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# FIRST QUARTER EPISTLE ITM 2023

Dr. Kema Kema

It is a well-known fact that a man's thoughts will manifest and make what he becomes. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he (Prov. 23:7). It is, therefore, safe to say that if you want to change your life, change your thoughts. For those of us who are children of God, we have an advantage because, as scripture tells us, we have the mind of Christ:

#### 1 Corinthians 2:16 Amplified Bible

*For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND and PURPOSES OF THE LORD, SO AS TO INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ [to be guided by His thoughts and purposes].*

While on earth, Christ had an INVESTMENT MINDSET. For example, He invested in the disciples' lives, teaching and moulding them to continue His mission after He left this world. The Parable of the Talents and the Parable of the Minas are set in the context of INVESTMENTS.

#### Matthew 25:14-18 Amplified Bible

*"For it is just like a man who was about to take a journey, and he called his servants together and entrusted them with his possessions. To one, he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and then he went on his journey. The one who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he [made a profit and] gained five more. Likewise, the one who had*

*two [made a profit and] gained two more. But the one who had received the one went and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.*

Here we see that the man who was about to go on a journey INVESTED in the lives of the servants by entrusting his resources, giving them talents according to their abilities (v.14). Two of the servants had the INVESTMENT MINDSET. Verses 16-17 of the Easy to Read version of the Bible are rendered thus: *"The servant who got five bags went quickly **TO INVEST THE MONEY**. Those five bags of money **earned five more**. It was the same with the servant who had two bags. That servant **INVESTED THE MONEY** and **earned two more**."* While these two servants invested what was given to them, on the other hand, one servant did not invest the money.

By teaching using these parables, we see that Christ had an INVESTMENT MINDSET. If we have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16), then we must also have an investment mindset. **BUT HOW, YOU MAY ASK?** By letting the mind of Christ be in you (Phil. 2:5). You let Christ's mind be in you **by allowing Christ, in the Person of the Holy Spirit, live in you** (Gal. 2:20). Also, since Christ's thoughts are recorded in His Word, you let His mind be in you **by spending time on God's Word (Reading, Studying and Meditating)**.

So, as children of God, we already have the INVESTMENT MINDSET. All we need to do is to let it manifest. We must THINK INVESTMENTS to feed the investment mindset in us: *as a man thinks in his heart, so is he* (Prov. 23:7). This year, 2023, we want the INVESTMENT MINDSET in us to manifest. It is for this reason that our THEME for the year is:

**AS CHILDREN OF GOD, WE ALREADY  
HAVE THE INVESTMENT MINDSET.  
ALL WE MUST DO IS LET IT MANIFEST**

## KINGDOM

## INVESTMENTS MINDSET

*(Understanding, Developing and Pursuing the Investment Mindset)*

Phil. 2:5/1 Cor. 2:16/ Prov. 23:7/Matt. 25:14-30/Eccl. 11:1-6/Gen. 41/Prov. 6:6-11/Prov. 21:5/Luke 12:21

As we understand it, man is not only spiritual but has mental, emotional and physical parts. For man to effectively function to fulfil the purpose he was created for, investments must be made in all these areas. Thus, this year, we will:

- Invest SPIRITUALLY.



- Invest MENTALLY.
- Invest EMOTIONALLY.
- Invest PHYSICALLY.
- Invest FINANCIALLY.
- Invest in RAISING KINGDOM-MINDED PEOPLE.

Only those who first make investments in their lives can invest

**ONLY THOSE WHO FIRST MAKE INVESTMENTS IN THEIR LIVES CAN INVEST IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS**

in the lives of others. “*Such as I have, I give to you*” (Acts 3:6). You cannot give what you don’t have. Moses had to make investments in his life before investing in the lives of others. He had a Kingdom Investment Mindset. While growing up in the Egyptian palace, he took time to develop his mind. Scripture tells us that: ... *Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was mighty in words and deeds* (Acts 7:22). God chose him to lead His people out of bondage in Egypt. While leading the people in the wilderness, through the counsel of his father-in-law, Jethro, he invested in some leaders as he laid hands on them. He also invested in the life of his protégé whom he also laid hands on, transferring the Spirit of wisdom. Joshua later took his place as leader.

Joseph had a Kingdom Investment Mindset. Scripture says that he feared God (Gen. 42:18). That is evidence of spiritual investment. He also invested mentally. He was made the leader wherever He went because of the wisdom of God in his life. With this wisdom, he proposed the way out of famine in Egypt and was made second in command.

Paul had a Kingdom Investment Mindset. He spent time on books to develop mentally. Spiritually, he invested in fastings often and prayers always. He also invested in the lives

of men, raising leaders. We have the Epistles of the Bible due to his investments and the wisdom of God in his life.

Jesus is the ultimate example of a Kingdom Investment Mindset. He invested in developing Himself and grew in wisdom. When He began His ministry, He invested in the lives of His disciples and today, because of that, the making of disciples is still ongoing.

All those with investment mindsets emerge as leaders in their fields. Moses was a leader. Joseph was a leader. Paul was a leader. Jesus was and is still a leader. You, too, can emerge as a leader in your field. You have to understand, develop and pursue the investment mindset.

When investments are made, profits are guaranteed. We, therefore, believe that as we diligently engage in investing in all these areas, with the help of God, we will make profits that will be a blessing, not only to us but to our families, both physical and spiritual, and humankind as a whole. Join us, therefore, as we embark on this journey this year. Because we believe in this, we want to follow the scriptures in 2 Cor. 4:13.

**WHEN INVESTMENTS ARE MADE, PROFITS ARE GUARANTEED**

#### 2 Corinthians 4:13 Living Bible

*We boldly say what we believe, trusting God to care for us, just as the psalm writer did when he said, “I believe, and therefore I speak.”*

We have the spirit of faith. We believe in Kingdom Investments, and therefore we speak Kingdom Investments. Our Prophetic declaration for the year is, therefore:

## KINGDOM INVESTMENT MINDSET

*I am a child of God. I have the mind of Christ. I am a rich and blessed Kingdom Investor. The Spirit of investment is in me. I am a Profitable Servant because I am an investor, not a waster. All through this year and beyond, I invest Spiritually, Mentally, Emotionally, Physically and FINANCIALLY to glorify God, the Greatest Investor. I will invest my abilities, time and resources towards advancing the Kingdom of God on earth and be a blessing to those in my sphere of influence. As I do, I shall be on top only and never beneath, for the benefit of humankind and to the glory of God Almighty.*

*Hallelujah!*

*Phil. 2:5/1 Cor. 2:16/ Prov. 23:7/Matt. 25:14-30/Eccl. 11:1-6/Gen. 41/Prov. 6:6-11/Prov. 21:5/Luke 12:21*

Have a blessed New Year 2023.  
Kingdom Investment Blessings to you.

