

# EVIDENCE

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TO REACH  
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# THE JOURNEY:

from historical to contemporary in Christianity

## 1ST CENTURY

Jesus's birth, ministry and the era of the apostles.

## 10TH CENTURY

Christianity spread in Africa, conversion of the Rus by the Byzantine missionaries

## 14TH CENTURY

Death of John Wycliffe who translated the Bible to English. He was called "Morning star of the Reformation".

## 19TH CENTURY

D.L Moody & Charles Spurgeon's revival meetings . David Livingstone began African nations mission, Fanny Crosby wrote hymns.

## 18TH CENTURY

John Wesley's conversion, The Great Awakening, a revival lead by Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield.

## 16TH CENTURY

Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses which sparked the protestant reformation. The Bible became available for the common man due to the effort of Luther & Tyndale.

## 20TH CENTURY

Welsh Revival, Azuka street revival, martyr of Christians, rise of the internet and mass media, World war I & II

## 21ST CENTURY

Active use of social media, the rise of great men of God, COVID-19, numerous misconceptions about the Christian Faith.

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## THE STORY:

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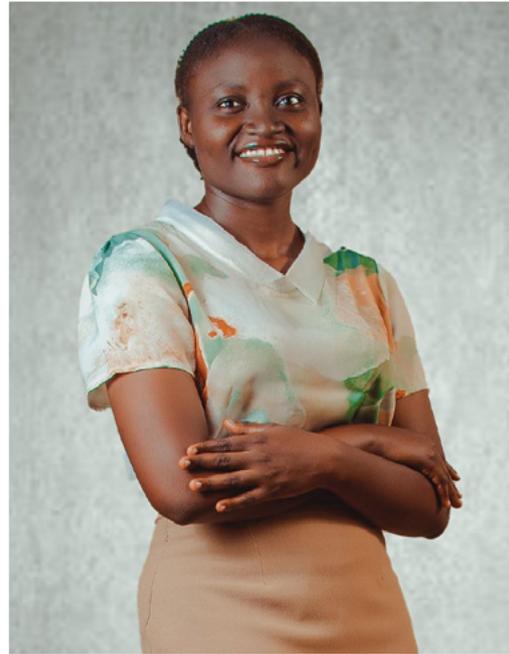
In July 2023, the magazine was rebranded after being known as "**Daachiever Magazine**". The name "*Witness*" was chosen at first, but due to its popularity online, the Holy Spirit led us to look for synonyms, and the term "**EVIDENCE**" stood out.

Evidence is an undeniable fact, and the vision of this magazine is to present to its readers the undeniable truth of the Gospel. According to I John 1:1-3, the magazine will bear witness to the word of life, **CHRIST**. As a result, we aim to **INTRODUCE CHRIST** to our readers, **INSPIRE CHRISTIAN CREATIVES** like you, and **INITIATE COLLABORATION** within the Christian community.

# ONE BILLION

# PIONEER'S ADDRESS

We inhabit a world where consumption often outweighs creation, shaping our perception of reality. Amidst this tide, a profound truth emerges: we are called to be **GOD'S CREATIVES**, drawing from an eternal source that never runs dry. We are not mere imitators; we are originals, infused with the spark of divine imagination.



This year's magazine issue, "**Beautiful Feet,**" serves as a clarion call to Christians who bear the indelible mark of their Father's creativity. It is an invitation to step forth and proclaim the truth of God's essence through our creative endeavours, utilizing every medium at our disposal.

Whether we serve as missionaries, mentors, role models unto young ones, scribes, ministers, or visionaries, our ultimate purpose remains steadfast: **JESUS**. Just as He promised His return, He has entrusted us with the Gospel, **a treasure beyond measure**. We are tasked with unleashing the gifts He has bestowed upon us, reaching out to souls with the transformative power of His Word.

As you delve into the pages of this magazine, I pray that you will be ignited with a renewed sense of purpose. May you be challenged to embrace your creative potential, equipped with tools and inspiration to amplify your voice. Let us rise as beacons of light, illuminating the world with the radiance of God's love and truth.

Remember, in Christ, **our potential is boundless**. We shall be **MANY**, a chorus of God's creatives, shaping the world with our unique gifts. Let us embark on this journey together, guided by His unwavering light and empowered by His limitless love.

**EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**  
VICTORY KUDABO

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victory Kudabo'.

# CREATED TO CREATE .

BY DAVID VICTOR

**N**othing, was all God needed to piece the universe together. The sun, moon, stars, and the entire galaxy are just the virtual reality of fragments of his imagination. Dust was the bare minimum, but it was the perfect tool for the keeper of Genesis. And in the culmination of His artistry, He made us in His image and likeness and extended His novel traits to us.

And for that reason alone, we became gods with the remarkable ability to create. (Genesis 1:26-28)

He is the first of everything ever to exist and everything we will ever be. He sketched the clouds, painted the rainbows, striped the zebras, dotted the cheetahs, winged the eagles, wrote our destinies, modelled our bones and bodies, nurtured the crops, designed the earth and connected all of His creations to a divinely programmed software called nature. Then He gave us 3D lensed eyes to see the beauty of everything He created and be inspired by them so we can manifest in the entirety of His glory.

Therefore, it is no secret that we were all created to create. We are the creatures of the uncreated Creator, children of the Father of creativity, scholars of

the Epitome of wisdom, descendants of the Author of revelation; this is our identity. We were made to think, imagine, visualize, realize, manifest, invent, innovate, introduce, practice, produce, multiply, manage, dominate, develop, organize and bring to life. (Psalms 139:13-16)

Hence, no one lacks the ability to create — irrespective of the circumstances surrounding their birth, existence, or growth — we are all talented, gifted, or skilled in doing one thing or the other.

However, many people have this knowledge but are not manifesting it. Some feel they have no creative ability or talent, so there's nothing to show or manifest.

This is untrue because we were all made in God's image, which means we are automatically carrying His creative character. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) says, **“For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”** So, you will only feel you have no creative ability when they are undiscovered, unlearned, and unutilized.

# UNDISCOVERED

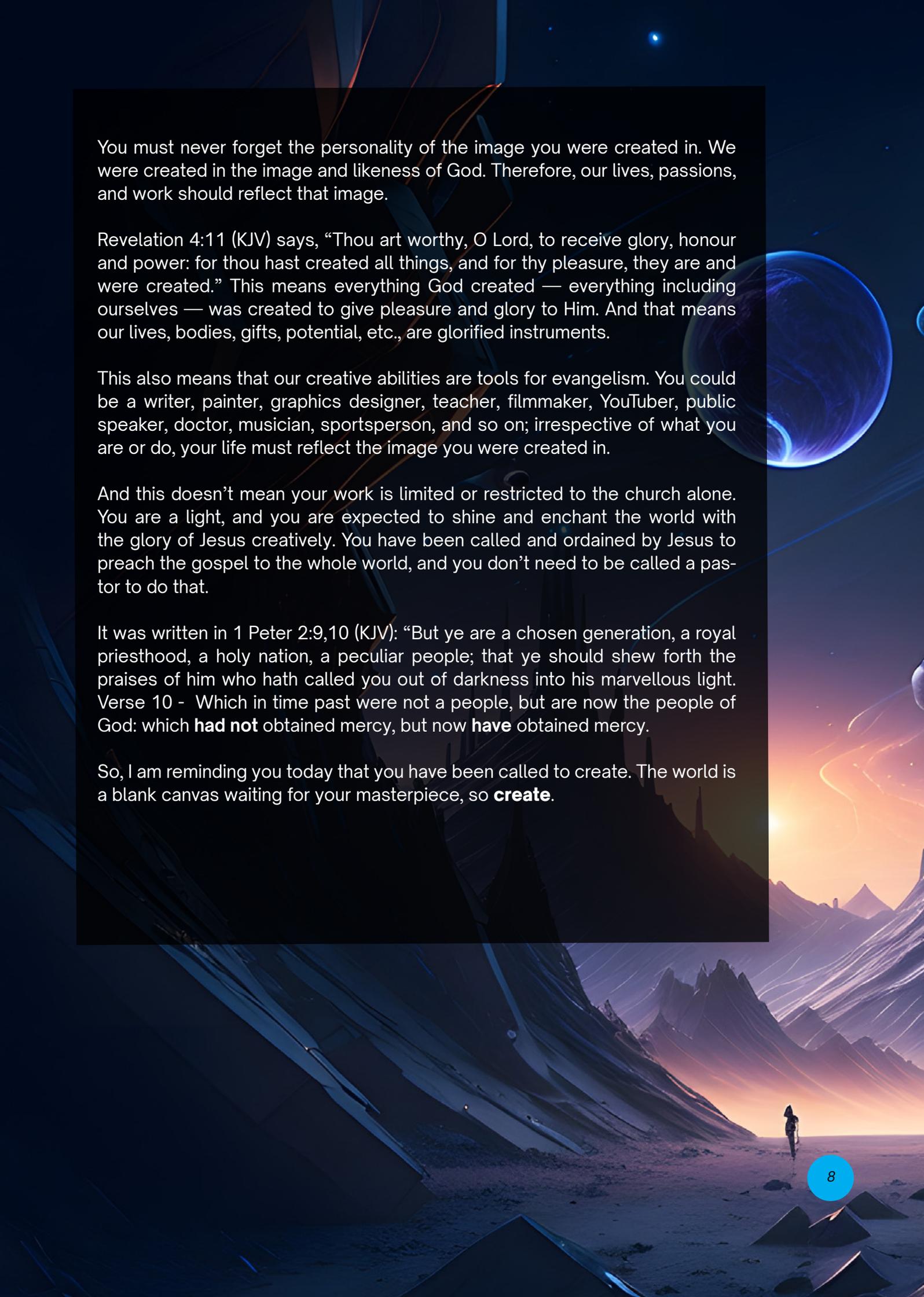
This is the situation whereby you are still trying to figure out what is in you. It can be easy, and sometimes, it can be tough. Some persons discover their gifts or talents at a tender age, usually with the help of other people. While for others, it might take a while, and that can happen for many reasons. But the truth remains that we all have something which can be unearthed through our hobbies, interests, recreational activities at school and church, personal experiences, people's testimonies about us, divine ministration, and so on. It is **important** to note that your gifts can be different from those of others, so you don't need to compare. God blessed everyone with unique gifts to meet specific needs, so we can't possibly have the same thing.

