

The Disciple and The Crucifixion Of Christ. RCCG SOD Year 10

What is the relationship between the disciple of Jesus Christ and his crucifixion?

In Matthew 10:38-39, the LORD said, **And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.**

And the Lord repeated this in Matthew 16:24-25, **"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.**

What is the Lord saying here? He is saying that if you want to be a disciple of Jesus Christ,

1. You must deny yourself.
2. You must pick up your cross.
3. You must follow him.

Let us look at a story in Mark 10:17-22. It was the story of a young rich man who came to Jesus and wanted to know what to do to make it to heaven. The LORD told him what is expected of him – Loving God and your neighbour. He said he had been doing all these since his youth.

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The Bible went on to say in verse 21,

“Then Jesus, beholding him loved him, and said unto him, one thing you lackest, go thy way, sell whatsoever you hast, and give to the poor, and thou shall have treasure in heavens, and come, take up thy cross, and follow me.

The Bible says this fellow went away sorrowful because he had great possessions. He was also sorrowful because Jesus said unto him, **“You have to sell what you have, give to the poor and come and follow Me, carrying your cross. “**

We all know that we must be born again to make it to heaven and thank God for the salvation of our souls. We all know we must live a life of holiness, that we must have no spot, no wrinkle, and I believe that as a Year 10 Disciple, you have reached that level.

I know none of you will ever dream of committing adultery or lying, but the Lord is now saying that it takes a little more than this to make it to heaven. This is why He said it is going to be difficult for the rich man to make it to heaven; you have to be holy, and then you have to let go of worldly possessions.

You will find out that it is the poor who find it very easy to pay Tithes. For example, paying 10 naira out of an income of 100 naira is not a problem, but paying 100,000 naira out of an income of 1,000,000 naira is a burden to the rich.

The poor never ask how he is going to pay the Tithes, whether on the gross or on the net incomes. It is the rich who ask such questions.

The Lord ask somebody now to surrender 50% of what he has to him. It is the poor who would be ready to give because they do not have much. Maybe the fellow has only one bicycle. He will say, "God, I don't know how we are going to share it.

If you want it all, you can have it. 'But the one who had twenty houses will say, Yes Lord, I am ready to give You ten houses, but I hope You know, God, that houses are houses. You can have the one in Ifewara (the village) and the one in Erijiyan (Another village), but don't think of the one in Victoria Island (the city), and don't think of the one in America.

The rich have a problem because material wealth blocks their sight of God. But what you need to know is what Jesus says here. He says if you try to keep your life, you will lose it.

In other words, if there is anything you do not surrender to God, you are going to lose it anyway. You should give it to Him so that He can bless you rather than for Satan to take it away from you and curse you in addition.

You will remember how long it took Abraham before Isaac came, but when God said to Him,

"I want your only son, Isaac..."

Abraham remembered that he started from zero anyway, and so anything he had came from God, and if God wanted it, he could have it.

If Abraham had wavered when God asked Him to surrender Isaac, that would have been the end of the story concerning Abraham. And you, too, may ask, "When is God likely to ask me to surrender anything?"

According to Luke 9:23-36. He asks you to carry your cross daily. And what does this mean? It means any moment from now, He may ask you to surrender all you have.

I know this may sound foolish, because what God is saying now is that you can have anything, keep on enjoying it but tomorrow, I can ask for everything. You may say Why am I building houses if He can ask for all of them tomorrow?

Why am I buying cars if he can require everything tomorrow? Why am i piling money up in the bank when tomorrow He can say, "I want 100%?"

The Bible tells us in 1 Cor. 1:17-18 that the preaching of Christ is foolishness to them that perish.

Today, what we want to hear is that we are King's kids. We are, no doubt about that, but the King's kids must be ready to surrender everything that he is to the King. Your father is not a King because you are a prince.

If is the other way round, and if your Father provides you with all kinds of treasures, you can lose it like Vashti lost her own, and became a nobody or God can take you like Esther, from a slave, and make you a Queen, and give you everything, provided you are aware that tomorrow, you might be asked to risk not even all that you have, but your very life too.

Why do you need to hold on to something you cannot keep anyway, when you know that it's the Almighty God who can make sure you keep whatever you retain?

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

So When we talk about the Cross of Christ, it is not something for decoration as some people wear it. When we ask you to come to the foot of the Cross, you are to come with humility to the cross, the blood of Jesus will cleanse you from your sins. We know you will not go back the way you came.

THE ENEMY OF THE CROSS

The Bible says the cross has many enemies. Why does the Cross have so many enemies?

Philippians 3:17-18, the Bible says, "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example. For many walk of whom I have told you often and now tell even weeping, that they are the enemy of the cross of Christ.

Bible made it clear that for some people, the Cross is their enemy because their god is their belly, their glory is in their shame because they mind earthly things.

You need to note one thing here. There are very few enemies of Christ, but many enemies of the Cross. You, too, have to be careful because if you are not , you can become an enemy of the Cross, because the Cross can take everything you have away from you.

SELF MUST BE CRUCIFIED

Paul said in Galatians 6:14 that:

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is cruxified unto me, and I unto the world".

There must be a total crucifixion on the cross. Crucifixion of you, you to the cross. In other words, you must get to that stage where you no longer glory in anything except the cross. Do not glory in your wisdom because a Professor can become a madman.

Do not glory in your might because there is no might except that of God. And believe me, honestly, if you are wealthy, do not glory in your wealth because the Bible tells us clearly that money can grow wings. It can fly away at any time.

Do not glory in your children. The elders have a saying that nobody should rejoice over his children because it is the only one who had been buried by children that has children, which means the only time you can rejoice over your children is when you are dead.

And then how can the dead rejoice? So they are saying listen, do not rejoice over children at all.

If you don't sit down today and take sum of everything you have, make up your mind that you are ready to crucify everything; you are not yet a disciple. If you are not willing to say to the LORD. If you want the total sum of everything I have today, you can have it, then you are not a friend of the cross.

THE OLD MAN

The world looks for certain things in certain people before they will say the person is successful. For example, the world will determine how successful you are by the dress you wear, the kind of car you ride in, and the number of houses you possess, and there was a time when the number of wives you had determined how wealthy you were.

All these things the Bible sum up as our “old man”. You must stop thinking the way the world thinks. Your values must be different from the values of the world.

Romans 6:6 says that:

“And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts”

This is a very serious one. We understand crucifying the lusts, but crucifying affections too? Because affection is not a bad thing, it is alright to love your wife. It is alright to love your children, but if you want to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

If you want to be a solid disciple, you have to crucify your affections too. What does this mean? It means that if the Almighty God asks for your son, that son that you love, if you have not crucified your affections, then it will be difficult to say, “Yes Lord”. You will remember what God said to Abraham,

“Take thy son, thy only son, Isaac, whom thou lovest, go and offer him for a sacrifice”

THE SECRET OF PEACE

The secret of peace for any true disciple is to have nothing in this world, absolutely nothing. Do not regard anything as your own. Be it wife or children or husband, do not even to talk of material things because the moment the devil knows that there is

nothing you hold there other than Jesus, it will be difficult for him to attack you.

Let him know the children are not your children. They belong to God. You have surrendered your wife. Your business is not yours. If it prospers, glory be to God. If it does not, let the managing director or the chairman himself take care. If you do not get to that stage, you are going to have problems.

Paul said in Galatians 2:20;

“I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live...”

What does this tell us? The only fellow who will not care what happen to my wife or children or material possessions, is only the one who is dead, because if you are alive and you are still living in the flesh, how can you say you don't care about what happens to your wife and to your children. This is why Paul said,

“Nevertheless, I live...”

In other words, unless you die, you don't even begin to live, because until you die, there can be no resurrection. Until you are crucified in Christ, you cannot even begin to discuss resurrection.

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God may separate you and everything you have in a moment, which is why it will be advisable that you crucify yourself right now. Make up your mind that from now on, I am for Christ and Christ alone. Whatever comes does not matter. If you do not decide now , when you have to decide, it might be painful.

PRAYER

Talk to the Lord for a few minutes and ask Him. Lord, lay me on the Cross and finish a total cruxifision so that when the time comes, I might live with You. Talk to Him now.

Divine Representatives. RCCG SOD Year Six

Now we want to round up this session by studying Divine Representatives. We will look at the lives of two young men who excelled as divine representatives. We want to see what we can learn from their lives.

In Acts 6:1-2, we found that certain young men were chosen as deacons and all those who are chosen as deacons has three basic qualifications.

1. They were all to be HONEST.
2. They were all to be full of HOLY SPIRIT.
3. They were all to be full of WISDOM.

In addition to the above, they also had the following:

#4 HUMILITY

When you consider the work that these deacons were to do for God, they were to be serving at tables and to be serving Widows. By implication, they had to be humble. You have to be humble to be serving others.

Others sit down and eat while you serve them.

So, anyone who is going to be a representative of God, in addition to being honest, full of Holy Spirit and wise, ,must also be humble . The Bible has a lot to say about humility.

In Luke 14:11, Bible says:

“He that humbles himself shall be exalted”.

Also, in James 4:6, the Bible says:

“God resist the proud but He gives grace to the humble”.

Then 1 Peter 5:6 says:

“Humble thyself under the mighty hands of God and He will exalt you in due time”.

#5 Holiness

In addition to being humble, these people must have been Holy too. Why? Because they were going to minister to widows. They take food to the houses of widows, if they are not holy, there will be problems.

There are men, those people are widows, they have no husband to protect them so it is only Holy people who could be divine representatives.

Divine representatives must have five additional qualities.

ADDITIONAL QUALITIES OF DIVINE REPRESENTATIVES

Stephen and Phillip had certain qualities common to both of them and we will consider that of Stephen for illustration. If you look at Acts 6:5, the Bible says:

#1 Stephen was full of FAITH

In other words, he trusted God completely. He understood that underneath are His everlasting arms into which he surrendered himself for better for worse. He had the kind of faith of Shadrack, Meschack and Abednego, the kind of faith that was recorded for us in Daniel 3:14-18.

This is where those three boys said, “we know our God can deliver us. We know he will deliver us and even if he does not deliver us, we don’t care. We are not going to bow to any idol.

We trust Him completely”. Stephen had that kind of faith and of course Philip had that kind of faith too. Otherwise they would not have been able to achieve the kind of miracles that they achieved.

#2 He was full of FAITH and POWER.

Then in Acts 6:8, the Bible says that Stephen was full of POWER. Why was he full of power? Because he was full of FAITH. It is just one step to being full of power.

#3 Acts 6:9-10 also says he was full of irresistible WISDOM.

All the Professors gathered together but could not resist his wisdom because that wisdom was supplied by the Holy Spirit.

#4 Triumphant Peace

If you look at Acts 6:15, he was full of glory because he had peace, triumphant peace, the lack of fear that was within him.

#5 He was full of the Word.

But then when you go to Acts 7:1, you will see this young man begin to preach and you will suddenly notice that he was full of the Word of God. He was full of the scriptures. In one single sermon, he went from Genesis to the end of the Gospel.

#6 He was Visionary

Just before he died in Acts 7:55-56, he looked up to heaven and he saw the invincible, because he was visionary. Those who will be representatives of God will be able to see far ahead.

They will be able to see far ahead. They will be able to see what ordinary people cannot see. They will be able to see into tomorrow. It is only then that they can be divine representatives.

#7 He was full of Prayer

And if you look at Acts 7:59, you will find that he is a man full of prayer. The last thing Stephen did before he left this world was prayer. He prayed,

“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Father forgive them, lay not this sin to their charge”.

He was praying all the time.

SUMMARY

What are the qualities you must have before God can choose you as His Representative?

1. You must be honest because God will not deal with somebody who is deceitful.

2. Full of the Holy Spirit because the work of god cannot be done by might or by power, it can only be done by the Spirit of God.
3. Wise because after all, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.
4. Humble because it will take humility to do the kind of assignment God will give you.
5. Holy because God may have to send you to minister to widows.
6. Full of faith because without faith , nobody can please God.
7. Full of power because the work of God has to be done with tremendous power.
8. Full of Glory but this will come as a result of inner peace, because you know who you believe. You are entirely in the Hand of the Almighty God.
9. FULL OF THE WORD OF GOD because these words are living spirits. When you are full of the Word of God , you will be able to speak out and say, "Thus said the Lord". You will be able to say "It is written".
10. VISIONARY. You must be ready to see the invincible and of course you must be full of PRAYERS.

Now we want you to spend at least twenty minutes to pray quality prayers. If you cannot pray for twenty minutes at a time, you need a revival. Go now and talk to the LORD.

Next time I see you in the mighty name of jesus , you will be a very strong representative of the Almighty God.

Talk to him now. God bless you as you do so.

How To Deal With Doubts. RCCG SOD Year Six

Every disciple at one time or the other wonders, is Jesus truly who He say he is? Is He what he says He is? Is it true that those who put their trust in God will not be put to shame?

We sometimes doubt when we see some things that don't seem to agree with the Word of God, for example, He say we would lay hands on the sick and they would recover.

At times you lay hands on the sick and they die and you begin to doubt in your mind . what do you do at such time?

HOW TO CONQUER DOUBTS

#1 Remember What God has done in the Past

Anytime you are faced with concrete doubt, the first thing to do is to remember what God has done for you in the past.

1 Samuel 17:32-37 , when David came face to face with Goliath, what drove away every doubt in his mind is that he remembered when a bear came to attack him. This is why he said:

“Bless the Lord oh my Soul and all that is within me , bless the name of the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.”