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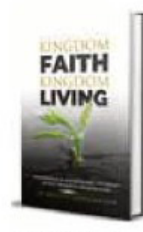
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# TESTIMONIES

## UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF TESTIMONIES AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE CHILD OF GOD

Dr. Kema Kema

**A**ND THEY HAVE OVERCOME (conquered) him by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the **UTTERANCE** of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to life even when faced with death [holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing].

(Rev. 12:11 AMPC).

In the I TESTIFY MAGAZINE edition, we looked at what testimonies are. We saw that: Testimonies are divinely provided weapons at the disposal of God's children to use in waging a good warfare against the enemy.

But to use testimonies as a warfare weapon effectively, we must understand the various kinds of testimonies at the disposal of the child of God. This is the focus of this edition of the ITM magazine.

There are THREE (3) kinds of testimonies at the disposal of the child of God:

- a. The Testimonies of the LORD.
- b. The Testimonies of God's work in one's own life.
- c. The testimonies of God's work in the lives of others.

In this edition of the ITM, we will concentrate on The Testimonies of the LORD.

Scripture says: "*The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the [whole] person; the **TESTIMONY OF THE LORD is sure, making wise the simple***" (Psa. 19:7 AMPC).

**THE POWER GIVEN TO TRAMPLE UPON THE ENEMY'S POWER IS RESIDENT IN THE WORD OF GOD.**

Notice the phrase: **THE TESTIMONY OF THE LORD**. This simply means God is a testifier. God's testimony is what God has spoken. And what God has spoken is in His Word. And God's Word is forever settled in heaven (Psa. 119:89). God's Word never fails.

To overcome Satan with the testimonies of the Lord, we must **BELIEVE the Testimonies and SPEAK OUT OUR BELIEF, IN FAITH**. In other words, we must operate with the spirit of faith, which first believes and then speaks out what it believes (2 Cor. 4:13).

When you believe God's testimonies written in the Bible and confess them with your lips, you are saved from sin, which is a domineering spirit. Once sin is overcome, you become an overcomer in every other area of life because sin is the underlying factor behind all forms of captivity, directly or indirectly (See Rom. 10:8-13).

### Why is it important to believe and confess God's Testimonies (God's Word)?

Because power is resident in God's Word. Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word of God is powerful. It is your belief or faith in the Word of God that turns on the power in it. Paul says, "*I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus because **it the power of God** unto salvation.*" (Rom. 1:16). It takes power to destroy the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19).

The power given to trample upon all the enemy's power is resident in the Word of God. But that power is never released until we use our faith (believing the Word and speaking the same). Without this power, we cannot overcome the enemy and his agents. Instead, we are the ones defeated daily by the enemy. **It is the power you release when you believe the Word of God that disarms the enemy.**

It is your faith that entitles you to the release of power: "*But to as many, as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those **who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name***" (John 1:12 AMPC).



Faith converts the Word of God (the testimonies of God) to the power of God. The power within is never released until you believe and speak the Word. It is your faith that triggers and releases this power.

### LET'S TAKE AN EXAMPLE

The Bible says: *"I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the [uncompromisingly] righteous forsaken or their seed begging bread"* (Psa. 37:25 (AMPC)).

Now, this is God's testimony spoken by the mouth of the psalmist. The first thing stated in this verse is that the uncompromising righteous are never forsaken. Next, we see that the seed of the uncompromisingly righteous can never beg for bread. In other words, they can never lack.

We know from scripture that we are Abraham's seed (Gal. 3:29). Abraham's obedience qualified him as the righteous of God (Rom. 4:1-25). From this understanding, I have the legal and scriptural right to declare this:

Satan, I'm a covenant child of God because I am a seed of Abraham. As a seed of Abraham and from the Word of God, which says that the seed of the righteous can never beg for bread, you have no right to cause me to be stagnated in any area of life. I can never lack. Lack is unscriptural for me as a child of God. I believe that by the finished work of Christ that makes me a seed of Abraham, I'm entitled to plenty and not lack.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I, therefore, come against every form of lack in my life. I decree plenty in my life such that I will be a blessing to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

What I just did was confess the testimonies of God. When I do this, believing, I release the power in the Word and this power, the devil, cannot stand. The Word is then performed in my life as I take action towards that performance.

Jesus did the same when the enemy attacked Him at the onset of His glorious ministry. Three times, He used the testimonies of God, the Word, released the power within it as He said, "It is written," and said what is written to defeat the devil. You can do the same because Jesus gave us this power (See Matthew 4:1-14/Luke 4:1-13).

God's testimonies are righteous (Psa. 119:138, 144). When we believe God's testimonies, as found in His Word and declare them over our lives, we will begin to see their manifestations. Throughout this year and beyond, I encourage us to search the Word of God and find the Word that addresses situations and circumstances in our lives that do not reflect what the Word says. As we do, they will begin to line up, enabling us to be what God ordained for us, bringing glory to the name of the Lord.

Have a blessed year full of the manifestations of God's testimonies in your life. Hallelujah!

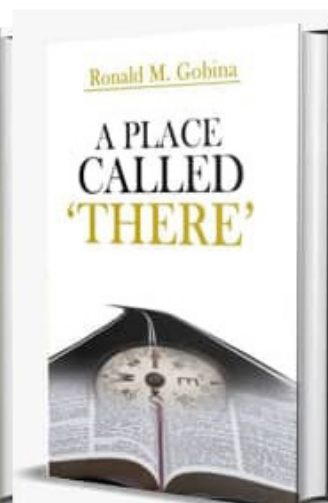
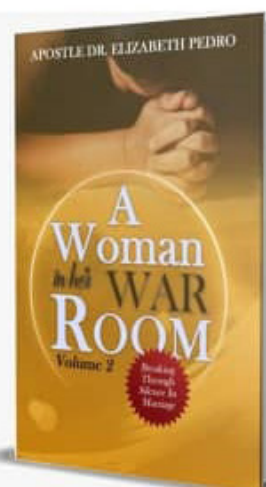
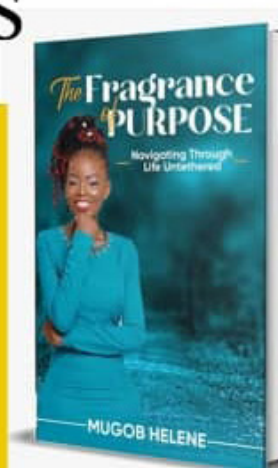
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# WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE Stored?

