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Salvation Prayer

Are you saved? Do you have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ? Do you know whether you are going to heaven or hell when you die? (Rom. 6:23) If the answer to any of these questions is 'No', we invite you to pray something like this... **"Lord God, I ask you to forgive me for my sins and make me a new person today. I believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead for my salvation. I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I receive forgiveness, healing and deliverance today. I ask you to fill me with your Holy Spirit. Help me to know you and follow you from this day on. Thank you for saving me!"** The Bible says that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Rom 10:14). If you have just prayed this prayer for the first time, please get in touch with us so that we can send you some materials to help you to grow in your new relationship with God.

GOD'S INVADING ARMY: THE CHURCH

ARTICLE



REV. KOLA EWUOSHO

"The Lord gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His

word" (Joel 2:11).

"For the weapons or our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments (imagination) and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ," (2 Corinthians 10:4-5) NKJV

The history of the Christian Church in contemporary times has been filled with stories of people who catch only a glimpse of whom they are, or what they have become in Christ, or people who have no clue as to what exactly they have become, spiritually because of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross of Calvary. Those who catch a glimpse of who they have become tend to run off with their little 'vision' or picture and run roughshod over others and eventually make a wreck of their faith, wondering what happened. Those who have no clue tend to believe whatever comes their way or they fall on some past religious beliefs they had before coming to Christ. This present generation, on the other hand, has the advantage of see-

ing, learning and having a fuller picture than previous generations as to who they are in Christ and what is theirs in Him.

In the divine exchange dimension of Christ's sacrifice, He became who we were so that we can become who He is. He took our sins on Himself so that we can become the 'righteousness of God in Christ'. He became poor so that we through His poverty can be made rich. Believing in Jesus, coming into the kingdom of God and functioning like we should implies becoming new creatures in Christ, having authority in His name over the works of darkness and living by faith, honouring God and serving His purposes. In these the proper foundation for our relationship with God is laid.

Without these, we have a mishmash of different beliefs and we call it the Christian faith. What is not understood is that when we have a faulty belief

system, our beliefs can empower the kingdom of darkness to exercise authority over us. Whatever we measure some degree of significance to has that

measure of significance in our lives. God's Word becomes significant in our lives to the measure we measure significance to it. *"Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you and more besides will be given to you who hear."* (Mark 4:24 Amplified Bible).

"AN IDOL IS THAT WHICH WE MEASURE SIGNIFICANCE TO IN PLACE OF GOD IN OUR LIVES."



An idol is that which we measure significance to in place of God in our lives. Any idol in our lives will have authority over us in some measure or the other. Mammon, for instance, is the idol we serve if greed and covetousness define our attitude and disposition toward money. The

love of money, for instance, is the root of all evil. Mammon is the idol behind many, if not all, the evil perpetuated on earth today between human beings. Its



foundation is built on human insecurity and looking for that security in the possessions that money can buy. The human tendency to have 'lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life' feeds directly into the insecurity that needs things to feed the emptiness or void in our lives. What we lost in the fall of man, combined with what our upbringing has done to us, causes a tendency in us to be 'wanting, wanting, wanting', as the Message Bible calls it. Somebody once said we have a void in us that only God can fill. No matter what we try to use to fill it, we will not be satisfied. We need to recognise these things and allow God to fill us with His love and nature; with character and power; with a new identity and authority so we can grow and mature into wholesome people, able to give the love of God to others. What a life!

"Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and all evil speaking, as new born babies, desire the pure milk of the word that you may grow thereby," (1 Peter 2:1-2 NKJV).

God's way of building us up, amongst other things, is through painting 'Word pictures' that enable us, through our fellowship with Him, to see ourselves the way He sees us so that we can begin to function in these things. This can be seen in how a parent can believe in their child and the child lives up to the expectation of his loving parents. Of course, the converse is also true, that children can live 'down' to the negative expectation of parents too! Such pictures are seen in the Bible. These pictures represent metaphorical images that depict processes and expectations from God that we need to cooperate with for His purposes to be fulfilled in

and through us. There are 7 pictures of the Church in the New Testament. These are the Church as an Assembly; the Church as His (Christ's) Body; the Church as His Workmanship; the Church as God's Family; the Church as The Temple of God; the Church as The Bride of Christ; and the Church as the Lord's Army. There is a lot more we need to see here but space will only allow us to see a few things that will position us to fully experience the many sided grace of God.

7 PICTURES OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE GOVERNMENTAL ASSEMBLY:

"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and the church of the first born who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect"(Hebrews 12:22-23).

This represents the Assembly of God's people who carry authority. The "ec-clesia" is the equivalent of the senate of a government. The strength of God flows out of Zion (Ps 110:1-3) and His Kingdom rules in the midst of His enemies. The Holy Spirit through prayers and the gifts of the Spirit, extends the sceptre of God's authority over the nations. The essential feature is that the governmental authority of God is in His people and they are required to respect His order in their lives and conduct. The increase of His government (kingdom) and peace, there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgement and justice from that time forward, even forever. (Ish. 9:6-7). We need our lives to be ordered by His kingdom priorities, and our corporate prayers need to carry authority.

HIS BODY:

"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. (Ephesians 1:22-23 NKJV). "Therefore, when He came into the world, He

said: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you have prepared for Me. (Heb. 10:5). So we being many are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another (Romans 12:5). See the verses in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and see how we inter-relate as the Body of Christ.

To get things done in a time spaced world is to do them through His Body. He relies on us to do His work on earth. We are required to live our lives in obedience to Him as we do His will.

HIS WORKMANSHIP CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM (EPH.2:10). *"To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in heavenly places" (Eph. 3:10).*

We are required to yield to God so that His wisdom and creative ingenuity can be made manifest in us. We are His creative masterpiece. The word in Greek is "poema" from which we form the

word poem. God's ability to make us fit together like a poet uses words to fit together is what this 'workmanship' is about. He has an original picture and He works in us to bring about His beauty in creation. The many sided wisdom of God is put on display for all to see by us as we yield more and more to God and His dealings in our lives.

The next picture is that of FAMILY. We are God's family or His Household. 'Family' and 'father' in the Greek language are from the same root word. As the Father, God is the source of life for His Family. *"For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named," (Eph. 3:14-15 NKJV).* We enjoy acceptance from the Father and we can give that to others in the Family. We are all fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God (Eph. 2:19). We are not only connected to the Father in our vertical relationship with God but we are to maintain our horizontal ones with one another in love and fellowship.

The last three pictures are TEMPLE,

SEVEN MOUNTAINS OF INFLUENCE WE NEED TO INVADE

BRIDE AND ARMY. As a TEMPLE we are growing into being the Temple of God. *"In whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." (Eph.2:21-22).* The thought here is that we are being shaped like stones from a quarry to be made to fit into the place God has ordained for us in His eternal Temple. *We are lively stones the Bible says in 1 Peter 2:5; we are being built into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. This temple is built with living stones as God's Spirit dwells in us (1 Cor. 3:16).* The requirement here is that we should be willing to be shaped by God. **As the Bride we are expected to have mutual commitment as He (Jesus Christ) has to us.** As the Army we are to submit to Divine discipline. In Ephesians 6:10-18 Paul describes the armour of a Roman soldier and he advises us to put on the whole armour of God so we can take our place in the raging battle going on in the realm of the spirit. Every part of the armour is vital to our success in life. We are to put on the whole armour... "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit". (Eph. 6:18)

The Church of Christ has a ministry to the Lord in worship and obeying Him; to itself in loving, walking in acceptance toward one another, exercising our gifts in ministering to others; and also a ministry to the world to present the Word and influence of the Kingdom of God. God's will is for His Kingdom to be made manifest in the earth and we are the ones responsible for this to happen. Societies and cultures all around are known to be majorly influenced by seven areas of influence. These areas are mountains from which demonic influences flow into every known society. These influences corrupt, pollute and pervert the original purposes of God, keeping many in the grip of deception, trapped in a lifestyle of sin and out of fellowship with God.

