the devotional on my friend's WhatsApp status, and then as I was reading one day, I saw a link to join the WhatsApp group on the flier. I have been so blessed by the devotional and nuggets too. One of your posts came timely last week, I was in a very bad place and didn't know what to do, your write-up was the answer I needed. Thank you Pastor for writing these devotionals in a way that I could relate with. Thanks for the graphic titles and stories too. God bless and strengthen you sir. Thank you for yielding to God sir.

- **ESTHER AMOS, ENUGU**

I got to know you from Twitter just a few months ago. The devotionals on marriage have made me get a different perspective on marriage and my roles therein. Not yet married, but believing to be soon, and I'm going to be the best wife to my husband.

- **DESIRE, UGANDA**

I've been following you for a while now and your content captivated me. My walk with God improved when I started reading them. I always look forward to reading them as it has become part of my bible study. God has really really helped me and I'm blessed. A close friend of mine also testify to knowing you from his days in Eruwa(poly) and he testified that you are a child of God and he also loves your content. I have been posting since day one and my contacts have been greatly blessed. God bless you, sir. More grace and unction to function in Jesus' mighty name. May you continue to be on fire for the Lord. May your marriage continue to be sweeter and sweeter in Jesus' name

- **INILUWA, OGBOMOSHO, OYO STATE**

# Feedback

After my morning prayers, this devotional is my next activity and I always share the image version of it on my WhatsApp status and it has been blessing lives.

One of the days, I just felt like not sharing it, after some hours that morning, some persons on my contact list messaged me asking for the devotional of the day. In their words, it has been blessing them too. I felt so fulfilled that day and I also shared the group link to some of them.

Most times the devotional speaks directly to what I am going through personally and as a family with my wife. Sometimes I and my wife always end up our morning conversations with the message of the day from ATOM devotional.

May God continue to bless and enrich you and your wife and also grant you all your heart desires for the family and your ministry in Jesus' Name, Amen.

**- JEREMIAH UGWULEBO, PORTHARCOURT**

Your messages have blessed me in no small way sir, I'm someone that has battled with unforgiveness/anger for a long time, although the Holy Spirit to a good extent, has curbed me and cut out the excesses over time. I read a particular devotional where you addressed unforgiveness, saying the devil always come around those who have his package. I made a resolution from that instant, and it has become my favorite daily quote - ( offences will always come, but I choose not to be offended, I don't keep the package of the devil). Since then, I let go of hurt easily.

Not just the forgiveness aspect, I have gotten encouragement countless times from the devotional, that sometimes I just keep scrolling through to re-read them. I also post on my WhatsApp status some times, and I get amazing replies from my viewers.

Thank you so much sir. You're a blessing!

**- REBECCA OSEYI, EDO STATE**

I am Marie Laurel from cameroon. I love and appreciate the way God used you to speak especially to me everyday. It has been doing much good to me at all times and making my crooked really straight. More grace to you sir.

**- MARIE LAUREL, CAMEROON**

This devotional has really been a blessing. After my quiet time, the next thing I check out for on my phone, is the devotional. I have also been sharing and my sisters and a lot of my contact list are part of the devotional community.

Every devotional always comes with power and as though they are written to address every season in my walk with the Lord.

Thank you Pastor and Mummy for this impact. The Lord keep you and may His anointing over your life keep increasing. Amen!

**- NANCY GABRIEL, NASARAWA**

The content from the devotional goes beyond here, I share and post on my status as a way of spreading the gospel. I enjoy the relatable stories and it is very relevant to present days as well as historical and biblical, honestly holistic.

Thank you so much Sir

**- OPE POPOOLA, UNITED KINGDOM**

Thank you for the wonderful devotionals that you do send to us every morning. Sincerely speaking, each devotional relates to my life in one way, and I am happy because I get answers from the devotionals and also directions. I thank God for bringing you my way. And I pray that God will continue to anoint you and your oil shall never run dry. God bless you and the ministry tremendously, sir. Thank you very much.

**- OLUWABUSOLAMI, LAGOS**

Pastor Temiloluwa and everyone working with you, thank you for your consistency in delivering the word through this devotional. I came across your tweets and everytime I read, I would be encouraged. I am encouraged to also start sharing the image version of the devotionals with my contacts.

**- DUDLEY CHIDZIVA, ZIMBABWE**

This devotional has been a great blessing to me and those around me. It is like my daily manna. Thank you for yielding to God, thank you, sir; for sharing your life experiences and how you react to them by the help of the holy Spirit to instruct us. More of God's insight and grace.

**- PATRICIA, ABUJA**



# “You Must Come to My House” – Temptations For a Young Soul

Text: Proverbs 1:10 NIV

*“My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them.”*

I was reading in the courtyard at my residence during my brief stint at the State University. There was a lady who was older than I was and had been in school for way longer who came to visit my flatmates. She is reputed to be one of the “big girls” on campus. She rarely spends the weekend in school.

When she was leaving that evening, she dragged my reading notes from me and said, “Spencer, you like books, and you have not visited me once. Come and collect your books in my house. I will not give you until you come”. I let go of my books. I just had that hunch that it was not a fight that needed my attention. I rather let it go.

Do not let anyone drag you into sin. Do not get enticed. One of the first warnings of King Solomon in Proverbs was about this matter. He said:

When peer pressure compels you to go with the crowd and sinners invite you to join in, you must simply say, “No!” my son, refuse to go with them and stay far away from them.  
(Proverbs 1:10, 15 TPT)

Joseph faced the same thing. Mrs Potiphar saw she was not getting the attention of Joseph. He does not seem to be enticed by her moves. She went

for the masterstroke. She got him in a tight spot and grabbed his garment. She said with audacity, “Sleep with me”. Joseph did not mind losing his garment. He was more concerned about not losing his destiny.

Sometimes the person giving you attention is not a friend of your destiny. They are only attracting you for a devilish purpose. Run! Run!! Run!!!

When the conversation gets weird, do not stand there at your risk. Flee. Do not try to experiment. You will produce things that will consume you.

The weight of regret is far heavier than the demand of obedience. Regret will leave a wound and scar on your soul. It will take grace to heal and restore.

Run! Do not be enticed.

## CONFESS I O N

*I refuse to be dragged into the mud of sin. I am not enticed into acts that quench the spirit. I overcome every temptation that comes my way.*

DAY  
02

# Away From Home: The Temptations of a Teenager

Text: Romans 12:1 NIV

*"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."*

When my parents dropped me off at the State University, they looked at me and said words of prayer for me. My extra-large "Ghana-must-go" bag was full of provisions that I would need, but my heart was full of parental warnings like, "Remember the son of who you are" and "Do not walk with bad friends". They bade me farewell.

They could not have travelled many kilometres when I knew that I had battles to fight: As I opened up the wardrobe in the flat, I would share with some others (it was a privately owned apartment of a relative), the first thing I saw was a pack of condoms. In another compartment was a stack of empty alcohol bottles. Right beside the bed was a stack of pornographic discs. The devil seems to be ready for war.

Let me admit: I was in that environment for about eight months. I was not rooted in any church, and I did not grow spiritually. The only thing that kept me was the fear of disappointing my heritage.

Beloved, I know you desire to be free from the claws of your parents. I know you want to get out there and "enjoy your life". You feel they are overbearing right now. But what is the cost of the freedom you crave so much?

Freedom can be like a sharp knife. If you grab the handle, it becomes a tool for great things. It can cut down opposition and adversity as you advance in life and destiny. But if you are careless and grab it by the blade, it will cut you, and you will bleed badly.

A lot of young ones grab freedom at the blade, and it injures them really badly. They have not mastered the art of channelling freedom for

destiny fulfilment.

This is the truth: The moment you think you are free to do anything you want, you are already in prison. You are a slave of strange desires. You become a slave to your lust and craving. The person who therefore enjoys the greatest freedom will be a madman (he has no inhibitions. He has no restraints. Even if he commits a crime. His insanity is a defence).

You are not truly free; you only have the freedom to decide what you will be tied to. Will you be tied to destiny-shaping decisions, or will you be driven by destiny-wrecking choices? You are either a slave to sin that leads to eternal death, or you are a slave of righteousness that produces life.

Dear one, the only choice you have is the freedom to choose who your master will be in life. Will it be sin, or will it be righteousness?

Hear Apostle Paul: Don't you realise that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living. (Romans 6:16, 18 NLT)

What is your choice?

## CONFESSION

*I am not a slave to sin. I am free in Christ. I exercise my freedom to serve Jesus. I submit my life to serving the will of God.*



# One Question That Can Reveal a Visionless Spouse

Text: Habakkuk 2:2 NKJV

*"...write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it..."*

The fact that I was pastoring full-time and resided in a place unknown to some of my prospective in-laws raised many concerns. It was a red flag for them. I did not have an easy ride to marriage.