Agnes N. Kema

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

(Matthew 6:19-21 New International Version)

**A**re you a wealthy person? Or do you consider yourself a poor person? What makes you rich? What makes you poor? Some will say I have money in the bank, assets or properties, and a good job that pays me lots of money. I never lack at the end of every month. So I am rich. And those who consider themselves poor will say I don't have a good or no income.

The above scripture tells us that where your treasure is, that is where your heart will be. You may say, what has treasure got to do with riches and poverty? It does because the wealthy talk about what they have, and the poor speak of what they don't.

The dictionary defines treasure as "a quantity of precious metals, gems, or other valuable objects." The poor and the rich talk about what they have and don't have. The things you have invested in and worked for are your treasures. And where you keep them will determine why your thought are always there.

The above scripture says, **DO NOT STORE UP YOUR TREASURE WHERE MOTH CAN DESTROY OR WHERE THIEVES CAN BREAK IN AND STEAL.** Does it ring a bell? Where moth can destroy, where thieves can

still. Is there a place like that? OH, YES, there is.

If you are a BORN AGAIN believer, you will understand that even though we are in this world, we are not of this world (John 17:16). So our treasures shouldn't be stored in this world. Where, then, should we store our treasures? Verse 20 of the above scripture tells us: *"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."* Heaven is where we ought to store our treasure. But how, you may ask?

**You can store your treasure by doing the following:**

## 1. PAY YOUR TITHE

Yes, I said it. If you are a genuinely born-again spirit-filled believer, you don't need any man to tell you to pay your tithe; you will understand that it is for your benefit and not for any man of God. The tithe is your first treasure that needs to be stored in heaven; it belongs to God. When you store up this treasure in heaven, no thief in the form of economic breakdown, inflation, or deflation will be able to steal it (See Malachi 3:10-11).

## 2. GIVE TO THE POOR WHO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REPAY YOU.

Help people in need, promote God's work and bless your Pastor and all those who are sowing spiritual seeds in your life. When You do, Heaven, your storehouse, will multiply your treasures, and nothing or no one will be able to destroy them. This does not mean you don't have to invest in the world's economy. You will see your heavenly treasure's manifestations in your earthly investment. So you must invest, but you must also understand and acknowledge that all the treasure/wealth you make is from God. When you do, this is proof that your heart is not in the treasure/wealth but in God: *"But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today (Deut. 8:18 NIV).*

Always remember that where your treasure is stored, that is where your heart will be. Store your treasures in heaven where God is, and your heart will be with God always.

*Let's pray:*

Father, thank You that I am yours. Help me always to store my treasure in Heaven. If any treasure of mine has not been stored in heaven's treasury, enable me to begin and by Your Spirit, help me be disciplined. This I ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



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## KINGDOM QUOTES

1. Until you address your MENTALITY, you can not change your REALITY.
2. To go far in life, MENTALITY is a valid factor to address.
3. What becomes of your life is determined by the content of your heart.
4. WHAT you think and HOW you think determines HOW YOU LIVE.
5. You can never soar as an eagle with a grasshopper mentality.
6. The heart (MIND) of man is the FACTORY for his success or his failure.



# I Am Mary

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Mary's story is unique in that, to the regular individual, it is a preposterous account of a virgin conception and birth. As much as our enlightened hearts have received this as a doing of God, we must also perceive that today's Mary could be a man or a woman, and this may involve specific aspects of our callings, which are a little challenging to accomplish.

Luke 1:26-38 gives us an account of a young virgin woman who was not only graced, honored, and favored but had to take a journey toward an unknown path, with her biggest assurance that of "carrying a holy thing."

We see the promise of a virgin birth in Isaiah 7: 14-15, which becomes a reality in the book of Luke. At the time Mary was visited by the angel, she was well on her way to being married to Joseph; hence she was:

- Planning her future.
- Sharing with friends and family.
- Getting ready to change into a Mrs.
- Starting her own life, family and lineage.

What was she supposed to do with a "Holy thing?" Holy means dedicated/consecrated to God for a special purpose. What aspects of her life had to change for this new reality?

There are several questions to be considered. Please allow me to share what I believe Mary had to deal with:

**A) PERCEPTION:** How would she be regarded being pregnant, seeing she was already espoused to Joseph? Would she be considered adulterous and then stoned to death?

**B) POISE:** What would her bearing have to be as one carrying a Holy thing/the Lord of all creation? What aspects of her life would she have to balance to fit this new narrative?

**C) SUSTENANCE:** How would she maintain this Holy thing over time to ensure it did not get aborted? How would she provide for it?

**D) IMPLICATIONS:** What would be the conclusion of this strange message given to her? What would she have to act differently to get to the end goal, es-

pecially because all aspects of the project were not stated?

These were a lot of things for Mary to worry about. She asked the angel how that would be since she did not know a man, to which he answered the Holy Ghost power of the Highest would come upon her (Luke 1:35). To the human mind, that seems impossible, which seems impossible, but to God all things are possible.

We are all Marys today, whether male or female. For many of us, while we were doing our business, we met the Lord, who changed our lives and placed a divine mandate upon them. This divine mandate is a "Holy Thing," and like Mary, we must carry it carefully and to full term.

Many of us have callings we have abandoned and God-given directions we have failed in. Many have even aborted their dreams. Allow me to encourage you today on how to ensure that you birth purpose like Mary did:

- You owe no one an explanation
- Once God says it, run with it. That's your visa to purpose accomplishment.
- If you do not nurture and nourish it, it will die.
- Take note of your seasons. The gestational period for a baby is nine (9) months. How long is the gestation of your dream?
- Find your Elizabeth. They are ahead of you in the process. They can teach you something; they can help you.
- Do not be excited about another person's dream to the point of copying it. Focus on yours until it is accomplished.
- Be intentional about all things purpose. Run with perseverance.

If Mary had aborted Jesus, we would not have salvation today. If you abort or abandon that dream, many will die into a Christless eternity. You have what it takes to carry out that purpose. Keep looking to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith.