"Now it shall come to pass that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and nations shall flow to it." (Isaiah 2:2)

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the entire world as witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." (Matt. 24:14)

These are the mountains: **Government; Economy; Media; Education; Religion; Celebration of arts, music and drama (Entertainment); and Family.**

Let us start with the 'MEDIA MOUNTAIN'. Media refers to the news outlets

GOVERNMENT ECONOMY MEDIA EDUCATION RELIGION CELEBRATION FAMILY

that report and establish news. They can make small issues big and big ones small: therein lies their power to influence. They can actually create news. The top of this mountain is influenced by spirits that convey terror and fear. They cause more damage than the terrorists themselves. Without media coverage the effect of terrorism would be minimal. The fear of Satan, terrorism, plagues and diseases or wars puts the hearts of men and women in the wrong battlefield and conditions them to respond out of ungodly fears. The fearful and anxious become easy prey for Satan and his cohorts. God will, and is, raising Kingdom citizens who will rise up and influence this mountain by prayer and divine strategy so that the *“Mountain of the Lord’s House can be exalted over this media mountain”*. (See my write-up at www.kolaewuoshos.com titled ‘Prayer Strategy for the 7 Mountains’.)

I thank God for the Missionaries who left the shores of Great Britain, carrying the gospel and also establishing schools (taking the mountain of Education). They also established governments based on the laws of God (at least to their level of knowledge of God) and so influenced the mountain of Government. We can tell they tried to influence many of the other mountains like family, celebration, economy and, of course, religion. Their influence has waned in the nations and the mountains have been taken over by satanic hordes. In some nations these mountains need to be retaken, in others they need to be taken afresh. When godly influences are around, many will come to the saving knowledge of Christ in large numbers. Let us have a summarised view of these mountains and have a quick view of the influences on them and what needs to be done.

Mountain	Enemy	Principality	Displacing Authority
Media	Bad News	Appolyn	Evangelists
Government	Corruption	Lucifer	Apostles
Education	Humanism	Belzebub	Teachers
Economy	Love of Money	Mammon	Prophets
Celebration	Compromise	Jezebel	Prophets
Religion	Idolatry	Religious Spirit	Holy Spirit
Family	Rejection	Baal	Pastor

Appolyn is the principality involved with destruction, while Lucifer uses pride and manipulation; Beelzebub is

the lord of flies who uses lies, while mammon uses greed; Jezebel uses seduction; Baal uses perversion and the religious spirit uses false worship. To really disciple all nations these mountains cannot be left unattended.

GOVERNMENT MOUNTAIN: the spirit of corruption serves the purpose of Lucifer, conditioning people to be pawns of his master plan. Read Isaiah 14:12-16 and see the intention “I will ascend”. This defines his motivation. Once this motivation is injected into the human spirit, the DNA of Satan is established. God will raise apostolic people with a spirit of humility to dethrone this power of darkness.

Humanism is the spirit behind the lies that govern the **EDUCATION MOUNTAIN**. God will raise teachers to bring in a new fear-of-God curriculum to counter this.

Mammon uses the love of money and greed of man to maintain its hold on this **ECONOMY MOUNTAIN**. Anyone who moves up this mountain must be purged of these. We cannot be under the influence of these spirits and expect to have victory over them. See 2 Kings 7:1-2.

The seductive spirit called Jezebel will use compromise to twist the beautiful intentions of God in His creation of pleasure. To understand what happens on this **MOUNTAIN OF CELEBRATION** we must understand that God created music, arts and sex. All can bring pleasure when engaged in with the right boundaries that God has ordained. In His right hand are pleasures ever more, but the enemy wants us to be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

Baal uses rejection on the **MOUNTAIN OF FAMILY** and also all manner of perversions. God will, through His saints help create social systems so that the family unit is prioritised again.

False worship is widespread as we see the influence

of this religious spirit from the **MOUNTAIN OF RELIGION**. Idolatry has taken the place of the true worship of the true

God. The Holy Spirit is helping God’s people to model a life and ministry infused by Him.

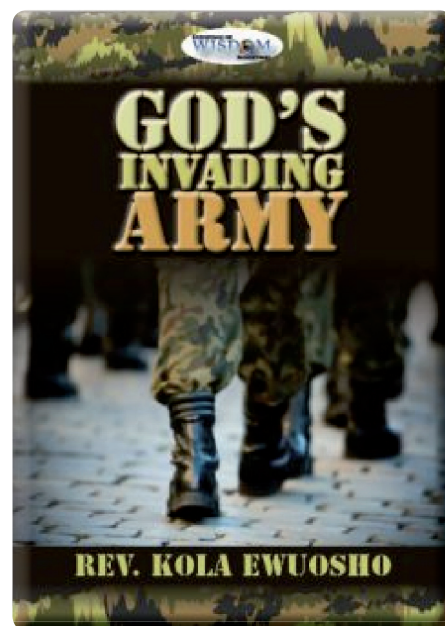
Our invasion strategy will involve prayer and action. As the Lord enables us to understand what is going on spiritually and we also understand our calling to invade the mountains, we need to know how He wants us to operate in these matters. In prayers we wrestle, like Apostle Paul teaches, against the prevailing spirits and take our stand in authority against their operations in the lives of people. We also trust God for wisdom to participate with His plans to raise up people or institutions with a clear vision of establishing His Kingdom influence on these mountains. Skill development must be involved in our efforts. For example, skilful music, anointed by God will be a necessary tool to influence the mountain of celebration. To take the mountain of education, knowledge is a major key. So we see the need for skills, passion and anointing. This calls for the entire Body of Christ to wake up to their various callings, to do the will of the Lord and let His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

God bless you as you take your place in this army of the Lord.

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(See ‘Prayer Strategy for the 7 Mountains’ online at www.kolaewuoshos.com).

Also visit www.fowm.org to purchase Rev. Kola Ewuosho’s 3-part series on ‘God’s Invading Army’. Available on CD (£15) or DVD (£24).



Nigeria



HOW THE WORK IN NIGERIA STARTED...

Fountain of Wisdom Ministries Nigeria was birthed in 1988 by Rev. Kola Ewuosho who had completed a time of study and service in a Bible school. He came to Kano and the work which had been conceived became a reality. The ministry was a platform for him to exercise the gift and grace of God in an itinerant type ministry that took him to different church denominations and fellowships across Nigeria. Later on, the ministry gave birth to Word of Faith Christian Centre, which is the church arm of the ministry.

Since the inception of the ministry, Rev. Kola and Funke Ewuosho have impacted the lives of countless people through “Strategic Equippers Conferences” held in places like Ibadan, Bauchi, Abuja and Port Harcourt. In addition, through the books, CD’s and magazines, thousands of lives are being transformed through the grace on their lives and the impact of God’s Word.

TESTIMONIES FROM NIGERIA

My faith in God has grown in leaps and bounds this year. I have seen that it is God that supplies my needs, not my labour or busy-ness! As I put my trust in Him, He has settled me on every side, and given me rest from my struggles in ministry and finances. I give Him all the glory. (Anthony)

Bless God for transforming my business. Gone are the days when I would have to wait for three weeks to get a single job. The jobs now come in their numbers and people who have been in the same business for years now call me to do some jobs for them. I thank God for the inspiration that comes every time I set down to work. “Not unto us, not unto us, but unto the name of the Lord!” (Olayinka)

AN UPDATE FROM NIGERIA

Fountain of Wisdom Ministries has been touching the lives of millions through our Discipling the Nations T.V. broadcasts. Currently, the Rev. Kola and Funke can be viewed on ACBN satellite channel and AIT Kano. A third satellite channel - “OH” TV will begin to air the Discipling the Nations Broadcasts very soon.