One of her elder brothers eventually agreed to see me. We met in a restaurant in one of the highbrow areas in Lagos. It was a night of many questions.

His wife asked the question that can throw a visionless man into confusion and reveal the laziness in his life. It was a simple land mine- "Pastor, please kindly describe to me your typical day?"

I did not ramble about it. I started the previous evening because I told her my day begins before I go to bed. My mentor had taught me that "If you go to bed with a vision, you will wake up with a mission". I described my day hour by hour and what I do. I escaped. I got their support from that day. We have an amazing bond today.

One of the signs that a man has no vision for life is that he has no plan for the day. If you marry a visionless spouse, you will live in frustration. You need to check underneath the facade of impressive words and flowery lifestyle to confirm if, indeed, this person has a sense of direction.

Some people have nowhere they are headed. Once you join such a man, you become stranded in life.

If they are always talking about what they will do, but they never get to do it. It is a

red flag.

If they are always saying, the reason why things are not working is that they are waiting for one uncle and aunt or a brother abroad before they can decide, and they keep lounging. It is a red flag.

If he tells you the Lord has called him to ministry, but he sleeps all night and gists all day without building something for the Lord and shows no active sense of work and hard work, it is a red flag.

If he is loaded with excuses without taking actionable steps, he is a lazy person. The lazy man says, "There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!" (Proverbs 22:13 NKJV)

A lazy man has the answer to everything. He is smarter than counsel and wiser than correction.

The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly. (Proverbs 26:16 NKJV)

A lazy spouse is a huge liability. Your family will be trying hard to fly on one wing. It will not get off the ground.

## CONFESSIO N

*I live my life with a sense of vision. I am not a liability to myself, my family and society. I understand what to do per time by the spirit of God.*



# Our Sex Life As A Couple Is a Mess, Can We Watch Pornography?

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:3 NKJV

*"For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality."*

A young couple was spending some time with us. While interacting with them, we began to probe and ask questions about their union and especially their sexual bond as a young couple. We shared tips and educated them about things that will help their sexual bond and the actual act itself. At one point, we mentioned that pornography was not an option.

They were both elated, and the husband said to us, "Pastor, you have helped us today. We were getting frustrated, and I was about to recommend watching pornography to spice things up. Pastor, you have spoken by the spirit". They left encouraged.

Get this clearly: Pornography will not help you in any way. It is a trap that will wreck your marriage. It will open the door for the spirit of lust to rampage your home. You will eventually be addicted to what is not helpful.

First, think about the scenarios of your own marital life. You probably both have a nine-to-five job that takes your time. You may have to spend some time in traffic coming home. At times, you return with some office work. You still have house chores to fix. You get to bed tired, and the next thing on your mind is to sleep.

Those who shot the porn video are actors and actresses. That is their nine-to-five. Your life is not a movie. You are not an actor or an actress. You need to master emotional intelligence. You must stay in communication and help each other all day to reduce stress, prepare the mind, and spice up things romantically. That itself is work.

Second, is it normal to have sex with cameras and crew right on you? It is absurd. To do this, you need to be either high on drugs or demons. It is not normal. You cannot watch that and then come home to tell your spouse to start doing weird things. No! Are you high?

Third, pornography will introduce unhealthy comparisons. You will begin to compare your wife's shape to that of a stranger. You will begin to say, 'You did not do it like that man'. That's trouble. God wants you to discover one another without anyone to compare with. That's how you bond.

Fourth, your self-esteem will become battered because you cannot be like one actor or actress. Your self-image becomes distorted. You lose pride in whom God has made you while you chase an elusive image as you keep falling into a bottomless pit. You begin to ask, "Am I not good enough?"

Fifth, you will begin to see your spouse as an object to be used and not a person to be loved. Sex before marriage which is a sin, is always selfish. It is about satisfying burning passion. Sex in marriage is holy. It only makes sense when your spouse is satisfied. It cures you of selfishness. Your focus is not on self.

Do not be tempted to watch pornography before marriage. It is a trap. That is not how a believer learns.

Friends, sexual bonding will take time and growth. Do not be in a hurry. Laugh at each other when you do not get it right. You will still try again. Listen to counsel and have conversations around it. If there is a small group for young couples in your church, be a part. Learn from your peers in a godly way.

## CONFESSIO N

*I shut up my soul and spirit against sexual perversion. I enjoy sexual bonding in my marriage in holiness and purity.*



# Be Your Spouse's Greatest Cheerleader

Text: Hebrews 10:24 NIV

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds"*

Some years ago, we had a very faulty generator and a terrible power supply in the area we lived. One night, some minutes right after the generator repairer left, the generator shut down – it was a season of physical heat, but it was also a season of marital heat.

Irewamiri got tired of the situation and of my pastoral response to an emotional matter (I told her we should worship God rather than worry). It was a tough week.

We had a major conference starting in church. While we were still trying to get our groove back, I had to step in to take a session because our invited speaker was absent. As I stood on the podium, placards went up in rhythm from church stewards with "Pastor, We Love You" written on them. I dropped a tear because there was nothing they did that carried as much weight as the affirmation, warmth, and support of my wife.

First, public packaging without marital harmony is self-deceit. Invest significantly in making your marriage work. One of the ways to do it is to encourage one another unto more excellent works and heights. Give what it takes to see that your husband or your wife leaves home every day with the strength to take on the day.

Honestly speaking, the streets are already full of discouragements and "nay-sayers" that you cannot afford to join the list. Encouraging one another to do great works is still a Christian virtue.

Discover creative ways to encourage others and motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love.  
Hebrews 10:24 TPT

Second, public appreciation and accolades without appreciation from your spouse will carry less weight. A friend once told his wife that "For the world, you may be just one person, but to

one person, you are the entire world". I cannot agree less. The vote of your spouse carries a lot of weight.

To parents, you need to be there for your children. Your care and affirmation are like priceless trophies. We need to come back to realise that the most significant awards and titles would be family tied- " Father, Mother, Husband, and Wife."

People may talk down on the family system, but God tied the fulfilment of divine prophecies and promises to how we handle our domestic affairs. God said this about Abraham:

"I have chosen him in order that he may command his sons and his descendants to obey me and to do what is right and just. If they do, I will do everything for him that I have promised." Genesis 18:19 GNT

Paul also admonished that church leaders must first be great family leaders:

So a church leader must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife... He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him. For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church? 1 Timothy 3:2, 4 – 5 NLT

Did you see the first thing that shows your life is above reproach? Faithfulness to your spouse. Beloved, public appreciation is weighty, but it loses weight when the home front is not in shape. Appreciate your spouse.

## CONFESS I O N

*I am more committed to caring for and loving my spouse. We weather every storm together.*

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06

# The Pathway Of Those Who Will Fail Morally

Text: Ephesians 4:27 NIV

*"...and do not give the devil a foothold."*

I rewamiri and I had questions to ask our dear teacher and mentor about the finances of a young family like ours. He looked at us and said, "In my few years on earth, I have seen some of my friends fail morally, and all of them admitted that they first started by failing financially. Any man who fails to be financially transparent will soon fail morally."

I remembered what a dear father said: "You do not know how much of a sinner you can be until you have money. It takes money to finance adultery."

David committed adultery with Bathsheba. He had all the means to cover his tracks. The state power was at his beck and call. He could make a man disappear without being directly involved. He had the means. He had the position. He had the power. He abused it for sinful gain.

Solomon started out making sacrifices to the Lord, but the first international treaty he signed came with the gift of a woman- a Princess. He must have rationalised it.

And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem roundabout. 1 Kings 3:1 KJV

But that was the beginning of keeping a harem of princesses. It became a pattern.

But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. 1 Kings 11:1, 3 KJV

Again, he had the position, the power, and the possession. It did not look like a big deal.

You must have discovered that temptation and sin thrive in secrecy. Once you have a secret to keep, the temptation to misbehave cannot be far.

One way out of this temptation is to live your life like an open book, especially to your spouse and those who can hold you accountable.

If you know that your job takes you from city to city for a couple of days, make sure you are transparent. If you stay in a hotel, ask not to be given any room with a pool view before you become a victim of soft pornography, and your weakness pounces on you like an armed bandit.

Many men who fell had no one who could ask them questions. By the time David fell, he was surrounded by "Yes men". They brought him, Bathsheba, without asking questions. They organised the murder of Uriah without raising a question. It was the king's order. They were his boys. They needed his favour.

What if David had Samuel and Jonathan around him at that time? They were a picture of a Pastor, a father figure, and a covenant friend. Some relationships must not go into oblivion in your life. The devil needs just a little gap; a tiny space is enough for him to build his operations room.

Do you notice that your colleague warms up to you when your wife or husband is acting cold? Do you notice you enjoy the attention that comes from those ladies who use endearments for you? You are now rationalising the conversations. " I did not know how it happened" often begins with "It is not a big deal."

