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*Dear Friend,*

*Welcome to the latest edition of Wisdom Digest magazine; we specially celebrate the 20th anniversary of Harvestime church (the expression of the Fountain of Wisdom Ministries in the UK). This church has touched countless lives through events, publications, outreaches, teachings and messages over the years. We thank God for how He has worked in and through the church to bring about transformation in many lives.*

*We see many people whose leadership potential have been discovered, developed and deployed in building others. Many are finding fulfilment in doing the work of the kingdom, helping others to grow up in Christ, and winning others to the Lord.*

*Over the past two decades, we have seen Him (Jesus Christ) heal the sick, set the captives free and restore what the enemy had stolen in peoples' lives. What God has done through the life of our Lord Jesus, He has done through the church, which is the Body of Christ; and Harvestime church continues to be an expression of the Body of Christ.*

*To God be all the glory for all He has done and is doing in our midst. We celebrate the faithful ones who have been with us for so many years, and we thank God for those who have sown and laboured in this work in time past. May the Lord richly reward you all. Till Christ comes, may we all be found faithful to Him who called us into His marvellous light.*

*In this edition, we shall also be blessed and equipped to serve our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as we read through articles: "The God of the Breakthrough" teaches us how to experience breakthroughs in our lives; "Reaching Forward to the Things Which are Ahead" teaches us how to reach forward for the greater things God has in store for us, especially as we enter a new year. We are also featuring Wisdom Chapel (FOWM Ghana installation) as they share an update on their evangelism services.*

*You are in for a great time as you read through this edition. We celebrate God's goodness and mercies, His faithfulness and His sustaining power through every trial and triumph.*

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# THE GOD OF THE BREAKTHROUGH

BY REV. KOLA EWUOSHO

**W**e all want to experience breakthroughs in different areas of our lives. With the God of breakthroughs on our side, we all want to walk in the victory that belongs to us in this life. We also want to be agents for such breakthroughs in other people's lives. In experiencing these breakthroughs, we are not to lose sight of growing into conformity to the image of our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son. He wants us to be conformed to the image of Christ in character and power. God desires we walk with Him, experience breakthroughs, and stand in victories, as we demonstrate His power while we give Him all the glory.

Romans 8:29-30 (NKJV)

'For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.'

In the Old Testament, we read about David, how he experienced God's power in his life in many ways. As a young man, he experienced this power in the killing of the lion and the bear, before slaying the Philistine giant, Goliath.

1 Samuel 17:34-37 (NKJV)

'But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"

The full account in the book of 1 Samuel 17, shows how David killed the giant.

It is not surprising that as an adult, David had a firm confidence in God for victories.

2 Samuel 5:19-25 (NKJV)

'So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?" And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will

doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand." So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim. And they left their images there, and David and his men carried them away. Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. Therefore David inquired of the LORD, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees. And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the LORD will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines." And David did so, as the LORD commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.'

## GOD IS THE GOD OF THE BREAKTHROUGH

1 Chronicles 14:11-13 (NKJV)

'So they went up to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there. Then David said, "God has broken through my enemies by my hand like a breakthrough of water." Therefore, they called the name of that place Baal Perazim. And when they left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire. Then the Philistines once again made a raid on the valley.'

The choices we make determine the outcomes in our lives. Those choices are a function of the knowledge that is at work in our minds. Why did David not consider the natural odds against himself in facing Goliath? He knew His God, he knew himself, he placed the enemy where he belonged, and he interpreted the circumstances in the light of his intimacy with God. He also understood the operation of faith as a means to release God's power in his situation. He was also already anointed king over Israel. The anointing of God in our lives plays a major role in the influence we allow to dominate our thoughts.

So we need some powerful insights into knowing God as our Father, knowing the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ and knowing the kingdom of God that He came to establish. Then we need to know the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in us, and know our roles and how to function under God for His breakthroughs to manifest in our lives. Of course, we need to know who the enemy is, his tactic of invoking fear, and deceiving us; he has no authority over us. Finally, we need to see our circumstances as opportunities for God's power to advance His purposes in our lives. ▶

**“The anointing of God in our lives plays a major role in the influence we allow to dominate our thoughts...”**

Luke 10:19-20 (NKJV)

“Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

Many New Testament believers today do not know this, but the power to destroy our giants has already been released by God, our Heavenly Father. What we need is for these realities of the realm of the Spirit to be revealed to us in our souls.

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NKJV)

Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom

‘Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.’

The same power that raised our Lord Jesus from the dead, that same power is at work towards us who believe in Him. Our eyes of understanding need to be enlightened, that we may know, amongst other things, the power at work towards us. We need revelation knowledge. Praying this prayer in the book of Ephesians is quite necessary if we are going to walk in revelation knowledge.

The power of this kind of knowledge and its actual contents are vital to experiencing the breakthroughs that are ours in the light of the finished work of Calvary that Jesus Christ accomplished for us. Peter had such an encounter and had a revelation of who Jesus is. He was told that the content of the revelation he got is the foundation upon which the victorious church of Christ is built.

Matthew 16:16-19 (NKJV)

‘Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock

I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

1 John 5:4-5 (NKJV)

‘For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?’

Knowing God our Father, knowing our Lord Jesus Christ and knowing about the Spirit of God within us, all constitute a journey of a lifetime. We will not come to an end in the pursuit of the knowledge of God. This includes knowing about the angelic hosts in heaven.

Numbers 23:19-20 (NKJV)

“God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? Behold, I have received a command to bless; He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it.”

John 4:24 (NKJV)

‘God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.’

Matthew 19:26 (NKJV)

‘But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Our Lord Jesus paid the eternal sacrifice for our salvation.

Hebrews 9:26-28 (NKJV)

‘He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.’

Read Isaiah 53

## THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD’S POWER HOUSE IN US

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

God wants us to go and disciple nations. His power is designed to fulfil His purposes in and through us.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

‘And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

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Read 1 Timothy 2:1-6 (NKJV)

The Holy Spirit is God's presence in our lives and His power agent in and through us. The angelic host of heaven are known to respond to our prayers amongst everything else that they do. The Holy Spirit helps us in our prayers.