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Above: Word of Faith Christian Centre

Earlier this year, Fountain of Wisdom Ministries and Word of Faith Christian Centre jointly hosted the International Women's Conference. The Speakers were Rev. Kola and Funke Ewuosho and Rev. (Mrs.) Grace Aiyedogbon. Delegates from Ghana, the UK, Zimbabwe, Cameroon and different cities across the nation were in attendance. The theme for the convention was "Is there a Woman Around?"



In the month of January we had a partners' prayer meeting held for our Abuja and Kano partners. It was a period of waiting on the Lord and presenting the year before him. Partners were asked to write and submit their goals and prayer points for the year and together we prayed over them. In addition, The Fountain office staff and pastors continued to pray daily over the prayer requests. In the month of March, Rev. Kola met with the partners in Abuja and Kano, thanked the partners for their continued support, shared the year's direction and prayed over the partners' prayer requests. The partners were all highly encouraged and imparted.

Coming soon...

The ministry is partnering with the church to establish "Wisdom Foundation", a charity designed to contribute to the welfare needs of the community. The first expression of the foundation will be a hospital. The hospital will as much as possible provide excellent medical services to the community irrespective of the financial ability of those who come. A suitable location is being prayed and looked for. Please pray along.

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WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN AUTHORITY

- REV. FUNKE EWUOSHO -



"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan." Prov. 29:2. The phrase, "are in authority", also

could be rendered - "become great". Therefore, one could safely say, "When the righteous become great, the people rejoice..." What then does it mean for the righteous to be in authority or to become great? To understand what it means, one could look at it in three dimensions.

1. When The Righteous Become Physically Or Materially Prosperous

Proverbs 11:10 says "When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices..." Also in Ps. 35:27, we are told that God has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant. It is God's will that we prosper in all things and be in health, even as our soul prospers (3 Jn. 2). The LORD's blessing makes one rich. (Prov. 10:22). God told Abraham: "I will make you a

great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing." (Gen. 12:2). And the Bible tells us that God blessed Abraham greatly, "and he has become great; and He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold..." (Gen. 24:35). God blessed Abraham and made his name great, so Abraham should be a blessing. When Joseph became great in Egypt he became a blessing to his father and brothers, the nation of Egypt and even to the posterity of Israel. (Gen. 45:7-11). Truly, when the righteous become great, the people rejoice! God said His cities shall again spread out through prosperity (Zech. 1:17). God wants to raise His people into the place of financial strength also for the purpose of advancing His kingdom on earth. "Words of the wise, spoken quietly, should be heard rather than the shout of a ruler of fools." (Eccles. 9:17).

2. When The Righteous Comes Into Political Or Governmental Positions Or Places Of Influence

God gave Joseph favour in the sight

of Potiphar, his master and he made Joseph overseer of his house and put all that he had under Joseph's authority. And the LORD blessed Potiphar's house for Joseph's sake (Gen. 39:4-5). Even in the prison, the LORD was with Joseph and gave him favour in the sight of the

prison warden; and he committed into Joseph's hand all the prisoners and put them under his authority. (Gen. 39:21-23). Joseph was eventually brought before King Pharaoh to interpret the King's dreams. He said to Joseph: "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard

to the throne will I be greater than you." (Gen 41:39-40). Pharaoh set Joseph over all the land of Egypt. Joseph's promotion in Egypt not only brought huge blessings to Pharaoh and the Egyptians but also to the nation of Israel. He told his brothers that God sent him ahead of them to preserve a posterity for them in the earth and to save lives (Gen. 45:7). Daniel, Esther and Mordecai are also

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examples of people who rose into places of influence in the government and many truly rejoiced because of what they were able to accomplish from that position of authority. Esther rose to become King Ahasuerus' queen in the place of Vashti. She was positioned in the palace before Haman's plot to wipe out all the Jews in the Kingdom. Through her courageous intervention, the lives of the Jews were preserved. The King asked Esther and Mordecai to write another decree concerning the Jews in the name of the King, as they please and sealed the King's signet

ring no one can revoke. By the new decree, the Jews in every city were permitted to defend themselves and to destroy anyone that would attack them and also to plunder their goods. (Es. 8:11). Everywhere the new decree was read, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a holiday; and many others even became Jews! (v. 17). The Bible says when Mordecai was promoted, the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad; the Jews had light and gladness, joy and honour. (v. 15-16). Truly, the people rejoice when the righteous are in authority!

Take note that Joseph was in authority at different levels. You don't have to become the president or prime minister of your nation to be in authority. You can start from where you are – in your office, in your school, in your area, in your field, etc. God's covenant says you shall be the head and not the tail. (Deut. 28:13)

3. When The Righteous Come Into Spiritual Authority Or Take Their

"You don't have to become the president or prime minister of your nation to be in authority. You can start from where you are – in your office, in your school, in your area, in your field, etc."

Place In Spiritual Authority

This is where every believer comes in – *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right (or authority) to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."* (John 1:12). Believers need not be rich or be in political power or authority, to walk in this dimension of authority because it is a spiritual one. Jesus gave His disciples the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. (Lk. 10:19). He said those who believe in His name will cast out

demons, speak with new tongues; take up serpents and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover. (Mark 16:17-18). Philip preached Christ to the city of Samaria and the multitudes heeded the things he said, hearing and seeing the miracles he did. Unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many; and many who were paralysed and lame were healed. *"And there was great joy in that city."* (Acts 8:5-8). Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead,

cleansed lepers, cast out demons, and did a lot of miracles that brought joy to the people. He said in Luke 4:18 – *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;"*(or downtrodden). *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth*

with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." (Acts 10:38).

When believers begin to walk in this dimension of spiritual authority, we will put big smiles on the faces of people. One of the ways God designed for His Kingdom to expand is through the working of miracles. Jesus said to the sceptical and cynical Jews – *"But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you."* (Lk. 11:20) Casting out demons is one of the ways we overthrow the kingdom of Satan. One could imagine what happened when Jesus healed the woman with the spirit of infirmity. Jesus said *"So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"* (Lk. 13:16). Sicknesses and diseases are a form of bondage or oppression. (Acts 10:38). I am yet to see anyone who truly enjoys bondage or oppression. Can you imagine what it meant for someone to be bent over and not be able to stand up straight for eighteen years? And can you imagine the sense of freedom and the unspeakable joy she felt when she was made straight? Jesus said, *"Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."* (John 8:36). Jesus told His disciples *"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."* (Matt. 10:7-8). Every believer can exercise authority in the Kingdom of God and over the Kingdom of darkness. The Church is here on earth to exercise the authority of Christ. Jesus disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing

over them in His cross. (Col. 2:15). God worked His mighty power in Christ when He raised Him from the dead, seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power, might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. God put all things under the feet of Christ and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body. (Eph. 1:19-23). Jesus is the Head and the Church is His body, Jesus said *"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."* (Matt. 16:18b-19). The Amplified Bible says: *"...whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven."* What an awesome responsibility and authority given to the church! We are here to occupy till He comes. (Lk. 19:13). Jesus taught His disciples to pray – *"Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."* (Matt. 6:10).