And then in Psalm 106:9-13. the Bible says:

“He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left.

Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. They soon forget his works; they waited not for his counsels.

The Bible says the children of Israel forgot what God did at the Red Sea, so when they got to the bitter water, they began to grumble.

God did that for them again. He changed their bitter water to sweet. The moment they came across another problem again, they began to grumble.

Miracles upon miracles God did, but they never remembered and as a result they suffered seriously for it.

The new problem facing you may be different from old one but remember it is the same old God, the Ancient of days, the unchanged Lord, and He can solve any problem.

When there are doubts in your mind, remember what God has done in the past.

Have a Good View of God

Make sure you view God accurately. You need to know beyond all doubt that our God can do all things. In 2 Kings 7:1-20 when Elijah prophesized there would be abundance of food in the land.

He knew God can even use lepers to bring it to pass. Don't ever worry yourself about how God will perform miracles, this is not your business. All you need to do is to know who this your God is.

In Numbers 11:21-32, the children of Israel in the wilderness said they wanted meat, they said they were tired of manna. God told Moses to tell them he would give them meat that would feed them.

The Lord said that was not Moses headache, that was his job. God told them that they could not eat meat for one day until meat was coming out of their nostrils.

The Almighty God spoke to the east wind and says every quail that could be found in the whole should be blown fast to the camp of the children of Israel.

God brought as many quails. They landed finally, they were so tired that they could not run. The children of Israel were just picking them at the camp.

In John 6:5-9 when Jesus Christ said Phillip should give food to the multitudes following Him.

Philipp said where would he get bread but Jesus Christ knew what he would do. He know what's He would do in your even before mountain come. He already has a plan and it is a good plan.

In 1 Kings 17:2-6 , when God told Elijah to go and sit down by the Brook, promising to send birds to bring him food, Elijah did not doubt because he knew God he was serving.

God can command birds and they will do whatever He commanded them to do. The same God is your God.

In 1 Kings 17:8-16, the widow of Zarephath knew that our God can do anything.

That is why she surrendered her last meal. She knew somehow God would feed her and her son. Believe me honestly disciple, God can take care of you too.

In Luke 1:11-38, the high priest asked for a sign, a virgin asked for only an explanation.

The Angel of the Lord came to the High priest Zechariah , and told Zechariah that he was going to have a son in his old age. It was true he was old, his wife was also old but he was the high priest of God.

He was supposed to know God better, that God can do anything, but he asked for a sign and God gave him a sign. He was dumb for one year.

But when the same angel went to Mary who was not a high priest, not an evangelist, nor a pastor , not a general superintendent, nor a president founder. As soon as God said "this is what is going to happen", she only said,

I know you can do anything but I am not yet married, how then will I get a baby?

As soon as the angel explained that the Holy spirit would overshadow her, she said "thank you, that is all I want to hear. *Let it be according to your word.* It will be good if you can be like Mary. **Have a good view of God that He can do anything.**

#3 You must check your foundation

Ask yourself if you are really saved. Ask yourself if you really believe. According to Matthew 7:22-24, the Bible says:

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. “

Unless your house is built on a rock, the Rock that is the word of God which is forever settled, when the storm of doubt comes, the house will not be able to stand. Remember, without problems there can be no testimonies.

1 John 4:4 said we overcome because greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. If you are truly born again then the greater One is dwelling in you. It does not matter what the storm may be, you will know you are an overcomer.

#4 You must Check Your Commitment to God

How committed are you to God?

In James 4:8, the Bible says:

“Draw nigh to God , and he draw will nigh to you. Cleanse your hands , ye sinners : and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”

You have to submit yourself to God before you can begin to resist the devil and your commitment to God is determined by several thing.

For example, you can ask yourself , what is the amount of money that I will consider too big to spend for God or how much time will I like to spend in praise and worship t Almighty God.

Talking about commitment to God, many of us wake up very late in the morning and we will be late for work, so quickly because our work is more important than God, we say, "Father, thank you for waking me up, I will see you when I return from work this evening".

And then we rush off and we cannot spend five minutes with God because we are already late. Of course you are late, then be later, because God must come first.

I learned this in a hard way. Once I was hurrying to the office, I did not do my Quiet time for as long as I should. As I was about to enter the car, suddenly I felt a severe stomach pain and I knew I cannot get to the office before I defecate, probably in the car, so I ran back into the toilet.

As soon as I got to the toilet, Daddy spoke to me, "So, you have time to go to the toilet .

Now coming to the toilet is not going to delay your work or make you get to the office late. It is me that you don't have enough time for". From that day, He has to come first, the rest will follow.

If you spend time praising Him according to Psalm 22:3, He is going to inhabit your praises. He will need to arise and come to you. And according to Psalm 68:1, which says:

“Let God arise and his enemy be scattered”.

When he arises, you will be amazed that the doubts inside of you will flee.

#5 You must check your Growth

How fast are you growing? that you have room for doubts? Remember stagnant waters always stink. Create a path for stagnant water to flow and very soon , it will become fresh water. You too must begin to grow faster and greater.

If you allow God , He will help you to grow. According to Phil. 1:6, if you give room to God, He will allow you to grow. Also, in 1 John 4:17, the Bible says you can even grow so much that you will be as God even in this world.

Because the Bible says:

“As He is, so we are in this world”.

If you are willing to grow , God does not want to limit your growth and when you begin to grow that way and you begin to have the mind of God, you will then begin to understand why God does many things that you ordinarily did not understand before. He made the world out of nothing and out of nothing. He can make you great.

SO, today I want you to spend some time just praising Him. Fellowship with Him and then begin to do that constantly and suddenly you will no longer have to query Him anymore.

Praise Him now.

I am sure by the next time we meet, you would have been much closer to God than before.

Spiritual Power Failure and How To Deal With Them. RCCG SOD Year Six

Anointing is like electricity, so disciples should know how to deal with power failures. Anointing can be interrupted, it can be diverted or it can be stopped completely. The enemy knows this and he will do all he can to make sure it happens to the disciple. That is why this lesson is important.

CAUSES OF POWER FAILURE

There are various ways by which power can fail; as in the following examples:

#1 Run down battery

In the case of Elijah in 1 Kings 19:1-4, here is a man who has just called down fire from heaven on Mount Carmel and brought rain after three and half years of no rain. But when he got to the valley he ran several kilometres when they told him Jezebel was going to kill him by tomorrow.

And Jezebel said,

“Let the gods do so unto me or much more if I don’t kill you”

Elijah should have laughed, which gods is she talking about, gods that cannot answer prayer; but because his battery had run down, he ran away. Why did his battery run down? Because he had used massive power on the mountain and had not recharged.

#2 Damaged Conductor

The conductor that is conducting the anointing can be damaged. And if the wire is damaged, it could cause fire and it could cause death. A good example is that of Jephtha in Judges 12:7, as a result of which he lost his only daughter. Why? Because he mismanaged the power of God in him. You can read Judges 11:1-40.

#3 Blown fuse

There could also be power failure because the fuse is broken down. There is something called a fuse. It serves as a control to the power, so that if the power becomes too great, before it causes damage, the fuse will blow.

In 2 Kings 3:13-14, the fuse of Elisha was blown. Because the power that was in Elisha was tremendous and he suddenly became angry because some idol-worshipping king came to him, asking him to tell them what to do, he got angry and the holy spirit moved quickly out of the way, because if he was to use the power in him at that time, there would be trouble. That is why the Bible says in Proverb 16:32 that;

“He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city”.

#4 Short Circuiting

There is another way that power could fail and this is called short-circuiting, it happens when one wire crosses another wire where it should not cross it. If you consider Joshua 1:15, where God told Joshua that no man will ever be able to stand before him all the days of his life, and then you compare that to Joshua 7:2-5, where the children of Israel fled before the enemies, you will know that something has gone wrong. Of course, something went wrong because somebody who was very crucial to Joshua had sinned. His name was Achan. You will find this in Joshua 7:10-12.

#5 Diverted Current

Current can also be diverted like in the case of King Saul. If you read 1 Samuel 10:1-11 and you compare it with 1 Samuel 16:13-23, you will see that there was a time when the power of God was heavy upon King Saul, but later on, the power was taken from him and given to David. Why? Because King Saul was using the power of God wrongly. According to 1 Samuel 15:22-28, he was disobedient to God and God found that the power He gave Saul was used wrongly, so the power was diverted from him to somebody else.

#6 Total disconnection

There is also a case of total disconnection as it occurred in the case of Samson in Judges 16:16-20. The power of Samson was disconnected when his hair was cut. What was the reason? Samson was negligent. In Judges 16:6, Delilah was plain in her request. She told Samson clearly, we want to bind you and torment you. So tell us the secret of your power”. And because

Samson was negligent, he told her, and there was a power disconnection.

PREVENTION AND CURE FOR POWER FAILURE

How do we prevent these failures and how do we cure cure them?

1. When batteries runs down, all you have to do is to recharge them. We have already discussed this in Lesson SB7 and you will remember in 1 kings 19:5-8, when the battery of Elijah ran down, what God did was to wake him u, feed him twice, so that his battery could be renewed , and then he could continue his journey.
2. What can do so that the conductor of our anointing will never be damaged? All we have to do is to watch our mouth. In Eccl. 5:4-6, the Bible says:

“When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools ; pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou should not vow than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel that it was an error; wherefore should God be angry at thy voice and destroy the work of thine hands.”.

Watch your mouth. Be careful of what you say. This is why the Bible says in Isaiah 30:15, that in silence and quietness shall thy strength be, because if your conductor is damaged , it is damaged. We don't know how to cure it but it is better that you prevent it by watching your mouth.

3. What happens if your fuse is blown? How do we prevent the fuse from being blown? It is anger that blew the fuse of Elisha

and you have already learned in the past in Eccl. 7:9, that the only way to deal with anger : the anointing of the devil , is to refuse to be a fool, because anger rests in the bosom of fools.

Now if your fuse has been blown because of anger, the way to get reconnected is through worship. According to 2 Kings 3:15, Elisha said bring me a minstrel and while they were worshipping, the Holy Spirit came back and the fuse was restored.

4. What about short circuiting, when one wire crosses another, how do we prevent this? You must be careful who would be your prayer partner. Don't make people who are not ready to live a holy life your partner. And if you have already made them partners, change them. Remember 2 Corin. 6:14-17, what fellowship has light with darkness? Separate yourself. Be separate . It is better to have nobody to help you than have somebody who will now cause you to fall.

Now suppose somebody has caused a short circuit in your flow, what should you do? Do what Joshua did in Joshua 7:24-25 and Joshua 8:18-21, The moment you discover who is the one crossing your wire, be ruthless with the fellow. Remove the fellow ruthlessly. It does not matter what anybody may say.

5. What about current diversion? You can prevent your anointing from being taken and given to somebody else. Paul said in 1 Corin. 9:27:

“I keep my body under , I put it under subjection so that when after I have preached to others, I will not be a cast away”.

How do you prevent your current from being diverted? By constant fasting and prayer.

But supposed it has been diverted already, can it be cured? Oh yes, if you will repent and you will cry for mercy, like King David did in Psalm 51:1-17. After he committed that terrible offence when he killed Urriah and took his wife, God became very angry and the anointing left him. David cried and said,

“Please forgive me. Don’t take away your spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation. I promise it will never happen again”.

And God was merciful unto him and He restored his anointing.

What about the case of disconnection? You must watch and pray. In Matthew 26;41. Jesus told his disciples to watch and pray. Watch and pray. Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:5 to watch and pray. Now, suppose there is a disconnection, how do we cure it? If you repent, God can reconnect. In the case of Samson in Judges 16:2-30, after some time, the hair on his head began to grow again.

Sudden Spiritual Power failure

What do you do if you thought the power was still there and you suddenly discover that power has been disconnected, that there is power failure, what do you do?

You better switch on your Standby generator, because according to Romans 8:26-27, the holy spirit is standing by to help you

pray. The holy spirit is your standby Generator. If you want to do something in an emergency and you suddenly discover that the power of God is no longer there, begin to pray in tongues immediately and hopefully the power of God will begin to flow again.

But if you are going to switch on the generator in the case of emergency and you want the generator to start work immediately , the generator must be in good condition. If you want to call on holy spirit when there is an emergency and you want Him to answer immediately, according to Ephesians 4:30-32, you must make sure that you don't grieve the Holy Spirit. You better be sure there is no quarrel between the two of you, so that when there is emergency, you can call n him and he will answer you.

Prayer

Now I want you to go to the Lord in Prayer and say:

LORD, IF THERE IS ANY QUARREL BETWEEN YOU AND ME, LORD PLEASE FORGIVE. GIVE ME THE GRACE FROM NOW TILL I SEE YOU IN GLORY NEVER TO DO ANYTHING THAT WILL ANNOY YOU, SO THAT ANYTIME I CALL ON YOU, I WILL KNOW THAT YOU WILL ANSWER ME.

Talk to him now.

He will answer you.

Personal Revival. RCCG SOD Year Six

What Exactly is Revival?

In the deepest sense, it means the encounter with the ALMIGHTY. A new visitation from God. Because of the holiness of God, this kind of encounter with God leads to the exposure of sins that might be in the life of anyone. Or it may show the saint of God standing on a very precarious ground. For example, when you switch on the light in a room, immediately, cockroaches in the room are exposed and they begin to scatter.