# UNLEARNED

Discovering your potential is not enough; you need to work towards perfecting it and making it good. 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) says, "**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**" This stresses the need to learn, practice, and get formal training or professional coaching so that you can be approved as a worthy creative in the hands of God. Many creatives bank on their talent alone and never take the extra step of improving it. And that only leads to mediocrity and abuse, which is far from the excellence God wants us to show.

# UNUTILIZED

Now you have the skills and the knowledge, what stops you from utilizing them? Many creatives are often stuck at this point; they can't take the bold step of bringing their works to light, and they remain in the dark, depriving the world of the beauty inherent in them. Could you be undermining the potential God placed in your hands? Remember the parable of talents in **Matthew 25:14-30**; the first two servants utilized the talents that were given to them, and they got their rewards. But the third servant decided to bury his, and when the master returned, he had nothing to remit, and he was punished. I'm sure you don't want to be that kind of creative who is ungrateful and unfruitful.



You must never forget the personality of the image you were created in. We were created in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, our lives, passions, and work should reflect that image.

Revelation 4:11 (KJV) says, “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure, they are and were created.” This means everything God created — everything including ourselves — was created to give pleasure and glory to Him. And that means our lives, bodies, gifts, potential, etc., are glorified instruments.

This also means that our creative abilities are tools for evangelism. You could be a writer, painter, graphics designer, teacher, filmmaker, YouTuber, public speaker, doctor, musician, sports person, and so on; irrespective of what you are or do, your life must reflect the image you were created in.

And this doesn't mean your work is limited or restricted to the church alone. You are a light, and you are expected to shine and enchant the world with the glory of Jesus creatively. You have been called and ordained by Jesus to preach the gospel to the whole world, and you don't need to be called a pastor to do that.

It was written in 1 Peter 2:9,10 (KJV): “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Verse 10 - Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which **had not** obtained mercy, but now **have** obtained mercy.

So, I am reminding you today that you have been called to create. The world is a blank canvas waiting for your masterpiece, so **create**.



# The Art and the ARTIST

I stood, watching a 'white' candle on its stick  
burning slowly, its wax—  
melting like salt on an ice.  
I waited, anticipating that  
it would melt away in green;  
blue, yellow or black, maybe.  
But no.  
Well, I was not betrayed,  
It stayed, it only stayed true to itself.  
Now, I ask, have you ever walked under a  
chilly sun?  
Or beaten by the scorching heat of rain?  
Have you ever tasted some acrid salt?  
Or chewed a sugary kola?  
Now, I write, for you—god with the sa-  
cred quill;  
to you— light born anew by the Spirit of  
truth,  
As the Father of lights has  
lightened your lamp  
and overthrown your darkness  
Make manifest your light;  
The Light— Jesus,  
Write your truth, the Truth—Christ  
Give yourself, give Christ.

**BY DEBORAH ODUSANYA**



# Submitting to the Bridegroom

BY JEWEL CHIMA

I had been friends with Eben long before I knew Chris, so what I heard God say didn't make sense.

As I paced around the bed-sitter of my apartment, myriads of thoughts ran through my mind, "Why should this be so hard to accept me?" Why was I struggling to find it true?

I had embarked on a 7-day personal retreat coupled with fasting with high hopes that God would change His mind or for me to discover my mind had been deceiving me all along. It made sense for me to be more than certain God was leading me to take this decision.

And besides, Eben was way better than Chris in every possible sense. He was not only born-again, spirit-filled, he was a tongue-talking believer, handsome and more financially stable than Chris, who was merely a new convert. I was more sound than him spiritually, having been in the church for as long as Eben.

Does this sound familiar when you feel God is asking you to make an unreasonable decision? We could be friends. I am Grace, and as a 26-year-old lady, the first child of my parents. I was under a lot of pressure from home; they needed a "help meet", according to them, who would help lessen the financial burden I was shouldering by myself.

As a teacher in a private school in Nigeria, you can tell my financial capacity truly needed help, and what my parents said was nothing far from the truth. Three months ago, when the Pastor told me I had a proposal waiting from a brother, I could guess without batting an eye that it was no other person than Eben; after all, we have been good friends for a while, and I could tell he had feelings for me.

"Bro Eben asked to marry you", the pastor disclosed, and I grinned widely. My answer was going to be an AFFIRMATIVE one. Eben was the

flawless match; he was everything I ever dreamed of in a husband. When he told me he was working to relocate outside the country, I needed no other confirmation. God had promised to take me beyond borders, and this was it. My dream in a perfect fit.

A month after Eben's proposal, Bro Chris called me for a discussion after a Sunday service, and his directness caught me off guard.

"God told me you are my wife, and I want you to pray about it. Because I have asked God to reveal it to you, and I believe He will."

He didn't wait for my response; he just walked off like he hadn't said a word some minutes ago. I didn't know whether to laugh or be angry at such a bold outburst.

But, my readers, I couldn't stop thinking about what Chris said ever since that day.

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# The FREELANCE Christian

*I saw him hang upon a tree  
broken, miserable & dying.  
exchanging my life with his  
in a subtle move to buy my freedom  
from a system corrupted by self.*

*I thought such freedom meant me having  
my way.  
being a god to myself. satisfying every  
craving  
that my soul could imagine upon an altar  
of self-righteousness. till I saw His light  
buried within the pages of Galatians 5.  
I never knew freedom  
could mean something so selfless &  
divine*

*that it would mean being tethered  
to the tenets & decrees of a kingdom  
borne from the sacrifice of a being  
who embodied love & chose to call me  
his.*

*that my freedom in Christ means  
living a life contrary to self. that it means  
fulfilling every obligation of the law  
through love for the one who chose to  
call me free.*

**BY MIRACLE QUIST**



**- REUNITED COUPLES STORY -**

*Exclusive Interview*  
**with MR. & MRS. OLISE**

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# BE LED BEFORE YOU LEAD

BY JASON ALCOTT

In a world that emphasises influence and success more than ever, the fundamentals of leadership can occasionally be misunderstood or ignored. Daily, we are bombarded with stories of young entrepreneurs, social media sensations, and trailblazing innovators who appear to have it all figured out from the get-go. But if we peel back the layers of their achievements, we would find a common thread: a strong foundation that enabled them to rise.

Picture a skyscraper stretching towards the sky. Its breathtaking height is only possible because of the unwavering strength of the foundation beneath. Similarly, in the realm of leadership and creativity, nothing is more critical than the bedrock upon which your journey is built. It is an unspoken truth that whispers through time: “**Be led before you lead.**”

Remember that your foundation is pivotal as you stand at the threshold of answering your call to lead and serve through your creative ministry. It is not just the platform you stand on; the values, beliefs, and convictions shape your every step. John C. Maxwell defines leadership as an influence, and to truly inspire and impact others, you must first anchor yourself in the currents of what influences you. Human beings are inherently interconnected. From the books we read to the screens we watch, from the podcasts that fill our ears, to the company we keep, every facet of our lives is woven together by influence. Therefore, as you embark on this journey of creative leadership, you must ensure that **your foundation is solid – built upon an unshakable relationship with Jesus Christ.**

## 1. Engage in Daily Conversation with God

**W**e have been called first to follow and then to lead. The two are intricately woven together. Like two sides of the same coin, we all must be guided to be in the best position to lead as God expects. So, how can you ensure that your leadership is grounded in this firm foundation?

Personal growth and spiritual alignment begin with intentional communication with God. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak into your life, thoughts, and actions by dedicating time daily to prayer and reading God's Word. It remains fascinating and amazing how God speaks through the pages of the Bible, and it is a testament to His desire to connect with His people. Just as a relationship with a loved one flourishes through open dialogue, your relationship with God thrives when you engage in heartfelt conversations with Him through prayer and scripture.