The church has the authority and the responsibility to replicate on the earth what obtains in heaven: to bind and to loose, and to establish the Kingdom of God here on earth. This is another dimension of spiritual authority that has the potential to affect every facet of life and human existence. God wants His Kingdom to permeate every where – *"The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all."* (Ps. 103:19). Saints of old who walked in this dimension of spiritual authority affected governments, territories and generations. Daniel did not only have political authority, he also exercised spiritual authority as he influenced kings and the nation of Babylon through his prayer life. Nebuchadnezzar had a dream which none of the wise men could interpret but when Daniel and his friends prayed, God revealed the secret to Daniel. He said to the king: *"The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets..."* (Dan. 2:27b-28). After Daniel told the dream and gave the interpretation, the king fell on his face, prostrated

before Daniel and said, *"Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret."* (Dan. 2:46-47). The church is to make known to principalities and powers, the manifold wisdom of God. Daniel could reveal the secret whereas the other wise men could not, because he was in touch with God. Daniel truly knew his God – *"but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."* (Dan. 11:32b). Daniel indeed carried out great exploits in Babylon, he subdued the kings and that nation under the authority of his God. In the time of Belshazzar, Daniel interpreted the writing on the wall. The king was greatly troubled at the mysterious appearance of a man's hand, writing on a wall. None of the wise men could read or interpret it. The queen then advised that the king send for Daniel, – *"There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him..."* (Dan. 5:11). Daniel was then sent for and he read and interpreted the inscription on the wall. In the time of King Darius, a decree was made that anyone who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except the king, be cast into the den of lions. This was aimed at Daniel but the Bible says that when Daniel knew that the decree had been signed, he went home and in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down and prayed three times a day, as was his custom "since early days". He was caught and was thrown into the lions den but God miraculously delivered him. Then King Darius made a decree that in every dominion of his kingdom, men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. (Dan. 6:26). Hebrews 11 talks about elders who obtained a good testimony by their faith, some *"who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions"* (Heb. 11:33). Elijah was another example of a man who exercised spiritual authority that

shook the land of Israel. He declared to King Ahab: *"As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."* (1 Kg. 17:1). The secret of all the exploits he did was his prayer life. We are told that he prayed earnestly that it would not rain and it didn't rain

on the land for three years and six months and when he prayed again; heavens gave rain and the earth produced fruit. (Jas 5:17). Elijah declared to the four hundred prophets of Baal before the children of Israel: *"and the God who answers by fire, He is God."* (1 Kg. 18:24). Elijah called on God and God indeed answered by fire!

God is looking for more righteous people who will be bold enough to step out in authority; and He will show himself strong in the earth. The Apostles prayed after their release from the prison – *"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word"* (Acts 4:29). God is looking for the Esthers, who will say *"Go, gather all the Jews... and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast like-*

wise. And so I will go to the king, which is against And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!" (Es. 4:16). God is looking for the Shadrachs, Meshachs and Abed-Negos, who will refuse to bow to the image of gold and declare boldly to the king: *"But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."* (Dan. 3:18) God is looking for the Mordecais who will not bow to Haman, even when everyone around them is bowing. (Es. 3:2). God is looking for the Daniels who cannot be stopped from praying by the decree of man or king. (Dan. 6:10). God is looking for people like the Apostles, who will say to religious leaders, when they are commanded not to speak at all or teach in the name of Jesus, *"Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."* (Acts 4:19-20).

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But the major thing that would stop us from being such a people is fear; the fear of man, the fear of losing our face or our reputation before people, the fear of losing our position, the fear of lack, the fear of death, etc. Fear is very much part of the fallen human nature. When Mordecai asked Ester to go see the king, her first reaction was No! She knew the consequence of going to the king uninvited unless the king stretched his sceptre towards her. The fear of being eaten up by the lions or even the fear of losing his position could have stopped Daniel from praying when he heard of the decree! The fear of being killed by the fire would have made Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego to bow to the image of gold. The list is endless. Proverbs 29:25 says *"The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe."* Jesus told His disciples not to fear men, who can only kill the body and not the soul, but rather to fear God. He said they were of more value than the sparrows and the very hairs on their head are all numbered! (Matt. 10:26-33). Jesus, through death, overcame death that He might destroy the devil, who had the power of death, and released those who through the fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Take note that the fear of death, like other fears, keeps one in bondage.

Fear could be very real and legitimate. Fear is part and parcel of our human nature but very foreign to our recreated spirit. Right after the fall of man, Adam said to God *"I heard Your voice in the*

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garden, and I was afraid..." (Gen. 3:10). But when we got saved we received another spirit: *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."* (Rom. 8:15). We must confront our fears. We must overcome our fears by trusting in the Lord- in His presence with us; in His promises; in His power; in His love; in His protection and in His Word. Psalm 27:1 says *"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"* Psalm 46:1, 2 says *"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear;"* And in Ps. 23:4; *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;"*

The antidote to fear is trust! *"Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You."* (Ps. 56:3). God promised never to leave nor forsake us. He said,

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you."

When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you." (Is. 43:2)

God is truly a very present help ('an abundantly available help') in trouble! The Bible says God will help us just at the break of dawn (Ps. 46:5). His help is always timely! God was a very present help for Esther- she found favour with the king and he held out to her the golden sceptre, so she didn't perish. (Es. 5:2). God came through for the

three Hebrew men in the fiery furnace. The king said *"Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?... I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."* (Dan. 3:24, 25) What of Daniel in the lions den? He said *"My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me;"* (Dan. 6:22).

The list is endless about God's timely intervention in the lives of those who trusted in Him. **God didn't mean for us to be food for the devil and his cohorts.** The three Hebrew men didn't bow and they didn't burn! Jesus gave us the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and power over all the power of the enemy, "and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Lk. 10:19). We therefore don't need to be afraid of sa-

tan's backlash or counter-attack. Jesus said He will build His Church and the dates of Hades shall not overpower it or be strong to its detriment. (Matt. 16:18). We must therefore learn to walk in, and exercise our God-given, blood-bought authority. You don't have to be wealthy to exercise spiritual authority- the Bible says, the poor are rich in faith and also are heirs of the Kingdom. (Jas. 2:5). Nor do you need to be in political power to exercise spiritual authority. Rather, you should seek to determine things that happen in the government on your knees. Prayer is moving the Hand that rules the world. God said, if His people would pray and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways, He will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chron. 7:14). The Bible says Elijah was a human being like us, yet when he prayed earnestly for it not to rain, no rain fell on the earth for three years and six months; and when he prayed again; the heavens gave rain and the earth produced crops. (Jas. 5:16-18). Remember, Elijah was not in the government, but he influenced the government by his life of prayer. He forced the king to listen to him!

However if we would walk in authority, there are three major adjustments we must make- because nothing changes, until we change!

1. We Must Be Concerned

We must stop being indifferent about our environment, about things going on even in different parts of the world; about the sufferings of other people; about how the affairs of our nation or nations are being run, etc. Whatever goes round, comes round; and besides that, Jesus said we are the salt of the earth and also the light of the world. We must stop being selfish. Though Moses was raised in the comfort of the palace, as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, a time came when it came into his heart to go and see his brethren, to see their burdens. (Ex. 1:11; Heb. 11:24-27). Nehemiah was in exile in the king's palace in Shushan as a cup bearer. But he was concerned about the state of Jerusalem and the survivors. When he heard that the wall of Jerusalem was broken down, and its gates were burned with fire and that the survivors were in great distress and reproach; he broke down, wept and mourned for many days, fasting and praying before God. (Neh. 1:1-4).

Don't get so used to what is going on

around you that you do not see any need for a change. The Bible says Lot was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked people he was living among; he tormented his soul by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds. (2 Pet. 2: 7-8).

The world is trying to squeeze us into its mould, by trying to force us to accept evil as good and even to change our concept of good and bad/ right and wrong. The Bible warns us not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our mind, so that we could prove the good, acceptable and perfect will of God. (Rom. 12:2).

Note, however, that we can't be concerned if we are not accurately informed. You must know your world, you must know what is going on around you. Esther did not even know that a decree to destroy all the Jews had been written; thank God for Mordecai who was informed. Sadly, a lot of us church folks are like Esther, locked up within the four walls of the Church, locked into our own comfort zone. Jesus said we are the salt of the earth; as salt we are of no use as long as we remain in the salt-shaker. We are to go out into all the world and preach the gospel. Daniel knew about the decree that was written; Moses went out to see how his brethren lived. Ananias the disciple knew that Saul had a letter from the chief priests to arrest the Christians. (Acts 9:13-14). Nehemiah found out from those who were visiting from Judah about the state of Jerusalem. We can make contact without contamination. We need to interact with our world, if we would influence and change it. Daniel and his three friends also learnt the language and literature of the Chaldeans (Dan. 1:4). *"And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds."* (Acts 7:22). You would be surprised at how much information, connection and resources, God will bring your way when you start being concerned!