Peter was released through the work of angels when prayers were offered for his release from prison.

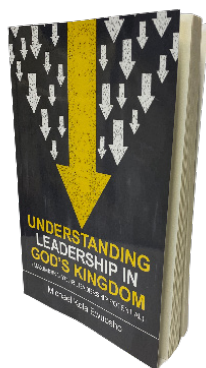
Acts 12:5-11 (NKJV)

Peter Freed from Prison

'Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

There are many more examples of breakthroughs in the book of Acts. God's power is known to be manifested when faith is exercised. Read Acts 3:4-16

Our faith, our prayer life, our relationship with the Holy Spirit, yielding in obedience to the Word of God and the prompting of the Holy Spirit in us, all have major roles to play in our lives if we shall experience breakthroughs in our lives. We must know who we are in Christ, what power and authority has been delegated to us and the results God wants for us. In doing so, we cooperate with God to see His will done in our situation and in the lives of others who we have the privilege to experience God's power.



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## STEPS TO YOUR BREAKTHROUGH

Understand what your challenges are and learn to make adjustments.

What lessons can you learn from your experiences? This is so that as much as lies within you, you will not make the same mistakes.

What seeds did you plant in your life to reap this harvest that you are experiencing today? You may be planting (wrong) seeds unknowingly, through thoughts, words and actions. Purpose in your heart what you want in your life. Prayerfully cancel every wrong seed and start planting the right ones.

Pray for divine intervention. Your breakthrough should involve God's power intervening for you. You become a better person and you influence others with the gospel of Christ.

As we round up our studies in experiencing the breakthroughs God has for us, let us remind ourselves of God's overall plan for us so we can cooperate with Him to see His will done in our lives and on earth.

Romans 8:28-30 (NKJV)

'And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.'

John 14:12-14 (NKJV)

The Answered Prayer

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

May the God of the breakthroughs grant you breakthroughs in every aspect of your life where you need one. Amen.

Rev. Kola Ewuosho

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**T**o God be the glory!  
*As a family we are partners of FOWM, and have been part of Harvestime church for the past 10 years.*

*We have witnessed God's faithfulness in our lives and experienced many breakthroughs during this time. I would like to share with you particular incident has drawn me closer to God and made me to be dependent on Him each day. God is good and His mercies endures forever.*

*I'm currently studying to obtain an 'Advanced Nurse Practitioner' masters. I was nearly at the end - one final exam and I would have achieved this career landmark.*

*However, I failed my final exam, and I was shattered and perturbed. Despite this, I was hopeful in the Lord; I was still able to thank God for everything around me, I was able to trust God to turn things around.*

*A week after getting my results I had this sudden thought, "how disappointing". I started to dwell on this same thought for hours, which turned to days and weeks - indeed it was disappointing and shameful amongst my colleagues. These thoughts continued to cause frustration in my everyday life, and made me to open doors for isolation, anger and some unwanted ideas. I had inadequate sleep and felt bewildered for weeks.*

*In the first week of July, we were getting ready to go church but I was so reluctant and tempted to stay behind. It was our 7 year old daughter that reminded me that I hadn't attended church for the past 2 weeks due to work, and said she wanted us to go to church as a family! I now believe it was the work of the Holy Spirit because it was in this service that I received my deliverance.*

*As I sat in church reticently, Pastor Funke expounded on the works of the enemy: how the enemy comes in with a thought, then isolates you from others and gain access into your life. It was then that I felt an awakening and I started to pay attention to the message. As she spoke, Pastor Funke reaffirmed that this was not what had she prepared to say that morning. I knew God was behind this, He stretched forth His hands to reach me from where I was. He proved again He is faithful to carry me. I received my deliverance that morning!*

*After church service I approached Pastor Funke, I explained what I went through and how God met me right at the place. Pastor prayed over me, I was able to leave with peace and joy in my heart.*

*God has been good, His mercies are new every morning. I thank God almighty for His unmerited grace upon my life.*

Hannah

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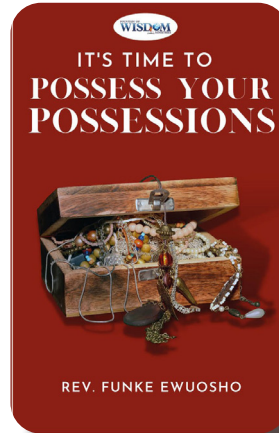


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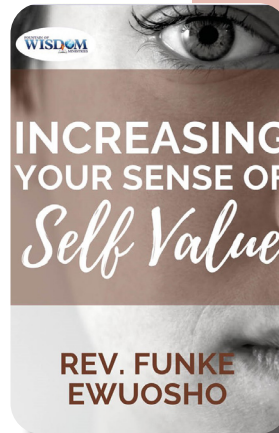
A lot of times, folks are waiting for things to just happen for them or wondering why they're not experiencing the things the Bible says already belong to them. God is not the one keeping things back from you; but has already blessed you, with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus (Eph.1:3). Rather, it is the enemy- taking advantage of a number of things- who is keeping those things from you. It is, however, time for YOU to rise up and possess your possessions!

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# REACHING FORWARD TO THE THINGS WHICH ARE AHEAD

BY REV. FUNKE EWUOSHO



**A**s we round up the year 2022, the words of apostle Paul come to mind; *“but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,”* (Philippians 3:13c). We’ve talked and heard so much about the need to forget the past, and that is indeed very important; but it’s time to place a greater emphasis on what lies ahead of us! The past is gone, and while we may have valuable lessons to learn therefrom; we have so much more ahead of us to reach forward to.

The past has the power to hold us down and to repeat itself; but we must break free, so as to lay hold on the things which are ahead of us. The enemy doesn’t so much care about your past; but he’s very much afraid of your future; so the fight is about your future! Joseph was a dreamer (his dreams had to do with his future), and that was why his brothers wanted to kill him- they said, “We shall see what will become of his dreams!” (Genesis 37:20c).