You are Mary. Don't Give up. The Thing apportioned unto you is a Holy Thing. Don't let it die.



## PRAYER FIRE

DAILY KINGDOM PRAYERS...Thy Kingdom Come; Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven  
Leviticus 6:13-13 Philippians 4:6-7 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Matthew 6:10

## THANKSGIVING PRAYERS 2023

## THANKSGIVING 1

You will agree with me that it has been God throughout the year 2022. God was there when we found ourselves in the valleys, the mountains, the fires, and the waters. He was there in our happy times and our sad times. God has been on our side, fighting all the battles waged against us by the enemy giving us victory. We are here today, not by our making but because of God. If it had not been for God, we would not be here today (Psa. 124). Let's thank God, our Father, as we lift our voices for protecting and preserving us from the claws of the enemy. If not for the Lord, who was on our side, we would not be here today. Let's bless His name and thank Him for ushering us into the New Year, 2023.

Psalm 124 New Century Version

*What if the Lord had not been on our side? (Let Israel repeat this.) What if the Lord had not been on our side when we were attacked? When they were angry with us, they would have swallowed us alive. They would have been like a flood drowning us; they would have poured over us like a river. They would have swept us away like a mighty stream. Praise the Lord, who did not let them chew us up. We escaped like a bird from the hunter's trap. The trap broke, and we escaped. Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, Father God, we thank You immensely for ushering us into the New Year 2023. We thank You for being alive today and among those seeing this New Year. We are grateful for all the victories in 2022 and know that we will triumph this year because You always cause us to triumph in Christ (2 Cor. 2:14). We confess that we are here today, not by our doing but by our sovereign decision. Thank You for all the blessings You blessed us with last year and for the blessings, You have for us this year. Thank You for Your continuous hedge of protection around us and all that is ours. We thank Thank You, Lord. Hallelujah!

## THANKSGIVING 2

Only God has power over death and the grave. Let's thank God for rescuing us from the tentacles of death in 2022 and thank Him in advance for covering and hiding us from the enemy whose plan is only to kill, steal and destroy.

Psalm 103:4 King James Version

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

Psalm 49:15 Living Bible

*But as for me, God will redeem my soul from the power of death, for he will receive me.*

Father, in the name of Jesus, thank You for delivering us from death and the grave throughout 2022. Your Word can never fail: we stand by Your Word and thank You for our redemption from untimely death this year. The weapon of death will not prosper in our lives

and the lives of our family members, both physical and spiritual. The sting of death will not prevail. Hallelujah! Our souls are redeemed from the power of Sheol. Thank You that no man or devil can change when You speak. You have spoken! Our protection all through 2023 is guaranteed. Thank You, Lord! Hallelujah!

## THANKSGIVING 3

Our God is the God who does NEW THINGS. He says in His Word that I will do a new thing. He is thus A NEW THING GOD. Let's thank God for the great things and the many blessings He has in store for us for 2023.

Isaiah 43:18-19 King James Version

*Remember ye, not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 45:1-3 New King James Version

*"Thus says the LORD to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held— To subdue nations before him And loose the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut: 'I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel.*

Thank You, Father, for all the New Things You will have reserved for us this year. Thank You for all the miracles, signs and wonders, breakthroughs, elevations, promotions, and all the next levels accomplishments reserved for us, our loved ones, and all those connected to us, including all our partners and friends, for the year 2023. By Your anointing in our lives, we confess to manifest dominion in all spheres of life. Closed doors are already opened for us to walk into the destiny You have for us this 2023. You have already gone before us, paving our future as You remove all obstacles that may hinder our experiencing the full manifestations of the new things You have for us. Thank You that by Your Spirit, the Holy Spirit, You will guide us into the hidden riches in secret places, enabling us to know the secrets to be rich in all aspects of life and godliness this year, giving You glory. Hallelujah!

## THANKSGIVING 4/WORD DECLARATION

As we are ushered into the new year, satan and his agents are unhappy. They are, therefore, prepared to stop us from becoming what God has ordained us to be this year. But our security in God is guaranteed because the fire of God cocoons us. None of satan's weapons fashioned against us shall prosper. Let's thank God and declare His Word of protection over our lives throughout 2023.

Zechariah 2:5 King James Version

*For I, saith the LORD, will be unto*

*her A WALL OF FIRE ROUND ABOUT and will be the glory in the midst of her.*

Job 1:9-10 New King James Version

*So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not made A HEDGE AROUND HIM, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.*

I am fully protected as a child of God, the apple of God's eyes. God's firewall and hedge are all around me and my household. My possessions, businesses, and all I do are protected from the enemy's onslaughts. I am blessed in all I do and am set to experience an all-around increase this year because God's hand is upon my life. Thank You, Father, for covering and shielding me throughout the year. Thank You for the assurance in Your Word to continue to preserve and protect us all through the New Year, 2023. Hallelujah!

## THANKSGIVING 5

God is and will always be the Shepherd of all who choose to hear His voice and follow Him. We are ushered into the New Year 2023. Let's thank God for being our Shepherd in the past. Let's also thank Him for guaranteeing in His Word always to be our shepherd, even this year.

Psalm 23 New King James Version

*THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.*

Revelation 7:15-17 New King James Version

*Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for THE LAMB WHO IS IN THE MIDST OF THE THRONE WILL SHEPHERD THEM AND LEAD THEM to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want; I shall not go astray; I am divinely led to living waters and green pastures. My life and the lives of all those around me shall know no lack. We shall not be hungry or thirsty throughout this year. We shall not wander in the desert of life but arrive at the Canaan God has prepared for us this year because God leads us. Thank You, Father, for being our Shepherd, the Good Shepherd.

## THANKSGIVING 6

God's presence always guarantees the frustration of the enemy's plans over His people's lives. While God has good plans for us, the enemy has dangerous counter plans,

even plans to kill us before our time. With God in our lives throughout this year, 2023, the enemy's plans can never prevail. Let's thank God for His guaranteed presence in our lives through 2023 and beyond. Let's also thank Him for the victory we already have over death throughout this year.