## 2. Begin Your Week with Church

Attending, giving, and fellowshiping with a church is a pivotal point of connection and foundation in your life. Gathering with your faith community at church marks a commitment to nurturing your spiritual foundation. It is a time of praise, learning, and connection with fellow believers. Perfection is not the aim; growth is. Although no church is perfect, true community can be found in its willingness to accept one another's flaws and work together to improve.

## 3. Embrace Accountability

Every explorer needs a compass, a guide to help navigate uncharted territories. Likewise, you need accountability partners who can offer honest insights and reviews into your journey. Whether a group or an individual, these persons should be entrusted with your triumphs and shortcomings. They are the mirrors that reflect your blind spots and the sounding boards that challenge and uplift you. Accountability relationships are your safety net, ensuring you remain grounded whether you are experiencing success or the trials of life.

**A**s you step onto the stage of influence, poised to impact lives through your creativity and leadership, keep in mind that the strength of a great leader is their capacity to be led by the Holy Spirit. Your journey is not solitary; it is woven into the bigger picture of God's plan. This is not a plea to relinquish your uniqueness or aspirations, but a reminder that the loftiest towers are rooted in the deepest foundations.

As you go through life – a journey filled with opportunities, challenges, and revelations – hold onto the truth that the foundation you lay today will determine the heights you reach tomorrow. The world does not need leaders who parade on flimsy platforms; it craves those whose roots run deep and unyielding. Be led before you lead, and you will find yourself not only transforming the world around you but also being transformed from within.

Ultimately, God has a plan to actualise in your life and through your life, so let your foundation be unshakable, your leadership unwavering, and your heart forever attentive to the leading of the Spirit. Be blessed on this remarkable journey of influence and faith.



# Jesus + Health

BY DR. SEYI ERINLE

**A**s followers of Jesus Christ, we hold varying opinions about seeking medical attention. However, despite what we think, Biblical evidence proves that God desires His children to be in perfect health, one of which is 3 John 1:2.

Health, as defined by The World Health Organization (WHO), is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity. Sickness is an affliction that comes to man through the following ways:

## 1. Breaking natural laws:

Stagnant water bodies are habitats for mosquitoes and other illnesses-causing organisms. They breed well and multiply in an unclean environment. Christian creatives should not take natural laws of rest after work for granted, as the human body is bound to break down after prolonged use. Illness becomes the resultant effect of breaking natural laws.

## 2. Satanic affliction:

When conditions defy medical and scientific remedies, they can be said to be caused by the devil. He uses sin as a yardstick to gain access to and afflict the souls and bodies of men. Sudden outbreaks of chronic illnesses with no previous family records or exposure to risk factors are primarily how the devil afflicts men.

God's desire is for His children to be whole, and so also is the aim of medical science. Medical science does not contradict Faith. Your health comprises mental, social, physical, and spiritual. **Mental health** has to do with how you think, feel and behave. It affects your general output and productivity as a creative. Inadequate mental health affects behaviours, relationships and physical health. Stress and prolonged anxiety disrupt the routine of Christian creatives. **Social health** comprises interpersonal relationships with people around. It also concerns songs, environment, and online/print media that creatives allow into their lives. Good social health improves emotional well-being and interactions. **Physical health**, which is very popular, is concerned with the proper functioning of the body. Your body grows, feels and interacts to the degree of how you allow it. **Spiritual health** is concerned with the inner peace you get with your life. Your daily and frequent interaction with your saviour ascertains spiritual healthiness.

The soundness of your faith and hope in God speaks of your spiritual health. Do not forget that we are the temple of the living God; therefore, you and I must take good care of our bodies. When it comes to staying healthy, the little things usually matter more. Here are some valuable tips:

### 1. Eat healthy:

*You are what you eat. Studies have found that the more naturally fresh the food, the more beneficial it is for the body. Avoid processed foods. Take fruits and vegetables regularly. Limit carbonated drinks during work hours and befriend water!*

### 2. Take adequate rest:

Avoid prolonged work hours behind the laptop or in the office. Like a machine, you will get signals pointing towards a breakdown. Please pay attention. The eye gets strained from system lights after prolonged hours. Rest your back, and stretch your neck and legs at intervals.



### 3. Exercise regularly:

Avoid leading a sedentary life. Keep your body moving regularly by taking short walks around your apartment or living area. It keeps your heart in good condition.

### 4. Build healthy relationships:

This is an advantage for mental health. The Bible rightly says that iron sharpens iron. We should not be in isolation; instead, God designed us to interact with ourselves. Have a circle of friends that you can have healthy conversations with. Many times, that may just be what will deliver you from depression. Do not be a loner.



### 5. Go for routine medical checks:

While routine checks might be occasional in young people below the age of 40, it is advised to be regular (at least yearly) in persons above the age of 40.

God designed the world to run on two systems: principles and miracles. While we believe healing is the children's bread, we should not defy safety principles and run to God. Principles of drinking water, adhering to proper medication, and taking vaccines where necessary are put there to make life and productivity very effective. No amount of prayers will give you water when you are thirsty. The angel of God commanded the prophet Elijah to arise and eat, for the journey is far. He didn't use anointing or his calling to downplay the importance of food. Paul recognised the therapeutic effects of wine and recommended it to Timothy.



Miracle, on the other hand, is God's intervention in the scheme of things that defies human knowledge. God intervenes when human knowledge is exhausted, not disregarded. Many have exercised faith blindly and ended up in unproductivity. Many who never exercised their faith to move a stone have tried to exercise their faith to move a mountain and landed in loss of life or loss of human parts. The eye, for instance, gets strained by continual use. Getting a blue-cut lens tailored for work does not mean you do not have faith that God can strengthen your eye.

The above is in no way trying to talk down on faith. As a medical doctor, I pray for the healing of my patients, and I have seen God heal and work miracles through my hands. Yet, what I practice daily is the principle of medicine. When all regulations have been diligently adhered to, and we still encounter illness, it becomes imperative to pray in faith.

If you comply with these basic steps, you will lead a healthier life, your stay on earth will be prolonged, and your relevance will be preserved. I counsel you to continue to build your faith while you do not despise the protocols and principles of well-being.

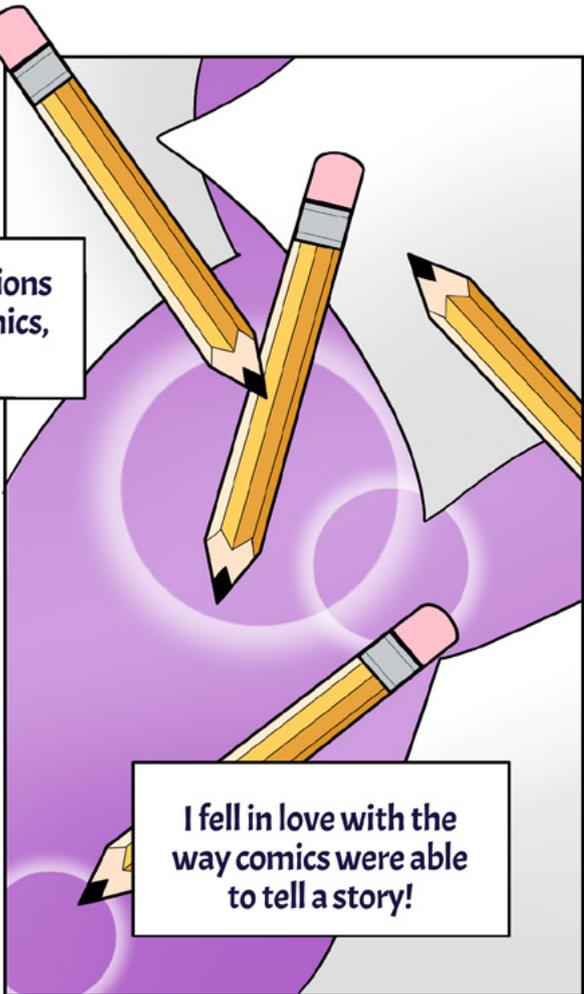
My earnest desire and prayer are similar to Apostle John's - that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.