The things ahead of us can right past wrongs, turn bad situations around, turn failure into success, etc - things that would make the past pale into insignificance; and that is why we must reach out for them. In this article, we shall be talking at the things we need to accomplish this goal.

## 1. ENERGY:

Reaching forward to the things which are ahead, would require great effort. In the NIV, it says, *“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal”* (Philippians 3:13-14a). Those two underlined words, connote application of force and pressure! The woman with the issue of blood “came in the press behind, and touched His garment.” (Mark 5:27c KJV).

Paul prayed that the Ephesians be empowered

with inner strength through the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 3:16). We must run towards those things which are ahead of us without being tired or weary (Isaiah 40:31); and we must pray without giving up (Luke 18:1).

## 2. FOCUS:

“but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,” Notice he said, “one thing I do;” Jesus told Martha, “you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed,” (Luke 10:41-42.) The Psalmist said, “One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek;” (Psalm 27:4b). Two, you must forget the things which are behind; change your focus- stop looking backward! Anyone who runs looking backwards or sideways can’t win the race; because the finishing line is always ahead and not behind! God told Israel, “Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing;” (Isaiah 43:18-19a). We’re told it isn’t wise to ask, “Where are the good old days?” (Ecclesiastes 7:10 MSG). We must stop recalling the past, but should always seek something better and bigger (Hebrews 11:14-16).

We must be running, with our eyes focused on the goal. You must always reach forward- even if you fall or fail, fail forward! As it is written, “Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise;” (Micah 7:8a). And, “for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again,” (Proverbs 24:16b NIV).

In focusing on our goal, we must let go of certain ‘weights’ (Hebrews 12:1-2). Weights are not necessarily sinful or unlawful; but they not helpful or beneficial or expedient (1 Corinthians 10:23) - e.g. distractions, some habits, some relationships, entertainments, etc.



***“The past has the power to hold us down and to repeat itself; but we must break free, so as to lay hold on the things which are ahead of us.”***

### **3. DETERMINATION:**

It's “the quality of being determined (i.e. firmly set in one's decision or course of action, especially with the aim of achieving a particular goal); having a firmness of purpose.”

Determined people are extremely motivated and unlikely to quit or change their mind; they have a very strong desire, resolve and the will power to achieve their goals. They persevere and continue working toward achieving their goal, regardless of the challenges they may face. We're told to endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” (2 Timothy 2:3). Jesus is a perfect example of determination- “Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.” (Hebrews 12:2c NLT). Paul was another great example; he said he was ready not only to be jailed at Jerusalem but even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus, and the brethren couldn't persuade him not to go (Acts 21:13)!

### **4. DISCIPLINE:**

It's been said to be one of the most important personality traits in everyone's life. It refers to a set of rules and regulations which are to be followed while undergoing any task or activity.

Hear this - “An athlete who refuses to play by the rules will never get anywhere.” (2 Timothy 2:5 MSG). Self-discipline helps you stay focused on your goals. It also enables you to stay in control of yourself and of your reaction to any situation; self-discipline (or self-control) is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22)! Jesus demonstrated self-discipline in enduring the cross and disregarding its shame- more so when He challenged come down from the cross to prove He was indeed God's Son (Matthew 27:40)!

Discipline must be maintained as a lifestyle, and not just for a short period; like a muscle, it becomes stronger the more you train it. It can also help boost your self-esteem because it helps you accomplish your set goals!

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***A study listed 10 habits of highly disciplined people:***

- i. They commit- they're true to their words.
- ii. They avoid temptations.
- iii. They take care of themselves- they know that things like, sleep, good nutrition, and exercise, not only impact their health but also their mood, work performance and relationships!
- iv. They work at developing habits- they don't see a disciplined life as being synonymous to a deprived life.
- v. They set boundaries- they know their limitations and say no to distractions.
- vi. They enjoy routine- it enhances efficiency and self-management.
- vii. They lead with their mind over their mood- they stick to their routine and don't let their feelings get in the way.
- viii. They clearly define their goals- they know that if a goal is too vague, it's unlikely to be achieved.
- ix. They live by deadlines- they don't just set goals; they give themselves strict timelines to keep them on track along the way.
- x. They keep their eye on the prize- they can defer immediate gratification, in the pursuit of greater long-term gains.

**5. DECISION:**

Moses said to the Israelites, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;" (Deuteronomy 30:19c).

Somebody said, 'If you don't choose, you will lose!'

Decisiveness is needed to accomplish your goal. Abram was told to leave his country, his father's house and family, to a land he didn't know; and he got up and left! God's promises to Abram were contingent on his leaving (Genesis 12:1-4).

Unlike Abraham, Lot lingered when the angels came to rescue him and his family out of Sodom- they had to drag them out of the city to safety (Genesis 19:16).

No matter how great the things ahead of you are; you must decide to go for them and to pay the necessary price. However, it's your determination and a lifestyle of discipline that will help you sustain your decisions!

***“No matter how great the things ahead of you are; you must decide to go for them and to pay the necessary price.”***

**6. GOAL SETTING:**

"If wishes were horses, beggars would ride!" We must set goals to accomplish those things which are ahead of us; or else they would remain in the realm of intentions, wishes, desires and aspirations! There's a need to develop an action plan to motivate and guide you toward your goal; like the saying, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."

Goals are more deliberate than desires and momentary intentions; because they require a commitment of your thoughts, emotion, will and behaviour towards attaining them.

In setting your goals, you must, (a) know and identify specifically, 'those things which are ahead' of you; (b) set goals that are focused on what you need to do to accomplish them; and (c) know how you intend to get those things done- that is, the path you plan to take to where you're going!

Interestingly, a story that comes to mind is that of 'The Shrewd Manager' who was about to lose his job: he said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' And he clearly laid out the path he planned to take to achieve his goal and executed it (Luke 16:3-7).

Another story was that of the 'Prodigal son'; after he had lost everything and was starving, he came to his senses and said, 'I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father (Luke 15:17-20a).