What Revival Does

Revival does the following:

1. It exposes danger
2. It exposes sin
3. It leads to repentance
4. It leads to restoration
5. It leads to commissioning

In Isaiah 6:1-8, the Bible says:

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings: with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

And one cried unto another, and said Holy , Holy , Holy is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

And the post of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Then said I, woe is me ! I am undone : because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: formine eyes have seen the king, the Lord of hosts.

Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hands, which he had taken with the tongue from the altar:

And he laid it unto the mouth and said, Lo, this hath touch thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here I am, send me.”

The man of God had been prophesising for a long time, but then he had a new encounter with Jehovah. Suddenly he shouted, “Woe is me, I am undone, the glory of God revealed to him that ,

1. He is a man of unclean lips.
2. He was dwelling among people of unclean lips.

CERTAIN THINGS HAPPEN AFTER AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD:

1. A new encounter with Almighty God will expose your sins and your weakness.
2. It will expose the danger in which you are living.

3. It will then lead to repentance like in the case of Isaiah.
4. It will lead to restoration.
5. It will lead to commissioning.

When an angel brought a piece of live coal from the altar of God, he used it to touch his lip and he said, now that this has touched your lips, your sins are cleansed and then immediately God spoke, "Who shall we send?, Who shall go for us?" This is commissioning, a call to service.

6. It will lead to revival.

Isaiah responded and said, "Lord, here I am, send me." This is revival.

IMPLICATIONS OF REVIVAL

By implication, when we talk about revival, the one to be revived must have been alive before or hot before but he had become lukewarm or almost cold, so he needed a new encounter with God for him to be fully awake, fully alive and hot for God.

For example, in Luke 10:1-17, the disciples had gone out, ministered in twos and had returned in joy with testimonies.

But by the time you get to John 20:19, they had already become discouraged, they were already very cold, they did not even want

to follow Jesus anymore and so they needed a personal encounter with God.

NEED FOR PERSONAL REVIVAL

Individual revival is very important because this is what is going to lead to national revival. Without individual revival, there will not be national revival.

In Acts 2:1-4, fire fell on the disciples. They were baptised in the Holy Ghost.

They had a new encounter with God. They were all revived and what was the result? A big revival broke out in the nation. (Read Acts 2:41:4:4; 4:32, 5:14). When individuals get revived then the fire will spread and there will be national revival.

Causes of Slumber

Now we said the people to be revived must be people who used to be fully awake but who have fallen asleep. What are the causes of slumber? Almost invariably, people fall asleep either because they have succeeded or have attained a desired goal.

They have reached a certain goal they have set for themselves and feel there is no need for struggling anymore, and so they relax and in the process of relaxation, they fall asleep and even begin to snore.

In Ephesians 6:13, the Bible warns us that after we have done all things, we are to stand. We are to stand and not sit down.

Philippians 3:13-15 says,

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.

I press forward the mark for the price of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us therefore , as many as be perfect, be thus minded, and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.”

Paul says , “I do not count myself as somebody who has attained”.

He said, one thing I do, I forget the past and I press forward. When you have attained a goal, you could become very comfortable.

You could relax and before you know it, you become idle. And then idleness will lead to indulgence of the flesh and then before you know it trouble, big trouble can come.

In 1 Samuel 11:1-4, David was sleeping when Kings were supposed to be at the battlefront. He woke up from his siesta and then went on a stroll on the wall of the palace.

That was when he saw the woman who was bathing and that was the beginning of his problems. When he was running from cave to cave, he had no time for adultery.

But when he had attained his goal, when he became king and had so many soldiers under him, now there was no need to struggle any more and instead of standing , he slept and got into trouble.

SOME MAJOR SIGN TO SHOW YOU NEED REVIVAL

Now, what are the signs that somebody need a revival? These are some of the major signs to show that you need a revival.

#1 SELF-CONTENTMENT

When you feel that you have made it spiritually , you are now a pastor , and in the Redeemed Christian Church of God, you cannot go higher than a pastor , you need a revival. You might say

“What else do I want, I have made it. I don’t need a revival”. This is the time you need personal revival. You must stand.

#2 LUKEWARMNESS

When you feel lukewarm towards the things of God. When it is time to pray, you are lukewarm. When it is time to worship God, you worship but you do it casually.

When you say "Praise the Lord", they have to wind you two to three times before you really shout Halleluiah.

#3 BIBLE STUDY

When you read your bible once in a while or because you have to, you need a revival. In some cases you may even become cold towards God. "He is minding His business and I am minding my own". According to Revelation 3:15-17, the Bible says:

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot. I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:"

If any of these describes your situation, you need a revival.

HINDERANCE TO REVIVAL- WRONG FELLOWSHIP

The moment you decide that you need a revival, there are certain hinderances that will come up.

The most important hindrance to revival is the wrong fellowship. According to Proverb 27:17, the Bible says "Iron sharpeneth Iron".

In other words, if you are living among those who are already backsliders, how will you know that you are a backslider yourself? In Eccl. 10:10, the Bible says, when iron is blunt, then there will be a problem because iron is supposed to sharpen iron and the people that are supposed to sharpen you are blunt themselves.

Proverbs 21:16 says that those who live among those who have gone from the path of truth are living in the congregation of the dead.

If there is no revival in your congregation, everybody is lukewarm, if you are the only one who is slightly hot among them, very soon you are going to become cold yourself.

If you take a piece of hot iron and you drop it in a bucket of cold water, the cold water will boil but what is going to happen to the iron?

The iron will get cold because the water is absorbing the heat that the iron has, and very soon the iron and the water will become cold together.

DANGERS OF DELAYING REVIVAL

Now what is the danger of avoiding or delaying revival? If you don't want personal revival quickly or you don't want it at all, what is the danger? TOTAL DESTRUCTION.

“He that being often reprov'd hardened his neck shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy”

The Bible says the one who is often reprov'd, who hardens his neck, will perish suddenly.

So if you feel today that you are not as hot as you used to be, you don't worship the way you used to, you don't study the Bible the way you used to.

You do not pray the way you used to pray and there is no sign of revival even among the people you worship with, then you better do something about it and the solution is simple.

SOLUTION

1. You better LISTEN to the voice of God according to Psalm 95:6-8. The Bible says **“Today if you hear this voice, harden not your heart”**.
2. REPENT promptly. If as the word is going out, you have heard that you need personal revival, you know that you are no longer where you should be, repent promptly like Peter did in Matthew 29:69-75. As soon as Peter discovered that he had denied his Master, he went out and wept bitterly. This was why he was restored.

3. You need to change the Fellowship where you are. If you are the hottest in the place and all the others are lukewarm, don't let them kill you because Psalm 42:7 says "Deep calleth unto the deep".

It is only the deep that will call to the deep. When you see this brother is running, that sister is flying, and all of them are struggling for the best, then you will be compelled to follow their example.

But if there are

three of you in a car, the first one is snoring, the second one is dozing, and before you know it, you will be dozing also.

4. Go to God for renewal. When you have done all these, go to the Lord for the fire of revival. Revelations 3:18-19 says if you go to Him, he will revive you. He is willing to revive you.

Why don't you go to Him now if you need revival, you don't need to bother. But if you know you need revival, go to Him now.

Seek his face.

He will revive you.

Satan. RCCG SOD Year Six

We want to study our adversary, Satan. I am sure by now you know some of his names. His name is the devil. He is also called Beelzebub.

The adversary, the dragon, and the serpent—horrible names. If you do not remember all the names, it does not matter. Just remember the name Jesus.

You need to know your enemy to deal with him correctly.

Ephesians 2:2 calls him a prince, so you need to know who you are dealing with. He is a Prince.

In 2 Cor. 4:4, the Bible calls him god of the powers of the air. In other words, they also regard him a god in his own domain.

In 1 Peter 5:8, he pretends to be a lion. He likes to copy the Lion of Judah. He loves to roar, but he is not a lion; he is only pretending to be one.

According to Daniel 14:12, His original name is Lucifer, which means the son of the morning.

In Ezekiel 28:11, the Bible calls him the anointed cherub that covereth. I know you learn this in Year 1, these are just revisions.

Then, in John 2:22 and John 8:14, the Bible calls him a liar.

So you see, when we have people worshipping what they call gods, they are not worshipping the Living God. You need to know that the devil is a god in his domain.

I am sure if you get to the camp of Guru Marhji now, you will know the god there.

If you get to the headquarters of Olumba Olumba Ombu, you will meet the little god there, too. There was once a Jesus of Oyiingbo who was also god in his domain.

THE PRESENT LOCATION OF SATAN

Where is the devil right now? The Bible makes it clear that the devil is at liberty. He is free to roam about.

According to Job 1:7 and Job 2:2, when God asked him, "Satan, where comest thou?" He said, 'Oh, from going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it'.

Right now, according to Ephesians 2:2, his headquarters is in the air, and that is one of the beautiful things; that when Jesus returns, right there in the air at the headquarters of Satan, that is where they are going to spread the table for us who are his beloved children.

In Revelation 20:1-3, the Bible says that one day, Satan will be chained for one thousand years, but that day is yet to come. Today, he is not chained.

He is moving about. But he can only be in one place at a time. In other words, he is not omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent. Only Jesus is, and we give the glory to God for that.

SATAN'S KINGDOM

Now, what about the kingdom of Satan? According to Ephesians 6:12, he has officers and administrators. He has people, he has agents all over, that are doing his work for him; principalities, powers, rulers of wicked places in the world and spiritual wickedness.

He has them all over, and if you want to be sure, you can check them in Daniel 10:10-14. You will see that he has other princes controlling and rulers of the various nations.

THE DEVIL'S METHODS

According to 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, the Bible says:

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost; In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God should shine unto them”.

Satan devcieves unbelievers, he blindfolds them so that they will not be able to see the truth of the gospel.

#2 False Doctrine

According to 1 Tim. 4:1-2, the Biblke says:

“Now, the spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirit, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron:”

#3 False Prophets

According to 2 Peter 2:1-2, he has many teachers who are ready to teach these false doctrines. They preach all kinds of adulterated gospels so that unbelievers will not hear the truth.

WHAT DOES HE DO TO THE BELIEVERS

What then does Satan do to those who by the grace of Go,d are true believers, like you and me, who by the grace of God have known the truth and the truth has made them free?

In Revelation 12:10, he accuses us before God day and night. If we breathe at all, he will report to God. If we are singing and sitting down and we yawn, he will say, “Look at the fellow who is praising you”.

Or maybe you are praying and you doze off, he will say” God, you see that fellow, he says he needs a miracles, he has no respect

for you, look at him". Satan is constantly doing this day and night.

But thank God for Jesus Christ who is sitting at the right hand of the Father, constantly saying, "don't mind him Daddy. When I was there on death as a human being, I knew what it is to be tired. I also fell asleep in a boat".

Thank God for Jesus.

And then in 1 Peter 5:8, the Bible says the devil is always looking for whom he may devour. That is why you must never leave a crack in your armour, because the elders say that if there is no crack in a wall, the lizard will not be able to enter.

So, don't let there be a crack in your armour because the devil seeks to destroy you, and he will fail in Jesus' name.

Also in 2 Cor. 1:13, the Bible says the devil is always trying to lead people astray, even as he led Eve astray, and I pray that he will not succeed in leading you astray.

His Doom

What is the plan of God for Satan's life? The doom of Satan is predicted in the scriptures. The word of God that is forever settled says in Revelation 12:9-12 that the doom of Satan is sealed by the blood of the Lamb.

“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb” and even though we cannot bind him, like I told you earlier; the Bible says in Revelation 20:1-3, that one day, an angel is going to come down from heaven and bind him, put him in prison for one thousand years.

But in the meantime, we can resist the devil. The Bible says if we submit ourselves unto God and we resist the devil, he will run from us. He will run as in terror.

In Matt. 25:41, the Bible tells us that the final abode of Satan is the everlasting fire and I am sure you will not go there with him. That is why I am asking you now to go to God in prayer not only now but regularly and say:

FATHER, I SUBMIT MYSELF TO YOU NOW. I RESIST THE DEVIL IN EVERY AREA OF MY LIFE AND I DECREE, DEVIL YOU STAY IN YOUR PLACE. DON'T EVER COME NEAR ME IN JESUS' NAME.

Talk to the Lord now.

**How To Be Continually Charged. RCCG
SOD Year Six**

In SA7, we have advised you to keep your battery charged> How do we do this? By not allowing it to run down.

There are two ways to run down a battery. One is inactivity. The second way is by using it without recharging it.

#1 Inactivity

Everybody knows that if you have a battery on the ground, without being used for a long time, it is going to run down.

That is true of the physical is also true of the spiritual. No matter how well charged your battery is, if you don't use it to do something, it will run down.

It does not matter the gift of God in you, if you don't use the gifts, they will run down. That is why Paul said in 1 Timothy 4:14 **"Neglect not the gift of God that is in thee"**.

in 2 Timothy 1:6 he reminded Timothy again when he said **"Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir of the gift of God which is in thee by putting on of my hands"**

He said do not let the gift of God in you remain idle.

Remember the story of the talents, somebody got five talents, another two and the third one got two talents. The one that got

five used his own and it became ten. The one who got two used his and it became four.

The one who got one did not use his own and it became zero because it was taken from him. When you have the gifts of God in you, one way of keeping the battery hot is by using the gifts constantly.

#2 Use Without Recharging

Another way of running down a battery is by continuous use without recharge. No matter how well charged the battery is, if you use it and you don't recharge it, it is going to run down.