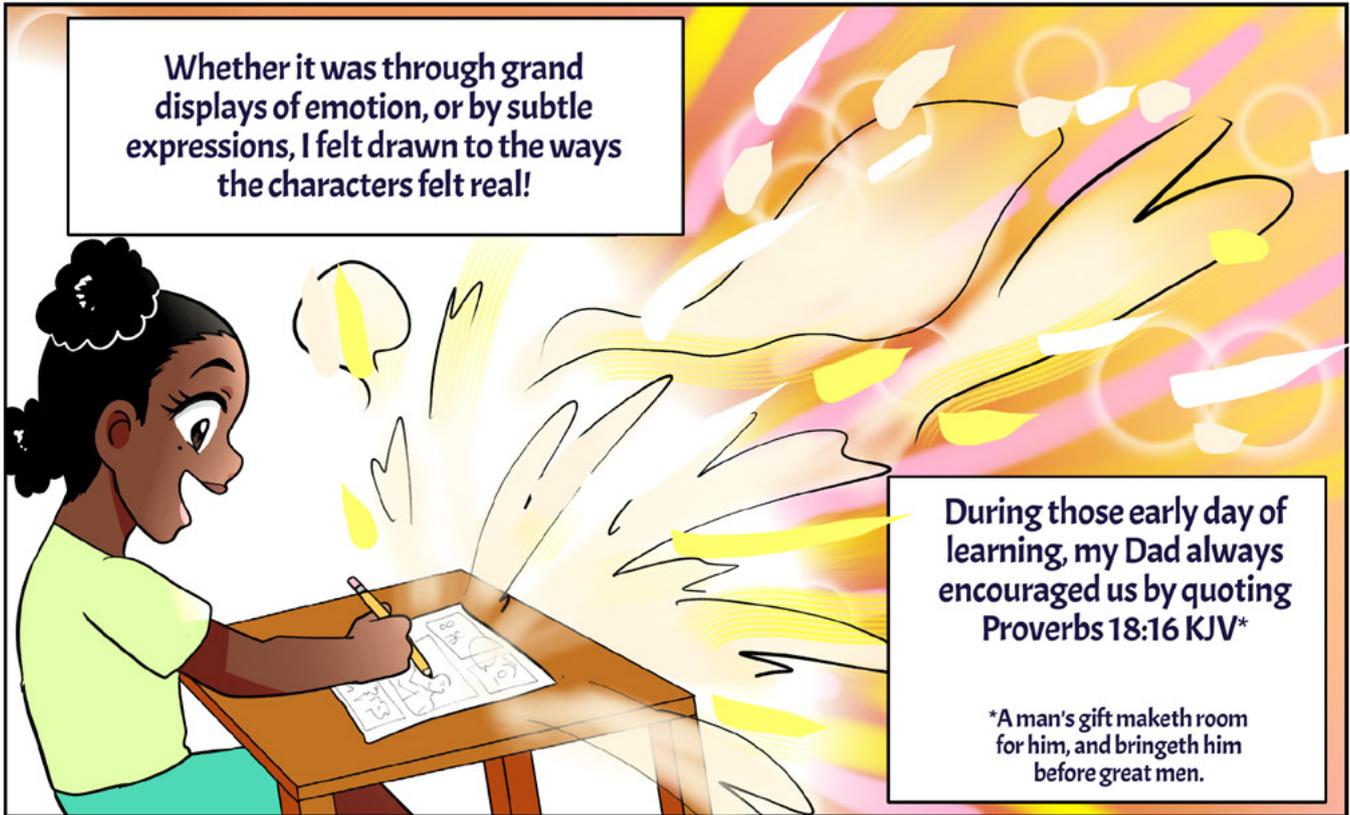
For as long as I can remember, I've always loved to draw and write stories.

My biggest inspirations were Scripture, comics, and manga.

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I fell in love with the way comics were able to tell a story!



Whether it was through grand displays of emotion, or by subtle expressions, I felt drawn to the ways the characters felt real!

During those early day of learning, my Dad always encouraged us by quoting Proverbs 18:16 KJV\*  
  
\*A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.





This would eventually lead us to dreaming up the perfect story, with mind blowing twists and unique characters, spanning several seasons.

However, drawing and writing in reality is much more difficult than it appears...

Words have to form coherent sentences and scenes have to be fleshed out into plots...

On top of that, incorporating Scripture and an accurate Gospel message in a fashion that wasn't cringey or too over-the-top, proved difficult!

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I had created many stories since then but all of them were stopped midway despite my zeal in the beginning.

**Ironically, my current series, "Together Is Better!" Started off as a joke between friends in 2020.**



**It received a lot of positive feedback but I didn't put in enough effort to keep it going...**

**In 2022, I had to take a moment to reflect on myself. Is this the way I want to live life?**

**I felt trapped in my bad habits. Could I truly say "I did my best?"**

**After all, theorizing, analyzing, and daydreaming wasn't WRITING. Deep in my heart, I wanted to write and finish a comic with a narrative.**

**I needed to remember the lessons from childhood and draw even if no one was watching.**

**If I was going to be serious about my dreams. I needed to treat them seriously!**



I decided that I needed to take the plunge and get my message out there! Not only my message but the Gospel message (which is much more important!)

With that resolve, I began the long and painful path of doing everything I avoided.

Comics being art and story combined forced me to sharpen my skills in both areas! I knew it wasn't going to be perfect but I wanted to try!



I watched many video tutorials, broke down panels in webcomics, and asked my good friends for advice!



In addition, I set a strict deadline for myself for the day of publication. (My Dad helped me stay accountable!)



Finally, after months of drawing and writing, I managed to finish all the pages! (37 pages in total) and I could start the publishing process.

It took me hours to assemble all the files but when I finally had everything ready for release...

# PUBLISH



... I stared long and hard at the screen, with my mouse just hovering over the final button.

The realization that my work was going to be open for anyone to read and review was suddenly mortifying! This was going to be my first serious work! I'm putting this out as my best!



Strangely enough, although this is exactly what I wanted, the thought scared me half to death, and I lost all the confidence I had built...

... I'm not a professional, and I've failed before. What if I give up again? I'm just an amateur with barely passable skills...

Now, I would like to say that during this time I felt peace that God had given me...

... However, the only thing I felt was rampant fear and doubt

What if no one sees it?

Goodness what if they DO SEE IT?

What if they don't care about it!

What if no one comments at all?

What if I get blocked?

What if it gets tones of hate!?

What if I end up hating it!?

What if this was all a waste of time?

What if it looks like I don't know what I'm doing?

What if I fail?!

What if I can't be consistent?

**WHAT IF I DO IT ANYWAY?**

# CLICK!

I learned that sometimes you have to trust God and do it scared anyways!

I'm thankful that I trusted God. He's blessed my work beyond what I could imagine!

I still have my doubts and insecurities but, I want to continue to the end and see what the Lord has in store for me.

My hope is that all Christians use the Gifts that the Lord has given them to further His Gospel Message. Even if the road is scary, trust the Lord. Get prepared. Do it scared.

THE END



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So send I you to  
**THE NATIONS**

- Hephzibah Frances



*Even while on a missionary journey, the majority of my time is not spent **“doing”** but rather **“spending time with God”**.*

**W**as there a specific moment when it dawned on you that you had a heavy call from God upon you to be a missionary to the Nations?

*I have several defining moments when my call to the Nations became solidified in my heart, but the most striking that comes to my heart right now happened in 2014.*

*I was travelling that day and suddenly thought of death. I remember God saying to me, "You can't die now; you haven't been to Spain to speak to the people I want you to speak to," and this was at a time in my life when I had never even travelled out of Nigeria. I was a student at Law school with a dream of working at a law firm in Lagos that would pay me a specific amount of money. And here was God talking about Spain? Speaking to people? I didn't understand what it meant, but it marked me!*

**H**ow has your story (your past), from a sinner to a beloved daughter of God, helped you reach out

*I realise that, like the woman at the well (which is a ministry that I lead), my testimony of "come and see a man who knew all things I ever did and still loved and saved me" resonates and brings people to Christ more than any other "theoretical sermon" I can give. There is something about one's life being a testimony to what Jesus can do that brings Jesus near to people and not just as a man in the sky, that says if Jesus can change your life, then He can change mine too.*

*For Teenagers we reach out to, I see how they can open up to us and share their lives when they see that this Jesus we preach isn't theory; we have lived Him. They open up freely instead of thinking this is an adult selling me a scam. What Jesus has done for me is a door opener for other hearts to see and come and receive what Jesus can also do for them. If He did it for me, He can do it for them too.*

**You have been a missionary for how many years? Tell us, what have been the challenging and exciting moments for you on this journey?**

*I've been exploring the globe for the past six years. Indeed, it has presented some challenges. As a missionary, I am not a traveller; rather, I am a moving train for Jesus, redeeming souls from the hand of the fowler, the devil.*

*I travel alone and without a team, which presents a small additional difficulty, but I have an online intercession team. I am not sent out by any church or missionary organization.*

*This work has been mostly funded by God Himself, and although it hasn't always been easy, I have seen Him follow through on His promises to bring His word—which He has sent me to proclaim—to pass.*

*Even if as Christians, nobody enjoys traveling this path without complete trust and faith in God. We would much rather have connections and safety nets than to struggle through and trust in Him to provide for us. It is often difficult to press toward a deeper relationship with God, but the thrill of proving God's faithfulness is priceless and cannot be replaced.*