A study listed '5 Step Process for Goal Setting':

- i. Set goals that motivate you.
- ii. Set SMART goals (Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound).
- iii. Put goals in writing.
- iv. Make an action plan- it can help you focus on the steps it'll take to reach your goal.
- v. Stick to it!

**7. VISION:**

You must have a vision of those things which are ahead of you. You must be able to 'see' them, even though they are still ahead; like the people of faith- "but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them" (Hebrews 11:13b). The people building the Tower of Babel had a picture and an objective in mind: to build a great city with a tower that reaches into the sky- that will make them famous and keep them from being scattered all over the world; and they were united and resolved to do it and they began to do it! ▶



This is where most people fail, even before starting out- no picture, no objective, no unity, no resolve and no action!

Hear what God said, "Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." (Genesis 11:6 KJV).

According to Merriam-Webster, vision is defined as, "the act of power of imagination."

When you apply vision to the future, you can create a mental picture that can be used to direct your actions. The Bible says, "If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves;" (Proverbs 29:18b MSG). Vision serves as a guide and can be used to provide a sense of purpose- "When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild." (NLT) or, "cast off restraint;" (NKJV).

The revelation of God's Word and of His will for you can be used to create this mental picture. Joseph was sold as a slave by his brothers, and was falsely accused and wrongly jailed; yet he maintained his joy, his peace, and inner strength, because he had a knowledge of God's will (Genesis 45:7-8a)!

Vision gives you a vivid, imaginative conception and anticipation of those things which are ahead of you! God says His plans are plans to give you a future "an expected end" (Jeremiah 29:11 KJV). When you're able to 'see' those things which are ahead of you, then they can become a reality! God told Abram, "for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever..." (Genesis 13:14-17). He said to Jeremiah, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word." (Jeremiah 1:12). Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's anointing; and he said, "if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." (2 Kings 2:10). The Bible says we shall be like Jesus when He is revealed, "for we shall see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2c).

## 8. MOTIVATION:

Motivation is derived from the word 'motive', which denotes needs, desires, wants or drives within the individuals. It is what stimulates people to actions to accomplish their goals, or to perform a task or their behaviour- though some people probably may not be aware of their motivation!

Motivation is defined by *needs, values and goals*; which are considered the building blocks of motivation that lead to action. You must therefore set goals that motivate you; or else you won't achieve them!

# *"Love should be our motivation in the operation of spiritual gifts and what we do for others..."*



*Are your goals motivated by your needs or your values? A study highlighted 4 types of motivation-*

- i. **Incentive motivation-** being motivated by external rewards.
- ii. **Fear motivation-** i.e. being motivated by the fear of an undesirable outcome.
- iii. **Power motivation-** i.e. being motivated by the need for power- e.g. to accomplish your goals or desires.
- iv. **Social motivation-** i.e. being motivated by what others think about you or the desire to be accepted by others.

Jesus told His disciples to be careful not to do their good deeds with the motivation of being seen and praised by people; or else, they would have no rewards from God (Matthew 6:1).

The Bible says God weighs our actions (1 Samuel 2:3c); I believe the scale on which He weighs our actions, is our motives!

Love should be our motivation in the operation of spiritual gifts and what we do for others (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). The Apostle Paul said, "For the love of Christ controls and urges and impels us," (2 Corinthians 5:14a AMP). Love must be our motivation for desiring spiritual gifts- and not power or performance (1 Corinthians 12:31). Our motive for service mustn't be to please men, but the fear of God; it's the absence of this that makes people engage in eye-service.

We must see ourselves as serving Christ and not people; and knowing our reward comes from Him (Colossians 3:22-24). Joseph's motivation was the fear of God, in his services at Potiphar's house. The biggest test of his motivation came, when his master's wife asked him to sleep with her; he refused and said to her, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:9).

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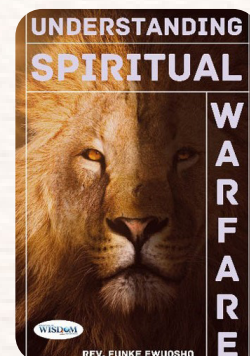
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## 9. HARD WORK & PRODUCTIVITY:

To accomplish your goal, you can't wish away hard work! A person who is diligent in his business, will stand before kings and not unknown people (Proverbs 22:29).

There can be no productivity without hard work- "[It is] the hard-working farmer [who labors to produce] who must be the first partaker of the fruits." (2 Timothy 2:6 AMP).

We must avoid idleness. To be idle is to spend time doing nothing, avoiding work and being lazy. Idleness is a state of inaction or inactivity. In the parable of the labourers, when Jesus saw people standing idle in the marketplace, He hired them to work in His vineyard (Matthew 20:3-7). The Bible says we should learn from the ants, who, though having no leader, labour all summer, gathering food for the winter (Proverbs 6:6-11). Another example of a hard worker is the proverbial virtuous woman; "she always works hard." (Proverbs 31:17 CEV), "And does not eat the bread of idleness." (Proverbs 31:27c).

Being idle isn't just spending time doing nothing, it's also spending time doing anything that has no purpose or effect or something pointless- e.g. engaging in idle chatter. The Bible admonishes us to live purposefully, making the very most of the time (Ephesians 5:15-16 AMP).

Hard work is rewarding- "Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise." (Proverbs 31:31 NLT).

## 10. ASSOCIATION & RELATIONSHIPS:

Like the saying, "No man is an island entire of itself;" you therefore need to be in the right company to accomplish your goals in life.

The Bible says, "Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10,12 NLT). Could this also be why Jesus always sent out His disciples in twos; and they also followed in that pattern afterwards!

Peter and John were arrested after the healing of the man at Gate Beautiful and detained till the next day. Immediately after their release, they went to the other believers and when they heard the report, they all raised their voice together in prayer to God. They left the prayer meeting full of the Holy Spirit and boldness to preach God's Word- regardless of what they had just experienced (Acts 4:23-31)! No wonder the Bible says, "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another," (Hebrews 10:24-25a NLT).