Type of Spiritual Activities

There are two types of spiritual activities. There are the spiritual activities that use up energy and there are those that generate energy.

Spiritual Activities that use up energy

#1 Healing

If you lay hands on the sick and they got healed, some of your energies will be used up.

In Mark 5:25-31, Jesus noticed that:

“Virtue has gone out of him”.

That is when the woman with the issue of blood touched his garment. He knew that virtue had gone out of Him. This means that some spiritual energy was used up in healing the woman.

#2 Casting out Demons

When you cast out demons, you use up spiritual energy. According to Zechariah 4:6-7, the Bible says:

"...not by power nor by might but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. This mountain shall be removed".

Demons are mountains to some people. It takes spiritual energy to move mountains.

#3 Witnessing

When you go witnessing, you use up spiritual energy. According to Acts 1:8, the Bible says:

"Ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, then you shall be witnesses unto me".

So you need power to witness. You use up power to heal and you use up power to cast out demons.

Spiritual Activities that generates Power

There are some spiritual activities that generate power. In 1 Thess. 5:19, you can see a list of activities that generate energy. It says:

“Rejoice evermore;

Pray without ceasing;

In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Quench not the Spirit”.

#1 Prayer

Rejoicing, praying without ceasing, giving thanks, praying in the spirit generates energy.

In fact, in Jude verse 20, the Bible says you should build up yourself in the most holy faith as you pray in the Holy Ghost.

#2 Fasting

Fasting also creates spiritual energy. The body may be weak but the spirit will be strong.

That is why the Bible say in 1 Cor. 7:5, Paul talks about himself, he says, he is watching and fasting often. In 2 Cor. 11:27, Paul, a man that was mightily used of God said, I fast often”. You better learn from Him.

#3 Bible Study

Bible study is another way of generating spiritual energy. Remember in Hebrews 4:12, the word of God says, **“The Word of God is quick and powerful”**.

The word of God is quick and full of power. Jesus says in John 6:63, My words are Spirit and Life. When you study the Word of God, you assimilate life.

#4 Worship

When you begin to worship God, you generate spiritual power. In Isaiah 40:29-31, the Bible, talking about the Almighty God says:

“He giveth power to the faint and to them that he hath no might, he increased strength. Even the youth shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly weary”.

In other words, if you learn to wait upon the Lord in worship, while others are failing and falling, your own strength will be renewed.

In 2 Kings 3:15, Elisha said,

“...bring me a minstrel...”

And when the minstrel came, they began to worship God, they began to praise God. The bible says the Hand of God came upon Elisha, and I am telling you when God lays His hands on you, power will be released upon you because Psalm 22:3 says,

“God inhabits the praise of his people”.

And so when God is present, there can be no lack of power.

That is why in Mark 6:30-32, when the disciples returned after they had gone out to cast out demons and to heal the sick, to cleanse lepers, after using up tremendous energy, Jesus Christ said unto them, come ye apart and recharge so that you can go forth and do more.

So, how do we recharge? By prayer, Thanksgiving, Praying in tongues, Bible Study and worship. If you do all these, the power will keep on increasing.

You will keep on moving forward, from strength to strength, mounting up with wings like eagles, so you will run and will not faint.

Talk to the Lord now.

Spend some time praising Him.

Recharge your battery and God will bless you as you do so.

RCCG SOD Year Six. The Disciples and Mountains

Many believe that every mountain we come across must be removed, because of Mark 11:23-24, which says:

“If you have faith and you doubt not, speak to the mountain and say mountain, be thou removed, be cast into the sea and it shall obey you”.

But that is good, it is the Word of God but as disciples in Year 6, you need to know things that the children don't know because there are mountains and all mountains have their usefulness.

Some mountains are for climbing, some mountains are for sitting upon. Some mountains draw you nearer to God. You remember Jesus Christ said in this world, you will have tribulations, He said:

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulations, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world”- John 16:33.

The word of God says,

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him from them all”. Psalm 34:19.

So for genuine Christianity, everything is not always bread and butter. There are some wars that we have to fight but for every war we fight, God has a purpose.

When you are born again, the difference between you and sinners is that for sinners, when their problem comes, when their mountain comes, they are completely devastated but for us who are born again, our victory is certain.

In fact for every mountain that comes our way, we know that one way or the other, we will reach the top.

Some People that sat On Mount

ains and what happens to them on the Mountain Top

#1 Abraham

You will remember in Genesis 22:1-8, God ordered Abraham to go to the Mountain top, to go and do what? TO go and sacrifice his only begotten son.

Abraham climbed this mountain and when he got there, he met blessings, tremendous blessings that many of us are still enjoying today.

What happened to Abraham on the mountain?

i. Total Surrender

He surrendered his only begotten son to be slaughtered to God. The mountain allows us to demonstrate our absolute surrender to the will of God.

When problems come, mighty problems, we will then be able to find out whether we are one hundred percent for God or not.

Many people when real mountains come, run to places they thought they would never go again. But those who surrendered to God completely always say,

“Even though He slay me, I will trust Him”.

ii. Miracle of Supply

On that same mountain, Abraham met a miracle of supply and deliverance, because there, God provided a ram for sacrifice and He provided deliverance for Abraham, deliverance from loss because he would have lost his son but God delivered him from death.

This means that mountains give us opportunities to receive miracles, miracles of divine deliverance.

iii. Total blessings

The kind of blessings he had not received before, he got on the mountain top.

It is there that God said, "I swear by myself because there is nobody higher than me to swear by". He said, "In blessings, I will bless you, I will bless your children. I will bless your seed after you".

You see, God gives opportunities for blessings in the form of mountains. There are some problems, which if solved by another person for you, may rob you of your blessings.

2. Mos

es

In Exodus 19:20, God called Moses to the Mountaintop. When he got there, God told him to fast for forty days and forty nights.

He told the other people to stay away and they stayed in the valley. It was Moses alone who went to the mountain. Moses received a lot of blessings on the mountaintop, as follows:

I. Total sanctification

He got total sanctification. The mountain gives us opportunities for total separation from God and total separation from evil, which is sanctification.

Many of us don't pray hard unless a problem comes. If your child will not sleep because of serious sickness and you have no car, no phone to call the doctor, you don't even have the money to hire a taxi, you will pray all night, all night long.

Not only will God heal your son, but you will also develop spiritually. Believe me honestly, during those forty days that Moses was on the mountain, you can be sure he did not sin.

If you are fasting for forty days, for mountains to be moved out of your life, there will be no sin at all. There is the story of a brother who was asked to fast for three days so that he would not get into trouble.

He said, "You want to commit murder?" Then the civil war came. He ran home and then two armies were converging on his village, and he ran into a trench where one soldier had just vacated.

He was there for seven days as bullets were flying over his head. He could not even sleep not to talk of eating.

During those seven days, I am sure he did not think of girlfriends. When he came out of the hole, he became a better Christian than ever before. Some mountains are sent to purify you.

ii. Mouth to mouth Discussion with God

On the mountaintop, Moses had a mouth-to-mouth discussion with God. In other words, mountains at times provide you with an opportunity to have intimate discussions with God. When there are no problems in your life you are asked to pray, and you only pray as the pastor directs, but when you face a big problem, even your sigh will be a prayer to God.

iii. Glorification

On the mountain, Moses was glorified because, by the time he came back, his face was shining like the sun.

So some mountains bring the glory of God to the lives of believers. People see you and they say "Ah, we glorify God. How are you able to survive that? " People will look at you and they will marvel.

iv. Visions

And when mountains come at times the invisible becomes visible because in Exodus 20:18: , the Bible say:

"The people saw lightning and thunder".

We could see some lightning but do we see thunder? It is only on special occasions when something special is happening when there is a big mountain and you pray and you fast, you do night vigils and all kinds of praises.

Suddenly you begin to see visions of the other world, angels, visions of heaven.

If you don't know what am talking about, try it. Just try it, maybe for fourteen days without food at all, I can guarantee that you will see visions, glorious visions too. So you can see that mountains can be very useful.

#3 Moses

There is another instance in the life of Moses in Exodus 17:8-14 which says:

“Then came Amalek and fought with Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said unto Joshua, choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.

So, Joshua did as Moses had said to Him, and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the Hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed, and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

But Moses hands were heavy, and they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat thereon, and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. And the Lord said unto Moses. Write this for a memorial in a book and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven”.

Moses went to the mountain only when the Amalekites came, and they wanted to destroy the children of Israel.

When the leader suddenly saw that everybody following him was about to be destroyed, he went up quickly to the top of the mountains.

Maybe you a father and suddenly, you see your children all perishing or you are a Pastor and you see your church dwindling or you are a businessman and their work is going down in such a way that very soon all your employees will be gone. You are not to run. Climb the mountain.

When Moses got there, he lifted his two hands. Remember we said mountains give an opportunity for total surrender and because he lifted up his two hands, he received special anointing from God, that caused the battle below to be won.

So, mountains give you an opportunity to surrender, opportunity to receive anointing, opportunity for absolute victory.

#4 Elijah

In 1 Kings 18:36-46, 1 Kings 19 and 2 Kings 1:1-12, here again and again, we find Elijah on the mountain top; Mount Carmel,

Mount Horeb and other mountains. What is Elijah doing on the mountaintop? Why is this man always a man of the mountaintop?

I. Well in the first time, he challenged the 450 prophets of Baal. Mountain gives you an opportunity to demonstrate the power of your God and how much faith you have in your Almighty God and of course your surrender to His will.

If God has failed Elijah that day, Elijah would have died. Glory be to God who never fails.

II. Each time he was on the mountaintop, he kept on calling fire down from heaven. The mountain allows answered prayers. Then again he called down rain from heaven. The mountain gives an opportunity for showers of blessing.

III. He wiped out the prophets of Baal. In other words, the mountain gives you the opportunity for victory. Victory over sin, victory over demons and victory over agents of the devil.

And right there on the mountain, because Elijah called down fire from heaven, a whole nation bowed down to God. There was a great revival, so mountains allow a great revival to a person.

Maybe you are facing a big problem now, God is saying you are sleeping, wake up my son, wake up my daughter. The problem will not overcome you; you are going to overcome and then you will be revived.

And because of the victory God will give you, because of your testimonies, several people will come to your God.

IV. When Elisha was coming down from Mount Carmel, he had supernatural powers and supernatural strength and he was able to run faster than a chariot drawn by horses. Why? Because a mountain top allows you to wait upon God and the Bible says,

“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength”

5. Elisha

In 2 Kings 4:1-27, when the son of the Shunamite woman died and she wanted to go and look for Elisha, she headed for the mountain. She knew that Elisha would not be found in the valley.

She said, “I know where to find him”. She went to the mountaintop and when he followed her down, the dead child came back to life.

Mountain makes men vessels unto honour. In other words, the bigger the problem you are facing, the bigger the vessel unto honour you are going to become at the end of it all.

#6 Deborah

We have been mentioning men. Let us mention a woman; Deborah in Judges Chapter 4. (Read the whole story, its a beautiful story).

God wanted the children of Israel to go to war against their enemies but there was no man willing to lead them, so God called Deborah and she said she would go.

When they got to the battlefield, God told Deborah to tell the children of Israel to stay on the mountaintop and to allow their enemies to remain in the valley below. And the enemies were wondering,

“Aren’t these people foolish standing on the mountain where we could see them clearly, where we can get them with arrows?” But they did not know what God wanted to do.

Very soon there was a thunderstorm that brought a great rain and very soon the valley was full of water and the water swept away the enemy of the people. You see mountains are for victors. When you have mountains, know that God is saying you are a victor.

#7 The Lord Jesus Christ

“And after six days, Jesus taketh Peter. James and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transformed before them, and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was as white as light.

And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him.

Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord it is good for us to be here: If thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles: one for thee, and one for Moses and one for Elias.

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him."

The Lord took three people to the mountaintop when he was to be transfigured before them. Why? Because mountains are for selected people, people of the inner circle of God. It is on the mountain of God that you see the transformation and the glory of God.

So when you see mountains, don't feel sad. Rather, feel happy and before you begin to command the mountain to move you better check, may be God wants you to climb the mountain, maybe He wants to talk to you over there, maybe amid the problem, the glory of God is going to be revealed in your life.

Whenever you come across a mountain, ask God what He wants you to do with the mountain. When he says climb, then ask Him for grace and I can assure you, He will give you the grace to climb. But at times He will just give you wings to fly like an eagle.

So today, I want you to talk to God and say:

FATHER, FROM NOW ON, GIVE ME THE GRACE TO BE ABLE TO DISCERN, WHICH MOUNTAIN TO REMOVE, WHICH MOUNTAIN TO

CLIMB, WHICH MOUNTAIN TO FLY OVER AND I WILL DO YOUR WILL.

Talk to him now.

He will hear you and He will bless you.

Compassion: The Key To Working Miracles. RCCG SOD Year 6

COMPASSION is mercy in action, a kind of kinetic energy, a moving, propelling force that causes the one so moved to help the needy. And you will discover that all the major miracles of our LORD Jesus were brought forth by compassion.

Psalms 145:8-9 says that God is good to us because of His compassion. And then when you look at almost all the healings of our Lord Jesus Christ, He healed people because of compassion.

Examples:

1. In Matthew 9:35-36, the Bible says He saw the multitude, had compassion on them, and healed their sickness.

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2. In Matthew 20: 29-34, when the blind man came unto Him, the Bible says He had compassion on him and opened his eyes.

Through compassion He brought forth the power that could open blind eyes.