2. Pray!

Your concern should lead to prayer and where necessary, coupled with fasting. Esther asked Mordecai and all the Jews in Shushan to pray and fast for her, and she and her maids did likewise. (Es. 4:16). Nehemiah prayer and fasted before God.

You couldn't be genuinely concerned and not pray, especially as you recognise your own inadequacies and the enormity of the challenge before you. When Jehoshaphat was told that a great multitude was coming against him, the Bible says, he *"feared and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast..."* (2 Chron. 20:3). Jehoshaphat admitted they had no power in themselves

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against this great multitude that was coming against them nor did they know what to do, but their eyes were on God. (v. 12). In prayer, we admit our own weakness and helplessness and look to God's strength and ability to help us. In prayer, we position ourselves accurately – to bind and to loose (Matt. 16:19); to receive wisdom and direction from God (2 Chron. 20:14-19); to initiate and direct the needed changes; to receive mercy and forgiveness of sins, so as to avert God's judgement or satan's destruction (e.g. Abraham's intercession for Sodom and Gomorrah, Gen. 18:20-33; 2 Chron. 7:14); to receive God's favour, protection and strategy. (e.g. Esther – Es. 5; Nehemiah – Neh. 1:11, 2:4-8); to stop the plans of the enemy (Acts 12:1-11), etc.

The list is endless, but there is no limit to what we can achieve through prayer. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available (dynamic in its working). (Jas. 5:16 Amp).

3. Take The Necessary Action!

It is not just enough to pray; we must pray and also do something. Esther said: *"My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the King..."* (Es. 4:16). When the king asked Nehemiah what his request was, he said *"I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I MAY REBUILD IT."* (Neh. 2:5).

What are you concerned and praying about? It is time to begin to do something about it! Are you concerned about the huge breakdown in family structure in the nations? What then are you going to do about it? Are you concerned about the abuse of children? What are you going to do about it? Are you concerned about the way schools are being run? Then do something about it! Don't be intimidated by the

enormity of the problem. Use what you have! Be like a David, who when he saw and heard Goliath didn't say, *"what can little old me do"* rather he asked, *"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?"* (1 Sam. 17:26). Elisha told the widow of the prophet, *"What do you have in the house?"* (2 Kings 4:2). God said to Moses, *"What is that in your hand?"* (Ex. 4:2). You must begin to use what you have in your hand no matter how insignificant it is and God will bless it. Jesus blessed the five loaves and two fish the little boy had and fed five thousand men (besides women and children) and there were still leftovers. (Matt. 14:17-20).

In closing, hear the words of Jesus: *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matt 5:14-16). Psalm 82:3-4 says: *"Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked."* Remember, if you and I don't do anything about the wrongs and the evil we see around us, somebody else will take advantage of them! Jesus didn't come to bring another religion to the earth, He said, *"I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."* (Jn. 12:46).

God bless you,
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HOW THE WORK IN GHANA STARTED...

Pastor Apenteng Freduah-Agyemang was part of the Word of Faith Christian Centre in Nigeria for about 10 years before he and his wife were released as an apostolic team in 1999 to impact the nation of Ghana with the grace they had received from Rev. & Rev. (Mrs.) Kola Ewuosho. Wisdom Chapel started in the Pastor's house and it moved to different places until it obtained its present location.



TESTIMONIES FROM GHANA

My first contact with the FOWM, Ghana was in February 2003 when I had just relocated here. Since then, my life has been a bundle of testimonies. I will share the latest one. I am a medical doctor and have been trying to pass the membership examination for the past year. I had two unsuccessful attempts and was contemplating doing it a third time. In the natural there was nothing that showed that I would have a better outcome this time around. I was barely having enough time to study and with the fact that I was pregnant. The exams tend to be very grueling and required a great deal of mental, emotional and physical stamina which I did not feel I had. But in spite of it all, I knew God wanted me to do them because I had no peace when I thought of backing out. So I went ahead and registered for it, feeling very inadequate all the way. I wrote the first part of the examination after much encouragement from the Pastors and my husband. Coming from a background filled with negativity did not help matters. I did eventually pass the first part as usual but my name was mistakenly omitted from the pass list! It took much encouragement in the Word of God to get me to go on to do the second part. I also thank the Lord for the series Pastor was teaching in church about dealing with strongholds. To the glory of God, I not only passed but had the best result in the whole of West Africa in a particular segment which was my greatest challenge in times pass. This is a reflection of the spirit of excellence present in the house. My life is being transformed on a daily basis and I am being taught to re-configure my mind with the word of God. I thank God for using this ministry mightily to do a great work in my life. *(Juliana)*

My coming into contact with the ministry has been a process of life transformation and a process of realigning my mindsets and heart to the true knowledge of God's Word. I am a living witness of the flowing grace upon the Ministry. I say this because I now have faith and assurance in the Word of God, like never before. I know that the Word has the ability to produce results in our lives. I'm experiencing growth in my relationship with God and I now value the spiritual authority that God places in our lives. *(Mawulu)*

Being a member of Fountain of Wisdom Ministries has helped me mature spiritually, given me direction in life by teaching me to make the right choices and enlarged my capacity to help me balance both the spiritual and secular aspects of my life. *(Emmanuel)*



Above: Wisdom Chapel

AN UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR



The ministry and the church in Ghana are doing well by the grace of God.

In Ghana, Fountain of Wisdom Ministries is involved in a number of programmes:-

we have been able to reach a number of schools in the capital and beyond.

- The universities are not left out. We started a **Campus Fellowship** named Harvestime Fellowship. Presently we are in our premier university; Legon campus to be precise. We intend to spread it to the other public universities in the very near future. The private ones are mainly church-based, which we have a challenge penetrating.

- We also run our **medical, food and clothes outreaches** to bless communities. We intend to spread this out

from the city to rural areas. The ministry is also involved with the government orphanage in Accra (Osu Children's Home) through our generous donations as well as organizing church services with the children in the home. One of our medical doctors volunteers her services every week to take care of the children. The Welfare Department is also supporting brethren and is involved in distribution of food stuffs, medicals and clothes to needy members of our community.

- The **Strategic Equippers' Conference** organized by the ministry is growing each year. God is helping us reach a lot of pastors. We also reach out to **couples** within and outside the church.

- Our teaching materials are now being distributed in **Botswana** by a sister who is a medical personnel over there.

- Presently, our messages can be viewed via **satellite** in Ghana. We trust the Lord to be on air soon in the local media.

- There are open doors in the northern part of the country and we trust that God will help us respond to this. Also, we intend to reach our neighbouring countries in this coming year.

(Pastor Apenteng Freduah-Agyemang)

Below: Medical Outreach



Above: Wisdom Chapel reaches out to second cycle and tertiary institutions with film shows and direct preachings. Different schools within and outside the city of Accra have been reached for Christ. Recently, about sixty children gave their lives to Christ in one of our outreaches. Many of such testimonies abound to the glory of God.

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Qualities of those who make a Difference

-Rev. Funke Ewuosho-



"Everyone is different but not everyone will make a difference!"

God's will for each and everyone of us is to make a difference on earth. Whoever you are; wherever you are, and whatever you do- you can make a difference!

God created each one of us in His image and after His likeness, yet each one is different, each one is unique, each one is original. No two people on earth are the same; not even identical twins! Everyone is special to God, everyone is important to God and His programme on the earth. Everyone has a part to play – "from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." (Eph. 4:16).

To be different is to differ or to be unlike

somebody or something else. It also means to disagree in opinion; to be distinguishable, to be significant, to be important and to be noteworthy. God created us to be different from one another – to see things differently, to think differently, to respond differently, etc; and that is designed for the good of all. "For as we have many members in one body, but

all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them" (Rom. 12:4-6). However, it is one thing to be different but it is a totally different thing to MAKE a difference! The Bible says Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps because an excellent spirit was in him; and he was therefore set over the whole realm.