The company you keep has more influence on you than you can imagine or are ready to admit! Hear this, "Don't befriend angry people or associate with hot-tempered people, or you will learn to be like them and endanger your soul." (Proverbs 22:24c-25 NLT). Your company can make or mar you- "He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed." (Proverbs 13:20); so choose wisely!

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## 2022 THEME: THE GOD OF BREAKTHROUGHS

Ingathering Conference 2022, FOWM’s international annual conference, was one like no other. Hosted by Rev. Kola Ewuosho, Rev. Mrs Funke Ewuosho, and a host of leaders, people attend this apostolic and prophetic conference every year, either physically or virtually. Through this international gathering, thousands of lives are equipped and transformed to fulfil destiny.

*This year, Rev. Funke shared prophetically during the Power Night segment, and declared the season of “immediately” for the physical manifestation of God’s breakthrough power. Testimonies have been flooding in, testifying to the greatness of God. It is indeed the season of immediate breakthroughs!*

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Dear Rev. Mother, I cannot thank you enough for all that you do for us, you are indeed a true servant of the Most High!

On Sunday May 9th 2022, during our church service, I discovered a lump on my right wrist. It was not painful but I could not fathom how it came to be.

A doctor checked and said it was a ganglion growth, benign, which could be removed surgically. I knew that that was not an option I was willing to consider. I began praying about it and applied anointing oil. Over the months, the lump grew bigger and doubled in size. It was still painless, but I still knew that surgery was not an option.

During the Power Night at the Ingathering conference, you prophesied that we would receive our miracle immediately, not in some far future. You also said that just as suddenly as diseases and illnesses may come, they would also leave suddenly. I raised my right hand and spoke to the lump repeating those words.

I went to Lagos on August 26th to receive an award (another testimony: I took eight courses last year for the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria to become a Chartered Banker. Out of eight exams, I not only had three distinctions, but I had the best results overall in one of the courses nationwide. This was while grieving my Mom's passing... faithful God!).

On Sunday August 28th, I was on my way to the airport from Lekki for my return trip to Abuja when I stopped over briefly to attend service at our Lagos church, where you were preaching at the time. I felt strongly in my spirit that even if it was for five minutes, I should be in that service and hear you preach. During the service, a lady gave a testimony about a back pain which was gone. I once again claimed my healing.

Rev. Mother, on September 1st while typing at my keyboard at work, I looked at my wrist and the lump was gone! Suddenly, it left just as it came. To God be ALL THE GLORY!

I pray that the grace of God upon your life be multiplied, may His oil upon you never run dry - indeed it's from glory to glory in the Name of Jesus.

Thank you so much Ma, I've received my miracle and I'm keeping it!

Peju

I want to testify to the goodness of God. One of my staff members works in retail, selling handmade bags and shoes at one of the malls in Kano state. He was given a sales target to meet from the headquarters in Lagos, Nigeria, which he had been unable to meet. But on this faithful day – August 21st 2022 – Rev. Funke Ewuosho visited that mall. Not knowing who he was, my staff member quickly went out to greet her, and explained that he attended Word of Faith Christian Centre (WOFCC), Kano. Rev. Funke Ewuosho offered to pray for him and bless his business; immediately after she left his shop, he started making sales that measured up to his target for the month! Prior to this, he hadn't sold anything throughout the month of August – but the God of the breakthrough came through for him. When he told his senior colleague about the instant breakthrough he had received, she couldn't believe it. The joy of meeting the sales target was overwhelming! We bless the Name of the Lord for all that that He has done and will continue to do.

Emmanuel

Praise God for immediate answers to prayers! On Wednesday August 3rd 2022, the week before the Ingathering 2022 conference, the organization where I work posted a notice advertising a fellowship opportunity to work at our HQ in Washington DC for eight weeks. I was drawn to it, but after some consideration, decided not to apply. The following day, a colleague of mine forwarded the same notice to me with the note "great opportunity for you..."; so I was encouraged to ask my supervisor, who said she would ask our new unit boss who was expected to resume the following week. This was the Thursday before Ingathering and the deadline for applications was Friday 12th August. So I put together my application and sent it to her the following Monday, which she then shared with our new boss. By Wednesday August 10th, I went off to Kano for our conference, believing God that they would ask our Mission Director on my behalf to co-sign my application. That Wednesday evening, Rev. Mother prophetically declared the 'Season of Immediately' upon us. She continued on Thursday, day two of the conference, sharing on 'No Good Thing Would God Withhold'; I latched on to those words, believing God for favor. On Friday morning, I received an email that the Mission Director had granted permission and agreed to co-sign so I quickly submitted my application.

On Thursday August 19th, I was interviewed for the fellowship opportunity and by August 22nd, I received a notice of selection. My travel arrangements were quickly made and I would travel to Washington DC on September 17th, seven weeks from the day I saw the notice. THIS CAN ONLY BE THE HAND OF GOD! I thank God for the 'season of immediately' and for what He has started in my life. I press in for more in this season, in Jesus' Name. You too can do the same!

Tessie

My name is Chiemezie Chukwujindu from Lagos state, Nigeria. I was unable to attend the Ingathering conference but was able to download and listen to the messages thereafter. One night after studying, I decided to play Rev. Funke Ewuosho's message on the morning session of day 3. Feeling quite tired, I dozed off while listening to the message, but I heard Rev. Funke's words while the message was playing – "take the blood of Jesus and apply it to the root of every pain and affliction". I began to declare the blood of Jesus over the severe arthritis pain on my knees, which had been ongoing from the previous day. By the time I woke up the next morning, I noticed a change and discovered that there was no trace of pain, and I could walk straight! Praise the Lord!

Chiemezie

Weeks before the Ingathering 2022 conference, I became engulfed in fear and worries. Looking at my circumstances, I lost courage to move on with life. I suddenly lost the strength to press on, and I felt there was nothing worth living for. However, from the first night of the conference, that burden was lifted! I was so blessed by Rev. Kola's opening charge and Rev. Funke's message. I came alive – it was an experience I have never had! I know that the things I see around me cannot get me down anymore. I want to use this opportunity to appreciate our Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke Ewuosho, for their dedication to God's work and their inputs in our lives. To the pastors in the house, your work in God's vineyard has been awesome. God will continually increase His grace upon you. God bless you!