Dear man and woman, tread softly, be transparent and embrace accountability.

The answer to "Where are you?" is not "I am coming". The answer is stating precisely where you are. Is that not transparency?

## CONFESSIO N

*I am committed to transparency and accountability in my Christian walk. I do not give space to the devil. I am surrounded by the gift of men of sound counsel.*



# What To Do When You Do Not Like God's Process

Text: Proverbs 3:6 NIV

*"in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

A dear son came visiting and said his wife looked at him recently and said, "Thank God for Eruwa in your life". He came into town as a corps member after attempting to relocate to a city. He eventually got the opportunity to relocate but he said he just had this feeling to stay and he did.

Now, he does a lot of things connected to his season in Eruwa. His entire family now knows that Eruwa is a second home. They even get to ask him when they call at times, "Are you at home or have you gone to Eruwa?"

In making destiny choices, if you simply go with what you like, you may miss out on people, places, and moments that should shape your life's journey. God will rather lead you into places where your destiny is advanced not just into places where you want.

Divine disruptions can be God's way of blessing you. Look at things in your life that did not turn out totally as you planned and you are grateful for today. The truth is we understand God in retrospect.

God is both a God of mercy and process. You need to know that even in mercy, God will not boycott the process. Why? He is a righteous God.

If you have your way rather than go God's way, you can enjoy mercy but if

you persist and it becomes a pattern, you will soon lose somewhere in front of the devil.

Some places shape a man. Let the Lord lead you to the place of his shaping. There are people you need in life. May the Lord order your steps to them and their steps to you.

Let's close with Joseph: If we look at the situation that got Joseph into the prison in Egypt, we would have almost concluded that the prison is not a place to be. But that was where he met the cupbearer who introduced him to the palace.

When you are in the middle of a moment you do not understand, do not be in a hurry to pray some fire prayers. There are times all you need to ask God is: "That which I see not teach thou me..."  
Job 34:32a KJV

We do not see it all. We do not know it all. Do not be in a hurry to rush out of a divine process. Let God lead you.

## CONFESSIO N

*I align my life with God's leading. I acknowledge God in all my ways. I stay true to the divine process to fulfil divine purpose.*



# Giving As A Person, As A Parent And As A Priest

Text: 2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

**T**here are twice in my life that I had to make decisions about offering. The first time was in my second year at the University. I made up my mind that I wouldn't give an offering less than a particular amount. I looked at the monthly stipend and decided on an amount that I knew was substantial and honourable. As my income grew and as the years go by, it also increased.

The second time was as a parent. I knew our parents at times gave us "change" as an offering while they gave much more or we had nothing at all. One day, I had the prompt that my children should not give less than what I give as a parent. We believed and began to act on it. Why? We needed to show another generation that giving to God is honourable.

There is nothing like a growing believer who does not grow in giving. There is nothing like a mature believer who is not a mature giver. You cannot claim to be growing in the faith when you are still giving as offering what your parents used to hand over to you as a toddler.

Some people know the texture of every denomination. They will feel it before giving it.

Paul referred to giving:

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

1 Corinthians 16:2 KJV

First, you must prepare to give. It must be intentional. Your offering is not what is left after you have spent all you can. Your offering is what you have set aside in honour of the Lord. Some come to church after spending all they have and then give God some change.

Second, it must be proportional to the rate at which God has blessed you. Look at your income and look at your offering- are you giving according to the blessing of the Lord in your life?

Third, the offering is not forced. Make up your mind about what you will give. I know there are places where giving has been abused. Offerings are collected seven times in a single service.

Honestly, do not be pressured. Give as you have purposed in your heart.

A cunning pastor will raise cunning members. If you will raise the offering like 20 times, your people will also change 200 naira into 10 naira notes and give it 20 times.

A sincere pastor will raise sincere members. A generous pastor will raise a generous congregation. When you tell people sincerely what is needed and you mention the sacrifice you have made as a pastor, people can follow your example.

David did the same for the building of the temple: "And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction. This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple. and for the other gold and silver work to be done by the craftsmen. Now then, who will follow my example and give offerings to the Lord today?"

1 Chronicles 29:3, 5 NLT

What was the consequence?

Then the family leaders, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the generals and captains of the army, and the king's administrative officers all gave willingly.

1 Chronicles 29:6 NLT

Are you growing in giving?

## CONFESSIO N

*From now on, I am intentional about giving to God. I am an active giver of the things of God. I give from a sincere heart. I am a blessed giver.*



## “Just Sit Down And Read Your Bible, Pray. You Do Not Need Anyone”- The Danger of Half-Truths

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:1 NIV

*“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”*

One evening at the university, I was heading to our sports complex when I met a friend of mine. While discussing, she told me that she was going to spend the evening attending a mentoring vigil with some of her other friends. I smiled and told her these exact words: “Why are you guys jumping around? What are you looking for? Sit down and study the Word of God for yourself. Take time to pray too.”

You know what, it took years for me to know the value of discipleship and mentoring in my spiritual growth. It is true that studying the Word and prayer are basic ingredients for the believer that will grow but it is also important to know that we cannot grow without the help of teachers and pastors.

One of God’s gifts to a believer is the gift of a Pastor. Every pastor has the assignment to feed and nurture the people God has committed into his care so they can grow. “and I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. And it shall come to pass when ye be multiplied and increased in the land...” Jeremiah 3:15-16 KJV

Without teachers and pastors, we can read the bible and not understand, or worse still, we can subscribe to wrong or false teachings that sound true.

It is a different thing to read. It is a different thing to understand. The Ethiopian Eunuch was coming from Jerusalem where he had gone to worship. He must have been so blessed that he began to read the book of

the Prophet Isaiah in his chariot. But there was a problem- lack of understanding. What did the Lord do to help him? He sent him Phillip.

Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” The man replied, “How can I unless someone instructs me?” And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. Acts of the Apostles 8:30-31 NLT

When the Lord sends you teachers and pastors, create space for them on your chariot. Give them room on your agenda. Give them space to impact your life. Do not stay in isolation.

Even Jesus listened to teachers of the Law when he was age twelve. Apostle Paul had Ananias at the beginning of His Christian walk who affirmed some of the experiences he was having at that season of his life.

And Jesus Christ gave gifts unto men “for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” Ephesians 4:12 KJV

Do not live on half-truths. It is dangerous.

### CONFESSIO N

*I take mentorship more seriously. I am blessed with the gift of teachers. I grow in grace and knowledge of kingdom ways through my teachers’ labour.*



# Chronicles of Spiritual Growth (1)

Text: Proverbs 27:17 NIV

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another”*

**M**y spiritual growth leapt in my second year at the University. Even though I had given my life to Christ way earlier as a teenager, I still was on a plateau. I was more religious. I only followed the routine. There were no sparks or vibes in my walk with God. It was just boring.

One evening, I was visiting with a senior colleague of mine and he gave me a tape. It brought a revolution to my prayer life. I listened to it again and again. It was as if a well that was locked up within me was opened up.

There is an environment where the seed must be for the seed to grow. There is a ground the seed must be for the seed to thrive. If you will grow, the environment must be right. Some things suffocate growth.

Get away from the wayside- things that cause distractions. Things that turn the Word of the Lord into meaningless jokes. Runaway from rocks. Run from thorns. Do not get comfortable in places and with things that do not give room for the seed of the Lord within you to grow.

You cannot love the Word of God if you keep company with those who talk down the instructions of the scriptures. You cannot grow in prayer if you settle with those who talk down on prayer in subtle ways.

The Word is needed for your growth.

Apostle Peter told us to deal with the things that hinder growth by going after the Word that provokes growth:

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby... 1 Peter 2:1-2 KJV

Most of the things that Apostle Peter mentioned can be transferred by relationships- malice, hypocrisy, envy, and evil-speaking.

If you will grow, you must watch the company that you keep. You must watch what such company brings or introduces into your life also.

One of the testimonies of God about Saul (who became Apostle Paul) right after his conversion was that “He prays”.

And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, Acts 9:11 KJV

And if you grow in prayer, your spiritual experiences and growth will enter into fresh dimensions. Saul entered into the realm of visions by praying.

...and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

Acts 9:12 KJV

If you will grow, watch your company, love the Word of God, and study the Word. Without it, there is no growth.

## CONFESS I O N

*I am intentional about my spiritual growth. I am surrounded by people of spiritual substance. I do not keep a godless association. My faith is anchored on the word of God.*



# Chronicles of Spiritual Growth (2)

Text: Hebrews 12:2. KJV

*"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

**I**n my second year at the university, I woke up one night because I had a test in the morning. I picked up my books to read and at that moment it struck me like light "Have you ever woken up to pray, study or fellowship with the Lord?" That day, I decided that nothing would ever come before my devotion to the Lord.