(Dan. 6:3). Everyone is different but not everyone will make a difference! Everyone has a purpose, but not everyone will fulfil their purpose. Everyone has potentials, but not everyone will fulfil their potentials. Everyone has a destiny, but not everyone will fulfil their destiny. That would be a sad thing though, because it is God's will that we all should fulfil our purpose on earth, fulfil our potentials and fulfil our destiny, so that like the Apostle Paul, we could say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Tim 4:7).

We would make the difference, however, only if we would be ready to pay the price! The price to pay is outlined in the qualities that are common to those who made the difference, both in the Bible and in the contemporary world. Let us see some of those qualities.

1. They are Courageous

Courage means, the readiness to face and endure danger or difficulty; the ability to control or

suppress fear or its disturbing effects.

Courage is not the absence of fear, but the ability to act in spite of one's fears, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me..." (Ps. 23:4). When I am afraid, I will trust in You. (Ps. 56:3). Esther said "...I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!" (Es. 4:16). Rosa Parks, a civil rights activist, was ready to face and endure whatever the danger or difficulty that could arise as a result of her refusal to move from her seat to make room in the white section, on the Bus! That was courage; it wasn't easy but it was worth it! As a result of her courageous act, on the 13th of November 1956, the United States Supreme Court ruled that segregation was unlawful and the city of Montgomery, Alabama had no right to impose it on people riding their buses. The signs on the bus seats, designating white and colored sections were removed!

2. They are Confident

Confidence means, firm trust; a feeling of certainty; boldness, etc. Confidence comes from knowing who you are – "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." (1 Jn. 4:4). Confidence comes from knowing whose you are and whom you serve. (Acts 27:23). Confidence comes from knowing what you have. Peter said to the lame man at Gate Beautiful, "silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have, I give you..." (Acts 3:6). Confidence is in knowing who your Source is! "I will lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." (Ps. 121:1-2). Daniel said the people who know their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits. (Dan. 11:32). "And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant..." (1 Cor. 3:4-6).

3. They are Adventurous

Those who make a difference see what many others don't see. "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them." (Heb. 11:13-16). They always seek something better than their present position. Martin Luther King (Jr.) sought a better America, where his children will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by their character; and truly he died in faith, not having received it but he saw it afar off! Rosa Parks desired a better country, where people of all colour could sit wherever they wish on buses, throughout the nation of America. People who make a difference are always hungry for more; they are never satisfied with the status quo. They are adventurous; they are risk takers! The daughters of Zelophehad challenged the inheritance law in Israel and God changed it to give daughters also the right to a share in their father's possessions! (Num. 27:4-9).

4. They are Selfless

If Esther had only thought about herself, she would have remained silent in the palace! Nobody knew her true identity before then. Esther put her life on the line for her people! "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." (Rev. 12:11). The

Apostle Paul said he didn't count his life dear to himself, so that he might finish his race with joy and the ministry he had received from the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 20:24). We are to run the race

set before us with endurance, that is, with perseverance. (Heb. 12:1). If you would make a difference, you have to stop thinking only about yourself alone – your needs, your desires, your reputation, your comfort, etc. Ruth refused to return to her people and to her gods; she

clung to Naomi. She didn't make a selfish decision. She committed herself to Naomi, to Naomi's people and to her God; she committed herself to a lifelong relationship. Boaz said to her: "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before." (Ruth

2:11).

People who make a difference don't think only about themselves, they are sacrificial. The blacks boycotted the buses for three hundred and eighty one days, they only stopped the boycott when the Supreme Court ruled on the 13th of November, 1956 that segregation was unlawful and the signs designating white and colored sections on buses were removed! Rosa Parks was



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arrested and taken to jail as a result of her refusal to move to make more room on the bus in the white section, and she even lost her job as a result of all that followed. The women who fought women's suffrages in Great Britain campaigned relentlessly for about 52 years; some of them faced trials and were jailed, and even went on hunger and thirst strikes!

To make a difference, we must move from success (personal) to significance. It is not just for us or our immediate family; it is for generations to come.

5. They are Consonant

People who make a difference are never an island to themselves. They always recognise the role and the place of others. They worked with others to achieve a common goal. Somebody said, a lot more will be done if nobody cares who gets the credit! Esther knew she couldn't act alone. She asked Mordecai and all the Jews in Shushan to pray and fast for her, and she and her maids also fasted, before she went in to see the king. (Esther 4:16). Daniel did not act alone. He acted with his three friends in his decision not to

defile himself with the king's meat. (Dan.1:11-15). Also when he needed to know the interpretation of the king's dream he went to his friends and they all prayed together. God answered their prayer by revealing the dream and its interpretation

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to Daniel.

When the king promoted Daniel he also petitioned the king to promote his friends also. (Dan. 2:17-19).

The Women who struggled for women's suffrages in Great Britain and the United States worked in consonance. Sylvia

Parkhurst (1911) said: "All over America, the suffragists declare that they gained hope and inspiration from our own Great British Movement. In the early day of our long struggle, it was we who drew our inspiration from them. Our movements act and react on each other." In Great Britain, The women won the right to vote in 1918, and their counterpart in the U.S. won theirs in 1920. Those who make a difference always desire and aim for things that are bigger than them and so could never be accomplished in their strength alone. They always recognise and acknowledge



their need for others. "Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up." (Ecc. 4:9-10).

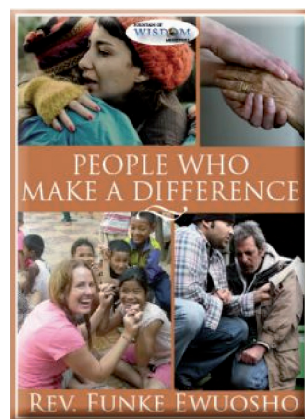
The list of the qualities is endless. People who will make a difference are people who have learnt to overcome their fears,

their insecurities, their selfishness, their past, their inhibitions and limitations. They have learnt to overcome intimidation and condemnation; they have learnt to break through the barriers of race, colour, gender, culture, etc, to make a difference.

Those who make a difference have learnt to put their faith in the unseen God and His ability to help them. They have learnt to stay focussed and committed to their goals. They have also learnt to maintain a positive attitude. They are people of vision and purpose. They are determined not not to give up until they win!

God bless you.

Rev. Funke Ewuosho



To learn more about the qualities of those who make a difference order for Rev. Funke Ewuosho's 3-part series 'People who make a Difference.' Available to purchase from www.fowm.org or by calling our offices. (CD Set: £15, DVD Set: £24)



HOW THE WORK IN THE UK STARTED...

Rev. & Rev. (Mrs.) Kola Ewuosho and their three children re-located as missionaries to the UK in the year 2000. Prior to this they had established a church in Kano, Nigeria and raised a team of leaders to continue the work. On their arrival into the U.K they began working with a small church of about nine people, encouraging and equipping the believers there. Within a short space of time the church experienced amazing growth and Rev. Kola and Funke Ewuosho were asked to take over the church as a Fountain of Wisdom Ministries church. Shortly after, the church was re-named Harvestime Church and in 2003 they moved into their own building in Virginia Water, which is currently the head-quarters for FOWM in the UK.



A TESTIMONY FROM THE UK



"My name is Jie Liu (Julie) and I am from China. I am currently studying a master's degree in Royal Holloway University, London. It is a great honour to share my testimony with you of how I became a believer last August and decided to follow God's Word with all my heart.

Before then, I wanted to be a successful person, but I suffered from defeatism. I felt ashamed and very guilty when I did not finish my study on time. I could not face my family, not even myself. After that, I could not control my mood, I very easily lost my temper, and I liked to stay in my room alone. I would wake up at around 12pm, check my emails, watch movies, eat if I was hungry, sleep and then wake up at around 12pm again. Time passed by quickly; however I hated myself when I came back to reality and asked myself "What's going on?" I was totally lost but I did not know how to overcome my problem.

