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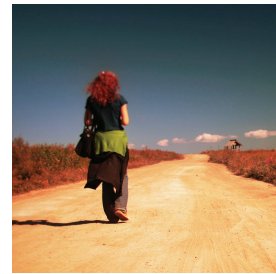
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# Living your Best Life Ever!

## Living a Fulfilled Life

By Rev. Kola Ewuosho



Living a fulfilled life is about becoming the best that you can be and giving God your best!

According to the Spirit filled Life Bible, “Man is a spiritual being who is not only body but also soul and spirit. He is a moral being whose intelligence, perception and self-determination far exceed that of any other earthly being. These properties or traits possessed by mankind and his prominence in the order of creation imply intrinsic worth; not only of the family of mankind, but also of each human individual.” “Capacity and ability constitute accountability and responsibility. We should never be pleased to dwell on a level of existence lower than that which God has made it possible for us to dwell. We should strive to be the best we can be and to reach the highest levels we can reach. To do less is to be unfaithful stewards of the life entrusted to us” (page 5, Kingdom Dynamics on Genesis 1:26-28).

Stewardship is the one word that captures our entire sense of responsibility and activities where God is concerned in our human existence! (You may order the set of messages on *Stewardship* to learn more).

### A description of a fulfilled life:

- A fulfilled life does not happen by accident.
- A fulfilled life is one that has released everything that God put into that life to benefit the human race. The potential within has been discovered, developed and deployed to bring maximum value added to humanity. Purpose accomplished! Assignment fulfilled! God’s gift to us is the life given to us and our gift to Him is what we do with the life.
- A fulfilled life is lived intentionally.



**“Our creative faculties (heart) have been programmed to create our experiences. Whatever we carry in our imagination long enough will become an experiential reality in our lives.”**

There are laws that govern every aspect of our being. We can observe the principles and laws through circumstances that are repeated throughout history. The laws require a force for them to be operational. The law of gravity needs the force of gravity. Where there is zero gravity the law does not operate. Some spiritual laws also require the force of faith. Mental or ‘soulish’ laws require the force of habit or repetition. Natural laws require natural forces. Spiritual laws require spiritual forces activated by spiritual practices. For example I see a law that says whenever we are open to the realm of the spirit in prayer, that realm responds to us. In the book of Acts we see Peter going to pray and then we read that he saw a vision and heard a voice. Cornelius the centurion also was visited in a time of prayer by an angel. Is there a principle or a law here? Their prayers seemed to activate divine intervention in the book of Acts. I believe we can expect the same God to do similar things in our times. All through the book we see God’s power moving on behalf of His people when they prayed.

We need to engage all our faculties in the way God ordained them, not in the way we have been trained through our nurture and environment and our educational system. Our creative faculties (heart) have been programmed to create our experiences. Whatever we carry in our imagination long enough will become an experiential reality in our lives. It will work for sin as well as for anything godly! We can cast down imaginations using the weapons of our warfare (2 Cor. 10:3-5). Thoughts, imaginations and high things in the mind can influence the entire life of the person. Words paint pictures, our minds carry images. Understanding happens when fresh information finds a fitting flow in the images that we carry in our minds. Words carry faith or unbelief, love or hatred, fear or confidence. How do we

use them? (Prov.18:21). God said and it came to pass! Jesus said “You will have what you say”! Mark 11:22-26.

Four things are necessary for living a fulfilled life; Knowledge, Attitude, Skills and Habit.

● **KNOWLEDGE:** this is the basis for wisdom. Wisdom is the principal thing, get wisdom! (Prov. 4:7) Acquiring knowledge is the basis for developing wisdom. Wisdom is the wise application of knowledge. A wise person knows when and how to make exceptions to the rule, how to improvise and use moral skills in the service of the right aim. Wise people grow through trial and error but go on doing what is right.

● **ATTITUDE:** We need to allow different perspectives to affect our attitude to life, to ourselves and to the circumstances in our lives. “Half full and half empty” are descriptions of attitudes.

● **SKILLS:** This is the know-how for what needs to be done. The more we improve our skills, the more we develop in our abilities to get results. We need to be deliberate in developing skills in all the areas we need them. Skill development takes time, effort and focus.

● **HABIT:** this is what we do repeatedly. This is where our programming regulates us. If we can repeatedly do any activity for 21 days, it is possible to develop a habit.

Daniel and Joseph in the Bible are good examples of people who lived by these principles.

**What are the things that can stop us from living a fulfilled life?**

**1. Unbelief in God and what He has created us to be!**

**2. Reacting to issues instead of responding to them.**

**3. Low self-esteem, poor self-image which leads to us not analysing and learning from our experiences.**

**4. Unwillingness to pay the right price. There is a price-tag for a fulfilled life!**

## **Understanding Unbelief**

We need to understand that unbelief is not just a decision not to believe but a set of thinking that affects or inflicts the heart with unbelief: the disqualifier for the release of God’s miracle power! In the days of Jesus, the thoughts and perceptions about him coming from a natural family affected their ability to believe and expect anything miraculous from Him.