Psalm 23:4-5 New King James Version

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.*

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 King James Version

*O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Father, in the name of Jesus, thank You for Your guaranteed presence in our lives throughout 2023. Though we may walk through the valley of the shadows of death, we will fear no evil because evil cannot prevail over us when You are with us. Thank You for conquering death on our behalf. Thank You for giving us Your life. The enemy, death, can never win over us this year and beyond because You are with us. Thank You for destroying the sting of death on the cross through Jesus Christ our Lord. Death, therefore, has no victory over us this year or ever. Hallelujah!

## THANKSGIVING 7

God's anointing sets one apart, preserves, protects, attracts favour from God and men, and enthrones. Let's thank God for the benefits of His anointing that will manifest in our lives throughout 2023, establishing us in the place of dominion ordained for us to bring Him all the glory He deserves throughout the year.

Psalm 23:5-6 New King James Version

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.*

Psalm 92:10 New King James Version

*But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I HAVE BEEN ANOINTED WITH FRESH OIL.*

Father, thank You for Your anointing upon my life that guarantees total distinction, preservation, protection, favour and enthronement throughout 2023. By Your anointing, I shall stand out and manifest dominion in all areas of life as I shine and be the light to others, bringing Your glory. Hallelujah!





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# THE WONDERS OF GOD'S PEACE 1

Lily Boshey

*In peace, I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

Psalm 4:8 New International Version - UK

Even though the Psalmist in the scripture above seems to focus more on outward security or circumstances, that is, the protection of God that enabled him to sleep peacefully or soundly, I want us to look at the importance of inner peace or security, for it is equally necessary for a sound sleep.

One way to test your peace is to ask yourself, can you sleep in the midst of troubles? When you have frustrations at work or school with your spouse, children or siblings, can you come at the end of the day and have a sound sleep or nap? While your world is crashing on the outside, is there that quiet calm you feel within and are confident you're headed in the right direction?

When for example, all is going well at home, our children are doing well academically, and our financial problems aren't too great, one can easily have peace. But it's no credit to us when we have peace in those circumstances because the world has this kind of peace. But when we can have peace in the midst of difficult times, that is a testimony of the peace from God.

Jesus is the only One who satisfies our hearts' longing for peace. Looking at the turmoil in the world today, I believe many, if asked, will say we need international peace the most. But not Jesus! He cares more about individual peace; internal peace; peace that even the best governments can't offer. In Christ Jesus,

we can have peace with God (Rom. 5:1), peace from God (John 14:27) and the peace of God (Phil. 4:4-7).

True peace is not only a calm exterior. True peace is a quiet heart. While a prisoner in Rome, Paul wrote to the Philippians, saying, *'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus'* (Phil. 4:4-7). In that possibly cold and lifeless dungeon, Paul relied on the peace of God to keep him going. He spoke of an inner calm, a serenity of soul and inner peace born of faith and trust in God.

Do you have that inner calmness? Do you enjoy that kind of peace? Do you have that quiet assurance that is saying to you that all is well even though all the outward circumstances are tumultuous? I almost lost mine some weeks ago when I allowed doubts to get a hold of my heart. But I quickly came back to my senses and held on to the Word of God.

Yes, the world needs peace, but if peace comes to our hearts first, it will soon come to our culture. The world would be better if many more people said yes to Jesus.

According to Paul, the peace of God

acts as a quiet soldier who works back and forth in the front of the door of our hearts to provide security. The picture is that our hearts and minds are always under assault. Guilt, uncertainties, worries, confusion and threats threaten our peace, and God wants to guard our hearts and minds. He does so with his peace when we commit ourselves to Him.

God guards our hearts in a way beyond what human understanding can fathom. Picture your heart and God's soldier walking back and forth to keep out all the junk that wants to come in and destroy your peace. Paul proceeds in the same scripture to tell us something even better. He says, *'Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you'* (Phil. 4:9). In other words, while we have the peace of God guarding us on the outside, we also have the God of peace, protecting us on the inside, keeping us calm in the midst of trouble.

In this increasingly tumultuous world, determine that you'll let nothing or no one steal your God given peace.

## CONFESSION:

*I am a child of God. He loves me and cares deeply about me. I bring Him glory when I enjoy all that He has given me in Christ Jesus and this includes peace. Therefore in the Name of Jesus, I will not allow anyone or anything to steal my peace. Amen.*



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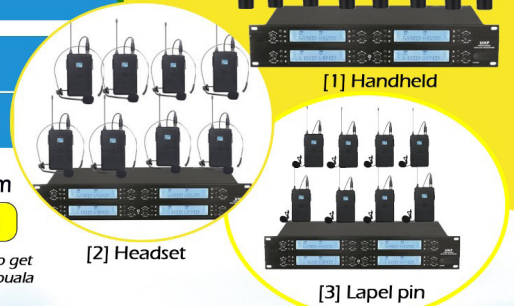
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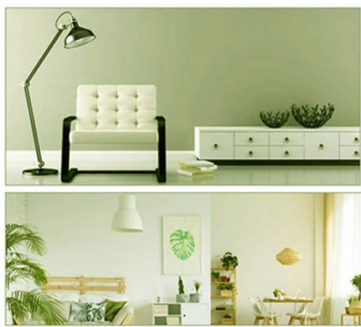


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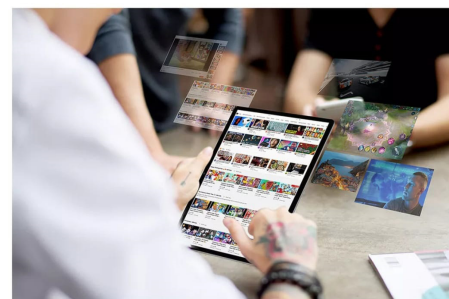
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# How Should Christians View Entrepreneurship?

(Adapted from gotquestions.org)

An entrepreneur is someone who creates and runs a new business for profit by selling products or services. An entrepreneur is usually self-motivated, willing to work hard and do whatever is necessary to get the business off the ground. Entrepreneurs must be ready to face some lean times if it takes a while for the business to become profitable. Entrepreneurship requires initiative, motivation, sacrifice, and patience—all traits the Bible encourages:

*But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

(Galatians 5:22 AMP)

*God's power protects you through your faith, and it keeps you safe until your salvation comes. That salvation is ready to be given to you at the end of time. I know the thought of that is exciting, even if you must suffer through different kinds of troubles for a short time now. These troubles test your faith and prove that it is pure. And such faith is worth more than gold. Gold can be proved to be pure by fire, but gold will ruin. When*

*your faith is proven to be pure, the result will be praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ comes.*

(1 Peter 1:5-7 ERV)

However, entrepreneurship can become detrimental to one's spiritual life if it becomes an idol or if the entrepreneur is serving Mammon rather than God: *"You cannot serve two masters at the same time. You will hate one master and love the other. Or you will be loyal to one and not care about the other. You cannot serve God and Money at the same time"* (Luke 16:13 ERV).