3. In Mark 1:40-42, when the leper came to Him and said, "Well, it's up to you if You will heal me but I know you can do it though I am not sure You will be willing". The Bible records it for us that Jesus had compassion for him. May He have compassion on you today in Jesus' name. Jesus had compassion for the leper and cleansed him of leprosy.

4. In Mark 5:1-9, we have the story of the madman of Gadara who had a legion of demons in him and he was living in a tomb. They would bind him with chains and he would break the chains. Nobody could move near him but when he saw Jesus coming, he ran , fell at his feet and worshipped Him. Jesus had compassion on Him and delivered him.

5. In Luke 8:41-42, 49-56, we have examples of Jairus, who had only one daughter and the devil went into that house and snatched that one daughter. Jesus had compassion on Jairus and brought that girl back to life.

6. In John 11:32-35, we saw Jesus Christ weeping openly at the burial ground of Lazarus. The compassion was so great . He could not hide it and it was that same compassion that brought Lazarus back to life.

7. In Mark 8:1-9, Jesus fed the multitude out of compassion.

So you can see that all the miracles of our Lord Jesus Christ : healing, cleansing, opening blind eyes, raising the dead, feeding the hungry , all came out of compassion.

Consequently as disciples, we must follow our leader in this respect also. We must also have compassion because 1 John 2:6 says:

“He that said he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked”.

WE ARE TO WALK AS HE WALKED

i. We must walk in compassion. In fact in Hebrews 5:1-2, you will discover that one of the basic qualification of a high priest is compassion. In other words, anyone who is not compassionate will not even be made a high priest.

ii. In Luke 10: 30-37, in the story of the good Samaritan, God is showing us that a heathen who is compassionate is better than a priest or a levite who has no compassion.

HOW TO BECOME COMPASSIONATE

Now how can we be compassionate? Unless we are compassionate, the gift of the working of miracles will not be given to us.

There is only one way we can become compassionate as Jesus Christ and this can be found in Ezekiel 36:26, which says:

“A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you an heart of flesh”

God promised us he will remove the stony heart out of our flesh and give us the heart of flesh because the heart we were born with , the Bible says, is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Jeremiah 17:9.

It is possible for our old heart to be wicked. Unless that heart is changed, unless you get a heart of flesh, it would not be possible to be as compassionate as our Lord Jesus Christ.

In other words, we must ask God for the heart of Jesus, and before you ask for the heart of Jesus, remember that one of the Names of Jesus Christ is written in Isaiah 53:3-5.

One of the titles of the Lord Jesus Christ is a Man of Sorrows . If you ask for this heart of flesh, it is another way of getting sanctified.

If God looks into your heart and He sees a heart of flesh, that heart of stone has been replaced, that you are now a compassionate person, then when you see people who are weeping , you will weep with them.

Then He will make the gift of the working of miracles available to you because that is the only way the gift will be correctly used.

There was a man in those days who was supposed to be very good at dealing with broken bones. He was famous for being an orthopaedic doctor but he had no compassion at all.

When somebody had a motor accident and his leg is broken, he would tell the family to bring money and if they had no money and started to beg him, he would bring out an axe and threaten to cut the leg.

That is not the kind of man God would give the gift of working of miracles.

Are you interested in working miracles for God? Go to God and ask him for a heart of flesh.

Ask him for the ability to be compassionate.

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Sharing is Caring

The human flesh is like rubber. If you keep it too long near fire, it will begin to melt. That is why when God gives anointing to people, he makes it in small doses so that the body will not just dissolve.

I remember one night when I ministered all night during the convention under very high anointing.

Throughout the following day, my body was like rubber. I could not even get up from bed. It was only towards the evening time when it was time for Holy Communion that I was able to manage to get out of bed.

How To Charge Your Spiritual Battery

When you are charging a battery in preparation for use, it has to stay in one place apparently out of action for a period of time but its connected to electricity and it is being charged. Anybody looking at the battery will say it is idle but it is being loaded with power.

Now if it does not stay long enough, when you put it into use, it will not even function. Alternatively, it may run down quickly.

So when God wants to use a man or a person for a miraculous ministry, He will take him apart for battery charging. He will take him away from where people will see him and charge him.

Examples

#1 Moses

Because God wanted to use him for forty years, He took him aside for forty years. According to Exodus 3:1, God put Moses in the backside of the desert for forty years.

#2 Elijah

Because God wanted to use this man to bring down fire from Heaven, to call down rain and raise the dead, He isolated him beside a brook for several months, according to 1Kings 17:1-7, And again after that, He locked him up in the house of a widow for years, according to 1 Kings 17:8-15.

And then you will remember the time when he was calling down fire on soldiers in **2 Kings 1:1-15**, He was on the hilltop. What was he doing there? He was recharging his battery.

#3 Elisha

In 2 Kings 4:25-27, he was on the hilltop before he raised the dead son of the Shunamite woman. What was he doing there? He was charging his battery.

#4 Lord Jesus

1. Our great example is the Lord Jesus himself. If you read Mathew 4:1-11. before he began His Ministry at all, He was in the wilderness for forty days and forty nights.

Fasting and praying for forty days and forty nights, alone in the wilderness, charging His battery.

What was the result? Luke 4:14 says:

“And Jesus returned in the power of the spirit into Galilee, and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about”.

He had already charged His battery for forty days and forty nights so He returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee fully charged.

2. In Luke 6:12-13. Before He chose the twelve Apostles, He prayed all night. All night He was charging His battery.

Even after the forty days of charging in the wilderness, He fasted and prayed again throughout the night before He chose those who were going to assist Him.

3. If we look at Matthew 14:13-21 before Jesus Christ fed those five thousand people, He had gone to a deserted place to recharge. You will see some men of God performing miracles and you say, I also want to do this.

Do you know what they have done in secret? You might say, "Ah, how come he just prayed for one minute and miracles are happening?

He waved his hands and so many people were healed". What about the secret work he has done? What about the time he spent charging his battery?

4. In Matthew 14:22-36. the Bible tells us, that s soon as He fed those five thousand, He told His disciples "You get into a boat and begin to go". And where did He go? He went alone to the mountaintop.

He knew He had used part of his battery to multiply the loaves of bread and fish. He went to the mountain again to recharge. The Bible says that He was all the time praying when all the boats left.

He was there charging His battery and when the battery was fully charged, He came down and He was able to work on water. When He arrived on the other side, he started healing multitudes, setting captives free, because He had first of all gone to the mountain to recharge.

5. In Mark 1:35-39, before the Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ spread through Galilee, He first went to a solitary place to recharge.

6. He also recharged when He was about to go to the Cross in Luke 9: 29-31, He saw the death that was coming very soon and He must die in order to save our souls.

This was the biggest part of His ministry. What did he do? He went alone to the mountain to pray and to recharge.

7. In Matthew 26:36-46, He knew that very soon Judas would arrive and there would be beating, there would be spitting, there would be crowns of thorns, there would be nailing on the cross.

He found that this was going to make a lot of spiritual energy. What did he do?

He went to the Garden of Gethsemane. He prayed the first time, then came to see the disciples but they were sleeping. He went back to recharge, came back again and saw them still sleeping. He said "I think I better recharge again" He recharged three times before He said "Well now I think am ready".

Now brethren, according to John 5:30, Jesus said,

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just: because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me".

Jesus said, "I, of my self, can do nothing". That is our LORD Jesus saying unless He has the backing of His Father, unless His battery is charged by His father, He would not be able to do anything.

If that is true of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is true of you too as disciples. If the Almighty Jesus needed to recharge His battery again and again and again, what excuse will you have for not recharging your own again and again?

The Bible says the servant cannot be greater than His master. Will you begin to charge your battery now and do it everytime, because God is going to use you to work miracles and your battery will run down fast if you dont charge and recharge.

Go to the Lord now and do a little charging.

Why The Devil Fear Fellowship Between God and Man. RCCG SOD Year 7

The devil fears fellowship between God and man. why? T Like we said in lesson GAI, God the Father. God the Son and God the Holy Spirit wants to fellowship with you.

It is easy to guess why, the devil will not want that to happen. Satan has managed to reduce the fellowship between God and man to mere petition time, a begging session.

We now go to the Presence of God when we are in need and we spend the whole time before God saying 'give me this, give me that'.

The devil likes this very much because he knows the moment you come as beggar, you will be treated like a beggar but there is one beautiful thing, we can by the grace of God, go back to fellowship with God and then the devil will be in trouble.

Once upon a time in 1 Samuel 5: 1-3, the Philistines took the Ark of God from the children of Israel. captured it and then took in to the house of their god.

“And the Philistines took the Ark of God, and brought it from Ebenezer unto Ashdod. When the Philistines took the Ark of God, they brought it unto the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

When they of Ashdod arose early in the morrow, behold Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the Ark of God. And they took Dagon and set him back on his place again”.

The Ark of the covenant of God represents the Presenece of God On the cover is the Mercy Seat, on both sides are two facing one another.

When the angels face each other, there is unity and God is there. When they turn from each other, there is disunity. God is no more in their midst.

Wherever there is unity, God is there, and wherever there is disunity, you can be sure, God is not there. Wherever the Ark of God.is, God is there (Read in Exodus 25: 17-20).

Dagon represents satan, and when the Philistines now took God into the presence of satan, when they woke up the following morning, they found satan lying prostrate.

Whenever you begin to fellowship with God, whenever you allow God to come into your home, into your situation, into your life, into your business.

Whenever you worship God the Father, God the Son and God and the Holy Spirit, in such a way that they begin to stay with you, The devil that was there before is bound to prostrate.

The reason why many of us are still captives today is because we have not learnt how to fellowship with God correctly.

It is because we have spent all the time asking instead of fellowshiping with God correctly. Not only will satan lie prostrate, in fact, he will be broken into pieces.

REASONS WHY SATAN FEARS FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND MAN In 1Samuel 5: 4-5. the Bible says.

“And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the Ark of the LORD; and the head of dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left on him.

Therefore, neither the priests of dagon, nor any that come into dagon’s house, tread on the threshold of dagon in Ashdod unto this day.”

When you fellowship with God properly, the presence of God will come down. And when the presence of God comes down, the following will happen:

#1 Satan Will Bow.

They took the Ark of the Covenant of God, and put it in the house of Dagon, and when they woke up the following morning. Dagon has fallen on his face before the Ark of covenant.

They picked him up and put him on his feet again. When they came the following morning, not only was Dagon fallen on his face, his head was cut off, his hands were cut off, and they discussed and said this cannot be a god.

So when you fellowship with the Almighty God, everything that is satanic in your life will be destroyed.

#2 Your Weakness Will Be Exposed.

As soon as you bring the presence of God into your life, your weaknesses will be exposed, destroyed and replaced by the strength of the Almighty God.

When we talk about the strong holds of the enemy in our lives. we are really talking about our own weaknesses (2Corinthians 10: 3-5). When you bring God in. your weaknesses will be exposed, they will fall flat on their faces and the Almighty God will destroy them.

#3 Your enemies will fade away.

If certain demons are holding you captive and you are not aware that they are there, you just know that something is wrong, you are not where you are supposed to be, you are not doing things you want to do, you want to work for God but you cannot, you want to live holy and you are failing, what is happening?

There must be certain forces hidden. Bring in the Spirit of God, bring in the Almighty God by way of worship and all these hidden forces will vanish.

In 2 Samuel 22:45-47, the Bible says,

"Strangers shall submit themselves unto me; as soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me, Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places. The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation."

The Bible says all the strangers, demons, the hidden forces that have been holding you captive, when you bring in the Rock of salvation, they will fade away, they will be frightened out of their closed places. I pray that, that will be your lot today in Jesus name.

4. Your Strength Will Be Renewed. In Isaiah 40, 29,31, the Bible says, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as

eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint."

The strength of God will replace your weakness if you bring the presence of God into your life. The bible says, God gives strength to those who have no strength. He will increase the strength of those who are weak. They that wait upon Him will exchange their strength.

#5 God Will Fight Your Battles For You

When you fellowship with God correctly. God will fight your battles for you by bringing problems to the camp of your enemy. There will be problems for your enemies.

The Ark of the covenant represents the Presence of the Almighty God, and when you are fellowshiping with God, you are bringing, as it were, the Ark of the Covenant into your home. And when you bring in the Ark of the Covenant of God, there will be problems for your enemies.

In 1 Samuel 5: 6-10, the Bible says.

"But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and He destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The Ark of God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and Dagon our god.

They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the Ark of the God of Israel?

And they answered, Let the Ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the Ark of the God of Israel about thither. And it was so that after they had carried it about.

The hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction; and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

Therefore they sent the Ark to Ekron, And it came to pass, as the Ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, they have brought the Ark of the God of Israel to us, to stay us and our people."

The only people who can enjoy when the Ark of God is present are those who belong to God. You are one of His disciples, if you invite Him in. He will bring you joy and blessings and peace But every enemy hidden in your house will cry out and say he has brought in God to destroy us because that is what will happen when you begin to worship God correctly.

And when God begins to fellowship with you, then problems will come for your enemies.

#6 Your Enemies Will Be Frightened.

According to 1 Samuel 4:3-8, when the Ark of the covenant was brought back into the camp of the Israelites, they shouted unto God with a loud voice of triumph and the ground shook, and when their enemies heard, they were frightened, they said 'woe unto us, ah, this God has come again, this is the God that destroyed the Egyptians. He is around again to destroy us.

Whenever you bring in God through fellowship, you get your enemies frightened because they know trouble is on the way.