At this time, I found out that one of my good friends went to church every Sunday and I asked her if I could go with her as I had never been to church before. I remember how the church was full of happiness and joy and although I did not totally understand what Pastor Kola taught, there was peace, joy and strength in my heart. Then, my new life as a believer started. My lifestyle changed but my faith still needed to grow and I was easily disturbed. At one point I stopped going to church because I had to work and my old lifestyle came back again after three months. Thanks to our heavenly Father, when I noticed my situation, I turned back to God. I did not want to become a fool. Thanks to His mercy, the good lifestyle has come back, and even better.

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FOWM Annual Calendar

For up-to-date information about all our conferences please contact us or visit www.fowm.org.

JANUARY

Harvestime Anniversary Conference (UK)

FEBRUARY

Women's Breakfast Conference (UK)
Men's Breakfast Conference (UK)

MARCH

International Women's Conference (Kano, Nigeria)

MAY

Women's Breakfast Conference (UK)
Men's Breakfast Conference (UK)

JUNE

Harvestime Church Conference (UK)

AUGUST

Ingathering Annual Conference (Kano, Nigeria)

OCTOBER

Harvestime Church Family Conference (UK)

NOVEMBER

Women's Breakfast Conference (UK)
Men's Breakfast Conference (UK)
Church Conferences (Nigeria)

DECEMBER

Leadership Summit (Kano, Nigeria)
FOWM Christmas Outreaches (Worldwide)





When I decided that I wanted to finish my dissertation, I believed I would make it this time. Even though it was a very huge and hard task for me, I presented my request to God and asked Him to send His wisdom and strength upon me. When I only had two weeks left, my tutor told me that I should rewrite the research method! I nearly gave up my dissertation because I did not know how to do it. But I prayed and God heard my prayers! My friends and colleagues all came to help me and finally, I submitted my dissertation on time. Praise to the Lord! I give thanks to my Heavenly God, He is a living God and He is my future. God bless you!"

AN UPDATE FROM THE UK

The ministry and the church in the UK are currently involved in the following:

- Weekly **street evangelism** reaching out to people in the local area with the Gospel of Christ. We are also involved with outreach in the local university and hospital.
- Quarterly **men's & women's breakfast conferences**
- Rev. & Rev. (Mrs.) Kola Ewuosho regularly minister God's Word at various churches and **conferences throughout the UK** (including Sheffield, Coventry, Manchester, London, Birmingham, Bradford, Kent, Oxford and Swansea)
- Publication and distribution of our free **Wisdom Digest Magazine**.
- Distribution of free **Teaching Materials** to parts of Europe, Asia, U.S.A and Africa.
- **Financially Supporting Missions** in Uganda, Spain, India, Kenya, Cameroon, Pakistan, South America, South Africa and more.
- Broadcasting messages on the **internet**, including www.fowm.org and www.streamingfaith.com. We have also aired on various **Sky Television Stations** reaching the UK and beyond.



Above: Harvestime Church Street Evangelism

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 Visit www.harvestimechurch.net.



HOW THE WORK IN CAMEROON STARTED...

Pastor Olivier Atemengue was a member of the Word of Faith Christian Centre in Nigeria when he began to have a burden to take the message he had received to the French-speaking world. He was led to go to Cameroon and was released by the ministry to plant a Fountain of Wisdom Ministries church. Harvestime Church was soon planted in Douala and the work of the ministry is now advancing in the nation of Cameroon and beyond. Our magazines, website and a number of Rev. Kola and Funke Ewuosho's books have also been translated into French and the ministry is also airing God's Word on a local radio station in Cameroon.

A TESTIMONY FROM CAMEROON

The Lord brought my husband and I into contact with FOWM at a time we were in deep need for more practical Christianity. I had been born-again for close to 20 years and serving in a well established Pentecostal church as one of the leaders, however deep within me I had so many questions, like why we had so many people in the church but very little evidence of growth in Christian character. I believe this aspect was not emphasized. My husband got into some teachings on the apostolic move of God and began sharing them with me. With time God connected us to Pastor Olivier who has been a blessing in answering some of the questions I had and even in helping us in our marriage. I have been a part of Harvestime Church for ten months now and I see the Lord taking me deeper through the teaching materials of Reverend Kola, the conferences and through our Pastor. The teachings are a blessing to my entire family. I believe the Lord brought me to this church to equip me for the present move of God. *(Evelyn)*

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HOW THE WORK IN KENYA STARTED...

The Fountain of Wisdom Ministries began in Kenya through a divine connection between Rev. Kola Ewuosho and Pastor Job Simiyu when they met in Uganda (a neighbouring country to Kenya). Having been born and raised in Kenya, Pastor Job had a very strong evangelistic background. He developed a longing to find the best way to serve God since what he knew did not answer the questions in his heart.

In 2004, Pastor Job was invited to preach in Uganda by a pastor whom he didn't know at the time. While in Uganda, Pastor Job heard that there was to be a conference with Rev. Kola in a few months time and was encouraged to come. He travelled to Uganda, however due to several challenges, he was only able to get there for the last day of the conference. The little he heard from the man of God that day brought a deep conviction in his heart to begin relating with Rev. Kola.

From that time Pastor Job began communicating with Rev. Kola via email. In 2005, he also invited Rev. Kola to come and speak at a conference that was to be held at his church in Eldoret. The Lord spoke through His servant and those who attended the conference were convinced that the church needed the grace upon this man of God. After that, the church began inviting Rev. Kola yearly until 2007 when the church fully submitted as sons to his ministry, giving birth to the Fountain of Wisdom Chapel.

After sometime the Fountain of Wisdom Chapel leadership began to see the need to reach out to other local churches in Kenya and neighbouring countries. As a result, the Fountain of Wisdom Ministries office was established and is touching many lives in East and Central Africa through the yearly conferences, their website and training materials such as DVDs, CDs, magazines and books. Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke have continued to be a blessing to the body of Christ in Kenya.

TESTIMONIES FROM KENYA

Meeting Rev. Kola and Rev Funke has changed my life completely for the best. I believe that meeting them was pre-planned and destiny orientated. They have taught me how to have an intimate relationship with our Lord in a deeper and more fulfilling way. I have also learnt a lot about personal development and hence I am now a better husband, father and leader as opposed to how I was before. Through submitting to them, I am also enjoying certain privileges in my day to day life including divine health and healing, protection, breakthroughs in spiritual warfare and better relationships amongst other things. When you have a spiritual 'father', the things that the father has worked for can be enjoyed by the child because of the relationship. I encourage anybody who reads this that God is real and that He works even today. Also, that with the right mentor and father we can all fulfil our destinies! (Kimutai)

I came in contact with the Fountain of Wisdom Ministry in 2006 through materials given to me by Pastor Job and through attending a conference in Kericho in 2007. Since then my life, family and ministry have been completely transformed. I can testify today that the things that have happened in my life since then are as a direct result of my participation and partnering with the ministry. I have received teachings, corrections, rebukes and instructions that have changed my life. I thank God for bringing me in contact with the ministry and I thank Rev. Kola and Rev. Funke for obeying God. (Pastor Charles)



Above: Fountain of Wisdom Chapel

YIC

YOUTH INSPIRED 4 CHRIST

Young people are heavy influencers, and most importantly, we are heavily influenced. We grow according to how we are fed - we are what we eat. This is why it is vital that our input is clean, constructive, challenging - and full of the truth! This is where YIC comes in! YIC (Youth Inspired for Christ) is a new arm of FOWM that has a vision to touch the lives of youths in every continent. By God's grace and support from many, we wish to influence and change the lives of our generation. Our passion is to see friends, and other youth, inspired for Christ, for the youth to be built up and equipped by the truth, to be encouraged to participate in events and to be inspired to reach out to others! Through the gifts and interests of the youth, our goal is to see all youth strive to maximise their potential in Christ.

Here are a few things that FOWM are currently doing to influence the lives of young people...