### **Mark 6:2-6**

*“And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue; and many who listened to Him were utterly astonished, saying, Where did this Man acquire all this? What is the wisdom [the broad and full intelligence which has been] given to Him? What mighty works and exhibitions of power are wrought by His hands! Is not this the Carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here among us? And they took offense at Him and were hurt [that is, they disapproved of Him, and it hindered them from acknowledging His authority] and they were caused to stumble and fall. But Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honour (deference, reverence) except in his [own] country and among [his] relatives and in his [own] house’. And He was not able to do even one work of power there, except that He laid His hands on a few sickly people [and] cured them.*

*And He marvelled because of their unbelief (their lack of faith in Him). And He went about among the surrounding villages and continued teaching.”*



## Overcoming Unbelief by Choosing to Believe

Mark 9:23

*"And Jesus said, '[You say to Me], If You can do anything?' [Why,] all things can be (are possible) to him who believes!"*

### Problems Reveal Potential

It is believed that very few people have developed the habits of success for their future. There are problems all around us and they are beckoning on our untapped potential to solve them. From family to personal, from companies to nations, from regions to continents, problems stare at us in the face! Look everywhere, what do you see? Problems that human beings have to grapple with. Problems that defy our present mode of thinking and perspectives. What is not recognised is that the potential in us was designed to be awakened by problems. We carry the solutions within us.

The life God gave you is His gift to you but what you do with that life is your gift to Him. The root cause of all problems has been solved: The Sin Problem! Jesus died to solve that one! So we can see and solve the problems that are the effect of sin on the human race. God must have thought so highly of the human race to send His Son to die. How do we think of them? To reach out to humanity we need to love them the way God loves them.

For some of us the fear of failure can hinder us from taking the risks necessary to solve problems. On the other hand, some of us seem to be all too aware of our shortcomings before God. Religious spirits tend to keep us on the edge of being critical of ourselves and others so that we lack the confidence to give our best in life.

### David Vs Goliath

Let's take another look at the story of David killing Goliath and some of the

dynamics involved.

#### 1 Samuel 17:26-35 (AMP)

*"And David said to the men standing by him, 'What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?'*

*And the [men] told him, 'Thus shall it be done for the man who kills him'.*

*Now Eliab his eldest brother heard what he said to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David and he said, 'Why did you come here? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and evilness of heart; for you came down that you might see the battle'.*

*And David said, 'What have I done now? Was it not a harmless question?'*

*And David turned away from Eliab to another and he asked the same question, and again the men gave him the same answer.*

*When David's words were heard, they were repeated to Saul, and he sent for him. David said to Saul, 'Let no man's heart fail because of this Philistine; your servant will go out and fight with him'. And Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go to fight against this Philistine. You are only an adolescent, and he has been a warrior from his youth'. And David said to Saul, 'Your servant kept his father's sheep. And when there came a lion or again a bear and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and smote it and delivered the lamb out of its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard and smote it and killed it'."*

If David had been busy criticising the army of Saul, would he have been in a position to bring the solution to the problem? See the choice of words, "you defy the armies of the living God". Even the army did not see themselves as such. Now look at David's brother who was critical of David's coming to

**"The life God  
gave you is His  
gift to you but  
what you do  
with that life  
is your gift to  
Him."**





# Living your Best Life Ever!

“Let go of all rejection, low self esteem, condemnation and feeling shortcomings. Stop sowing the seeds of the unworthiness of reaping such harvests.”



4:23)

Your heart is the productive centre of your life. Whatever you allow there determines what you experience ultimately. It is with the heart man believes, however, with the conscious mind he may doubt! Lord I believe, help my unbelief!

(Mark 9:24)

## Proverbs 4:20-26

*“My son, attend to my words; consent and submit to my sayings. Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the centre of your heart. For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh. Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life. Put away from you false and dishonest speech, and willful and contrary talk put far from you. Let your eyes look right on [with fixed purpose], and let your gaze be straight before you. Consider well the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established and ordered aright.”*

You say what has all these got to do with our problems? Everything! The majority of the problems are self-created, by human beings! Our creative potential was not removed when mankind fell, it only became perverted! So we are inventing new ways of sinning daily! The new creation should be at the forefront of inventing solutions instead of being directed towards religion and criticism! When we look at the life of Daniel, from chapter 1, we don't get the impression that he was complaining or criticising the Babylonian system he was involved with. I see him do good as he walked right with his God but I also see him engage the system to subdue it under his God! Sometimes engaging our world has cost many their relationship with God. But Daniel knew when to say no! He excelled in Babylon! He brought the

the battlefield. Was he in a position to bring a solution? What about the status quo? There was a problem, no one could solve it and every one was hiding. Can you imagine what they were discussing in their hiding places? The church world today is facing huge problems of immorality, misrepresentation of God, division amongst churches/leaders, suspicion of one another, the high rate of divorce, etc. What are we doing? Who has the courage to challenge the status quo? Not just challenge it by railing at people but challenge it as we offer solutions that can affect everyone. It's a lot easier to talk about the problem than to engage with God and our thinking to bring about solutions.