Bro Nwop

I had a business relationship that went sour and suddenly. What I celebrated as a testimony became a closed door. I kept trusting God for a restoration of that business relationship, knowing fully well that the enemy is the one who steals from us (John 10:10). While praying and trusting God for things to turn around, I obeyed specific instructions to sow seeds of mercy. I also kept reminding God of His Word – “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy”. I continued to confess, “Lord I have shown mercy to others, so I have to reap the harvest of mercy”. That particular business relationship which had been strained since January 2022, was restored to me fully during the Ingathering 2022 conference! Join me in celebrating the God of my breakthrough and restoration!

Bekolo

During the twenty-one days of our church prayer and fasting programme in the month of July, I was in church to lead prayers when I got a call from my husband saying that he sustained an injury at his workplace and had been rushed to the hospital. In the process of attending to him at the hospital, I also fell ill. I cried to called out to God to deliver me and my husband, and He did! During the Power Night session of the Ingathering conference, I sowed a seed of healing and deliverance, and God showed Himself strong and delivered us! According to 2 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV), “He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us”. Praise the living God!

Sister Q

I bless the Name of our God for the great and marvellous things He has done for me. I lost the renewal of by business contract with one of my top clients here in Kano, and it really affected my source of income. During the twenty-one days of the prayer and fasting programme ahead of Ingathering 2022, I prayed to God to either restore to me the contract I lost or connect me to another one. To my surprise, three weeks later, I got another one! Praise God!

Mr Adams

During one of the sessions of the conference, Rev. Kola Ewuosho said, “If you don’t learn to practice your faith in small and regular things, you won’t have the confidence when the big things come”. I decided to exercise my faith by trusting God for as little as 5,000N. Six days after doing this, I received more than what I have sowed, more than I asked for! Indeed the God of the breakthrough has done this for me. Hallelujah!

Nathaniel

I am Oladipupo Joshua Oyewole from Word of Faith Christian Centre, Lagos. I want to testify to the glory of God. I have been trusting God for breakthrough and it started just before the Ingathering conference, and was completed shortly after the conference! I got a job with a fantastic pay and robust benefits. I want to bless God for His mercies towards me. Hallelujah!

Oladipupo

I want to give God all the praise for the just-concluded Ingathering conference. Aside from being so blessed by messages of the Rev. and Rev. mother, I have two other testimonies. As few hours before the Power Night session, my son came to me complaining about a serious pain in his ear. I prayed for him and gave him some pain killer tablets, but nothing changed. I told him that we believe God to heal him during the Power Night session of the conference. He slept off during the programme and when he woke up, all the pain had gone! Till this day, my son experiences no pain! Hallelujah!

Sis Lipem A

I’m grateful to God for the Ingathering 2022 Conference. I had been trusting God for a car. – I can’t remember how many times I had prayed, made confessions, and sowed my seeds in the past. When the conference was approaching, I was intentional about sowing my seed. I sowed my seed in faith on the 16th of June 2022. I tied my seed to that need in my life, not knowing when it would happen or how God would bring it to pass. A member from the Ingathering committee spoke these words over me, “you will be first partaker of the blessings”, to which I responded, “amen!” It was one week before Ingathering, and naturally speaking, it didn’t look as through a breakthrough was round the corner. Then on the 9th of August 2022, just a day before the conference, my breakthrough manifested. I give all the glory to the God of my breakthrough!

Sister B



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At Harvestime church, people have been saved, healed and disciplined for God's kingdom. The following scriptures capture a part of the church's assignment:

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7

In this passage, Apostle Paul was speaking about his calling and encouraging Timothy, a spiritual son to pray all manner of prayers for all men. God desires all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. This captures what has been happening at Harvestime church in the many years we have been here. Different people have been impacted and many have come from various nations, cultures and tribes. Countless souls have and are being saved and coming to the knowledge of the truth. Prayers, soul winning, teaching, discipling people, and raising leaders as they identify their gifts and callings continue to be at the core of who we are as a church. To God be all the glory.

The doors of some nations have opened to us in the past two decades, through the lives of those who have been blessed at Harvestime. Rev. Funke and I have travelled as far as Latin America and touched many nations there. As expected, God confirmed His Word with signs and wonders as

the sick were prayed for and God healed them. This goes on everywhere we have preached and taught the Word of God. We also visited India, as well as other African nations too.

At a certain time, Harvestime church had over 15-20 Nations represented in her membership including: Europe, Latin America, Africa, Australia, India, Fiji Islands, the Caribbean Islands, and more. People have come from all over to be impacted by God through His Word and His Spirit. To God be all the glory.

Read Mark 16:15-20 and Matthew 28:18-20

Many have been saved, baptised in water, received the infilling of the Holy Spirit and are doers of the Word of God. To God be all the glory!

Philippians 2:13-16 (NKJV)

"for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain."

God's grace has sustained the work of the ministry and church, through all the trials and tribulations. He wants His people to fulfil the purposes He has for them. They can only fulfil their destiny as they mature in Christ. Every challenge has become an opportunity for maturity in the character of Christ as we learn to forgive, overlook offences, and love one another with the love of God. His grace is sufficient for us.

To Him be all the glory. Amen.

Rev. Kola Ewuosho

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**H**arvestime- 20 years.... and still counting!

Wow; it's 20 years already- 20 years of God's faithfulness, goodness and mercies!

We've come a very long way as a church; and though, physically, we might look smaller and less than what we 'should' (or would love to) have been in our 20 years of existence as a church; we have a lot to be thankful to God for! First of all, for keeping us all these years; and like Israel, we can say: "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side," ..... when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their wrath was kindled against us; then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul; then the swollen waters would have gone over our soul." Blessed be the Lord, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth. Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 124:1-8 NKJV)

God promised to take the Israelites into a land flowing with milk and honey; but not everyone He brought out of Egypt saw the fulfilment of that promise! Rev. Kola and I immensely thank those who have stayed with us, through thick and thin; while we also warmly welcome those who just came on board!