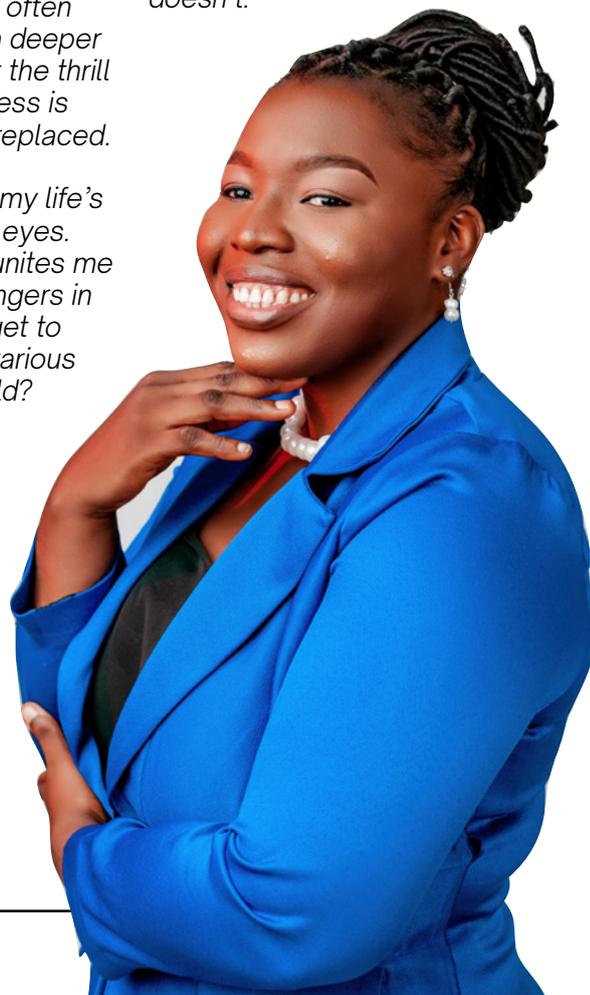
*Also, it is lovely to watch my life's journey unfold before my eyes. How is it that God alone unites me with people who are strangers in another country and we get to impact lives for Jesus in various cities throughout the world? In situations where the Lord is the only person I know? How else could these things occur if God wasn't with me? It's exciting to prove God repeatedly and see that He is faithful!*

**What does a day look like in your life as a missionary? Any surprises or unexpected moments?**

*A day looks like pressing into God. If you don't like prayer, you cannot be a missionary. We pray for direction, strength and guidance.*

*We pray and praise for the money to come; we believe in God for the connections; we plan for the meetings or conferences happening; we prepare for the trips; we travel from place to place (my missionary journey isn't stagnant even within nations,) some areas are as far as 12 hours journey within a country.*

*There are unexpected moments with doors you think may open but doesn't.*



Moments of disappointments, weakness and dependence on God. There have also been peaceful moments when I have trusted that God is in control and that everything is working out for the best.

Even though every day is unique while I'm on a missionary journey, I don't have my life planned out because God has called me to this path. It is, above all, a journey of faith.

Often I was only aware of one meeting when I first arrived in the country, God is constantly working on more, and I must spend time getting to know Him personally in order to learn about it.

Therefore, even while on a missionary journey, the majority of my time is not spent "doing" but rather "spending time with God" to get guidance from the one who sent me, after which I can travel to meet the harvest He has sent me to.

### **What is your greatest arsenal as a missionary to the Nations, and how have you consistently built faith in God for your needs?**

Prayer!!! That's it.

During the years of the wilderness, God built me through prayer. I have since learned how much I would need it, even if I wasn't sure at first. My ministry is based in large measure on the altar of prayer. If you take away that aspect of my ministry, I will not be able to continue.

First and foremost, prayer is needed to fortify one's inner strength to persevere, to engage in spiritual combat to conquer the areas to which one is dispatched, to command outcomes even in the face of doubt, to command people's favor, to organize situations, people, and locations even before one arrives. I believe that my greatest tool for winning over the world to Christ is prayer.

When I reflect on my life's journey, I see that God did not establish my faith in the mission field; rather, it began in 2013 when I was a university student and had to trust God for a 2:1 grade when it seemed impossible. Later, in 2016, I believed in God for financial support for ministry work in Lagos, transportation expenses to get from one place to another in Lagos, and money to print my books, among other things. God began His great work of faith in me with little things, and now He has begun bigger things in me, like trusting Him for the Nations. My relationship with God and our journey together have given me confidence knowing He does not fail.

### **Were your parents and loved ones supportive of the call of God on you? You are a woman; how did you deal with the many stereotypes around this gender?**

During my early years in ministry, it was difficult for me to get along with my parents and to share my experience with them. In the beginning, I felt like an embarrassment to them. I also experienced unusual feelings because nobody in my family had any idea what God was doing with me. "You are a lawyer; go practice law," they declared.

However, God had other ideas for me, and I had to start by obeying Him regardless of what other people thought of me. During a moment of tension with my parents, God posed the following scriptural question to me: Acts 4:19 KJV - But Peter and John answered and said unto them, **Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.**

God asked me to decide for myself whom I would obey. I did, I chose to obey Him. Years later, everyone has followed my decision to follow God.

The stereotype that I encountered as a woman on this journey was that of mocking comments and feelings of inadequacy, even in myself.

Before I began visiting other countries, I seem to recall someone telling my sister, then I was travelling within Nigeria. She went on to say "this your sister that doesn't stay home, how would she find a husband?" Because in some way, being at home made it easier for guys to find you for a marriage.

Among my own deficiencies was the idea of finding & marrying a man who would acknowledge my calling. I used to struggle a lot with this, but I've come to realize that everything is found in Jesus over time. He has the appropriate individual for the call, since He gave me the call. He's wise, and all of it is found in Him.

I also heard what He said. The reality of what God is saying to me and His identity for my life have engulfed my shortcomings. This is all that grounds me, and it doesn't matter if someone else defends the ideal of what a woman ought to be or is. All I want is to hear and fulfill the calling God has placed on my life. That is what counts.



**What do you believe and you're fully aware of are some of the challenges missionaries face, and how can they overcome them?**

Missionaries typically feel alone. Many obstacles would have been overcome if one could get through this by being so content and confident in God. One constant is the internal battle of "Is God with me" during difficult times. Since you see the incredible things God is doing while you travel, the desire to "belong" can also be complicated for missionaries who are single like me. The feeling that "I don't have a home" can be crippling, and if you are not confident that Christ is your home no matter where you go, that can be a real struggle.

The foundation of a missionary must be Christ. It is essential to maintain a strong foundation and identity in Christ that will follow you wherever you go and whatever task you take on.

You can overcome this obstacle by becoming fully involved in the community and asking God to bring you into your tribe. Being with people who don't understand you can be lonely, but when God brings you your tribe, it feels like home. This has been accomplished for us by God.

Another issue that may arise is money. This can be overcome by placing complete trust in God and following His instructions. God is faithful and trustworthy, and He has wisdom for us in carrying out the vision He has given us. Try not to be concerned; instead, trust God and ask for guidance on what to do. Use spiritual principles of praise, prayer, and commanding resources as well, because the devil opposes the release of funds for God's kingdom, but we always triumph with God, who owns it all and distributes it to whomever He pleases! Amen.

**You have ministered to several souls, even those outside the Christian faith; what has helped you reach out to them?**

Like the Apostle Paul, I become all things to all men so we can by all means win all for Christ. A missionary sent out goes with Jesus' love for souls. You must see, speak, and reach out with the Love of Jesus, which cuts across divides and demographics. The command is GO. GO to those Jesus sends and leads you to with loving eyes and hearts.

**What are some of God's major and minor achievements through you, and how did they make you feel?**

To be honest, I go because I love Jesus. I'm not sure what I do for Christ qualifies as an accomplishment. I'm just delighted and grateful that I obeyed, and that the Holy Spirit held and carried me through as Jesus worked through me.



## **How do you prepare for your mission trips? Are they spontaneous or gradually planned, especially in a new country with language barriers?**

A trip can take months to plan. Travelling is only one aspect of it. When God announces or places a new nation in my heart, I begin by praying, fasting, and building spiritual capacity for the new. Only after we have won the battle and gained authority in the secret place do we come out to announce or raise funds/look for connections/do all the things we appear to do in public. The majority of the work is done in God's secret place.

Language barriers can be frustrating, to say the least, especially when the country's primary language is not mixed with English. Plus, I get disoriented when I walk into a new city and feel like a stranger. But God always speaks to me through **Psalm 24**. My Father owns the world, and I am not a stranger wherever He sends me.

So I'd say that I hear God's word as I go, and perhaps there is a grace for feeling at home with men of a different tongue and language, even if I don't speak the language. We preach through interpreters and communicate with love across barriers.

Also, if one spends so much time in a place, learning the language helps.

## **In what way has your creative gift helped you in your missionary journey?**

Wow. Writing has been an absolute blessing in my life calling!

It's worth noting that my calling is to be **"a voice to the Nations."** Being a missionary and physically stepping foot in those nations is one way I fulfil my life calling. Another powerful tool that God employs is the written word and media. My writings. My books. Social Media. My blog and my YouTube channel. God uses all this to speak to the world's nations through me. There appears to be a grace for Hephzibah's books to be carried to the nations of the earth for God's glory.