Some entrepreneurs become so immersed in work that they neglect family, friends, their health, and the Lord. When anything takes our total focus for an extended time, it can shift our lives out of balance.

**A BUSINESS WITH GOD'S BLESSING WILL FARE BETTER THAN ONE WITHOUT.**

So Christian entrepreneurs must work to keep priorities straight and remember that a business with God's blessing will fare better than one without it. The Lord will not tolerate our idols, so a new business owner must work to keep success from becoming more important than anything else.

Although Adam was not an entrepreneur, the



first thing God did when He created Adam was to give him a job: *The LORD God put the man in the Garden of Eden to work the soil and take care of the garden* (Gen. 2:15 ERV)

We are created to work, to use our minds and hands to subdue this world and rule over it: *And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth"* (Gen. 1:28 ESV).

Scripture praises industriousness and hard work: *In all labor, there is profit, But mere talk leads only to poverty* (Prov. 14:23 AMP). *The thief [who has become a believer] must no longer steal, but instead, he must work hard [making an honest living], producing that which is good with his own hands so that he will have something to share with those in need* (Eph. 4:28 AMP).

By contrast, idle people are harshly reprimanded: *Go ahead and be lazy; sleep on, but you will go hungry* (Prov. 19:15 GNT). *Our friends, we command you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to keep away from all believers who are living a lazy life and who do not follow the instructions that we gave them* (2 Thess. 3:6 GNT).

We are instructed to make it our “ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own

business and work with your hands.” *Make it your aim to live a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to earn your own living, just as we told you before* (1 Thess. 4:11 GNT).

Many entrepreneurs desire to become financially independent to care for their families, give to the needy, and fund missionary ventures. They have an idea, locate the funds to begin, and take on the responsibility for managing their own companies. When the motivation is honourable, and the business is honourable, God delights to bless it: *The steps of a [good] man are directed and established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step]* (Psa. 37:23 AMPC).

When an entrepreneur’s motive is selfish or sin-based, the business will not enjoy God’s blessing and may hinder God’s best plan for the owner’s life. As with all decisions, Christians must seek wisdom from the Lord before taking that first step in establishing a business: *If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him* (James 1:5 AMPC).

Part of wisdom is planning ahead (see Luke 14:28-29). When wisdom says it is a good idea, when all costs have been counted, and the priorities are straight, entrepreneurship can benefit the entrepreneur and the world.



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# PRAYING SCRIPTURES OVER YOUR CHILDREN



Our children are given to us as blessings. Children are a blessing from God. Therefore, I believe our children should not be the sources of pain in our lives but blessings.

Though our children are meant to be a source of blessings to us and others, Satan does not want this to happen. We know that he will always oppose what is godly (John 10:10). He doesn't like anything God, so he will do everything to derail our children and cause them to be a menace to us instead of a blessing.

But thanks be to God, who has made available what we can use to change this. Scripture says, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces of darkness" (Eph. 6:12). These forces are responsible for our children's ungodly behaviours and conduct. Scripture is also clear that God has provided us with weapons to fight the devil (2 Cor. 10:4-6). The good news is that the weapons are mighty weapons through God to pull down satanic strongholds in the minds of our children. The principal weapon we have is THE WORD OF GOD.

The devil cannot stand the Word of God. He is afraid of the Word. When we pray God's Word over our children's lives, the strongholds in them are broken. The light of God's Word will begin to shine in our children's lives. They will start to reflect God in their conversations, actions and conduct in general, and as a result, be a blessing.

Below are seven powerful scriptures and prayers you can use to declare God's Word over your children.

Remember! Darkness cannot stand light. As you declare these over your children, calling their names, God's light will destroy every satanic darkness in their lives. Hallelujah!

## SUNDAY PRAYER

Father God, we praise You, for You have big plans for our children. Lord, we ask that You bring forth the gifts You have placed within them. Deposit hope in their hearts that they may know You love them, in the name of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV).

## MONDAY PRAYER

Lord, we pray our children will continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Make your name known to them.

SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON *but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.* (2 Peter 3:18 NKJV).

## TUESDAY PRAYER

Thank You, Heavenly Father, for watching over our children day and night. We pray they feel You by their side and understand You are always watching over them. Hallelujah!

SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON *The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night.* (Psalm 121:5-6 NLT).

## WEDNESDAY PRAYER

Father God, in the name of Jesus, give our children a strong desire for Your Word. Provoke them to hunger for more of You and find Your Word sweeter than honey. SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON *God's Word is better than a diamond, better than a diamond set between emeralds. You'll like it better than strawberries in spring, better than red, ripe strawberries.* (Psalm 19:10 MSG).

## THURSDAY PRAYER

Father God, we pray our children would be humble, often thinking of others first. We pray they are confident in who You created them to be. May they look out for the interest of others, showing compassion and kindness. SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON *Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.* (Philippians 2:3-4 NLT).

## FRIDAY PRAYER

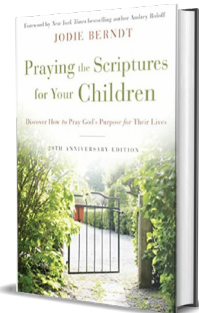
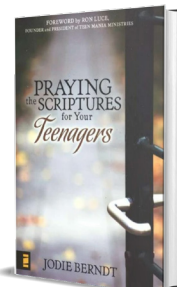
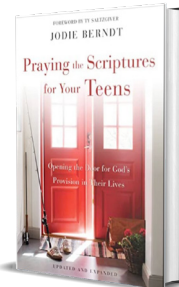
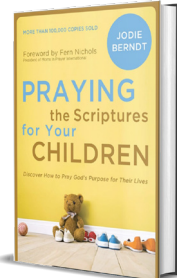
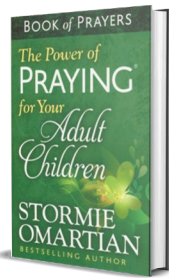
Thank You, Heavenly Father, for not giving us the spirit of fear. We pray our children will not be afraid. We pray that they walk in power, love and sound minds.

SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind* (2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV).