People celebrate those who have fought the status quo and turned situations around, people like Martin Luther King, Ghandi and others who have fought for the masses. We get the impression that such feats happen to only a few! In our own world we have the potential to turn things around but we don't believe we can. Our belief system defeats us. Our beliefs generate our thoughts and eventually our feelings/emotions and our actions determine our results. Let us see some scriptures.

*“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good!” (Matt. 12:35)*

*“As a man thinks in his heart so is he!” (Proverbs 23:7)*

*“Guard your heart with all diligence for out of it comes the issues of life!” (Prov.*

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## Feelings of unworthiness because of your success of others if you want to stop

power of His God to bear on the ruling kingdom. Where are the Daniels of our day? I call them to stand forth this day and give God their best!

We have all been programmed; our nurture, nature and environment on one hand and our education, economy and expectation on the other hand! Our education poured information into us, half of which we do not need in real life. The system did not teach us to be creative and come up with genuine solutions. We look for solutions in established patterns we have learnt in the past. However the problems of the future defy the solutions of the past. New problems need solutions that are applicable now! Our economy measures returns to us by means of our qualification, not necessarily our productivity! This is especially so in the civil service, where one is not necessarily expected to be productive; as long as one is qualified on paper one can obtain a job! We don't have too great an expectation of ourselves. How many people do you know who are thinking and planning to generate their yearly income in one month? We often confuse mental activity with thinking. Creative thinking needs to be developed! We tend to get into our comfort zone and then settle down. Any new thought can cause anxiety, worry and fear so we reject them and return to our comfort zone!

Our ability to try new ideas, make mistakes and try again is what we lost when we became adults. A child walks by walking, falling and rising up again. The same with riding a bicycle. But we say "it's not for me", from the first time we fail at something. The truth is we must learn to fail and move forward! Creating a community that will keep encouraging us to go on is one of the challenges we face. We must do our home work, do our thinking through, engage our entire faculties, pray and go out there and get the results we want. The fear of failure has paralysed so many that they have refused to try anything outside their comfort zone. Dare to believe, dare to

think thoughts that are filled with God ideas!

### Ask yourself these questions...

- What problems are my potentials supposed to solve? Problems can be indicators of potential in us.
- What vision do I have for my life?
- What values am I adding to others?
- In what areas do I need development and what am I doing about them?
- What goals am I setting for my life, my faith, my career, my relationships and how am I planning my time to accomplish these goals?
- What things are important to me?
- What purposes am I serving? Who are the beneficiaries of the potentials in me? Is my life a blessing to others?
- What qualities do I need to develop?

Action steps!

## 1. Take responsibility for what you allow in your life

What are you allowing into your life? What pains, regrets and frustrations are you allowing to ruin your emotional well being? If you have done wrong, repent. No matter how hard you try, some people will not change their opinion of you. Your goal is to become better not to impress others but to honour Him who created you in His image. Remember the cross is the place of separation. Let go of all rejection, low self esteem, condemnation and feelings of unworthiness because of your shortcomings. Stop sowing the seeds of the unworthiness of others if you want to stop reaping such harvests. Stop comparing yourself with others. You feel good when you think you are better and bad when you think you are worse! What is driving you?

## 2. Have a sense of purpose and destiny in God

Your intimacy with God will help crystallise a sense of purpose in God. Your purpose will include adding value to others, serving others with your God-given gifts and helping people to be all that God wants them to be! Be a servant at heart! Serve God's purpose in people's lives.

## 3. Have a plan of action to grow from where you are to where

## you want to be

Identify the areas you need to grow and have a plan of action. Mental growth demands reading and listening; spiritual growth demands reading, listening, praying and doing! Have a plan and work your plan! Use a journal to monitor how you are doing. Read a book a week, listen to CDs, spend an hour in prayer, study the Bible and meditate, go out and win souls and make it a point to invite people to church! Set aside times in your diary to think, plan and read. What does your progress look like?

## 4. Develop an open and real/ intimate relationship with God through His Word and by His Spirit

Build up your knowledge of God's Word in your life. Build your prayer life based on the Word of God. Ask questions, seek answers and build your dependency on God through prayer and a life of worship.

### Psalms 37:1-8

*"FRET NOT yourself because of evildoers, neither be envious against those who work unrighteousness (that which is not upright or in right standing with God). For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed. Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart.*

*Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) also in Him and He will bring it to pass. And He will make your uprightness and right standing with God go forth as the light, and your justice and right as [the shining sun of] the noonday. Be still and rest in the Lord; wait for Him and patiently lean yourself upon Him; fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger and forsake wrath; fret not yourself—it tends only to evildoing."*

*Rev. Kola Ewuosho*





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# WINNER

## BE A

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“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good”. In a ‘dog-eat-dog’ world that is full of all kinds of evil- envy, competitive jealousy, rivalry, hatred, slander, betrayals, disappointments, etc; you can still be a winner! You don’t beat them by joining them or by ‘paying them in their own coin’; you win, not by being reactive, but by being pro-active.