#7 Your Enemies Will Be Destroyed

In 1 Samuel 6:19-20, the Bible says,

"And He smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they looked into the Ark of the LORD, even He smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men; and the people.

lamented, because the LORD has smitten many of the people with a great slaughter. And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? And to whom shall he go up from us?

Any demon that follows you into the Presence of God by error is finished because the men of Bethshemesh looked into the Ark of

God, they did not know the trouble they were asking for and they died by the thousands.

When you go to worship the Almighty God, in fact anytime you have a feeling that, may be there are some demons around you, just begin to worship God, and they will vanish.

They will perish completely. In 2 Chronicles 20 22-23, when Jehoshaphat was going to war with so many kings arrayed against him and God told him to get the choir singing.

The choir began to sing, they began to fellowship with the Almighty God, and the Bible says, it was the enemies that destroyed themselves. The same thing can happen when you begin to worship the Almighty God correctly.

In Acts 16 25-26, Paul and Silas began to sing and to praise God. When they began to say, 'O LORD our God, how excellent is Thy name and then after some time, they became. angry and they changed their song.

They began to say. O God, come down and let your enemies be scattered: O God, arise and let your enemies be scattered.'

When they knew God had come down, they changed that song and they began to sing "The LORD reigneth let the earth tremble

And very soon there was an earthquake and before they knew it the prisoners were free and the jailer fell down at the feet of the disciples, begging them.

They changed their song again and began to sing, 'In Jesus name every knee shall bow.

So you see when you begin to worship God, you can move from being a prisoner to the one who will be controlling the jailer.

#8 There Will Be Multiple Blessings

Finally, you need to know that business is spiritual warfare. particularly for the Christian. The devil knows that if you prosper in your business, you will be able to help the course of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, so he will try as much as possible to make sure that you don't prosper.

But you can win this war by fellowshiping with the Father the way you should, because in the story we referred to earlier in 2 Chronicles 20:24-26, you will discover that after the enemies of Jehoshaphat destroyed themselves.

It took the army of Jehoshaphat three days to carry away the gold and the silver that they picked from the dead bodies of their enemies.

If you worship God the way you should worship Him, when you take your money to the bank, it will take the accountant, the cashier and everybody three days to count your money. In other words, when you go to the bank may be once a month.

They will tell every customer that they are sorry, and cannot attend to them until after three days.

Let us learn to worship God correctly. You may not know this, but the devil does. He knows that if you worship God correctly, he cannot stand before you, he cannot stand in your way, he cannot hinder your business.

So let us change our attitude. Let us change our prayers from asking and asking and asking to fellowshiping with God, and since practice makes perfect, how about spending some five minutes now to fellowship with the Father, with the Son and with the Holy Spirit, and your deliverance will begin, and your prosperity will begin.

Go ahead now, fellowship with the Father, and with the Son and with the Holy Ghost.

God bless you.

The Purpose Of The Disciple. Part One. RCCG SOD Year 7

Mark 3:13-15 “And he goeth into a mountain and calleth unto Him whom he would, and they came unto Him.

And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach. And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils”.

God choose whosoever he wills and He called twelve of them disciples and He said there are certain reasons reason why He has chosen these twelve and the reasons are:

1. So that they could be with Him. that is, He wanted to have fellowship.
2. So that he could send them forth to preach, so that they would be His Ambassadors. His forerunners.
3. So that they might have power to heal sicknesses and diseases an to cast out demons which are part of the work that Jesus Christ himself came to do.

FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

One of the main reasons for the creation of man is God’s desire for fellowship. In Genesis 1:26 , The Bible says:

“And God said , let us make man in our image, after our likeness...”

God said, let us make man in our own image in our likeness, the kind of people who will be like us, so that we can fellowship with them.

The Bible tells us , in the garden of Eden. God was always coming coming down in the cool of the day to fellowship with Adam and Eve. Genesis 3:8-9 says:

“And they heard the voice of the LORD walking in the garden in the cool of the day; and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the tree of the garden .

And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto Him. Where art thou?”

Before sin came, God has been coming sown to fellowship with them in the cool of the day. As soon as they heard the voice of the Lord in the garden, they would rush to go and meet Him so that their fellowship could begin.

On this occasion, they had already sinned, instead of rushing to go and meet God, they ran away from Him. “Adam, where are you? We want fellowship, why are you hiding from Me?”.

God created us in his image so that He can have fellowship with us. Inside of every man is something that longs for fellowship. Nobody really wants to be alone if he is sick.

If he is not mentally deranged. Everybody wants fellowship . In fact, it is because of this that God said in Genesis 2:18:

“And he Lord God said , it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make an help meet for him”. God knows the value of fellowship. Nobody is really comfortable alone.

INGREDIENTS OF FELLOWSHIP

When two friends meet , they are sharing fellowship, certain things happen:

1. Conversation: There will be conversation, a kind of dialogue.
2. Physical Contact: There will be physical contact like shaking of hands or hugging or if they are that close, for example, husband and wife, there will be kissing.
3. Sharing of meals: There will be sharing of meals because when your friend come to visit you, you will want to present something to him. If he meets you while you are eating, if you are true friends , you will just tell him to take his seat. God wants to do the same thing with us. In Revelation 3:20, **He said: “Behold I stand at the door , and knock; if any man hear my voice , and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me.”**

When two friends meet to fellowship, they share meals.

4. EXCHANGE OF GIFTS

Now with real feeds, after fellowshiping, there is always an exchange of gifts. When you come to visit your friend, if you come from a very good home, you will not even come empty handed.

You will bring something for him no matter how little. It is not the size of the gift that matters: When you are going, your friend also will not let you go empty handed. There is an exchange of gifts.

5. STRENGTHENING OF FELLOWSHIP

There will be strengthening of the fellowship. In Isaiah 40:31 the Bible says, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength..."

In the original, the Bible says, They that wait upon the LORD shall exchange their Strength...."

In other words. He will give their weakness to God unit God will give them His strength.

There will be conversation, physical contact sharing of meals and exchange of gifts All these goes on to strengthen the fellowship, or the strengthening of the friendship.

EATING WITH GOD

We may ask the question will God eat out food? We are talking of fellowshiping with God now and we have mentioned sharing of food. Can we when we want to eat say. Father come and join us as we eat Acts 10:41 says,

-Not to all the people, but unto us who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead” Let us see this in Luke 24:36-43 which says.

“And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, peace be unto you. But they were terrified and afraid, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And He said unto them, why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

Behold my hands and my feet, that is I myself: handle me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have. And when He had thus spoken, He shewed His hands and His feet.

And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, have ye here any meat? And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

And He eat them. Thus that after Jesus rose up from the dead. He ate bread and fish with the disciples. And if He could eat bread and fish, Lam sure He can eat jollof rice also.

And the reason why children of God are not afraid of food, the reason why true disciples of Jesus Christ cannot be bothered by whatever you put in their food is because, they will invite Jesus to join them in the eating.

The moment Jesus touches the food any poison there of course will become water Whenever you invite the Almighty God to share your food, you can be sure the food becomes safe.

I want you to know that spirit beings can eat human food. There was an occasion here before. There was one young man who could eat the food of eight people. He was brought here because he was demon possessed.

There is no amount of food you put before him he could not finish. The interesting thing is that there is no sign in his stomach that he has eaten this food. He was questioned and he said he was not the only one eating the food. poisoned.

In any case. I want God to share my food and I am sure you want Him to share your food also. So invite Him in so that. He can have fellowship with you even concerning your food.

INVITATION TO FELLOWSHIP

in Matthew 11:26 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden. and I will give you rest.

This is an invitation He says come and rest. in John 7:37. One

In the last day that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying. If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink.

Isaiah 1: 18 the Bible says. "Come now, and let us reason together..."

In other words, He says, come, let us chat. Come and rest. come and drink, come and chat, Invitation to fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THE FATHER

Psalms 100:4

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him and bless His name."

How do we fellowship with God the Father?

By Thanksgiving and Praises: The Bible tells us that when you are going into fellowship with

God, you are to enter His gates with thanksgiving and enter His courts with praise. When you want to fellowship with God the Father, begin with thanksgiving and move on to praise,

2. By Clapping and Shouting:

In Psalm 47: 1. the Bible says,

"O clap your hand, all ye people, shout unto God with the loud voice of triumph."

You can also fellowship with the Father by clapping, by shouting a real shout of triumph. You have probably seen me from time to time, may be at the Holy Ghost Service or any other major service.

After you have been singing and praising God, clapping and dancing, when I come, I add the other elements. I ask somebody to shout Halleluyah. That loud voice of triumph is a sign that we want to fellowship with Daddy.

3. By Making a Joyful Noise:

Psalm 100: 1 tells us another way that we can fellowship with Him: Verse 1 says

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.”

How many people are to make joyful noise unto the Lord? All the lands. This includes the land of Nigeria, that is you and me.

4 By Singing:

The Bible says in Psalm 100: 2.

“Serve the LORD with gladness; come before his presence with singing.”

So we shout, we make a joyful noise unto the Lord. God wants us to come to Him like little children. And any time we want to fellowship with our Father, we should do it with jumping. clapping and dancing like little kids.

5. By Kneeling and Bowing Down Before Him:

In Psalm 95: 1-6. the Bible says.

"O come let us sing unto the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hands are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his and he made it; and his hands formed the dry land. O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our maker."

The Bible says we should come before the Lord, Yahweh, with a joyful noise, with thanksgiving, at times we kneel down or prostrate before Him in worship and adoration.

When we want to fellowship with the Father it could be a noisy affair clapping, singing, praising Him. jumping and shouting. He loves this and that is what every father loves.

When children come home on holidays, you know the noise, as we begin to see the children arrive one by one. We shout, we embrace, we jump.

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there is a lot of noise, joyful noise. This is how to fellowship with God the Father.

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THE SON

How do we fellowship with God the Son?

1. Be sure of Your Salvation:

In Psalm 116: 12-14, David said.

"What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people."

You want to fellowship with God the Son, take the cup of Salvation, and make sure you pay your vows.

In other words. he is saying, if you want to fellowship with God the Son, be sure of your salvation, because this is the most crucial thing as far as God the Son is concerned.

Remember His name is Jesus, which means Saviour. Before you fellowship with Him at all, settle the question of your salvation.

2. Pay Your Vows:

If you want to fellowship with God the Son, make sure you pay your vows

3. Call Upon His Names:

Jesus loves names. And when you call His names, the various names that He has, you will find that He will enjoy fellowshiping with you.

You can call Him the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Life, the Resurrection and the Life, the Alpha and the Omega, the Word of God, the Son of God, the Son of Man, the Light of the world, the Door, etc.

You will remember each time Jesus introduced Himself. He will introduce Himself by a new name. Each time He is introduced. It will be at least either with one new name or several in one verse of the Bible only.

He was called Wonderful, Counsellor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 96:1)

If you want to introduce one fellow and you call Him six names in a row, you will know that He loves names. When you want to fellowship with Him, be sure of your salvation, call on His names and pay your vows.

4. Meditating On The Word:

Another way by which you can fellowship with Jesus is by studying and memorising the Word of God.

Remember John 1: 1 which says. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

That is Jesus is the Word So when you bury yourself in the Word of God, studying the Word, memorising the Word, you are fellowshiping with Jesus Christ.

And remember Joshua 1: 8, God advised Joshua. He said. if you want to prosper. If you want to have good success, meditate on the Word of God day and night.

And if you read Psalm 1:1- 3. It tells you too how to be like a tree planted by the river side so that you will always be green. You will be prospering all the days of your life.

He said it is by meditating in the Word of God day and night. In other words by fellowshiping with Jesus Christ, you will prosper mightily.

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

How do we fellowship with the Holy Spirit? By Communication:

All that the Holy Spirit wants is communication and conversation. When you want to fellowship with the Holy Spirit, you either sing

in tongues or pray in tongues or speak in tongues. In 1 Corinthians 14: 18, Paul the apostle said.

“I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all.” In other words, Paul said he fellowships with the Holy Spirit more than anyone else.

And you know the results for Paul, he was able to perform special miracles that nobody else could do. But when you begin to sing in tongue, pray in tongues and as you grow, dance in the spirit and laugh and do things in the spirit, you will begin to fellowship with the Holy Spirit, and mighty things will begin to happen to your life and in your ministry.

THE LINK BETWEEN FELLOWSHIPPING WITH GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

Is there any link between fellowshiping with God the Father, with God the Son and with the Holy Spirit? Yes there is.

In John 4: 23-24, Jesus Christ said to the woman that He found at the well.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth”.

According to John 16: 13-17 the Lüble says, if you want to fellowship with God the Father, you are going to involve the Holy Spirit because God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

If you want to fellowship with Jesus Christ. God the Son you have to involve the Holy Spirit because Jesus Christ said.

“the Holy Spirit shall glorify Me.”

As you begin to speak in tongues and you speak to the Father in the spirit, the Holy Spirit will be glorifying Jesus Christ.

through the spirit. As we hear from God the Father and God the Son, we will be hearing through the Holy Spirit.

In other words, those who know how to sing in tongues, pray in tongues, do everything in the spirit, can fellowship with the Father, glorifying the Son and fellowship with the Holy Spirit all at the same time.

So we clap, we sing, we dance, we call the name of Jesus, pray in tongues, we memorise the Word of God, that is fellowshiping with God.

It will be a good idea if you can take five minutes and fellowship a little with the Father with the Son and with the Holy Spirit You will be exalted yourself and you will bless the name of the Lord.