YIC NIGERIA

- The TENT (Nigeria- Kano): a roof of many activities in which committed youth of FOWM express themselves for God's kingdom.
- Talent Hunt (Nigeria- Kano, Lagos and Abuja): a camp based outreach (under the TENT)- that reaches out to young workers.
- Ingathering Conference (annually held in Kano, Nigeria): people from all over the world attend this 5-day conference. The variety night held on the Saturday has a huge appeal and is a blessing to young people especially.
- The ministry's messages on tapes/ CDs have reportedly been a blessing within university campuses in Nigeria especially.

YIC GHANA

- Student Outreach (Accra, Ghana): the ministry reaches out to second cycle and tertiary institutions with film shows and direct preachings - around 60 students recently gave their lives to Christ.

YIC UNITED KINGDOM

- Rev. Kola and Funke Ewuosho have been invited to speak at Royal Holloway University of London several times - students have been thoroughly blessed.
- 'Real Hype' Concert (annually held in the UK, Virginia Water): A music event hosted by YIC that seeks to inspire Christian youth and reach out to the unsaved.
- YIC Youth Conference (annually held in the UK, Virginia Water)

If you would like to know more about what YIC is doing in your nation, please contact your nearest FOWM office, email yic@fowm.org or search for us on facebook 'YouthInspired Fowmyic'. Also, visit our E-store to purchase our youth messages and teaching materials.



THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

... It's a Covenant Relationship



with the beginning of the famine by the judgement of God. In spite of the famine-judgement for three years, the Word of the Lord came to the prophet to go to the Brook Cherith to get the ravens to feed him. God supernaturally provided for the prophet in the time of famine. The brook dried up and God gave a fresh set of instructions to His man, this time to be supported by a widow at a certain place. True to the word, the

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God ordained partnership to increase the effect of everyone's potential and contribution so that we all can have abundance for every good work. There is a multiplier effect when partnership is understood and entered into in reality. In every covenant relationship there are the principles of sacrifice, being God-focused and pursuing destiny for all parties concerned. Then we have to understand the need for role-recognition and encouraging one another to rise up to be all that God wants us to be. These roles are ordained by God and we must align our thoughts actions and intentions with His will for our lives and for the relationship. Our contribution is used by God to bring increase into the life of our covenant partner and their contribution is used by God to increase the scope of what we are doing.

All God ordained relationships are meant to be covenant ones. All relationships have their scope, boundaries and focus as they maintain the ingredients of covenant relationships. Marriage is the highest form of covenant relationships (amongst human beings) and others are not as permanent and exclusive as marriage. God ordained partnership in ministries to multiply the effect of each person's contribution in the advancement of His kingdom. Examples abound in the Bible and a few will suffice: Abraham and Lot, Elijah and the widow of Zarepath, Apostle Paul and the Philippian church, Daniel and his companions and the Apostles and their companions in the early church. Each person brought something of benefit to the other person. Their roles were God-given and they did what they did as unto the Lord. Their efforts at working together brought about increase in both lives that could not have happened without their efforts together. In 1 Kings 17 we read about the process the prophet Elijah went through during the days of famine in the land. The story starts

widow was where he was told and he establishes a relationship with her by giving and receiving. She obeyed the giving first to the prophet and according to the prophetic word she was sustained along with her household. She supplied the physical food, the prophet supplied the spiritual side of things and together they were all sustained. They were involved with giving and receiving and supernaturally they were both sustained throughout the famine. The dynamic of this combination within the con-

text of partnership has always produced a supernatural intervention from God. If two of you shall agree as touching anything they ask, it shall be done for them of the Father-God. The combination of Daniel and his companions in prayer (Daniel 2) produced a supernatural intervention of God revealing the dream and the interpretation of it from God. The three Hebrew friends of Daniel were also supernaturally protected in the fire. Impossible-ities become possibilities when partnership is established. The widow of Zarepath eventually had her son raised from the bed of death. One relationship and more than one divine intervention from God, reveals a pattern throughout scripture of how God's supernatural provisions are made available where we need them; from provision to wisdom, to open doors of utterance and God power to produce miracles. Acts 4: shows how when they came together and prayed, God answered their prayers. God's commanded blessing is experienced in the place of unity according to psalm 133.

HOW TO EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

- Let God lead you into the partnership so that whatever you do in terms of your role is done as unto the Lord. From the Lord rewards are to be received. Our expectation should always be from the Lord as He is the centre and focus of any God-given relation-

ship. He is the giver of the vision for the partnership in the first place. He has a plan for every party in the partnership.

- Prayers are a major aspect of partnership, so we pray for one another.
- Identify your roles clearly, recognising the roles of others and what your involvement is contributing to the relationship. Your support, prayers and any other contribution from you will be used of God to bring blessings to many others not just those in partnership. God has always been an 'other-people' minded God. From the time God made a covenant with Abram, He had in mind all the families of the earth. He is a "Going -God", always wanting to touch all lives possible on the earth. Be faithful in your roles and expect God's grace to come through for you in doing what you do.
- Pray for your partners and trust God for them to do their part from their hearts. As in the partnership between Apostle Paul and the Galatians, He prayed that the God of His calling would supply all the needs of the church according to His riches in glory. (Gal. 4:19). God's grace will constantly make the supernatural available to all partnerships ordained by God.

"God ordained partnership in ministries to multiply the effect of each person's contribution in the advancement of His Kingdom."

- Also faith will be involved in the hearts of the partners. Faith towards God for the release of His power must be released from our hearts. Faith always pleases God.

Everyone that God has worked with and through has most of the time been through partnership with that person and others. It is time to walk in partnership and experience the tremendous power of partnership. Let God lead you. Pray about your partnering with Fountain of wisdom ministries, and her worldwide impact.

Rev. Kola Ewuosho

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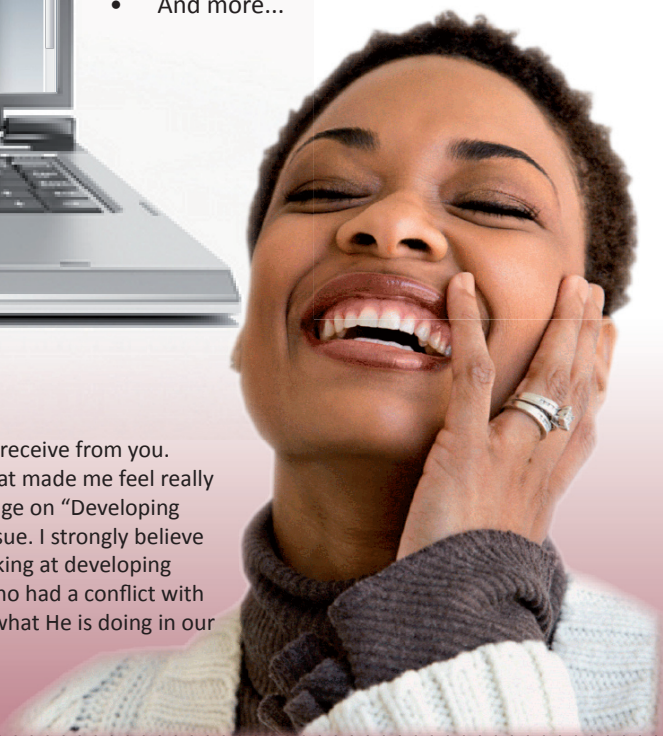
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WEBSITE TESTIMONY

"I wish to express my heart's gratitude to you for all the life-changing Cybermessages I receive from you. Last month my husband and I had a very serious conflict over some very little issues that made me feel really troubled at the fact that we couldn't resolve them. However when you sent the message on "Developing Navigational Skills", we used the strategies outlined and we were able to resolve the issue. I strongly believe that we have grown from receiving the revelation in the message and we are now working at developing navigational skills in every conflict. I also shared the message with a sister in church who had a conflict with another sister and they have now met and resolved the issue. To God be the glory for what He is doing in our lives through you." (E. A, Cameroon)



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