(Kindly note that I was not an unserious student. I was the type of student who drew red lines in my notes for personal study. I was the 'I will be in the library after class' kind of student. This is not to promote laziness).

You cannot grow spiritually when there is no desire for growth. Desire is the prerequisite for pursuit. Without pursuit, things will remain on a spot. Certainly, whatever stays in a spot will end up depreciating.

Jesus our Lord puts it this way: "Do not just seek the kingdom. Seek the kingdom first."

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33 KJV

If you will grow, do not just enjoy God's presence in your life, make sure you also make him your priority.

God gave you time. The devil wants

you to waste it. God wants you to maximize it.

God blessed you with resources. The devil wants you to worship it. God wants them to serve you and His purpose on earth.

If you will grow spiritually, you must settle on what your priority is. There is a measure where you add God to your timetable. There is a measure of growth where you hand your timetable over to God. There is a measure of growth where you ask God for His timetable and you add yourself to it.

Are you worshipping things?

Are God and His kingdom indeed your priority?

If your priority is settled, your posture changes and your growth path is laid out but you must be willing to play your part.

What is your desire?

What is your priority?

## CONFESSIO N

*I am an ardent seeker of God. I am passionate about God's will and purposes for my life. I prioritise God in all my ways.*



# Chronicles of Spiritual Growth (3)

Text: Hebrews 10:25 AMP

*"not forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction], as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..."*

A protege of mine got admitted to the University and he came to ask me for one thing I would have done better if I had the chance to get admitted again. It was a question I had answered before he even asked. My answer was simple, "I would not waste time getting committed to a church."

I was actually of the school of thought that I went to school for academics alone. I analyzed how fellowship meeting days were wasting precious time. I did not realize that I was only slowing down the process of my spiritual growth.

It is not God's plan that anyone should grow in isolation.

God setteth the solitary in families: He bringeth out those which are bound with chains: But the rebellious dwell in a dry land. Psalm 68:6 KJV

Even Paul that was spoken to by Jesus Christ had to fellowship with Ananias, sought the Apostles, and became active in the early church.

It is easy to get lost in high-sounding unbalanced revelation when you have no company that challenges you to grow or brings clarity to areas where you need such.

Right from Antioch, Paul had a believers company. He did not say 'I have heard God and I do not need anyone. Paul at a point even submitted what he was

teaching to the pillars of the church to vet and examine. He did not want to become a lone ranger with strange insights.

It is a great thing to be part of a spiritual family- it helps your growth. It keeps you in a company of accountability.

Do not isolate yourself from the church. Plug in and grow.

## CONFESION

*I am not a lone ranger in destiny. I enjoy the blessings of spiritual gatherings with brethren. I do not isolate from my spiritual family. I enjoy grace for growth in my spiritual family.*

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# Expel The Bee

Text: Titus 2:11-12 NIV

*"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age..."*

**W**e kept hearing the buzzing sound at the window of our room. It would come in a while and then cease. After a while, it returns. I stepped out of the room to find out what was causing the endless cycle of buzzing nuisance- it was a bee.

I picked up an insecticide. A young man with me sprayed it on the bee as it landed. It fled.

Then we noticed it had a hidden hive right at the same spot. We destroyed the hive.

There are many caught in the unfortunate cycle of sin. They are ridden with guilt, run to God and make a vow, get it right for a while and are back in sin again and ridden by guilt (and repeat).

You do not kill a tree by trimming its leaves. We chased off the bee but there were eggs laid in the hive- it was just a matter of time!

Call sin a sin. Do not explain it. Do not justify it. Do not embrace it.

You know you already are getting attached to another man or woman at work- do not rationalize it. Don't say, "I am only helping her build a good home. You know she has marital challenges."

My thumb rule: "Temi, if you will have to start explaining it, do not bother commencing it." All your actions must be clear epistles.

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Ephesians 5:3 NIV

No one that sins or loves to sin must look at your life or any of your action and find it as a justification for unrighteousness saying, "At least, this person also does it".

God has called us to righteous living.

For God's call on our lives is not to a life of compromise and perversion but to a life surrounded in holiness.

1 Thessalonians 4:7 TPT

Whenever the buzzing bee of sin hangs around you, pick up the insecticide of the Word, accompanied by accountability- then deal with it.

It is not deliverance you need (Jesus did that already); you need discipline.

Expel the bee; destroy the hive!

## CONFESSIO N

*I sever from whatever draws me back into sin. I destroy things that drag me into compromise. I will not justify sin to embrace it. I embrace righteousness wholeheartedly.*



# There Are Moments When Silence Carries Weight

Text: Isaiah 55:6 NLT

*“Seek the LORD while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near.”*

**S**ome weeks after writing my Senior School Certificate Examination (there was quite some free time that allowed my teenage mind to experiment), I was riding a motorcycle on our street. It belonged to a friend who came to visit.

While taking some laps on the street, I had a fall. That very moment, our doctor was passing by. He looked at me on the floor, he smiled and did not utter a word. He went on with his business. Many things ran through my mind, “If the man that will treat you when you have an accident, smiles at your fall, you must be careful”. That was the end of the ride for that day.

There are times when silence means a whole lot more and the weight can be felt.

Friends, the silence of God can be a warning for the believer. In my little walk with God, I have learned that there are times the Holy Spirit goes quiet on the believer. For instance, when I keep arguing an instruction, there can be silence. At times, if I insist on having my way, there can be silence.

Do not wait for the silence of the Holy Spirit as your teacher before you wake up. For instance, King Saul sought to hear the Lord but the Lord has gone silent on him because he had perpetually shown that he was never going to obey the Lord.

He asked the Lord what he should do, but the Lord refused to answer him, either by dreams or by sacred lots, or by the prophets.

And when he tried every thing he could, he went to consult a medium who invoked a familiar spirit. You can sense the trauma in Saul’s voice:

“Why have you disturbed me by calling me back?” Samuel asked Saul. “Because I am in

deep trouble,” Saul replied. “The Philistines are at war with me, and God has left me and won’t reply by prophets or dreams. So, I have called for you to tell me what to do.”

1 Samuel 28:6, 15 NLT

Do not keep digging when you are meant to repent. If you realize that God has gone quiet on you, pause and think. Do not keep at the actions that made heaven withdraw its hands. It means it is time for you to rethink and retrace your steps.

Silence is not necessarily proof that all is well. If your spouse goes quiet, you know something is wrong. Also, if you have lived with babies, you know that when you do not hear them, it is better you check on them, something must be going wrong already—spilled powder, flooded bathroom, soaked gadgets, or torn documents.

In the same way, silence in warfare can mean that something terrible is going wrong, has gone wrong, or is about to go wrong.

Be careful when fellowship is broken. Be sensitive when it has been a while you heard from the Lord. Take a retreat. Trace your instructions. Check your obedience. Do not carry on like it is normal.

Come close. Let me ask you a question: When last did you hear from the Lord? Did you obey? Have you moved on in stubbornness? Watch it!

## CONFESSIO

*I keep aflame the altar of fellowship with God. I walk in obedience. I am sensitive to the voice and moves of God in my life.*

# Do Not Throw Stones At a Wounded and Fallen Soldier

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Text: Galatians 6:1 NLT

*“Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.”*

I still remember where I was standing when my phone rang years ago. I was shocked at first when he said, “I have disappointed everyone. I got a girl pregnant”. I allowed the information to sink and then I said to him, “It could have been me. I do not condemn you”. Today, he is standing strong on his feet.

But it is not always the same story: At another time, a beautiful young teenager said to me, “I have not been back to the church because I am scared of stigmatization”. I do not want to be an example of sermons and the major point in post-service counselling. I had to leave. I encouraged her to come to church.

When the travelling man fell into the hands of robbers, the Priest and the Levites passed by him. The Samaritan came to clean him up, bind his wound and took him to a place where he can be well-treated. That’s exactly what our role is when we have a case of a fallen sister or brother.

You do not throw stones. You love first. You get them back on their feet first. It does not matter whether Lot chose Sodom by himself and went away because of his tendency for strife. What matters is that Lot has been carried away in battle and you have the grace and resources to get Lot back home. You must not hesitate. You must not delay. The longer it takes, the harder it becomes.

Do not call a discussion about what has happened to Lot. No! Do not use Lot as a case study of what happens to disobedient

sons. No! Simply go and rescue Lot.

I stumbled on something a while back while reading. It said that a large percentage of those who leave churches would have gladly returned if someone followed them up and asked them questions while encouraging them. Do not let us take on the role of the judge when we are meant to be a brother.

There are many Lots out there. Let’s mobilize to bring back our Lots. You have a friend who has dropped out of fellowship with God. You have a brother who has fallen into sin and feels coming back to God is not worth it. There is a colleague who is angry and hurt because of how the church treated him. You can be the bridge of restoration. You can be the one who will not let them get lost forever.