Go ahead and do that.

Sing, dance, clap and shout. Call the name of Jesus, speak in tongues and sing in tongues God bless you as you do so.

The Strength Of The Disciple. Part Two. RCCG SOD Year 2

We shall consider another source of disciples strength in this lesson. This comes from a quiet , restful trust in the Lord.

According to Isaiah 5,15-18, the Bible says:

“For each Egyptian shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this. Their strength is to sit still. ”

“For thus said the Lord God, the Holy one of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved: In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength : and ye would not.

But ye said no; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee.; and ,m we will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee; till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain.

And therefore will the Lord wait, that ye may be gracious unto you and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you; for the Lord is a God of judgement ; blessed are all that wait for Him”.

In quietness shall your strength be. Running around will not produce same result as quietness and restful trust in the Lord.

In Isaiah 40:28-30, the Bible says the young men will faint and utterly fail, but they that wait on the Lord will renew their strength. In Psalms 46:10, the Bible says,

“Be still , and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the hearten, I will be exalted in the earth”.

In Exodus 14:13-14, the Bible says,

“And Moses said unto the people, fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you today; for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them no more for ever. The Lord shall fight for you , and ye shall hold your peace”.

God said to the Children of Israel, “**Hold your peace**”. so that they could see the works but He told them to march forward. If God says hold your peace or be still, He means that you should be still in your soul or your spirit.

When you move about let your mind be at rest. Instead of running helter skelter where there is trouble God is saying to the disciple that in whatever trouble you are facing, let there be peace in your heart.

In Psalms 125:1 , the Bible says "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever".

If we can trust in the Lord, we will be like Mount Zion that cannot be moved. Put your trust in the Lord . Don't worry what the enemy can do. You will not be moved.

In Isaiah 26:4 : "Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength". When you trust in the Lord, it enables Him to reveal His everlasting strength.

In Psalms 32:10 "Man sorrows shall be to the wicked; be he that trusted in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about". When you rest in Him, it causes him to surround you with His Mercy".

In Psalms 20: 7-8, **"Some trust in chariots, and some in horse4s; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. They are brought down and fallen, but we are risen, and stand upright"**.

Those who trust in horses and chariots will fall, but those who trust in God shall stand.

In Psalms 27:2-3 David said, "...Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall rise against me, in this I will be confident".

If a host should surround him and want to destroy him, he said they will fall and will never rise again, because he trusts in the Lord .

In Psalms 112:7 , the Bible says if you trust in Lord or your heart is fixed in the

Lord, you will never be afraid of evil report.

In Habakkuk 3:17-19 , the Bible says "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines, the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments".

If you don't lose your salvation, whatever happens will always land at your feet. Habakkuk said no matter what happens , he will always trust in the Lord.

In Isaiah 12:1-3 , the Bible says : In that day, you will say I will praise thy name.

When a disciple learns to trust the Lord, then there is nothing more to do than to be praising the Lord and rejoicing in Him. People have asked why I am peaceful irrespective of what I am facing. My answer have always been, because I trust in the Lord.

The Strength Of The Disciple. Part One. RCCG SOD Year 2

The strength of a disciple is derived from various sources:

#1 Joy

The first strength of a disciple is JOY. In Nehemiah 8:10 The Bible says: “**The joy of the Lord is your strength**”. In Proverbs 17:22, the Bible says that: “A merry heart doeth good like medicine but a broken spirit dries up bones”.

When bones are dried up, the blood becomes weakened. The life of a man is in the blood.

For example, if you poison a rat, when it walks into the sitting room and you try to chase it, it wont be able to run anymore.

The rat's blood has changed to water. When you kill it, you see that its blood has become blackish. That is exactly what sorrow does to a man (Proverbs 15:13). Sorrow is a spirit breaker.

This is why a disciple should always be joyful, so that he can remain strong.

#3 Strength of the Lord

The strength of a disciple also comes from the STRENGTH OF THE LORD.

Ephesians 6:10 says **“Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might”**. The disciple derives his strength from the Lord.

In Phil. 4:13, the Bible says,

“I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me”.

As a branch in the vine of Christ, you have to be attached to Him because he is the one supplying food and water to the branch. This is why Jesus said in John 15:5. **“Without me, you can do nothing”**

If you detach yourself from Him, you are finished.

#3 The Power of his might

The strength of the disciple is supplied from within because it flows from Jesus through to us and he is in us. (Eph.3:4-16). The Almighty supplies strength to the inner man.

For example, there was a woman who was able to lift the whole car which had an accident because a child of her was under the car. This is what love will make us do.

The CHRIST IN US SUPPLIED THE STRENGTH . The might of God is His Spirit (Zech. 4:6).

Jesus told the disciples in Acts 1:8 **“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”**.

He also said through Jude verse 20 that we should build our most holy faith by praying in the Holy Ghost.

God performed special miracles, mighty signs and wonders through Paul because he prayed in tongues more than all (2 Cor. 14:18). You know about Samson in Judges 14:5-6 and Judges 15:14-15.

Each time Samson did something mighty, that was when the Holy Spirit came on him. He was able to do incredible things. In Judges 16:20-21, when the Holy Spirit left him, he became an ordinary man.

4. The Name of Jesus

The strength of the disciple also comes from the Name of Jesus. (Phil. 2:9-10). The disciple had the authority to use the name.

#6 The word of God

The strength of the disciple also comes from the word of God because the word of God is forever settled.

According to Isaiah 40:8, He says my word shall stand forever. **“The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever”.**

#7 Mercy of God

One of the greatest sources of the strength of the disciple is the Mercy of God. The Bible says in Romans 9:16; **“So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy”.**

According to Lamentation 3:22-23, the Bible says” It is the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed, because its compassions fail not.

They are new every mornings; great is thy faithfulness”. The mercy of the Lord is always there in the disciple. He renews it every morning.

In **Psalm 106:1** , the Bible says the mercy of the Lord endureth forever. Therefore , I will ask you as a disciple to pray for the mercy of God.

Praying According To His Will. RCCG SOD Year 2

When you pray, do not blackmail God. Pray according to his will. If we pray according to His will, He will answer.

His will is what is written in His word. Pray as it is written in the Bible. Always remind Him of his word. He will honour His word and answer.

“IT IS WRITTEN”, is the greatest proof producer in the court of heaven. Whenever you say it is written, that settles the matter in heaven.

In **Matt. 4:1-11**, the Lord Jesus used the word of God, “it is written”, constantly to defeat the devil.

HOW DO WE KNOW THE WILL OF GOD CONCERNING OUR LIVES

We need to know the Will of God for our lives so that we can pray accordingly. Searching the scriptures is the way by which we know the will of God.

There are so many of them that are plainly and written for us. For example

1. It is written that it shall be well with me. **“Say ye to the Righteous, that it shall be well with him, for they shall eat the fruit of their labour”** Isaiah 3:10. Therefore, I know that it shall be well with me. As the righteousness of God in Christ, Jesus has made me righteous.
2. In Phil. 4:13, it is written, “I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me”. So I know that any goal I set, I can accomplish through Christ, which strengthens me.
3. In 1 Thess. 5:18; it is written; In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”. The prayer of thanksgiving is the will of God for us as disciples. So when you want to pray, you can say “Father, you wish that I should give thanks in all things, and I assume that by so doing my ultimate victory is assured in battle, even though the circumstances may not look so”
4. In Romans 8:28, it is written, **And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, that are called according to his purpose**”. According to this scripture, irrespective of the circumstance, I know all will be well.
5. in 2 Kings 6:15-17, the Bible says:

“And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a host compassed the city both with horse and chariots.

And his servant said unto him. Alas, my master! How shall we do? And we answered, fear not: for they that be with us are more than they be with them.

And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee open His eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the man; and he saw: and behold, the mountain was full of chariots of fire round about Elisha.

6. In 1 Thess. 4:3, it is written,

“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication”.

Your sanctification is the will of God. Therefore, according to this scripture, you can pray for sanctification and victory over sin. 1 John 3:8, the Bible says, “**He that commiteth sin is of the devil**”.

7. In 3 John 2 , it is written,

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou may prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth”. It is God’s will that you should prosper and be in good health. If you can’t see any progress in your life, businesses or academics, quote 3 John 2 and then rebuke the devil.

8. In 1 John 3:8, It is written,

“He that commiteth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he **might destroy the works of the devil**”.

It is the will of God for you to destroy the works of the devil. You can pray for all necessary anointing and resources for the destruction of the works of the enemy.

Carry the battle to the gate of the enemy. 1 John 4:14 **“And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world”**.

When we pray according to His will, nothing will be able to hinder our miracle.

The Disciple's Mode Of Prayer. Part Four. RCCG SOD Year Two

There are various names of the Lord. When you go before him in worship and call him these names, whatever you want can happen.

#1 Jehovah Tsidkenu

God our Righteousness (**Jeremiah 23:5-6; 1 Cor. 1:30; 20, 1 Cor. 5:21**).

When you call God Jehovah Tsidkenu, you are thanking him for your own salvation.

You just remember how God set you free and desire to thank Him for saving you. You can also call this name when you are burdened about the salvation of loved ones yet to be saved.

#2 Jehovah Nkadesh

This means the Lord that sanctifies (Leviticus 20:7-8). This is the name you call when you desperately want to live above sin always. When you see yourself rising and falling into sin after making resolutions that you will never sin again.

#3 Jehovah Shalom

The Lord our Peace (John 6:23-24; Isaiah 53:3; Psalm 119:165; John 14:27; Phil. 4:4-7). When you call him Jehovah Shalom, you are calling Him to still the storm in your life.

You are calling Him to cause peace into a troubled situation and He will answer. You can also call Jehovah Shalom when you remember how He stilled a particular storm in your life, and you appreciate Him.

#4 Jehovah Shammah

The Lord who is ever present. (Ezekiel 48:35; Joshua 12:9; Matthew 28:18-20; Hebrew 13:5-6; Hebrew 4:16). We use this name in the time of danger; when we are seeking security. He will come and help;

He is the ever present help in the time of trouble. You may call this name when you suddenly remember how he helped you in time past, how you escaped death. You may want to thank Him for it and call him Jehovah Shammah.

#5 Jehovah Rapha

The Lord that healeth, the Great Physician. (Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24). This is the name you call when you need healing or while thanking Him for healing. The Lord my Doctor, my healer, my Great Physician.

#6 Jehovah Raah

The Lord my Shepherd (Psalm 23:1; Matt. 6:25-33; Phil. 4:19).

This is the name you call when He has met your needs or when you want Him to meet your needs.

Romans 8:31-33 . This is the name you call when you want all your needs to be met or when he met all your needs and you need to bless Him for it.

The Disciple's Mode Of Prayer. RCCG SOD Year 2

A Disciple can do either of two things. He can glorify his Master or betray Him.

In John 15:26-27, the Bible says:

“But whe

n the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the spirit of truth, who proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning”.

There are two of us who will be bearing witness concerning the Lord Jesus Christ; the Holy Spirit and those of us who are disciples.

The Holy Spirit can cause miracles to happen as a result of which glory will be given to Christ.

In John 16:13-14, Jesus had already said "He (The Holy Spirit) will glorify me". You cannot cause miracles to occur. But you can voice right. You are not a miracle worker.

But the Holy Spirit is. You can use your voice aright by giving testimonies about the one who is performing the miracles.

In Acts 3, we see the story of a lame man by the gate called beautiful. This lame man was supernaturally healed. People began to look at Peter and John as if they were miracle workers. But Peter answered and said in **Acts 3:12: Peter said:**

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel , that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth , whom ye crucified , whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other. for there is non other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved".

It was the Holy Spirit who performed the miracle and Peter used his mouth to glorify Jesus. The Holy Spirit can perform miracles that will bring glory to Jesus.

You cannot perform miracle but, you can testify and tell anyone that Jesus is great; that anything can happen when they call His name.

Glorifying the master, during worship , exposes how much of Him you know, how much of his names you know, what you do not know about His history, what do you know about His acts.

God and His Names

He has so many names and each name has a meaning, purpose⁴ and links Him to something. He has the following names:

1. **Jehovah El Shaddah – Genesis 17:1**
2. **Jehovah Tsidekenu- Jeremiah 23:6**
3. **Jehovah Nissi- Exodus 17:16.**
4. **Jehovah Nkadesh- Leviticus 20:7-9**
5. **Jehovah Shalom – Judges 6:24**
6. **Jehovah Shammah- Exodus 48:35**
7. **Jehovah Raah – Psalms 23:1**
8. **Jehovah Rapha -Exodus 15:26.**
9. **Jehovah Jireh: Genesis 22:8-14**
10. **The I AM THAT I AM- Exodus 3:14**
11. **Jehoval Elohim Ps. 99:5,8,9.**
12. **Jehovah Sabaoth- 1 Samuel 1-3**
13. **Jehovah Elyon- Psalm 47:2**
14. **Jehovah Ropheka Exodus 15:26**
15. **Jehovah Hosenu Psalm 95:6**
16. **Jehovah Mekaddisakem Exodus 31:13**

17. **Jehovah Eloheeka Exodus 20:2,5,7**
18. **Jehovah Adonai-Genesis 15:2-3**
19. **Jehovah Rohi Psalm 23:1**
20. **Jehovah Elohim Genesis 22:8-14.**

We know better; we disciples know that Jesus is worthy to be praised. We know His Power, according to Matthew 8:23-27 and Luke 24:19. We disciples , have known Him. We have seen Him raise the dead, cleanse the leper etc.