**Below are some books that may be of help as you pray for your children.**



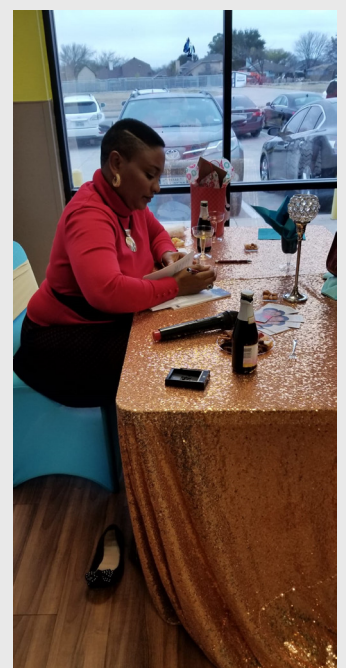
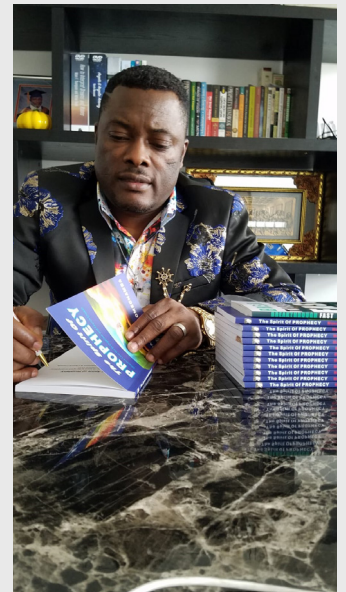
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# AN ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PASTORS TO PERSEVERE

To say this has been a challenging year would be a massive understatement. I would never have anticipated the challenges that have confronted and continue to confront us. We face a crisis that we did not bargain for. We face church conflicts of all kinds, political tensions, and the list can go on and on. For that reason, I have needed lots of encouragement as a pastor.

When you speak to pastors, you will hear of the various trials and struggles that churches face. There are the “usual” struggles of church life. But add to that the intense pressure of the coronavirus pandemic, racial tensions, and politics, and we wonder how we can endure. At least, that’s the question I’ve been asking myself. And I’ve been reaching out for help.

I’m grateful I’ve connected with many pastors who have shared counsel and encouragement. Here are some simple points that I have found helpful.

## Remember Your Calling

First, think back to the season when God was stirring in your heart to pursue pastoral ministry. *“The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.”* (1 Tim. 3:1). When did that verse grab hold of you? When did you sense that passion within you? At what moment did it dawn on you that your desire for pastoral ministry was more significant than the desire to have wealth, acclaim, or comfort? This year you may be having second thoughts. But remember, God has called you to this. Consequently, He has a purpose for you and those you serve.

## Dwell in the Psalms

When I’m drained, discouraged, and on the verge of despair, I know I can find friends in the Psalms. Indeed, I can pray along with those who are lamenting: *“How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?”* (Psa. 13:1). I can pray in ways that remind me of God’s care and control: *“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake”* (Psa. 23:1-3). Even during trials, I can pray in ways that remind me to give thanks: *“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds”* (Psa. 9:1). In the Psalms, we can find a wide

range of emotions. We will experience many intense emotions this year: dwelling in the Psalms can help us process those emotions in ways that turn our attention to God—to His kindness and sovereignty. They have encouraged me as a pastor, and I believe they will also encourage you.

## Lean on Your Brothers

Think of the ways Paul encouraged and exhorted Timothy and Titus. My fellow elders in our local church have been a tremendous encouragement to me in tough times. I don’t know how I could have endured without them. Who are your brothers in the faith, your mentors who you can call when you’re desperate?

There are also several other pastors outside our church, older and wiser men I’ve been able to speak to over recent months. Some of these men I know well. While others I’ve connected with more recently through mutual friends in ministry. The advice they’ve given has been extraordinarily insightful and encouraging. Plus, it’s reassuring to know that I’m not in this alone and that others have been through similar trials and are going through similar ones.

## Enjoy Your Family

When the demands of ministry are pressing in, and the stress level is high, I have not given sufficient attention to my wife and kids. But they need me. And I also need them. My identity shouldn’t be wrapped up too tightly in pastoral ministry. Indeed, that is my calling, and it’s significant. But it’s not my only calling. God has given me a wonderful wife, and I am called to love her well. God has given me four awesome kids, and I am called to shepherd them well, which means spending time with them in meaningful ways. My wife and kids have been very patient with me and have been a considerable help amid the intense ministry demands this year. I thank God for them. And I’m grateful for the joy they bring me as we go on hikes, enjoy sports together, watch a good movie, or sit together at the dinner table, hearing about everyone’s day. These activities aren’t distractions—they’re some of the most significant moments of my life.

## Get Some Rest

Don’t be bull-headed, thinking you can solve problems by working harder. If last year has taught us anything, it should be that we are often helpless to protect ourselves from lurking

dangers (sickness, injustice, conflict, turmoil, etc.). We can’t solve all the problems, which should make us look to the only One, God, who’s in control. We need to rest in Him.

Rest is an act of faith, an acknowledgement that we are needy. There have been many days when my thoughts have raced from one issue to the next, analyzing possible solutions and possible responses, trying to process how I’m going to do everything that has been dropped in my lap—how to respond to current events, how to shepherd the flock through these tumultuous times. One of the ways my mind has found rest in the midst of all this is through music.

For many years, I’ve enjoyed the music of Andrew Peterson. In recent months, several of his songs have ministered to me in powerful ways. One of my favourites has been *“The Dark Before the Dawn,”* especially the following lines: *So I’m waiting for the King To come galloping out of the clouds while the angel armies sing He’s gonna gather His people in the shadow of His wings And I’m gonna raise my voice with the song of the redeemed ‘Cause all this darkness is a small and passing thing.* Listening to and meditating on the truth of such songs has been a way that I’ve found rest. Undeniably, they have encouraged me as a pastor.

## Look to Heaven

Finally, we look to the hope we have of heaven: *“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things, have passed away”* (Rev. 21:4). Pastor, may God use these means of grace, and many more, to help you persevere. Be encouraged! We will be sanctified, and He will also be glorified as we follow Him through this turbulent storm. *“In this, you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ”* (1 Pet. 1:6-7).