My coordinator in Tanzania discovered me after reading my book, and so did my host in Kenya. Meetings we've had worldwide have resulted in my books reaching and touching lives, as well as raising funds for the work.

I am highly grateful for the work because the way God has wired us is to fulfil His call on our lives. I thank God for the grace of my spoken and written words. It has been a blessing!

## **What are your thoughts on witnessing to souls and your biggest advice for anyone considering to be a missionary?**

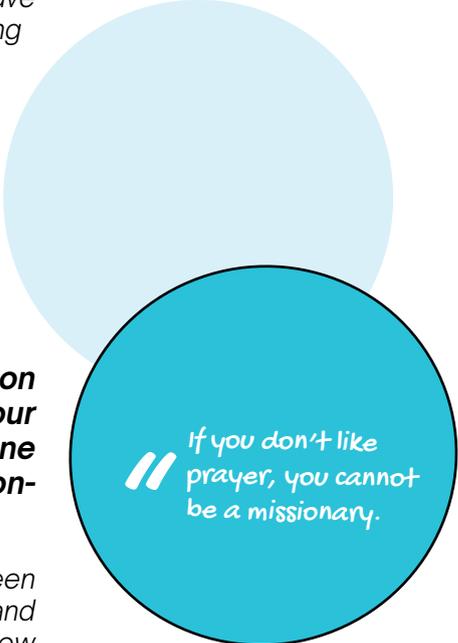
Every soul, I believe, should be seen through the eyes of love for and from Jesus. God does not follow the crowd; every soul is precious to Him. See the souls you witness with the love and eyes of Jesus. That He would send you across nations to touch a soul. Oh, the Father's Love.

My best advice to anyone considering becoming a missionary is to invest the time required to develop a strong relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. You must go deep in Christ because what is needed is great capacity, depth, character strength, and grace, which can only be found in Christ. Consider Mark 3:15-17

Your being with Jesus is first; the calling to GO is next. Focus on the first, and the rest becomes easier.

## **When is your next mission outreach, and how can readers be of help to the beautiful things God is doing through you?**

Depending on when you are reading this, I am currently transiting out of Kenya and into a new country. By God's grace, I will be moving to the next nation in the last week of October 2023, and we also have other nations to do



**“If you don't like prayer, you cannot be a missionary.”**

and finish between November and the first quarter of 2024 that we need God's help with.

As a missionary, you can help us in two ways: you can be an intercessor who prays for me and the work; we have an intercessory team of people who are committed to pushing me and the work forward in prayer even if they aren't in the field with me. I can't tell you how many times this has saved my life. Yes. I've also been in accidents and been sick, but God has always saved me through the prayers of His saints.

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## KBRNI SPOTLIGHT



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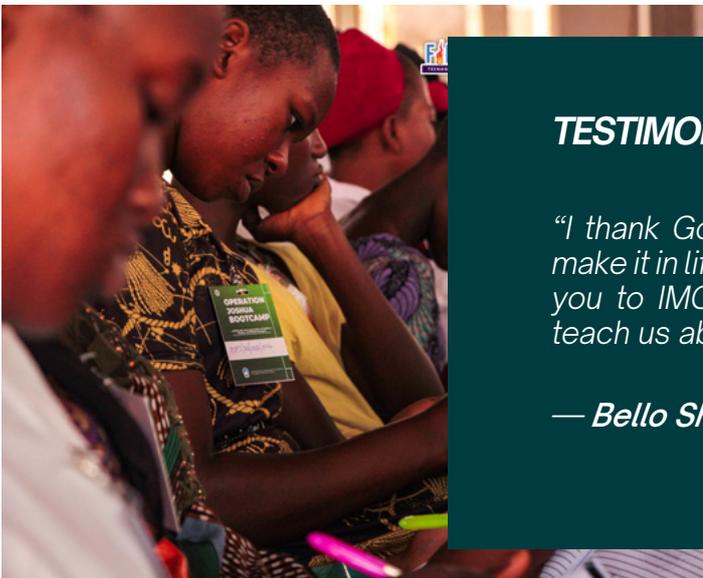
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# Youthful Feet

## THE VISION + IMPACT OF KINGDOM BUILDERS INTERNATIONAL

*In January 2021, the Lord instructed us to reach out to secondary school students in Nigeria and raise them as the driving force of His end-time revival. So we started with a “bulldozer faith” and trained about 50 teenagers who attended 12 schools in the city of Ibadan. There were many lessons, testimonies, and challenges, but we successfully had a 19-week training at two (2) different centres concurrently. This was our very first attempt, and we considered it a success.*

*In two years, we have gone deeper into the city and other cities, having held more than 120 in-school training sessions across 57 secondary schools in Ibadan, Ikire, Ile-Ife, Ile-Oluji, Owo, and Akure. Over 10,000 teenagers have been directly imparted through these in-school outreaches. This platform is just one of the different platforms that God has given us to reach and raise teenagers for the advancement of His kingdom.*



## TESTIMONY OF A KBRNI BENEFICIARY:

*“I thank God for this training because I thought I couldn’t make it in life. Thank God because He is the one that brought you to IMG Grammar School, that you should come and teach us about our life. It changed my life very much.”*

— *Bello Shakirat (JSS3, IMG Grammar School)*

## A CHARGE TO THOSE CALLED TO THE YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are under 30 and called to the ministry, you should pay your most committed attention to people younger than 17. Why? Our median age is 17. This means that if you divide Nigeria’s population into two halves, one half is younger than 17 years old. (In Africa, the median age is 18.8). Our goal in this article is to challenge, inspire, and instruct every reader who shares this same burden to advance God’s Kingdom on some essential things. We will outline these crucial success keys in simple words.



01

**VISION:** The inner picture of God’s purpose and your role in it will determine the direction and destination of your life and team. As a founder, people will follow you primarily because of your vision. As a co-labourer, your vision and clarity will determine the field in which you labour.

02

**CONVICTION:** Stay faithful to your vision. Stick to the plan. Give no room for compromise because it is easy to slip from kingdom advancement into mere social work. Your conviction will fuel your consistency and persistence, which will eventually birth greatness.

03

**PEOPLE:** Cherish and honour the people God has given you; this will help you maximise your relationships. Without vision, the people perish; without people, the vision suffers.

04

**REST:** Do not misuse your strength. Commit to the “No burnout” rule for you and your team members. Rest well. Cherish and spend time with your family. The key is to mix the youth’s strength and the elders’ wisdom. Implement delegation, schedules, and routines for effective time management.

## 05

**EXCELLENCE:** Determine and commit to doing everything at your highest possible best. Excellence attracts the right people to you and opens significant doors for you.

## 06

**SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES:** Implementing systems and structures early on ensures efficient resource utilization, predictability, and consistent success. It protects against human limitations and ensures growth. Waiting to grow before implementing them may limit your impact.

## 07

**FAITH:** Be audacious to reach out to whosoever God has revealed to you. The greater the faith, the deeper the work that must be done in your heart. Give yourself an understanding of how faith works, and practise it. God creates things by faith. We build great things, do the impossible, and operate the supernatural by faith.

## 08

**LOVE:** You cannot remain offended by those you were sent unto. You cannot also look at them defectively. Even if you start with only one person, treat that person like a thousand. Likewise, love those God sent to labour with you, and let them know.

## 09

**CONTINUOUS LEARNING** is crucial for ministry success. Obtain relevant training resources and review them with your team. The strategy and operations teams must continuously grow in line with your assignment.

## 10

**DATA IS KING:** It is crucial for effective decision-making and system refinement. It's essential to take records and reports seriously, learn from them, and use insights for optimization and correction in the future.

## 11

Do the **IMPORTANT**, not the impressive. Guide your decision-making process by asking if what you are embarking on is essential to the vision or unique to people. Focus on the important things; you will end up impressing many people this way.

## 12

**ABSOLUTE SOURCE:** Let God be your total source. Be led ALWAYS by the Holy Spirit. When you rely on God, you will learn that "the miracle is in the house" but only temporarily hidden from your mind. Your Moses' rod, five loaves, and your little jar of oil are all waiting to be God's tools of miracles.



*The Kingdom of God requires a youthful army of youthful feet to advance its kingdom. To succeed, these feet must follow God's guidance, collaborate, and unite with others to build a united and well-built kingdom.*

# THE AUGUST VISITOR

BY ADETAYO SEBIOTIMO

I heard a sound at the door. I peeped through the window, and there was a man. He stood there, knocking with a purpose. Does he know me? Why was he there? I soliloquised and waited a little while. “Maybe he would get tired and leave,” I told myself, but he showed no signs of leaving

“Who are you?” I screamed. He replied, “I AM.” “You are WHO”, I blurted. “I AM the one who died for your sins to set you free from bondage”, he said. Immediately, I unlocked the door and let Him in. I could not dare look at the face of he who had sacrificed himself for my sake; at most, I could stare at his feet.