Many of us have seen His glory, the

disciple followed Him to the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 16:1-2). The disciples knows that he or she is not worthy to be called a disciple of somebody as great as Jesus Christ. In Luke 5:4-8, Peter said to the Lord, "Please depart from me. I am a sinful man, I cant be near somebody as great as you".

For those of us who know that we qualified to be chief among the sinners and now we are numbered among the saints, why should we not praise the Lord and worship Him with tears in our eyes? In Colossians 1:12, the Bible says:

“Giving thanks unto the Father , which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints..”.

Our Master, whose disciples we are, has made us partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. We partakers should worship Him, even if it is only for that reason.

The saints who are in heaven, who can never sin again, realize that they are unworthy to be in heaven and to have crowns to wear and they show it.

Each time they want to worship God , they show that they are unworthy of what He has done for them. How much more are we , completely unworthy of the mercy and goodness of the Almighty ? In Revelation 4:9-11, the Bible says:

“And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne , saying , Thou art worthy , O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hath created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created”.

The disciple should worship God with all his heart, knowing that he is not even worthy to be called a saint or a disciple. It is only by the grace of our Leader that we are what we are today,

Worship and thank Him for your salvation and for making you a saint.

Dealing With Demons. Part 4. RCCG SOD Year 2

Willing victims are victims who are cooperating with demons. How can we get such people free? You must know that the willing victims think the possession of demons is a source of power.

They love mysterious things. You must realise that so you can be able to minister deliverance to them, and give the right counsel.

HOW TO EXECUTE DELIVERANCE

#1 Counselling

The first thing you need to do is to counsel them that all power belongs to God.

There is only one source of power, according to Psalm 62:11, which says, “**Once has God spoken, but twice have I heard, that power belongs to God**”.

#2 Greater mysteries

Convince them there are greater mysteries in the kingdom of God than they can ever find in the kingdom of darkness/devil.

In Matthew 13:11, the Bible talks about the mysteries of the Kingdom of God.

#3 Heaven is a better place

Convince the victim that heaven is a better place to be than hell. Show them Matthew 25:24-41 .

Let them know that those who are cooperating with Demons will go to hell and that those who will get rid of them will go to heaven.

#4 Convince them

Convince them that peace is superior to power any day Isaiah 48:22 ; John 14:26 and also Romans 4:17.

#5 Joy of ignorange

Let them know that the joy of ignorance is superior to the sorrow of mysterious knowledge. Read to them Ecl. 1:18; 12:12.

” For much wisdom is much grief; and he that inceeaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow..”.

The more you increase in knowledge, the more you increase in sorrow. Many join the secret societies and occults. Let them know that judgement will come one day.

Nobody can escape it. If you become an agent of the devil, if you allow yourself to be used by the devil according to **Ecl. 12:13-14**, judgement will come.

Let them know that all secrets will be exposed one day. Sooner or later all secrets will leak, whether committed in the dark or in the light, or even behind closed doors (Mathew 10:26; Acts 8:9-11; 18:23).

If you succeed in convincing the victim and he says that now he is ready for Deliverance, you can go ahead with the procedures you have already learned.

Deliverance for the unwilling victim

Unwilling victims were deceived into oppression. It is easy to recognize them. They are always sad because they don't like what is happening to them.

They are easier to be set free because they are not cooperating with the enemy. They always follow anointed men round because they are looking for help.

Even though they will still be assisted, but if the anointed man is observant, he will soon notice that whenever he goes to minister, this fellow is always there in the crowd, looking with sadness in his face as if he saying "Please help me. I am in trouble".

There is a good example, it is found in Acts 16:16-18. The girl with the spirit of divination. She didn't like it but her master was making money out of her.

As soon as she discovered that Paul and Silas were men Of God, she started following them, shouting to get their attention, saying " These are men of God teaching us the way of salvation.

This continues until Paul has to say " Okay, Demon , get out of her". The demon left , the girl became free and was happy, but the masters were angry.

How to set them free

For there to be true Deliverance, there is a great need for the gift of discerning of spirits, because there are some willing victims of religious demons.

Such fellows would be found in every crusade ground and program. They are there to cause trouble, not for Deliverance.

There can also be the unwilling victim who is looking for Deliverance and follows anointed men of God about, because he needs Deliverance.

Therefore , there is a need for the man of God to have the gift of discerning of spirits. But when the victim is genuinely unwilling one, Deliverance for such is easy. You just follow the patterns that have been discussed.

If you have anyone you know who is in need of Deliverance, whether a willing or unwilling victim , you can begin to intercede for such, so that the next time you see the fellow you can pray , and deliverance can come to the fellow immediately.

Demon Possession. RCCG SOD Year Two.

When we talk about demon possession, there are two categories of victims:

#1 Willing victim

These are victims that cooperate with the demons. They cooperate with Demons zealously and they are happy about it.

#2 Unwilling victims

These are the victims whom the enemy compel to cooperate.

There are two categories of possessive demons.

1. Those who are outright antichrist. They hate Christ and they don't hide it at all.
2. The other category is a little bit more discrete. They are called religious demons; in other words, you can even find them in churches.

#1 OUTRIGHT ANTICHRIST

This can be recognized in three major ways.

- a. Direct attack

These demon tens to attack anything that has to do with the gospel (1 John 2:22).

Any demon that says that there is no God the father and God the son is an antichrist. I am sure you know a religion that says " God has no son, neither was He born".

You can easily discern which kind of demon is controlling that religion. That is why they are all out to be against anything that has to do with the Lord Jesus Christ.

They cant tolerate anything that has to do with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Examples are found in Mark 1:23-24 and Mark 5:1-7. Jesus was coming to the temple and this possessed fellow said to Him:
" **What do you want ? What have we to do with you .**" This is a direct attack.

B. Indirect Attack

There is also the indirect Attack method. " these demon talk about Jesus condescendingly. They say he is a good Teacher, a prophet , but not the son of God, not is He God. Some even try to preach the " Gospel of love".

They talk about the brotherhood of man, the fatherhood of God, they say God is the Father of all, that there is no hell, no judgement , that God can't send His own children to Hell.

You must be aware of them and do not listen to them. 2 Corinthians 11:3 ; Eph. 6:11.

#2 Religious demons

How can we discern them ? Very difficult to know;

A. They can perform miracles. In Ephesians 6, the Bible talks about their lying wonders. They are magicians (2 Timothy 2:7-9). How do they perform lying wonders.

They put a sickness on a person for example, and they help to remove it, only to replace it with another. For instance , where a sick person has a problem, the witch doctor will say there is no need to worry .

He will tell them what to bring and they bring it. He then give them something which apparently cures the problem they came with, but at the same time introduced something worse in the victim so that he can keep coming back.

B. They have a form of godliness. The Bible even says according to 2 Timothy 3:5 that they begin to talk about strict morals and generosity. But when you talk about the blood of Jesus , they don't want to hear.

c. They compound doctrines, as we know that the devil has its own doctrines. (1 Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:7). That will indirectly corrupt people.

d. They keep on substituting anything it anyone for Christ. For example, For example, the Virgin Mary, or saying the God of so so and so, that is, Babalola, Oshoffa , Mosee Orimolade etc.

They can tolerate anything except the blood of Jesus because they know that the devil was overcome by it according to Revelation 2:11.

How do we bring these demons into manifestation

a. The antichrist demon cannot stand the presence of Jesus. So if you want to bring them into manifestation , begin to worship God, worship Jesus and praise him.

Begin to song about the blood of Jesus and tell of his Power. As soon as you begin to worship: Jesus will come down and this will cause the demon to manifest.

The religious demons can even begin to sing the choruses with you, in fact , they will sing the loudest .

But when the anointing of the Holy Spirit is present, they will surface . Why not worship God fervently? You can never tell, there might be a demon in the person beside you. Worship so that the bound can be set free.

Dealing with Demons Part Three. How To Conduct Deliverance. Year Two

The devil's sole aim is to hinder your progress and he does this in three ways :

1. By holding you down. That is , by oppression, depression and regression.
2. By getting you to go round in circles- obsession, that is , doing only one thing continuously, for example , eating all the time.
3. To get you to go in the direction opposite the way you should go. This is called possession .

Deliverance of the oppressed should follow three major steps:

- a. locate the cause of the problem.
- b. Counsel the fellow on how to remain free.

#1 Locate the Cause

Find the door opener to the devil. it could be a curse or there might be need for restitution somewhere. The cause might also be unforgiveness or maybe the person had been jilted. A door may also be because someone's joy is tied to another's sorrow. For example, taking another man's wife or being dubious, robbing God , failure to pay tithes and constant disobedience to God's voice.

Locating the door way of the enemy makes Deliverance easier. This is because it exposes the route through which the enemy comes in. It reveals the agent of destruction. It also aids counseling on how to avoid counter attack.

#2 Execute Deliverance

Qualifications for executing Deliverance

The one who is going to execute Deliverance must be qualified to do so. Otherwise , he will be in problem. to execute Deliverance , you must:

1. Be born again.
2. Spirit filled.
3. must be clean, that is must not be possessed of demon because demon cannot cast out demon. John 14:30.
4. You must not have harmful habits like smoking and drinking alcohol.
5. You must not be a debtor.
6. You must not be somebody who exaggerates.

The oppressed to be set free:

1. Must be made to realize and appreciate Deliverance.
2. Must be cooperative i.e must be willing and ready to accept Jesus as his Savior.

The process of Deliverance

Ten basic steps are involved in carrying out Deliverance.

1. Plead the blood of Jesus first of all over yourself .
2. Plead the blood of Jesus over all children present.
3. Plead the blood of Jesus over the oppressed.

4. Take authority over the oppressors based on the Bible, because the Bible says so..
5. Bind the oppressors after taking authority.
6. Loose the hold of the oppressors.
7. Command the oppressors to cease in their operation and to desist from their maneuvers and get out of the oppressed.
8. Declare the oppressed free in Jesus name. If you believe, you can speak to the mountains to be lifted into the sea. Demons can be mountains (Mark 11:23; Matthew 18:18).
9. By faith , believe that it is done. Mark 11:24. Tell the oppressed that he is free and that he should begin to praise God as a sign of receiving Deliverance.
10. Give all glory to Jesus. Thank the One who executed the Deliverance. (Acts 3:12). You are not the deliverer but Jesus.

The following prayer of Deliverance can be prayed:

"Father, I am pleading the blood of the lamb over myself, over all those who are present and over the oppressed. let the blood that conquered Satan cover all of us.

Lord in the name of Jesus. I take authority over all the evil forces operating in the life of this fellow and I decree that they will lose this fellow and let him go.

And I decree that they will cease in all their manoeuvres and cease in all their operations in the life of this fellow. And I command that they come out in the mighty name of Jesus.

COUNSEL THE DELIVERED ON HOW TO REMAIN FREE

#1 Close the door

Tell him or her to close the door through which the enemy entered. For example , if the demons have ruined his business due to unfaithfulness on paying tithes, he must begin to pay his tithes.

#2 Remain in the light

Advise the person to remain in the light, that is Jesus Christ, because of he goes back into darkness , the enemy will be waiting for him.

#3 Feed on the Word

Advise the fellow to fill himself with the word of God all the time because in **Matthew 12:34-25**, the Bible says:

“When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places , seeking rest, and found none.

Then he saith, I will return into the house from whence I come out, and when he is come, he findeth it empty , swept, and garnished.

Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself , and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. “

This fellow must fill himself with the word of God so that if the spirit tries , he will be answered with , " it is written..."

#4 Blood of the Lamb

Tell the person to cover himself/herself with the Blood of the Lamb constantly.

#5 Fellowship with the Holy Spirit

Tell the fellow to fellowship on a Holy Spirit filled assembly. The Bible says in 2 Cor. 3:17 :

" Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty."

Is is dangerous for the delivered to remain in a cold traditional church.

#6 Seek Baptism

The person should seek Baptism of the Holy Spirit immediately because there cannot be two captains in the same boat. If he is full of the Holy Spirit , the demon will not find him empty if it attempts to return.

#7 Resist the devil

Teach the fellow to resist the devil constantly. The devil will try to come back but it is his duty to resist him.

#8 Witness Aggressively

Teach the fellow to witness aggressively because attack is the best form of defence. He must keep testifying of what God has done for him because the Bible says in Revelation 12:11

" And they overcome him by the blood of the Lamb , and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death".

#9 Pray without ceasing

Tell the person to learn to pray without ceasing. Each time you pray, you are calling on the allied to come and help you.

#10 Thanking God

Tell the fellow never to stop thanking God for the Deliverance at every opportunity. The more you praise God for what he done, the more he will do.

11. Testifying

He must testify and let others know how God set him free at every opportunity he has.

#12 Bring others

Tell the fellow to bring others who need Deliverance to Christ for Deliverance.

What are the signs of Deliverance

1. The one who was depressed and held down will begin to rise, to improve , to grow spiritually and to move forward.

2. The one obsessed and going round in circles , who does only one thing in exclusion of others will receive freedom to do other things.

3. The one possessed who is going in the wrong direction will come to his senses. He will wake up and become normal again.

There might be some people in this gathering right now who need Deliverance .

just signify to your leader or teacher and say "I need Deliverance" . I am sure the leader will help you to pray the prayer of Deliverance.

For those of you who did not need Deliverance, rejoice that the Lord God Almighty has set you free.