The flesh naturally wants to get back at people, but the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but mighty through God. In this article, we can learn how not to yield to your own flesh, but to win by doing good.

**Romans 12:14-21. (NLT)**

*“Bless those who persecute you. Don’t curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other. Don’t be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don’t think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.*

*Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say,  
“I will take revenge;  
I will pay them back,”  
says the Lord.*






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**“DON’T  
COME ‘DOWN’  
TO THE LEVEL OF  
YOUR OPPONENT;  
THAT IS WHAT  
HAPPENS WHEN  
YOU GET EVEN  
WITH THEM- YOU  
REALLY COME  
DOWN, NOT UP!”**

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*Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.” **Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.”***

Also, in Proverbs 24:29,  
*“And don’t say, “Now I can pay them back for what they’ve done to me! I’ll get even with them!” (NLT); or,  
 “Don’t say to anyone, “I’ll get back at you for what you did to me. I’ll make you pay for what you did!” (MSG).*

## WHAT MAKES YOU A WINNER, WHEN YOU DON’T HIT BACK?

### 1. You don’t lose your own values- values of integrity, faithfulness, morality, reliability, kindness, etc.

The Bible admonishes, *“Don’t let evil get the best of you.”* Don’t come ‘down’ to the level of your opponent; that is what happens when you get even with them- you really come down, not up! Instead of being like God, you become like them; you become the very thing you hate in them. For instance, if someone was nasty to you, you will have to be nasty too, to get back at them.

In Matthew 5:43-48,  
*“You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does. He gives his best—the sun to warm and the rain to nourish—to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. If all you do is love the lovable,*

*do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that.*

*“In a word, what I’m saying is, Grow up. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.” (MSG).*

We are partakers of God’s nature; and God’s nature is love! The attributes of love are clearly spelt out in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.

*“Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God’s love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. (AMP).*

Love doesn’t get back at people.

### 2. You become a better person.

Rather than allow evil get the best of you, you turn it around and get the best out of the situation. What can you learn from the evil being done to you, so you can become better and not bitter?

*“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.” (Jas. 1:2,3).*

That is, let your trials work for you. Our light and momentary afflictions are nothing, compared to the glory that will be revealed in us. (1 Cor. 3:18).

The wrong you suffer can bring the best out of you; *“if the rulers of this age had known the wisdom of God, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” (1 Cor. 2:7,8).*

You can use it as an opportunity to develop the fruit of the Spirit - *“...love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...”*, by having a good prac-



tice on them! If you have ever tried, you would have noticed that each of the fruit is often developed in adverse and contrary conditions. For instance, you develop faithfulness, when you need to stay committed even when it isn't convenient. Nobody is qualified to be called faithful, if their commitment hasn't been tested. Think also about the fruit of self-control; it's developed by the tests of boundaries-physical boundaries, emotional boundaries, relationship boundaries, etc.

*"Here's another old saying that deserves a second look: 'Eye for eye, tooth for tooth.' Is that going to get us anywhere? Here's what I propose: 'Don't hit back at all.' If someone strikes you, stand there and take it. If someone drags you into court and sues for the shirt off your back, giftwrap your best coat and make a present of it. And if someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life. No more tit-for-tat stuff. Live generously." (Matt. 5:38-42. MSG.).*

You can also develop a strong prayer life, intimacy with, and dependence on God, through your tests and trials. The Bible says of Jesus, *"Who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered."* (Heb. 5:8). The

Apostle Paul said he has learned in every circumstance, how to abound and how to be abased; the secret of facing every situation, whether well-fed or going hungry. He said, *"I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency]." (Php. 4:13 AMP).* Also in 1 Corinthians 12:9,10-

*"Each time He said, 'My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong."*

Joseph was somebody who refused to get bitter, but got better and bigger through his trials. Joseph didn't repay his brothers

or Portiphar's wife with evil, even when it was in his power to do so; instead he chose to forgive.

*"When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him.' So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, 'Before your father died he commanded, saying, 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: 'I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you.''" Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father.' And Joseph wept when they spoke to him.*

*Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants."*

*Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them." (Gen. 50:15-21).*

I believe that the strength to forgive his brothers came from Joseph's intimacy with God. It was in that place of intimacy that Joseph got God's perspective to all he had gone through; and that was a major secret of his strength. The Bible says those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.