We must also not become the elder brother of the lost son. He was also lost in the house to jealousy and envy. We must be glad when our brothers come back home.

Who are you going after from today?

## CONFESS I O N

*I stand as a help to a fellow soldier of Christ. I am a bridge to the restoration of fallen brethren. I do not condemn whom God can restore.*



# No Matter How Anointed You Feel, Never Cross The Lines

Text: Proverbs 25:28 KJV

*“He that hath no rule over his own spirit Is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.”*

When I started getting to know the Lord passionately, my dad who was also my pastor as a young man, gave me the chance to share the Word of God. He gave me the privilege of using the worker’s meeting time. I was full of passion but ignorant.

I began to share and “the Holy Ghost took over”, ministrations took a prophetic dimension. I was thoroughly enjoying myself. I used beyond the time allotted to me. I used some portion of service time.

After the service, while I was feeling like an anointed man of God, Dad called me to his office and said “Never use beyond the time you have been given no matter how anointed you feel. You can only make this mistake at home. Do not try it anywhere else”. It was a lesson of a lifetime.

Beloved, you can be anointed and lack discipline. Do not hide under the anointing to misbehave. This is why the anointed needs training. An anointed person who lacks discipline will end up in crisis.

People are attracted to the anointing and you must therefore be careful of the attachments and tendencies that are travel companions of such attractions. As a young man, do not let the attraction from the opposite sex become your trap in the web of lust. Never allow the honour you receive from elders to become the ticket to pride. Be careful.

How do you then live above these tendencies?  
• You must know that your sufficiency is of the Lord.

“not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God” 2 Corinthians 3:5 KJV

• You must learn to put the body under. Never let the body dictate to you.

“but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I should be a castaway.” 1 Corinthians 9:27 KJV

• Never despise teachers and corrections. When you respond rightly to correction, you access the key to greater relevance and anointing.

Let the righteous smite me; It shall be a kindness: And let him reprove me; It shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head

Psalms 141:5 KJV

• No matter how anointed you are, do not forget to work on your character. Character is very essential.

Indiscipline can make you lose what the anointing attracted.

The anointing made people give you platforms, indiscipline can make you lose it. The anointing made people respect you but indiscipline can make you lose the respect in a moment. The anointing made you attractive but indiscipline will make you repulsive.

## CONFESSIO N

*I do not hide under the anointing to misbehave. I shut the door of my heart against pride, lust and things that contaminate the anointing. I grow in character and discipline.*



# Your Best Version Emerges In God's Will

Text: Proverbs 23:26 NIV

*"My son, give me your heart and let your eyes delight in my ways."*

About eight weeks after I stepped into Eruwa to honour the call of God into full-time ministry, a dear one was praying on his birthday and the Lord prompted him to come and see me. He was surprised that I was in town.

Eventually, when we got to see. I shared with him what the Lord has called me to do. When I was done, he spoke about how he was planning to exit town to the city to enrol in a school to learn the art of public speaking. I said to him, "In God, you will not just get the theory, you will get practical."

Years after, he is serving in the ministry full time and surely the finest version of him, for the season he is in keeps emerging per time. This is the story of the Rod of Moses. For Moses, it was simply a shepherd's staff but when he had an encounter with God and he laid it down; it turned into a snake. There was a version of the rod that Moses never knew.

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'" Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Then the Lord said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand.

Exodus 4:1-4 NIV

You do not know the full potential of what you carry until you surrender it to God. What you call normal in your hands can become a miracle when laid down for the Lord.

The Staff/Rod may be a reminder of your loss, but when surrendered it becomes the

channel for greater things. Moses could have been looking at the rod and wishing for a sword but God had much more in store for a man who would not also let the chains of regret hold him down.

In your hands, it can pay your bills or meet your needs but in His hands, it can liberate a nation. In your hands, it can lead a few sheep, in his hands, it can lead a nation. In your hands, it is but a rod, but in his hands, it can confront kings and confound magicians. In your control, it is limited but outside your control, it is limitless.

Whatever you commit into the hand of God multiplies:

It was just one of the ribs of Adam that produced a complete woman. It was a little boy's lunch that produced a miracle to feed five thousand. An empty fishing boat and nets being mended produced two full boats that brought a man into Apostleship.

The finest version of your life emerges under the management of God. You would not know how much a wonder you can be when you live in obedience to the will of God.

There is a greater version of your life, marriage, career, and ministry that can emerge when you walk in obedience to divine plans and follow through with God's plan for your life.

May you see it. May you live it. May you be it.

## CONFESSIO N

*I surrender my losses and gains to the mighty hands of God. I will not stay stagnant and unrefined in my destiny journey. I will become the best version of myself in God.*

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# You Can't Go Far While Taking Offence

Text: Acts 24:16 KJV

*"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men."*

**I**t was a major annual convention for my Grandfather in the Faith. As I stepped out of the auditorium, he was walking with some of the guest ministers towards the office section. He saw me walking along the car park and said, "Son, make sure you see me before you go". When I approached the secretariat, it was a bit hard getting through the protocol but eventually, I was ushered into the waiting area. I waited for about three hours. After about three hours, his private secretary came downstairs and asked, "Are you Pastor Ola?" I replied in the affirmative. She then said, "Baba said you can leave. He will see you some other time."

Immediately, I brought out an envelope from my pocket and handed it over to her saying, "Please, help me give him. I know it is a very busy season for him and it is just a token". I refused to allow my mind to take a walk down the corridor of offence. I refused thoughts like, "Why did he say I should wait when he knew he was busy". I was rather grateful that amid his hectic schedule he had me in mind or wanted to see me. That was enough for me.

If you get trapped in offence, it is a stumbling block and you are close to falling. Offence in Yoruba literally means "a stumbling". When a man stumbles, he will soon fall.

You cannot be going around saying "I am offended" and you are taking pride in it. That's not wise. You are proud of "I am stumbling and I will soon fall". Do you see that? Being offended is no badge of honour. If offence has a grip on a soldier of Christ, he becomes a fallen soldier. When pride took hold of some angels, they became fallen angels. When offence has a grip on a Christian, he becomes a fallen Christian.

Offence is a trap. You cannot stumble and expect to keep making progress at the same time. If Joseph had stayed offended with his brothers, he would not have excelled in Potiphar's House. If he had stayed offended, he would not have reached out to those who connected him to the

palace. If he had stayed offended, he would have thwarted his part in a divine plan to preserve his lineage.

One way to keep yourself away from the trap of offence is to keep your focus on what the Lord is doing at the moment and through situations.

Hear Joseph:

But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. So, it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt. Genesis 45:5, 7-8 NLT

Did you see how many times Joseph said "God sent me here"? That is the kind of heart that is preserved from offence.

See this important prayer too:

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. Jude 1:24-25 NIV

May you not stumble!

## CONFESSION

*I will not be caught in the web of offence. I guard my heart with honour and reverence. I will not stumble in life's journey because of offence. I remain focused and keep off from offence.*

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# It Will Be Hard To Love Or Submit Without The Holy Spirit

Text: Ephesians 5:21 NKJV

*"Submitting to one another in the fear of God."*

I rewamiri was teaching one day and shared a story that brought back memories: there was a night that I did not know what was wrong. She went cold for hours. I kept asking what the matter was.

At the height of it, she laid on the bed while I knelt by her side asking questions about what the issue was. She slept off while I stayed on my knees beside her and I prayed silently.

Some hours later, she woke up and was shocked that I maintained the same posture by her side. The Holy Spirit helped and her heart melted. She also spoke about the issue bothering her. We both had some teary moments but made up our minds to work on our marriage.

There is no way to manifest the fruit without the tree. The most important personality in the marriage of a believer is the Holy Spirit. The most important attitude in the marriage of a believer is yieldedness to the Holy Spirit.

Without the Spirit and submission to His leading, your marriage will be another tree with strange fruits- anger, silent treatments, impatience, lust, manipulative tendencies, intimidation, strange philosophies and emotional outbursts.

With the Spirit and submission to His will, leading your marriage will produce love, joy, peace, self-control, righteousness, patience, and kindness among others.

The man who is led by the Spirit of the Lord knows that his role is to love his wife. He knows that He has to be without complaints or conditions. If the food is sweet, love her. If the food is salty, love her.

The woman who is led by the Spirit of the Lord knows that her role is to submit to her husband. Submission is not based on conditions. It is your own obedience to the dealings of the Holy Spirit.

The marriage that therefore becomes successful is that of a loving husband and a submissive wife.

Each party must understand that their actions will be judged based on the instructions they have been given.

The rule is simple: obey your instructions without expectations from the other party to obey theirs first. Truth is, it becomes easy to love a submissive wife and it becomes easy to submit to a loving husband. You cannot be smarter than the Word of the Lord that is eternal. Obey it!