I ushered him into my living room and asked timidly, “What would you like, sir?” “Anything, my dear” he replied in a soft voice. I brought out my favourite sparkling wine and what I believed would be His favourite food, freshly baked bread. We laughed and spoke about many things, the majority of which were about my past actions. He took my hands, looking intently into them while saying, “I have heard your cry and that you are tired of your old ways; therefore, I am here to live inside of you.”

This is the reality of all Christians who genuinely profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and personal Saviour. After surrendering our lives to the one who died for us, we become a living place for the spirit of God to dwell in. The Spirit of God begins His sanctification work by pulling down the old man who no longer pleases God.

He told me he would start by putting up an eviction notice for the former owner. Mr flesh, my now renounced master, would be leaving effective immediately. I AM informed me that the eviction notice would have to be served by me. He wouldn't do it on my behalf, but he will give me strength. He was precise with his words; he had no business enforcing reconstruction plans that I would not conform to.

I looked intently and asked myself, “Can I let Mr flesh go?” he had been doing a fantastic job destroying this temple, which was my body; the windows broken beyond recognition such that every wind of life had been able to come in without a shield, the doors of my heart have been open to any manner of visitors such as bitterness, Jealousy, sexual impurity, anger, and other works of the flesh. “Mr flesh truly has left my house in shambles”, I said, looking at I AM, and with trembling lips, I asked, “Can you fix all this brokenness?”

“Will you serve the letter to Mr Flesh?” He asked as he lifted his cup, handing me a note. I took the letter and walked upstairs. I knocked on the door. Walking into the room where Mr Flesh stayed in premium enjoyment, with tears in my eyes, I mouthed, “Mr Flesh, you have to go”. Without looking at me, he replied, “Who will manage this building?”

“A man named **I AM**”, I blurted out. Without hesitation, as though the name brought him so much dread, Mr Flesh grabbed his worn-out travelling bag almost immediately, put in a handful of his clothing of negative thoughts and shoes of desire, and disappeared in the twinkling of an eye. That was so easy, I thought.

I returned and found I AM on the phone with someone else; I stopped to listen and heard him say something about replacing the entire building. He went on to mention that since I believed in Him and have no desire to work with Mr Flesh, He is calling to notify the restoration, reconstruction and transformation team of the Holy Spirit to begin their expert work with me.

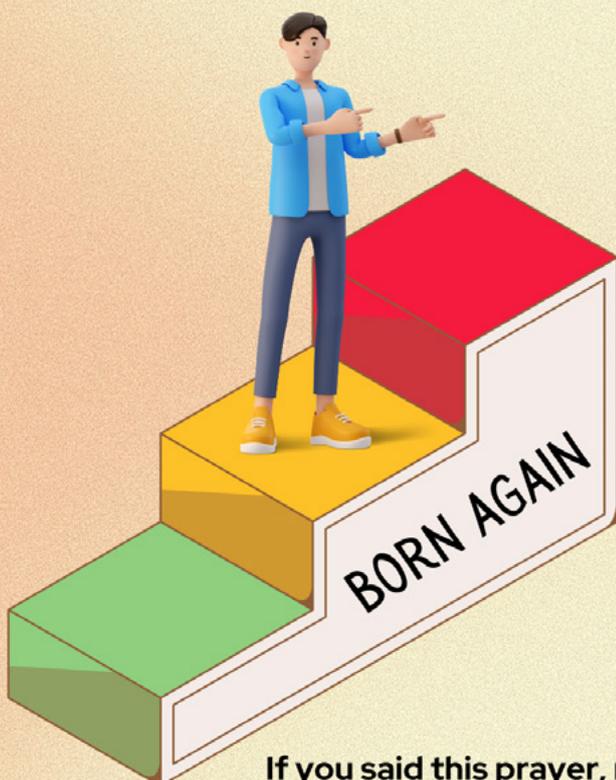
I was very excited; something new was about to happen. I am now redeemed, transformed and no longer bound to Mr. Flesh and the evil atrocities he is known for. Most importantly, I am now becoming a dwelling place for the Most High. It is not because of what I have done but everything He did. It pleased him to make me new and then dwell in me.

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved me from my wretchedness, that found me while I was desolate. He brought me into His family and transformed my body into His Temple. Now, He wants you and I to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable. This is the only worship I can offer for His redemption.

I hope you offer the same today.

# STEPS TO SALVATION

(The Greatest Decision of Man)



**ADMIT** that you are a sinner, and without God, you cannot live a holy life on your strength.



**REPENT** of your sins; come before your Maker who knows everything. Nothing hidden, Nothing covered.



**BELIEVE** that God loves you, and He died only because of you. You are His child; He is your Father.



**INVITE** Jesus into your life through a simple prayer of faith. Tell Him to come over and be the Lord of your life. Amen

If you said this prayer, reach out on [daachieverint@gmail.com](mailto:daachieverint@gmail.com)

# IDENTITY CRISIS & WHERE CHRIST IS

WRITTEN BY RUTH KAYODE

Identity crisis has been and remains one of the most crippling banes to progress and growth in Christ that Christians battle with. Time and again, the words, actions, carriage, association and even the appearance of most Christians scream- “I don’t know who I am, and I have no idea of my potential.”

Like a king’s son who walks around the village in ordinary attire, trying so hard to blend in with the common folk, working all kinds of menial jobs, and even begging for food, so is a believer who is yet to understand his place in God. It’s such a pitiable state, a condition that wells up both pain and anger within me. You can’t live like this. You need to know who you are! The way you carry yourself is a pointer to the fact that you do not know who you are in Christ and what you are deserving of. Why would you live your life at the mercy of whoever wants to help, natural elements and chance? Maybe you think that your salvation is solely for the goal of making heaven in the end. Well, in the end – yes, now you cannot afford to miss out on all that there is to enjoy about being called out and separated.

I know your battle. I understand that struggle within you to demand your package as written in the Holy Scriptures but lack the courage to neither mention it to God nor command it as your Father did initially. Sometimes, you wonder if those promises are truly yours. “I don’t think I deserve it”, you say. “Okay, maybe if I am holier”. You should be holier. It’s okay to be holier, but the blood was our qualification. Yes! The blood. We got enrolled into that great family because of the blood. Oh! But for the greatest sacrifice of Christ Jesus. By that singular sacrifice, we became his beloved, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, the light of the world, the salt of the earth, an eternal excellency, and that’s not even all. You see? There are no commoners here, dear.



This knowledge is enough to kick the devil out of your way anytime he shows up. Are you afraid of the devil? The one who was ridiculed on the cross? Come on, mightier is he that is in you. The devil can only exercise power in the space that you provided. He can only toss you around when you don't know better. Growing up, I lived in fear of the devil until I received Jesus. I remember reading Pa Hagin's "**Triumphant Church**", and one particular verse resonated with me. It's 1 John 4:4, which says, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world". That was the end of that torment.

## ARE YOU FACING ANY OF THESE TRIGGERS?

01

**INSECURITY** – You are unsure of who you are and afraid of the next big thing or person around you. Do you depend on the validation of others? Does the progress of others threaten you?

02

**UNCERTAINTY/DOUBTS** - This results from a tug of war in your mind of who you are, and you are bedevilled by "not-sure" situations and decisions. You can barely ever hold on to anything, even those that define their worth.

**FEAR** - This is visible in the constant battles of "what ifs?" and this tears your mind apart. You are threatened that you might not get what you need, and you are afraid that the basket you have all your eggs will crash someday.

03

04

**INEPTNESS** - You feel very incompetent when matters of tasks arise and you shy away. You have this thick, deep-seated feeling that you are not proficient regardless of how you are convinced by others.

**STRUGGLE** - There is an endless struggle to meet up with several mirages time after time, especially the ones created by focusing on other people's lifestyles. You keep building castles in the air and try reaching for them only to see that there is nothing.

05





06

**PAIN** – You are dealing with the pains of disappointments, being constantly misunderstood, pains of past mistakes, pains of scars and pains from everything life throws at you, and you have lost the ability to stand up to fashion beauty out of your circumstances.

**COMPARISON/COMPETITION** – You constantly compare people's achievements with yours and always try to prove to be better than the other party.

07

08

**DEATH** – You are facing death of ideas, dreams, plans, ambitions, opportunities, knowledge, etc., which are the reasons for your current silent disposition.

Now quickly munch up these: 1 Peter 2:4, Philipians 4:13, Romans 8:37-39, 1 John 3:8. Apparently, it's possible to get out of any of those triggers, but you have to do the work. The Holy Scriptures revealed how to navigate life, but you must search it out and feed on it because there is even more. Only then will you be able to live a triumphant life?

*A life free of the world's validation but that of God*

*A life that sustains the balance of heavenly consciousness and earthly usefulness*

You will find confidence, courage, peace, strength, joy and every good in God.