### 3. You don't find yourself in trouble with God or the law-

#### i. By disobeying God.

When we get even with people, we disobey the biblical injunction that says: *"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord."*

Also, in repaying evil for evil, we also become guilty of doing evil! For instance, if someone, in retaliation, commits murder or steals, he will be held guilty notwithstanding. Like they say, "Two wrongs don't make a right." We usually take the laws into our own hands when we retaliate, and thereby become guilty ourselves. *"You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires." (Jas. 1:19,20).*

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In Romans 2:1-3, *"You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things. And we know that God, in His justice, will punish anyone who does such things. Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things?" (NLT).*

And Jesus said, *"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged." (Matt. 7:1,2).*

#### ii. By sowing the wrong seeds.

Whenever we repay evil for evil, we also sow the wrong seeds into our own lives. *"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to the flesh will of the flesh reap corruption;" (Gal. 6:7,8)*

Our thoughts, words and actions (and even inactions) are seeds; and no matter what anyone does to us, we must make sure we don't sow the wrong seeds in return. Saul was all out to kill David, but David kept running away from him and for his own dear life. Even when David had the opportunity to kill Saul, he didn't take it - though it looked like God Himself had given Saul into his hand.

*"Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;*



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*not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” (1 Pet. 3:8-12).*

#### **4. You can divert and invest your energy into doing something positive.**

The same effort it takes to repay evil for evil, can be put into doing positive things. *“I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer; for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves...” (Matt. 5:43,44. MSG).*

We dissipate a lot of spiritual energy even in just thinking about what evil people did to us, and much more in retaliation. We can rather, save up that energy and put it into more constructive things, which in turn will yield a better harvest for us. It is very easy to lose focus on our purpose and goal in life, when we allow

ourselves to get distracted by offences. We must learn from Jesus’ example; *“For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.” (Heb. 12:3).*

A lot of people blame others for the negative outcome of their lives, whereas, they themselves are to be blamed! You are, ultimately, responsible for your own actions. Jesus said a good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things; so stop allowing what people do to you determine the outcome of your life. Joseph was a great example, he was hated by his brothers; he went from the pit to Potiphar’s house (as a slave), and to the Prison (for saying No to Potiphar’s wife). Yet, we never heard him for once, blame his brothers or Potiphar’s wife; instead, he maintained fellowship with God and used every circumstance he found himself in as an opportunity to make his own contribution to the lives of others. Joseph also obviously developed himself in his skills and gifts; so that when Pharaoh sent for him, he was ready for he palace. None of the evil done to him was strong enough to stop him; Joseph conquered evil with good!

It is therefore not enough not to sow bad seeds in retaliation, you must make sure you are sowing the right seeds. Don’t be passive, but be active; don’t be too preoccupied with trying to defend or protect your territory; you must step out to make some positive deposits. Do the exact opposite of what your flesh wants to do to the one who has wronged you- “feed him” “give him drink” etc. The Bible didn’t only say we shouldn’t fulfil the desires of the flesh, but also says we should walk in the Spirit. (Gal. 5:16). It isn’t all about DON’TS, but actually a lot more about DOS. *“He who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (Gal. 6:8b-10).*

We must always conquer evil by doing good, rather than allow evil to get the best of us.

#### **5. You don’t lose your peace.**

How many times have we laid awake in

the night, unable to sleep, thinking about all the wrongs others have done against us? (It’s even more pathetic when they don’t even know they’ve hurt us!). And if we eventually manage to sleep off, we continue from where we stopped, when we wake up! These thoughts occupy our mind, and we lose our peace. Some people even find it hard to rest until they feel ‘justice’ has been done- by them; until they’ve got ‘an eye for an eye’ and ‘a tooth for a tooth.’ And have you noticed the kind of bitterness that rises up in you, when you are thinking of hitting back? It’s always shocking to know the evil we are capable of doing, when we yield to the flesh.

*“But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. “There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.” (Isa. 57:20,21).*

Getting back at someone usually robs you of your peace. How do you feel after you’ve just hit back at someone who wronged you; after you’ve just slandered them in return or shouted back at them or said an unkind word to them? Do you feel good inside of you, that you’ve achieved something great? Are you able to have a great time of fellowship with God thereafter? *“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.” (Rom. 8:5-8).*

It is very fleshly to retaliate, and when we do that, we never feel approved by God. We usually spend some time afterwards fixing a lot of damages done - done to us internally, to our relationship with God and to our relationship with others. Like they say, ‘You might win an argument, but might have also lost a friend’; the truth is, we actually lose a lot more. Could that be why Jesus said this on the subject of retaliation: *“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever*

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*compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.” (Matt. 5:38-42).*

It is of utmost importance for us to maintain our peace, at all cost; because it is one of the powerful ingredients that make up the Kingdom of God! (Rom. 14:17). *“Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.” (Rom. 13:18 NLT).*

The Apostle Paul gives us the keys to maintaining peace with people: *“Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives.” (Col. 3:12-16 NLT).*

When we allow the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom, instead of offences, hurts, pains and wrongs done to us; we will be able to maintain our peace.

*“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.” (Ps. 119:165 KJV).*

## 6. Your goodness can lead to a change in the other person.

*“Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't*

*let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.” (Romans 12:20 MSG).* Remember, it is the goodness of God that leads us to repentance. (Rom. 2:4). Jesus prayed on the cross, *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” Luke 23:34.* Stephen also, just before he died, following Jesus' example prayed for his killers- *“Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” (Acts 7:60).* I believe it was the prayer of Jesus for our forgiveness, that made it possible for us to repent of our sins and be forgiven by God. *“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (Jn. 20:23).* When we don't forgive, we make it hard (if not impossible) for people to turn around.