## CONFESSIO N

*In my marriage, I do not bear the fruit of the flesh; I bear and reproduce the fruit of the spirit. I am inclined to the Holy Spirit's leading in my home. I treat my spouse with a submissive heart.*



# Are You Sure You Still Know Him

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:58 KJV

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..."*

A man was to fill up a sensitive role in an organization. He had been a part of the organization in previous years. But he left and moved to another city. The head of the organization was excited when he heard that this person wanted to come back and was willing to work in the organization.

When he discussed the situation with me, I asked a question, "I know he used to be here with you. I also know he has been gone for years but it has been a while and it was not as though he kept in touch. Before you bring him on board, do you really know him?" It was a tough question.

The man was given the chance to work but he eventually messed up a whole lot with character deficiencies here and there. The head of the organization said to me once, "I always remember the question that you asked me- Do you still know him?"

Let's begin first on the note of our relationship with God- you cannot keep a distant relationship with God and think you can keep coming back to enjoy the benefit of the relationship. Some things thrive when we stay in touch. Character flows out of divine contact. Character fails when there is a breach in fellowship.

It takes connection and contact to be fruitful.

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

John 15:4 NLT

Check it: Every time you fail in fellowship,

it will not be long before a bad attitude and terrible reactions to situations fill up the gap. The strength of our character is rooted in the strength of our fellowship.

There are also leadership lessons to pick: It is wise to exercise caution in relationships. Do not be in a hurry to bring untested old flames back into your intimate space. You can be excited about it but you must also be discreet about it.

The proverbs had something to say about this:

The righteous choose their friends carefully...

Proverbs 12:26a NIV

Does this mean we should not love people? Not at all. We owe everyone the debt of love. You must love people who have been a part of your life but you must be careful when it comes to sensitive access.

Do not be in a hurry to give a sensitive ministry or business role to someone you used to know without asking "Do I still know him or her?"

It will save you from a lot of trouble.

Be blessed!

## CONFESSIO N

*I stay divinely connected to God. I bear fruit of good character. I remain rooted in His will.*

DAY  
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# Compliments Are Scarce. Refuse To Be An Ambassador Of Anger

Text: Ephesians 3:17 NIV

*“so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love.”*

**Y**ears ago, we were celebrating the birthday of a dear aunt of mine. She happens to be in the top-level management of a multinational. We were having dinner in a Chinese restaurant for just a few friends, colleagues and family.

In between the great talks, banter and meal, I noticed a middle-aged man who must be in his early 40s. I could not take my eyes off him. He was so calm, cool and composed. He had this amazing aura around him. When there was some space for interaction, I walked up to him and shared a compliment about what I admired about him.

His face lit up and he made one of the most surprising statements I have ever heard: “Thank you. No one has ever complimented me that before”. He went ahead to share some more unsolicited information about himself. He was simply grateful.

At another time, I walked into a bank and the man that would attend to me had a tired and angry face. I wrote him a note saying, “I know it has been a busy day. Well done. Thank you for all you do”. He smiled and the atmosphere changed instantly.

I want to ask you today to be an ambassador of great compliments. A lot is happening around us and it is so easy to get into negative vibes. The anger level is almost palpable. People are tensed and if care is not taken, they are close to displaying destructive tendencies.

There are things you must therefore be armed with in such a time as this:

1. Gentle Answers: A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare. (Proverbs 15:1 NLT). It could be a bit hard

without the Spirit of God, but then it is possible to respond with gentle answers no matter what. Anger is always looking for more ambassadors. Refuse to accept its ambassadorial deal.

2. Be Quick to Hear but Slow to Speak: Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. (James 1:19 NLT) A little moment of silence to process what has been said before responding can be all you need to extend love rather than anger.

3. Overlook Wrongs: Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs (Proverbs 19:11 NLT). People will surely offend you but you refuse to be offended. Overlook wrongs.

4. Don't befriend angry people: Don't befriend angry people or associate with hot-tempered people, or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul. Proverbs 22:24-25 NLT

5. Be at peace with all men. Avoid A Fight: Avoiding a fight is a mark of honour; only fools insist on quarrelling. (Proverbs 20:3 NLT)

Deflate anger. Genuinely lookout for what you can compliment in others., even if it is your spouse. Refuse anger. Embrace compliments. Compliments are scarce. Give them.

## CONFESSION

*I am an envoy of good tidings. I do not propagate negativity; I carry an aura of positivity and possibilities in Christ Jesus.*



# Photographers And Party Pictures

Text: 1 Samuel 30:8 NKJV

*“David inquired of the Lord, saying, “Shall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?”...”*

There are many times that I have attended functions and I had to tell commercial photographers not to bother taking pictures. Despite all the caution, there will still be some who took my pictures without asking. They begin to look for me after the event expecting me to collect and pay for pictures that I did not give a nod to. At times, I end up paying out of pity but there are times I insist that I did not request for their services.

Beloved, God is only committed to what He has commissioned.

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns”  
Philippians 1:6 NLT

Can you imagine getting to your building site and meeting a ton of cement? Then a man approaches you while you were thanking God for the miracle saying, “I saw you are building here so I brought you cement for today’s work. Can I get my money?” You will ask him who commissioned him.

Beloved, when Adonijah wanted to make himself King, he had to do everything by himself.

About that time David’s son Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith, began boasting, “I will make myself king.” So he provided himself with chariots and charioteers and recruited fifty men to run in front of him. 1 Kings 1:5 NLT

If you begin it with effort, you will sustain it with effort. If you begin it because it is commanded, you can ask for help from the commissioning officer.

A bricklayer may be concerned that there is no more material on site but the headache of how the material is gotten is that of the owner. On the contrary, when Solomon was selected by King David as his successor, they got things ready for him.

“So Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the king’s bodyguard took Solomon down to Gihon Spring, with Solomon riding on King David’s own mule.” 1 Kings 1:38 NLT

Finally, did you notice that Adonijah got himself Chariots, Charioteers and 50 men but Solomon rode on King David’s mule? Listen, one mule with the seal of the King means more than hired chariots. The chariots will look more glamorous and if you are not careful, you can fall for its glamour without realising that it does not have the glory of the King in it.

Lord, I will patiently wait for what you alone can bring even if it is a mule. I refuse to package chariots that do not have your approval.

## CONFESSION

*I cling to whatever God has ordained and provided for my destiny. I will not start what God will not sponsor. I will patiently seek the mind of God on life’s issues and decisions.*



# Do Not Be a Prisoner Of Experience

Text: Psalms 119:89 NKJV

*"Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven."*

**A**s I was wrapping up my service year, my uncle desired that I relocate to the United States to pursue my Masters Degree while I also get to grow in Ministry. Great plans. I had to explain that I am called to serve the call of God in Eruwa.

I did not know what was on my uncle's mind until some years later. He said to me, "Son, we should never use our personal experience to judge the leading of the Lord. I did not want you to go through the things I went through". I knew what he meant.

Beloved, personal experience will remain what it is- personal experience. Some people have been misled because those who have gone ahead used their pain to knock them out of God's plan and purpose.

The fact that you had a bad experience marrying from a tribe does not mean that everyone who is from that tribe is evil and terrible.

The fact that you went through a tough time trying to bring about a change does not mean that a person called to the same thing after ten years would have a similar experience.

Paul planted. Apollos watered. Your portion of the assignment may be to lay a foundation. You may go through a hard time breaking through rocks. Do not discourage those who are called to erect the walls. Someone will enter rest because they continued in your labour.

The Word of God is bigger than our experiences. Jesus can touch to heal or send a word. If two people healed by the Lord Jesus meet, would it not be strange if one of them is saying to the other that "If Jesus did not touch you, then it is not Jesus that healed you". That would be weird.

In the same way, do not impose your experiences on anyone. Experience is a teacher, but when it comes to the leading of God, the Word is the most objective.

Do not let your pain make you impose your standard as the norm on everyone. Some parents want their children to live the dreams they did not live forgetting that their seeds have their coding and journey from the Lord. They use their personal experience to push their seed out of God's ordination and calling. You may not agree with people's experience but all you need to find out is if it is in line with the Word of the Lord.

When Peter took the gospel to the house of Cornelius and the Gentiles. Some of the Jews kicked against it. Peter had to explain. After they listened to Peter, the scriptures said: When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, "We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life." Acts 11:18 NLT

There are things you have to stop objecting to and begin to praise God for. Do not let your experience pitch you against a divine move.

## CONFESSIO N

*I receive a heart that values your Word above my experiences. I prioritise the voice of your word over and above every other voice.*



# What Is It That Makes a Seed Heavy?

Text: 1 Samuel 15:22 NLT

*“Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.”*

I was speaking with a friend and I mentioned for the first time how a seed that was sent some years ago came right on time. My friend responded that: “Thanks for sharing with me. The Lord has been teaching me on faith and responding in faith, so this was timely.”

I responded that “When a seed intercepts a need, it is heavy.”