Today, we are seeing the generation of people that will experience the fulfilment of God's purposes, promises and prophecies concerning Harvestime and the FOWM in the United Kingdom. So let's work together, drawing inspiration and strength from the words of apostle Paul- "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:12-14 NIV)

Grace and peace be multiplied to you all.

Yours truly in Christ's love,  
Pastor Funke

## WATCH US ONLINE

Tune into FOWM on YouTube every **Sunday at 10.30am** (GMT) and **Wednesday at 7pm** (GMT), to watch our live broadcasts with powerful messages by Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke Ewuosho, preached from Harvestime Church, UK.



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# THROUGH THE YEARS...

SNAPSHOTS OF HARVESTIME OVER 20 YEARS

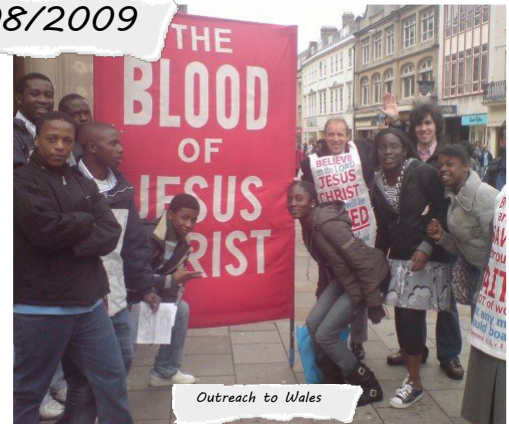
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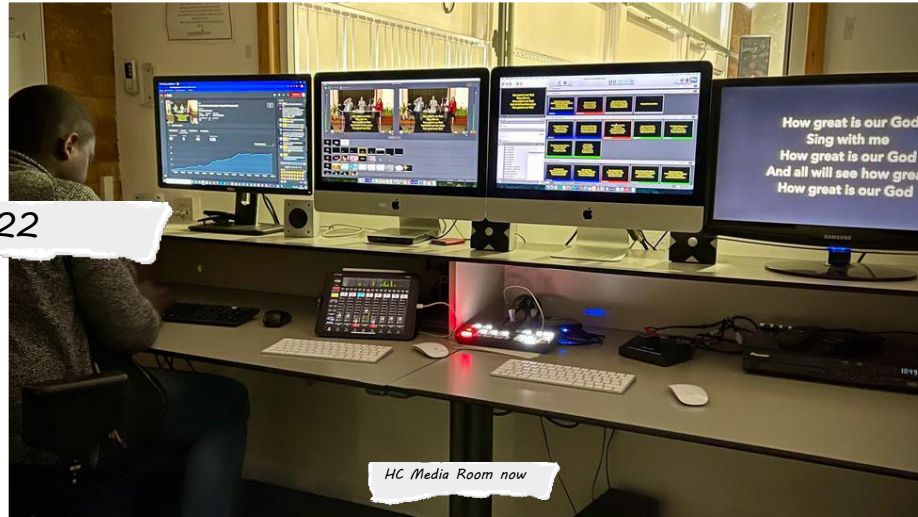


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2022

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HC Ministers

# EVANGELISM SUNDAYS

## AT WISDOM CHAPEL, GHANA

‘Evangelism Sunday’ is a monthly church programme at our Ghana installation, Wisdom Chapel. It has been designated for every third Sunday of the month. Other Sunday programmes include: Friends, Neighbors and Colleagues Sundays, Families and Relatives Sundays, Thanksgiving and Communion Sundays, as well as Special Worship Service Sundays. Each service is specifically designed with their respective thrust, with the aim of creating more avenues for a greater influx of souls into the Kingdom of God. In addition to this, the church departments and fellowships join the Evangelism department to engage in Saturday evangelism exercises.

So what exactly is Evangelism Sunday? The aim of these services is to get every church

member to be a soul winner. The message of the day seeks to stir up every member to have a hunger for souls. All participants, both young and old, attend church in their branded T-shirts with jeans. The reason for the dress code is to make visual impact with the inscriptions on the shirts as well as for uniformity during the outreach segment. Placards with different Bible quotations are held by some of the members at different busy and strategic intersections, whilst others move around the neighborhood sharing tracts and winning souls for the Lord. Depending on the chosen site for the outreach, members either walk to the site together or use the church bus for transportation. The church bus is also fitted with signage which helps us to reach more people.



Watch our services live via Facebook: @wisdomchapelgh





# SPOTLIGHT

## ON YOUNG ARTISTS

**F**ofo (Fiyinfoluwa Ogunnaike) is a singer, songwriter and recording artist. Born and raised in Kano, Nigeria, Fiyinfoluwa, AKA Fofo, takes her singing roots from Word of Faith Christian Centre (WOFCC), Kano, which continues to be her home church (from birth)! Fofo's debut single, a cover of the hit song TWALE by Florocka, was released February 2021 and published by Rockanation Music.

Her contemporary, edgy sounds puts her in a class of her own with the liberty to explore multiple genres. Fofo is currently being managed by ROCKANATION.

We caught up with the young, vivacious singer, to hear about her love for singing and making music. She also shares her thoughts on finding your way as a gospel artist.

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### **Who are your greatest vocal inspirations?**

My greatest vocal inspirations, to name a few, are Marvin Sapp, Florocka, Tasha Cobbs and Shirley Caesar.

### **You started singing in the Tabernacle of David (TOD) choir at WOFCC, Kano, from the age of thirteen. How did this experience inspire/prepare you for the music industry?**

Yes – I have been in the choir for ten years! It sounds surreal when I say it out loud because it sure doesn't feel like ten years. But the experience of serving with the right attitude and the discipline of showing up to rehearsals, scoring songs, and being a team member have been some of the essential things that are helping me today.