The unforgiving servant, threw his fellow servant into the prison because he was owing him, and he wouldn't forgive the debt. When the master heard about it, he commanded that the unforgiving servant be also imprisoned, because he too was owing his master. And Jesus said, *“So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.” (Matt. 18:35).* We would notice that the fellow servant wasn't released from the prison- because he was actually owing; so we now have two people legitimately in prison. How much liberty, peace, joy, etc do you have in prison? How much can you accomplish in prison? The unforgiving servant was handed over to the torturers and tormentors, until he should pay all that was due to him. Jesus stated very clearly how important forgiving others is, to our prayers - *“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.” (Mk. 11:25,26).*

Jesus taught us to pray, asking our heavenly Father to *“forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.” (Matt. 6:12).* Offences and wrongs done against us are like debts people owe us, and if we don't forgive them, they will be held in prison by us until they can pay us back.

We often complain about people, and never stop talking about what they did or do; it actually shows we haven't forgiven them. But when we forgive, we give people a chance to change; because they are released to change. To forgive means

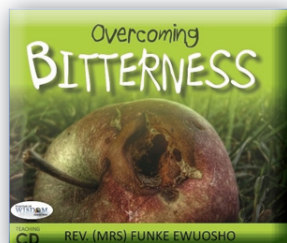




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to drop it, and let it go. Jesus says we shall have what we say; so if we keep recalling the bad people do to us, we will keep having that. Because, instead of the people changing, they will rise up to our expectation of them; and it shall be unto us according to our faith! Love *“takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].”* (1 Cor. 13: 5-8 AMP).

I believe that we show great leadership when we forgive, instead of getting back; because it takes more strength to forgive than to retaliate. The Bible says we gain a brother who sins against us, when we take the initiative and succeed in making peace with them- even if they were the one who sinned against us! (Matt. 18:15). We do have a lot more to gain, than to lose, when we forgive.

## 7. You give God the chance to fight for you.

In Romans 12:19, the Bible says, *“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave the way open for [God’s] wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is Mine, I will repay (requite), says the Lord.”* (AMP). *“Don’t insist on getting even; that’s not for you to do. ‘I’ll do the judging,’ says God. ‘I’ll take care of it.’”* (MSG).

Also in Proverbs 20:22, *‘Don’t say “I will get even for this wrong.” Wait for the Lord to handle the matter.’* When we do not take the laws into our hands, but forgive, we allow God to take care of the situation. God is able to turn around for good, even what others meant for evil, if we would allow Him to do the judging. In 1 Peter 2:21-23, *“For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in His steps. He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when He was insulted, nor threaten revenge when He suffered. He left His case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.”*

*Doing what is good and right no matter what, offers us protection in itself! “And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?”* (1 Pet. 3:13).

God has His ways of doing things, and His ways are completely different from the ways of the world. In God, the way up is down; anyone that would be the leader, must be the servant of all.

*“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.”* (1 Pet. 5:6). In God’s Kingdom, we get by giving - *“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”* (Luke 6:38); we live by dying - *“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”* (Jn 12:24); and we gain by losing - *“He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”* (Jn. 12:25).

Though we live in the world, we do not fight like the world, using worldly or fleshly weapons; but our weapons are mighty and effective through God. *“The world is unprincipled. It’s dog-eat-dog out there! The world doesn’t fight fair. But we don’t live or fight our battles that way—never have and never will.”* (1 Cor. 10:3 MSG).

Remember, *“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.”* (Rom. 8:28 NLT).

So, learn to win God’s way!

God bless you,

*Rev. Funke Ewuosho*



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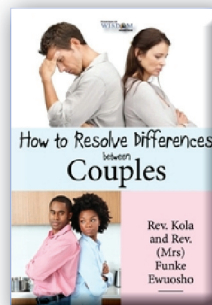
*"I had made plans to leave the marriage..."*

**"I** had been angry and bitter with my husband for a long time because I was not able to forgive him for the pain and hurt that he had caused me. To be honest, I hated him for wasting my time. Things had gotten so bad that we had barely talked in months and I had started to make plans to leave the marriage. But thank God I heard a message by Rev. Funke Ewuosho about marriage! It has totally changed my mind and since then I have vowed to change my attitude towards my husband and marriage. I trust God to deliver me and turn things around!"