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# ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

## YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN



**D**ear friend, I come today to ask you a very important and crucial question of life. Yes, I ask you this question because many people are mistaken to think that life here on earth is the only life we have. No! The one who created us states clearly in His Book, the Bible, that there is life after death. There is eternal life. Where you spend eternity is dependent on what you do now on earth to become a child of God.

I can hear someone saying that but every man is a child of God. No, not every human being is a child of God. All human beings are creations of God. Not all are children of God. You are a child of God only when you are BORN OF GOD. In John chapter 3, Jesus had a very interesting conversation with a religious leader called Nicodemus. Let's read it:

*There was a man named Nicodemus, one of the Pharisees. He was an important Jewish leader. One night he came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a teacher sent from God. No one can do these miraculous signs that you do unless they have God's help." Jesus answered, "I assure you, everyone must be born again. Anyone who is not born again cannot be in God's kingdom." Nicodemus said, "How can a man who is already old be born again? Can he go back into his mother's womb and be born a second time?" Jesus answered, "Believe me when I say that everyone must be born from water and the Spirit. Anyone who is not born from water and the Spirit cannot enter God's Kingdom. The only life people get from their human parents is physical. But the new life that the Spirit gives a person is spiritual. Don't be surprised that I told you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it wants to. You hear it, but you don't know where it is coming from or where it is going. It is the same with everyone who is born from the Spirit." Nicodemus asked, "How is all this possible?" Jesus said, "You are an import-*

*ant teacher of Israel, and you still don't understand these things?*

*(John 3:1-10 ERV)*

From the above conversation, Jesus clearly tells Nicodemus that except a man is BORN AGAIN, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God or see it. Jesus went to explain that to be born again, is to be born of water and the Spirit. From scripture, we know that water is a symbol of the Word of God (Ephesians 5:26). Jesus has also said, the words that I speak to you, they are Spirit and they are life (John 6:63). Thus, to be born of water and the Spirit is essentially to be born by the Word of God. This is exactly what the apostle Peter wrote in his epistle when he said:

*"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."*

*(1 Peter 1:23 NIV)*

How can one be born again by the word of God? The apostle Paul gave the answer when he wrote to the Roman believers:

*But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*

*(Romans 10:8-13 NKJV)*

From what Paul says, two things need to be done for one to be saved, which is another word to be



born again. First, you must confess Jesus as Lord, and second, you must believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead. But to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, you must first believe that He came to save mankind from sin... I have come that you may have life, and have it in abundance (John 10:10). You must also believe that sin has its pay, which is death: the wages of sin is death. You must also believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay this wage of sin. Our sins were all put on him as scripture says (Isa. 53:6) and He died in our place. You must also then believe that He was buried and on the third day He rose from death (1 Cor. 15:4). When you believe all these, and confess Jesus as Lord, then, you are born again.

Born again is not the name of a church as some think. You can hear some others say I am not a born again Christian. Sorry: there is nothing like born again Christian. All Christians are born again. Born again is the process by which you become a Christian. If you are not born again, you are not a Christian.

You are not a Christian because your parents were/are Christians. God has no grandchildren. God has only children. And you become one when you are born again by His word. You are not a Christian because you are from a supposedly Christian nation. What makes you a Christian is that you have accepted Jesus in your life and recognize Him as your Lord and savior.

It is outright foolishness to not believe the word of God and follow some religious doctrines perpetrated by men. Please, I beseech you, in the name of the Lord to follow God's ways as outlined in His word. Don't wait to be surprised when you meet God. Today is the day of salvation. **YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN!**

If you are not sure whether you are born again, it will be good for you to just get born again now. Just as we have seen above, all you need to do is believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and

confess Him as Lord of your life. That's the simplicity of the Gospel. You can be born again right now and become a child of God by praying this simple prayer, sincerely from your heart:

*Heavenly Father, I come to you as a sinner who cannot save himself. I believe that You sent Jesus Christ Your Son to die on the cross in my place, paying the price for my sins by His blood. I believe that Jesus died and was buried and on the third day He rose from the dead. On the cross, Jesus took my sins and gave me His righteousness. I therefore confess Him as Lord and savior of my life. I am now a new creation according to scriptures. Old things are passed away. I am now born again and all things have now become new. Thank You Lord for saving me. Amen!*

If you just prayed this simple prayer sincerely from your heart, you are now born again. You are now a child of God. As a new born baby, you need to grow. You need the right environment to grow. The Church of God is this environment. Thus, get yourself into a true Bible believing Church near you and become a member of this Church family so that you can grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Also make sure you have a personal prayer life because prayer is the breath of every child of God. Read the Bible daily because God's word is the food we need daily for the spiritual man. Above all, do not forsake fellowship and live a consecrated life, set apart for God. God will therefore use you as a vessel of honor, blessing mankind, and giving Him glory.

**WELCOME TO THE  
FAMILY OF GOD, AND  
GOD BLESS YOU.**







# ABOUT THE VISIONARY

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- ❖ Kingdom Community Empowerment Foundation – This is the foundation that serves as the umbrella of all the other visions.
- ❖ Word Empowerment Radio, FM 102.9 Buea, Cameroon – A gospel FM Radio station with the sole purpose of empowering believers with the undiluted Word of God in the area of Buea and its environs.
- ❖ Kingdom Media House Publishing – A book production firm with the motto: Excellence in Book Production. It aims at producing excellent books (Paperback, E-Book, Audiobook) especially for the clergy at very affordable cost.
- ❖ EMPOWER (Empowerment Music Project) – This project organizes a Gospel Music Competition each year. We help produce an album for the winner, with 1000 CD and 1 Video CD. The sole aim of the project is to promote and produce Home based Christian Musicians and worship leaders who can usher many to God's throne by their music.
- ❖ Kingdom Empowerment Project – This project seeks the brethren in Churches in Cameroon two English regions who are poor, train them in starting a small business and empower them with the sum of between 100,000FRS CFA – 200,000FRS CFA to start business and pick up with life.

Dr. Kema Kema is an ordained minister of God. He is a called teacher of the Word. He teaches God's Word with simplicity to empower God's children to effectively maximize destiny, fulfill purpose and become agents of exploits for the Kingdom of God.

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- ❖ Touch Him and Stop that Bleeding.
- ❖ Loaded with Kingdom Benefits.
- ❖ Understanding Consecration.

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- ❖ Wisdom For Dominion.
- ❖ Entering Your wealthy place.
- ❖ Kingdom Faith, Kingdom Living.
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