### **Apart from singing in the choir growing up, what/who was your greatest inspiration/s?**

Not to sound cliché, but my parents were big inspirations to me. Also, I am motivated by the desire to do good and give back to my world, which I trust God to help me fulfil.

### **We would love to know about your journey to being an upcoming singer, songwriter and recording artist?**

The first thing I tell people about how I got to where I am, is that God ordered my steps. When the COVID-19 lockdown was slowly lifting, I led a particular song ministration at our church choir. Due to restrictions, just a few of us were meeting which

were made up of the youth choir members (Expressions). It was like any normal Sunday ministration. These ministrations were then recorded, mixed and then put uploaded unto the Fountain Music YouTube page. Pastor Victor had asked us to push the content, so I shared it on my Twitter account. A friend of mine tagged Florocka, a Nigerian artist, to my tweet, and he saw it and commented; of course, I was excited and happy! Fast-forward to a couple of months later; while I was rounding up my university degree, I went on Instagram, and Florocka had posted a video of the ministration and was asking his followers to help him get the girl singing. My friends began to tag my handle in his comment section – and so began my journey! I met up with Florocka in November 2020, started working with him in January 2021 and had my first single by February 2021 and the rest is still unfolding.

### **Can you briefly take us through the process of releasing a song from the beginning to the end: from the creative stage of writing a song, to putting it all together?**

Typically, I would say a song is broken into three phases; the creation, the recording and publishing.

So, suppose you have a song you want to work on, the producer first gets the music built. I would advise the artist to always be part of the process, not just in laying the vocals on the piece of music, but being there when the music is being created, even more, when the artist is voicing. Also, when writing a song, the songwriter should focus more on the message, than the 'sing-ability'. This is simply because the message matters more than the melody. Once the music is made, the voicing can then be the focus- which I used to think was the easiest thing ever. I stand corrected because it's a lot of work; the singer has to make sure that they are heard, and the intended message is passed on. If that isn't grasped on the first listen, one must go back to the drawing board. But once you can get through that, you're past the hard part. The song is then mixed and mastered by an engineer, and it's advised that the artist is present too because a mix can positively or negatively impact a song.



Then we come to the final phase, which is publishing the body of work; you will need an excellent cover art for your song. This part can drive away or attract more listeners, so it requires a lot of attention. You will need a distribution company that will send the songs to an online store and a publicity plan to build momentum till the day of your release. This can include posting behind-the-scenes (BTS) photos studio work, and a snippet of the song to whet the appetites of one's listeners. And there you have it - the process of releasing a song.

**With secular music having a strong influence on today's youth, both within and outside the church, is the line between gospel and secular music becoming more and more blurry with every generation that comes?**

And how do you think we can keep gospel music at the forefront of their music consumption?

This is an interesting question. Yes, I do think people may try to blur the lines between gospel and secular music. However, it can be confusing because I believe that gospel music should not only be attributed to songs that carry the Names of God; it's more about the spirit behind the music. Also, for us to keep our music more appealing to the youth, we should obey what God had asked of us as musicians. The way I see it is that in my music and I am following all that God will have me do. In doing so, I believe that God will reach the intended people He had in mind when He gave me the song.

**As a gospel singer, how do you differentiate yourself and your music from other singers within the same genre?**

The first thing I know is that God is too creative to have replicas in anything. My confidence is that even though the genre I'm currently in is saturated, I have a unique perspective to that genre that God has afforded me to express. So I'm not going to get greedy to want to take on someone else's perspective, I intentionally choose to enjoy doing what God allows me to do.

**You share a lot about vocal training, and the behind-the-scenes (BTS) process for making music or working with other artists, via your YouTube channel. What inspired you to share such candid moments with others?**

Yes, I do - it was first initiated by my boss Florocka. It is also a way to help others. There are singers and artists out there that think it's all roses, but with candid BTS, I believe it will help other creatives know that they are not alone.

**Can you share some tips with those who want to get into the industry, as a gospel musician?**

If you want to get into the music industry, find out from God first because God funds what He inspires. If He didn't inspire you to go that route, it might be challenging, so seek direction from God first. Also, another piece of advice I was told that has been of great help is, don't just be a musician, have a day job... I'll leave it at that!

**As an artist, which principles govern how you work with others, and how you conduct yourself in the industry? And is there anything else you would like to share about yourself?**

The principle that governs me as an artist is Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NLV), "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your strength". As for my conduct, there's a saying that every Nigerian parent tells their child before sending them off: "Remember the daughter of who you are". Both physically and spiritually, that saying drives my actions. Featuring/working with other artists is not an edit in itself - God will lead you to the right people. He knows who He wants you to feature with. It's not all about "oh I like their sound, I would like to work with them", it's way more than that.

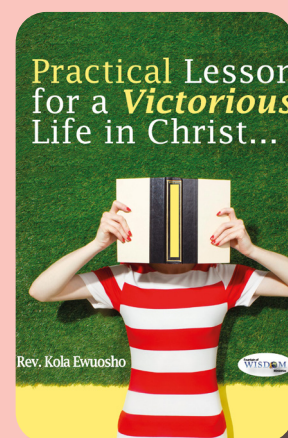
**Where do you envisage your singing career in the next 5 years?**

In the next five years, by God's grace, I want to improve my sound drastically, produce my music, and begin my A&R management company.

Thanks for the opportunity to be featured in the Wisdom Digest Magazine!

Fiyinfoluwa

## NEW YEAR MESSAGES



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“I was having nightmares for a week, about not putting in enough effort in my studies and failing my exams. This was probably an unconscious manifestation of my anxieties about the new school term. After a recent talk with my lecturer regarding my dissertation I felt even more uncertain about my tasks at hand and started doubting my decision about choosing my course. It was strange that I felt this way because my lecturer was the just opposite - excited about the possibilities of my research. But God is good and faithful. I was blessed by [these] books. I opened to a page which led me to read Isaiah 26:3 and Phillipians 4:4. These verses reminded me to trust in God and not be anxious. I gave thanks knowing I can trust God in the process and have His perfect peace. I know God has my back and He will guide me.”

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