*"God healed my brother!"*

**"I** wanted to share our amazing miracle with you. My eldest brother was on a life-support machine for over a week and the situation looked very bleak. The Sunday before he went into hospital you preached a message about having authority over the devil. As a result, my mum and I began to pray for my brother, refusing to doubt and believing that God would restore him. Praise be to God, he is now off life-support and is doing well! I know that God saved him from the jaws of hell as he was backslidden from the faith. We serve an awesome God! When this happened to my brother, my mum stood by his bed pleading with him to make his life right with God. The other amazing thing is that it was only last year that my mum nearly died and you prayed for her and God healed her too! I believe that

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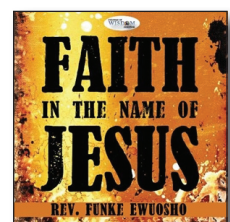
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## *"We asked God for 'Double' for our Trouble!"*



In November of that year our church had a month of prayer and fasting. At the end of it, hands were laid on my wife again and by the next month we discovered she was pregnant again! Even then, it looked like the pregnancy wasn't going to be. The enemy was committed to threatening miscarriage as signs began to show again during the first six weeks. However this time he was too late because God had gone ahead! We had our set of twins, a boy and girl on July 18th 2012, exactly within the time frame we asked the Lord!

We are so thankful to God who always remains true to His Word; the One who is constantly watching over His Word to perform it. We count ourselves privileged to be connected to the Fountain of Wisdom Ministries and blessed to know that we have spiritual parents who will stand in faith with us, sharing our burdens and pains in prayer. We are glad

**"B**y May 2011 we had been married four years and had a son of three years old. Towards the end of 2010

we began to believe God for our next child. Between this time and the end of July 2011, my wife suffered four painful miscarriages in quick succession. After the second miscarriage we sought medical advice, did some tests and received treatment. In July she lost another pregnancy that was already 11 weeks. This broke our hearts very much! Eventually we were told by two independent consultants that my wife had secondary infertility and would be unable to conceive naturally. We found this a little disturbing, especially as we had our first son by natural conception. We kept trusting and standing in faith. Our spiritual parents were aware of this and they stood with us in prayer, through thick and thin. On one of those occasions, while Reverend Funke prayed for my wife we heard her say "Satan, you are the thief and you have been caught. Lord, we ask for a double blessing; double for their trouble". We took those words to heart and stood on it anytime we prayed. On Tuesday 26th July 2011, we precisely asked God to have in a years' time a set of twins... a boy and a girl. Double for our trouble meant twins to us!

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to belong to a company of people who will always rally around us with a great heart of care and ardent prayers. We share this to inspire all those who are trusting God in any area and looking up to Him for a miracle. We embolden you not to lose your grasp on God and His Word and to hear the instructions He may put in your heart. We encourage you to stay connected to the grace and great heritage we have in this ministry and then watch how God will cause you to have a new song and a smile on your face."

Obi and Liz  
Harvestime Church (UK)



**Zube and Kamsi**  
Born July 2012



To impact our world, we need to allow God to impact us...

“What you allow in your life determines how long any impact will be.”



Our study on how to be a person of impact is separated into four aspects:

### 1) The Foundation of Christ

The foundation of our relationship with God is the finished work of Calvary. We will be looking at what His sacrifice has made available to us and how all these impact our access to God, generate a new sense of identity and authority in our lives, as well as giving us confidence over the works of Satan and the humility to receive correction.

### 2) Know your Purpose

God has a purpose for your life. It will be your joy to make a discovery of His purposes for your life and seek to fulfil them!

### 3) Be a Person of Influence

You need others to fully maximise your potentials. How you influence them will determine how much you succeed with people.

### 4) Be Passionate to Impact your World!

Be hungry to be all that God wants you to be and experience more of God's purposes for your life!

To impact your world, you need to allow God to impact you! What impacts us is what we allow to impact us. We are to choose what we allow to impact us, positively or negatively. They say “experience is the best teacher”, but I heard someone say “analysed experience is the best teacher!” Some things impact us more than we are



conscious of! To stay impacted depends on the choices we make. Some impacts last almost a lifetime and some are periodical. What you allow in your life determines how long any impact will be.

There are different motivations for a good life. One is to have financial stability, respectability, a secured future, a good family, etc. To make a difference in the lives of others is another good one! The highest motivation is to live a life that is pleasing to God! It supersedes all others and really encompasses them all.

Some scriptures assure us of God's unstoppable ability to bless us.

#### **2 Corinthians 9:8-11 (NKJV)**

*"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God."*

#### **Ephesians 3:20 (AMP)**

*"Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]"*

We know He is able and willing but sometimes we can make His provisions become the little idols in our lives! We must allow our love for Him and desire to please Him become our motivating force in life. Hence a proper foundation is necessary to please God.

#### **1 Corinthians 3:11 (NKJV)**

*"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."*

Christ died, was buried, rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father-God.

#### **Romans 10:9-11 (NKJV)**

*"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."*

A new identity (in Christ) and a new authority in His Name is established in our lives to face any challenges we have in our past, present or future!

In a previous article, we had studied the three dimensions of Christ's sacrifice for us: Divine Exchange, where He took our place so we can take His, Divine Pattern, where we see the process of His death, burial and resurrection as a pattern for us



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so that death works in our flesh to produce life in and through us and the Divine love of God, revealed through His sacrifice. The goal is mature sonship, being conformed to the image of the Son of God.