There is a difference between a seed that is sown that intercepts a need and one that is sown that did not intercept any need.

For instance, if a stranded brother needs a thousand naira to make up his transport cost and the Lord lays it on your mind to send a seed and you obey at that moment, your seed has intercepted a need. But if you keep debating it and you say, “Oh, what will a thousand do? Let me wait till I have more”, even if you sow a hundred thousand later when you have more, it counts less.

The weight of the seed is not in the amount but in the obedience. Isaac laid on the altar outside of proper timing would not provoke the activation of the covenant.

No matter the sacrifice, if it is not done in obedience, it does not carry any weight. To obey is heavier than sacrifice. The weight of the seed is in the promptness and not the size.

When Esau came with his prepared meal, the need of Father Isaac was already met, the one who intercepted the need had

gone with the blessing.

Now it happened, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. Genesis 27:30 NKJV

He missed it just by “scarcely gone out”. The difference in time was not much but the father’s need was already met.

Esau came asking for an “also” blessing but his seed did not meet a need.

Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and said, “Who? Where is the one who hunted game and brought it to me? I ate all of it before you came, and I have blessed him—and indeed he shall be blessed.” When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, “Bless me—me also, O my father!”

Genesis 27:33 – 34 NKJV

Obedience must not just be complete; it must be prompt. When the Lord places a demand on you, obey quickly. Delay reduces the weight of your obedience.

## CONFESSIO N

*I walk in complete and prompt obedience. I am not slack in executing the nudges of the spirit. I am alive to the spirit’s leading.*



# “Do You Wear Clothes To Class?”

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:31 NLT

*“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”*

**Y**ears ago, I walked up to my pastor after service to exchange greetings with him. At that same moment, a young girl also walked up to him. Pastor did not blink an eye at what she wore. I was already a bit shocked.

The pastor said to her, “I heard you have gained admission into the University now”. She replied in the affirmative. Then Pastor asked the next question, “Do you wear clothes to class?” I could not forget that moment.

You can appear as a believer in two ways: You can appear the way you want or as prescribed by the Word and the Spirit of the Lord.

When the King wanted a bride in the days of Esther, these two categories were there: All other maidens decided on what they wanted to wear and how they wanted to appear.

When it was time for her to go to the king’s palace, she was given her choice of whatever clothing or jewellery she wanted to take from the harem. (Esther 2:13 NLT)

Esther listened to Hegai – the helper that was assigned to everyone. Hegai was available for all the maidens but only Esther followed his instructions. Her helper had worked with the king for years so he knew what pleased the king. Esther dressed as recommended by Hegai and she pleased the king.

When it was Esther’s turn to go to the king, she accepted the advice of Hegai, the eunuch in charge of the harem. She asked for nothing except what he suggested, and she was admired by everyone who saw her. Esther 2:15 NLT

Did you see “She accepted the advice of Hegai?” Are you accepting or rejecting the

counsel of the Lord when it comes to your appearance?

As a believer, you are not dressing to please yourself or dressing to kill or slay, you are dressing to please the King of kings.

Everyone who decided to do it the way they wanted did not last in the presence of the king. They faded away.

The best day you should dress to please the King of kings is everyday:

Your wedding day is not an excuse to show some flesh so the beauty of the cloth can emerge.

Your birthday photo shoot is not an excuse to let down the guard.

That Baby Bump shoot is not an excuse for nudity.

And dear brother, watch how you appear also.

Our fashion sense is not dictated by trends but by the Word of the Lord that can never change.

Would you still have clothes to wear if you allow the Spirit of the Lord to invade your wardrobe? Would you allow the Spirit of God to show you what is pleasing to the King?

Hosea 2:2 in the Message Version says: “Tell her to quit dressing like a whore, displaying her breasts for sale...”

Are you presenting and representing Christ well?

## CONFESS I O N

*I represent Christ in my appearance. I please God in my dressing and outlook. I am an ambassador of godly appearance.*

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# Counsel To a Young Wife (1)

Text: Genesis 14:20 NLT

*“And blessed be God Most High, who has defeated your enemies for you.” Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of all the goods he had recovered.”*

**W**e were at family devotion that day, focusing on giving. My wife said, “It has been a while since I gave to my husband as my pastor”.

One of the young ladies at home said, “But you give to him regularly as your husband”. Irewamiri told her, “Giving to him as my Pastor is a different thing altogether”.

Dear wife, I know you may not have married a Pastor in the strict sense of it, but honestly, your husband is the priest of your family.

(That is why we encourage singles to marry a man that can teach and nurture them- a teaching priest. That is a significant assignment for every home. If he does not have a solid personal devotion as a single man, family devotion in your home would not be regular)

There are days you will not understand what he is doing as a husband, but you must still accord him honour as your priest.

Ma, even if he does not know, tell him to bless you every day. Let Him lay his hands on you and pray for you. He is your priest.

Let him call you the blessed of the Lord and pray for emotional strength and stability for you. He is your priest.

The reason why you will find it easier to honour your pastor and disregard your husband is that you do not see him as a priest.

Honour his priesthood. Let it speak in your life. Let him give you material things as a husband but spiritual blessings as a priest.

When you are trusting for the fruit of the

womb, let him bless you and call you the blessed of the Lord, fruitful vine and fertile ground.

Sow seeds into the life of your man. Say to him, “My priest, thank you for being a spiritual covering to me. Have this token as a seed”.

You will be surprised that there is a blessing for you in his mouth.

When last did you give your priest a seed? When last did you call forth the priesthood anointing in him?

He is not just your husband. He is your priest. Let him know that. Honour him as one.

I remember the day Irewamiri woke up a bit moody. I asked that we hold hands and pray. She was not in the mood.

I asked her, “If your mentor said the same, would your response be different?”. She said “Yes”.

I said to her, “But remember, I am not just your husband; I am your priest.”

She apologised. We held hands. We prayed. She lighted up. She hugged me. Her day changed.

He is also your priest!

## CONFESSIO N

*I am intentional about giving to my husband as my priest. I acknowledge his priesthood over my family. I am blessed to be loved by a godly priest.*

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## Counsel To a Young Wife (2)

Text: Ephesians 5:22 NKJV

*“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”*

**A**t the breakfast table just before our marriage, my spiritual father said to us, “No one must come in between you- not your parents, friends, children or church members.”

Dear young wife, there is something you must NEVER do- do not report your spouse to your parents! Please do not do it.

Why is this important? Out of the emotions or the hurt of a disagreement, you are already talking to your mother because “she is the only one you can talk to.”

Do you know what you just did? You simply succeeded in reducing the value of your man in your immediate family.

The painful part is that you will eventually reconcile with your spouse, but you will now have a huge damage control assignment because of a battered public image.

The day your words will be used against you or to counsel you will be the day you will realise that people rarely forget.

That is why you need loving mentors for your marriage- someone you both can talk to without the fear of being judged or condemned.

You must know how to defend your man’s weaknesses and not expose them. That is honour and honourable.

If you are not talking with your spouse, then do not be in a hurry to speak to your parents about him.

You may ask: What do I do? Great! Calm down. I know you are annoyed. Take a deep breath.

Now say to him:

“Darling, the way you behaved really got at me. Your words hurt me. Even if I am wrong, can you kindly treat me like your queen, your baby and your girl?”

See that! It may be difficult initially, but that will be the end of a cold evening, and you would not need all that spilling to your mother or sisters!

A wise man will listen to you.

Has talking to your mum ever solved the problem? You may succeed in overlooking the issue, but it was never addressed and resolved.

That is why it will show up in another shape. Unaddressed issues will always resurrect.

Speaking to your mother or sisters may be the natural thing to do, but speaking with your spouse (or possibly a mentor you both learn from) will be the right thing to do.

I hope you got it?

### CONFESSIO N

*I do not speak ill of my husband. I communicate with love and reverence.*

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## Counsel To a Young Wife (3)

Text: James 1:19 NIV

*"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."*

**A**s we drove out that evening, I had an internal debate about whether I should talk to my wife or not.

I finally told my wife, "there is something I would like to tell you, and I hope you will not be annoyed".

We have had our fair share of misunderstandings in our few months of being married.

I spilt it out cautiously: "Darling, I am getting to a point where I am getting afraid of you. Rather than talking with me, you react. It will get to a point where I am scared of saying anything because I cannot predict your reaction."

I discovered that because I did not want to offend her, I was beginning to agree with everything she said even though I was not in agreement actually.

Dear young wife, watch how you react to issues. A silent and constantly agreeing husband may actually be a man who already feels emotionally manipulated. Do not take pride in giving the silent treatment or the cold shoulders. Give room for discussions.

Do not throw tantrums when you disagree. Do not bottle up issues also. The day you will spill over, it will be too messy. Talk to your man. I know you want to be careful sometimes, so you choose silence. It is not the best approach.