#### **Romans 8:28-37 (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."*

*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."*

### **KNOW YOUR PURPOSE**

You were designed to fulfil purpose, God created you to fulfil purpose. Your gifts, passions, likes and dislikes all have something to do with your purpose in life. There is an assignment with your name written on it! It is your privilege to find it, discover your potentials, develop them and deploy them to bless humanity and honour God.

Your purpose brings blessings to people, exposes your potentials and brings significance and fulfilment to your life.

Be faithful in little things (Luke 16:10). Never despise small things; treat them as valuable as you serve. Be a good steward of everything God gave you e.g. your time, treasure, talent etc. Develop yourself! Be a better time manager i.e. one who plans and executes plans. Be a goal setter. Have a sense of direction and achievement in life. Be a good leader and be a person of prayer! Prayer lays hold on the power of God and channels it for His will to be done on earth.

Discovery of your purpose, assignment and potentials usually begins with an encounter with God through His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. The potentials in us are put there by God for us to fulfil the purpose for which He created us. The discovery is usually in phases, beginning with an encounter with the Lord.

See Paul's encounter in Acts 9:15-16.

*"But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake.'"*

He needed to know Christ, then the call upon his life, then his assignment (to the Gentiles, kings and to the descendants of Israel). What it takes to be a witness to the Gentiles is one thing, what it takes to do the same for kings is another.

#### Acts 13:2-3 (AMP)

*"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Separate now for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. Then after fasting and praying, they put their hands on them and sent them away!"*

#### Acts 13:47-48 (NKJV)

*"For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, That you should be for salvation to the ends of*

*reveal to you. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance."*

Paul discovered his purpose through his encounter with the Lord. After a period of growth in the purposes of God, he was now separated unto the Holy Spirit for that purpose. In Acts 13 we see him (Paul) separated unto his calling (along with Barnabas) to fulfil another phase of his purpose in God.

In the early church in Jerusalem, there were several practices and vital commitments they made that enabled them to create a spiritually charged atmosphere that was conducive for their progressive walk with and work for God.

#### Acts 2:42-47 (NKJV)

*"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."*

We see commitment to the Word, to prayers, to one another and obedience to the Holy Spirit's instructions! To discover our purposes in God,

there must be devotion to certain values, principles and practices. For example, the content of their teaching (the Apostles' doctrines) and fellowship was what separated them from the world and its systems. They were in deep communion, through breaking of bread, praying together and sharing all they had with one another. They gave of themselves to the Lord and to one another! They maintained their joy and consciousness of God through praising Him constantly. These things allowed the

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*the earth.' Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed."*

#### Acts 26:16-20 (NKJV)

*"But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet*





revelation of purpose, discovery of potentials, development of these potentials through service and purifying of motives through prayer and communion with God! In our world today, many good things are being done with wrong motives. When the early church faced persecution, they went about preaching the Word.

As Phillip went to Samaria, his gifts and calling as an evangelist came to the surface as he preached Christ to them. See Acts 8:4-8.

## BE A PERSON OF INFLUENCE!

### Integrity with People:

To be a person of influence you need to have integrity with people. You must be a person they can count on, keeping your word and saying what you mean and meaning what you say. Integrity is usually being traded off today by situational ethics; people do what they judge the situation demands without any standards of right and wrong or integrity. Integrity is a heart issue and can be cultivated with time. It starts with meaning what you say and saying what you mean and doing what you said you would do.

### Nurture People:

To be a person of influence, you need to learn to nurture people. People need a nurturing environment to grow. We all have faults but when we nurture people we encourage their strengths and surround them with positive inputs that can enhance their potentials.

### Faith in People:

Believe in people. The Bible says love believes the best. At different stages in our development we need people who believe in what God can do in and through us. Be that person for others.

A person of influence listens to people, understands people, enlarges people and empowers people. They put out every effort in leadership development to listen with empathy, not just hearing but listening. They try to put themselves in others' shoes to understand how they feel and what their heart's cry is. They also empower and enlarge others by sharing ideas

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and their skills and knowledge with them. Others can accomplish more when they encounter such an influencer.

An influencer navigates for people, connects with people and also reproduces other influencers. This entails helping others to find ways to become successful. They connect with others through really caring for them and as time goes on they reproduce other influencers.

## Be passionate to impact your world:

Stay hungry to see other lives positively affected by you!

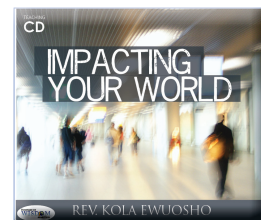
### Philippians 3:10-16 (NKJV)

*"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind."*

Finally, we need to sustain our lives by feeding and by doing a good variety of exercises. This is true mentally, spiritually and physically. Our spirits feed on the Word of God through study (likened to chewing), meditating (likened to the digesting process) and acting like the Word is true (likened to exercise). Our minds have similar needs: study, thinking, analysing and cultivating right habits. For our bodies we need to add regular rest. Many neglect the discipline needed to sustain their lives and end up being casualties of always giving and not receiving.

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