If you do not get to raise it, you will react to it. You will say a lot more without words

than you could have communicated with words.

Talk till it is resolved. Work as teammates, not as rivals. Find answers. That is why you are married.

A silent spouse may not be a blessing. It may be a sign that your marriage is collapsing.

I asked a man once, "why did you not talk with your wife?". His response was simple, "I am afraid of her". I was shocked, but I understood.

Dear wife, watch your words. Watch how you say things too. Wise words choicely selected will get you more; than the silent treatment.

I know keeping quiet is easier, but conversations are wiser. Holding discussions can be tough, but it is the best alternative.

One of the phrases a man who loves you indeed fears the most is: "Darling, we need to talk". The day is over. He will love to listen.

Talk, do not react!

### CONFESSIO N

*I communicate with my spouse with wisdom. I am not a prisoner of mood swings. I spice my home with healthy communication.*



# Counsel For Young Husbands (1)

Text: 1 Peter 2:17 NKJV

*"Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king"*

**W**hen my phone rang that day, it was a call from a dear mother. She hit it straight: "There is a boy always hanging around your sister now. What do you think about him?"

The boy in question happens to be my friend. I spoke highly of him. Today they are married and doing great.

Why did she call me? I am pretty close to the family, even though I am not related to them. I play the role of a son.

Dear young husband, one major secret of a successful marriage is loving your in-laws. You must be a son and a brother indeed.

I tell people courting (especially the man) sometimes to call everyone connected to the fiancée- her father, mother, brothers and friends while they refrain from calling her.

Do you know how your woman will feel when throughout the day or for days, your in-laws keep telling her "your man called"?

It goes a long way to show that you care about the family. It is a major password. Remember, you won your wife's heart; you must win the heart of her family too. Never say anything negative about them.

Even when she is annoyed and says things about her family, be quick to say honourable things. Do not join her. If you do, one day, she will join you in insulting your family too, and you will not like it.

You walked into a family to take a whole

human being; you are a potential threat, sir.

Some of my wife's brothers showed me a little; tough questions, outright displeasure at times. They could not imagine their sister settling with a 'village pastor' after graduation.

But it did not stop me from calling even amid the challenges. You know what, I speak to some of them more now than even my wife does.

There are days she is so jealous that they tell me things they have not told her.

You need to win her family. I am not saying that you should pretend to be who you are not; No! I am saying "build necessary skills" to put their minds at rest that their daughter is safe.

When you have their heart, you will have their hands too. They will join you in building a great home.

Do not be the dividing line between your wife and her family. You will not like it the day it backfires. Be the bridge.

## CONFESSIO N

*I speak honourably of my spouse and my in-laws. I take the posture of honour in relating with them. I am a bridge to harmony between my spouse and her family.*



# Counsel For Young Husbands (2)

Text: Genesis 2:25 KJV

*“And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”*

**M**y teacher looked at me that day and said, “For the first two weeks of our marriage, we did not have sex”. I was wondering what the problem was with him and his wife!

Did you fight? So what were you people waiting for? What happened? I did not understand.

Then he smiled and said, “We spent those two weeks studying each other’s bodies. If I have to spend the rest of my life with her, I need to know her.”  
What a shift!

Many people think that you must go straight from reception to some hot spicy bed with rumpled sheets and screams and shouts. (Laughs!)

It is a school you go to: do not be in a hurry to see her naked. If you had a courtship without sexual sin, congratulations.

Ask her to show you different parts of her body while you do the same- the sensitive parts.  
Explore one another! Learn.

Sexual fulfilment in some marriages ended on the first night because uncle was in a hurry. Know her before you know her!  
Sexual fulfilment is not magic. If you do not get it right first, do not get worked up. Laugh at your novice attempts. Talk to your mentors. Let them walk you through it.

Dear brother, I know you have been waiting, but hot food can burn the mouth too- fan it till it is ready!

How do you fan? Take your romance away from WhatsApp chats. Try the old text messages again. Tell her you love and

appreciate her.

When you pick her up at work (when last did you do that? If you don’t have a car, rent a cab one day), leave a note on her seat or tape it to the glove compartment. Let that note lead her to other notes.

Leave one in the kitchen stuck to the burner, telling her how great a cook she is both in the kitchen and in the room.

Leave one in the restroom. Tell her she is like cool water in the desert sun.  
Drop one where she will pick her night pyjamas- Tell her you wondered how Adam concentrated in the Garden of Eden. Let her know she is your sweetest distraction!

Romance does not have to be expensive. You only have to be creative. Sometimes, you will plan it big but daily, make a mark!

Do not get home and shout, “What are we eating tonight?” Ask about her day and listen genuinely.

Earlier in my marriage, the first thing I pick when I get home was my phone. I did not listen to my wife. I paid for it. Drop that phone and listen to her (I still tell myself that till now).

Young husband, building a home is work. Loving your wife is work. Sexual fulfilment is not attained selfishly. It is achieved selflessly! Go and work on your skills!

## CONFESSIO N

*I will give all it takes to build my home, sustain romance and maintain aura of happiness in my home.*





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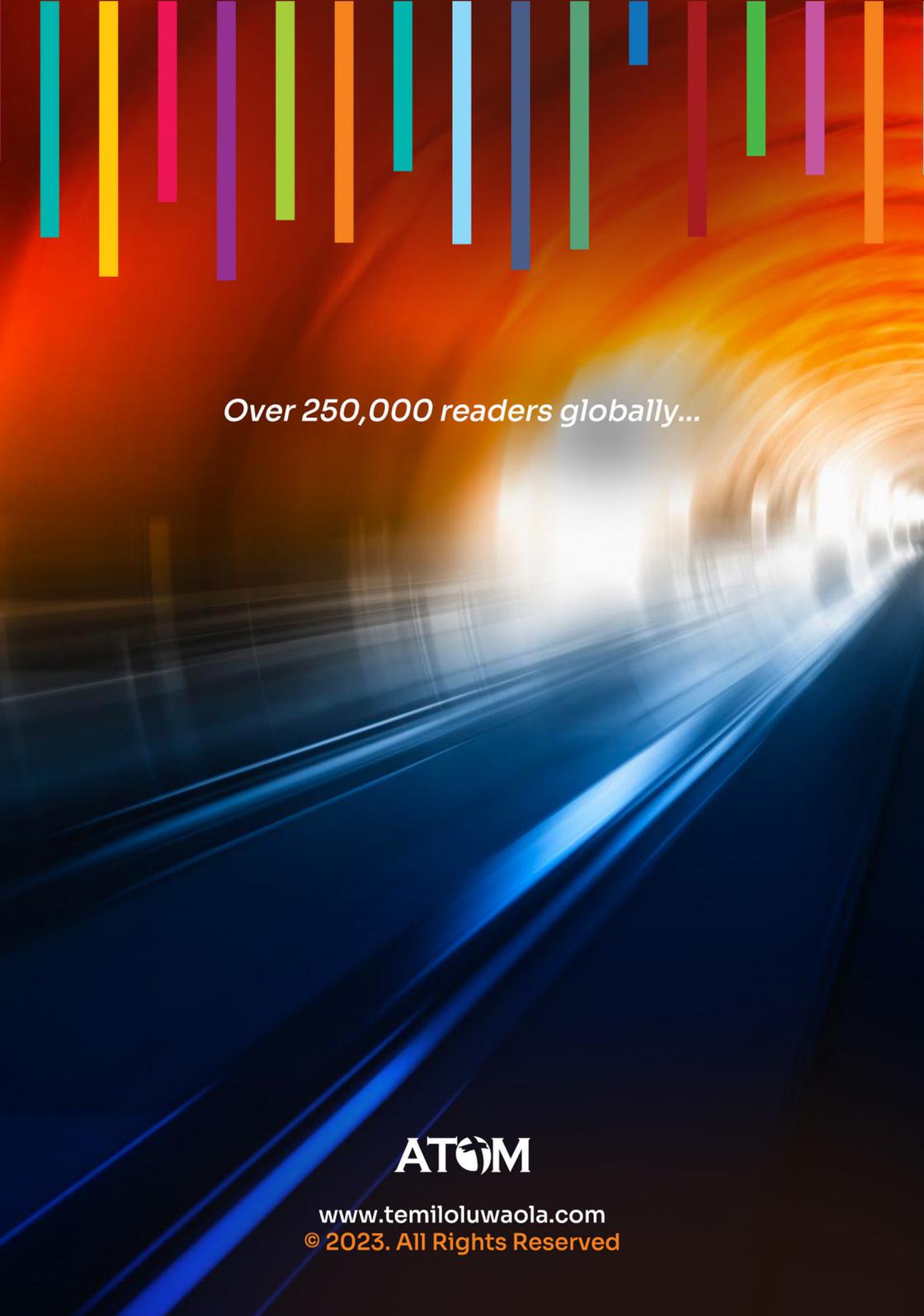


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