**QUIT SULKING. GET IT!**



# Submitting to the Bridegroom

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Weeks later, I had encounters, unusual for me to have recurring dreams, and they had the same pattern as though it was a movie scene played over and over again. I saw myself at the altar with Chris; I was his wife in those dreams. Was I getting desperate about marriage? Was I afraid about what Chris said? I didn't know what to believe, so I embarked on a seven-day fasting and prayer. I wasn't finding it convenient with the answer I got; maybe it wasn't God speaking but my fears.

It had to be because I could remember my conversation with the pastor who told me to "ignore the words of Chris and the dreams; it is nothing but the devil trying to steer your heart in the wrong path", the pastor repeatedly confirmed.

He almost discouraged me from praying, and my parents already loved Eben whom I had introduced. They loved that he was financially stable, and there was no way they would accept Chris, who was sub-par to Eben.

On the fifth day of the spiritual exercise, I heard the heavy sound of the wind; it was to rain. I remembered my clothes on the line and dashed to pick them up. Glancing sideways, I saw that of my neighbour; knowing she wasn't home and remembering she had previously ignored my clothes, leaving them soaked in the rain, I did the same.

My conscience wouldn't have me enter the room, but I forced myself to return to my knees to pray. I felt a strong push in a moment, and without a reason, I started to cry. Why was I crying? I looked around the room, and only the song of Dunsin Oyekan played in the background; I felt my heart beating fast, and I couldn't contain crying as I burst out saying,

"God, you are welcome to my room. Thank you for coming, I know this is You".

"You could recognize my presence, but you wouldn't acknowledge my ways, Grace", the voice resounding like clear water. I knew it; that was God. He had come visiting; had I grieved His heart? Was it because of my neighbour's clothes? Which of His ways didn't I recognize?

"Do you love me, beloved?" He asked softly. And I nodded my heart, so tight-lipped to talk.

"Does my love come with disobedience, malice and unforgiveness?"

Who didn't I forgive? I never kept malice. I was guilty of disobedience, but not the others.

"You are guilty of everything, Grace; if you loved me, you would love the man I have created like you; you wouldn't allow your neighbour's clothes to be beaten by the rain all because she didn't pick yours last time. I didn't make you my beloved daughter to repay evil with evil, nor did I call you to judge people's actions".

"But –" I tried speaking but kept quiet, allowing my heart to talk. I said, "I don't understand your ways, God, even as I don't understand why you are rejecting Eben from being my husband".

"Daughter, my ways are beyond searching out; it is not for my creation to know and understand everything; it is in love they follow my command knowing I won't lead them astray. Have I ever led you all your life, and you regretted it? Did I ever fail you?"

"No" I responded with tears dropping. Why didn't I remember the goodness of God in the past?

"If not, then why do you doubt my leading towards Chris? He might not have come in the golden pack-

age you wanted, but that doesn't mean he isn't gold. Am I not the God who specialises in turning the story of man around? Didn't I turn your story around? Didn't I send you as the provider for your home? Wasn't that the work of my hands? Or did you get that job because you were the most qualified?"

"No, God, No, I'm sorry, I'm sorry." I was crying profusely; I couldn't contain myself, but I felt His love amid my tears. He consoled me, answered my doubts and helped me remember who He was. He was my Father, my confidence and my lover. I had sworn devotedness to Him for all my life.

"I have been with you all along, Grace; why think I have left you alone? I won't send you without backing you up. I'm with you every step of the way, guiding you gently. Trust in me as you have always done." Those were the words I heard last, and this time around, I stood wiping my face, a bright smile on my face.

I had my answer; it came with peace and assurance. I didn't care to know what my parents thought or my pastor. It was between me and God. And it was settled. I walked out to pick up my neighbour's clothes, folded them and standing akimbo in my room, I mouthed, "God, bro Chris better be romantic because I don't understand his bold attitude".

I burst out laughing when I said those words, knowing that God had it covered. Without much thinking, I sent a message to Bro Chris, who would soon be my husband.

The thought made me blush so hard.

Submission to the Bridegroom was challenging, but there is an assurance that submission doesn't come with loneliness. **God is with us every step of the way.**

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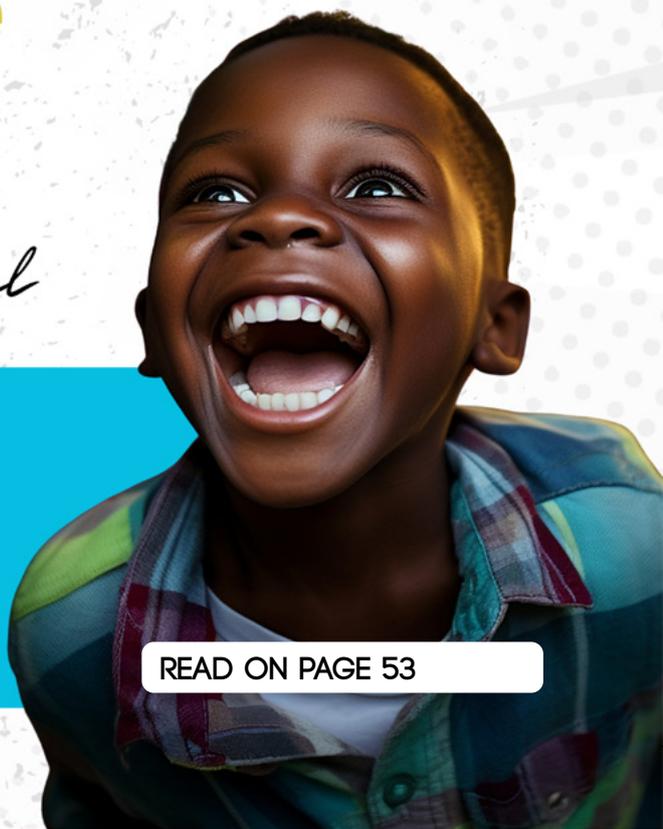
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*The essence of*  
**DISCIPLESHIP**

BY FOLARIN ISRAEL

## WHO IS A DISCIPLE?

**UPON HIS RESURRECTION**, the Lord Jesus Christ handed down several instructions to the early believers, which we today know as the pillars of Christianity. These pillars are the foundation on which God's kingdom is established. In the accounts of Mathew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-20, the disciples of Christ, who were eyewitnesses of all Christ did here on earth, were responsible for declaring those events to the world's nations. In what many theologians have regarded as the great commission, Christ charged His disciples and many who will after that believe in Him, to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

Christ knew the peculiarity of their terrain and gave His disciples the **POWER** to engage and effectively preach the gospel in that age. With this authority and power, the disciples were expected to make disciples of all nations.

One who serves as a student under a teacher or master, to be schooled along a particular way of life, is best described as a disciple. Discipleship shows the readiness and submission of the student to the master for learning and the willingness of the teacher to impart knowledge to the student. There is an agreement to learn together in a particular method or way. Prophet Amos rightly stated, "Can two walk together, except they are agreed?"

Discipleship is said to have been prevalent in the life and times of ancient Greek thinkers like Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. In Christianity, discipleship is a sequel to salvation. Effective Christian growth is measured in the level of unlearning, learning and re-learning undergone by new converts. At redemption, a recent convert is likened to a newborn babe sincerely desiring the milk of God's word to grow. The level of training determines, to a great extent, the effectiveness one will have in God's kingdom.

## ESSENCE OF DISCIPLESHIP FOR CHRISTIAN CREATIVES.

Elisha became the next prophet in Israel after careful study and due diligence under the prophetic ministry of Elijah. Samuel had no one to understudy his prophetic ministry, which led King Saul to the witch at Endor to enquire about using witchcraft. Discipleship helps to bridge the gap when a leader, tutor, prophet, king, pastor, etc, receives his call from the Lord to return home. Elisha died with his anointing and found no one willing to understudy his prophetic ministry. It, therefore, shows the great importance of having disciples and training them to maturity.



### STEPS TO ACHIEVE PROPER DISCIPLESHIP

Teaching is the best and most effective way to make disciples. The following scriptures will help to bolster this point: Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:3, Acts 1:1, Acts 20:20. Christ, our perfect example, spent 40 days after His resurrection teaching the disciples the things that pertain to the kingdom of God. He gave quality time to ensure they were well-rooted in the doctrines before embarking on their journey of making disciples of all nations. Apostle Paul gave himself to teaching and had effective and sound leadership in the gentile churches he planted.

These and many more are the patterns Christ employs in teaching His disciples. He cared for them, taught them, and sent them on errands to put to practice twice what He taught. He also exposed them to new experiences like that of the mount of transfiguration. He taught them to emulate His life's patterns as their mentor and teacher. He publicly told them to "avoid the leaven of the Pharisees." He didn't keep the knowledge they required from them to survive in a troublesome world.

To take discipleship seriously as Christ commands means to take teaching of the Word paramount, as much as living the Word. Actions, they say, speak louder than words. Biblical activities and dispositions in line with the consistent study of the Word make for a wholesome discipleship period, thereby enriching and boldening the body of Christ.

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Teach using examples in the Bible.

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Engage in simplified Bible study.

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Employ practical sessions for clarity.

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Teach them to emulate your life.

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Give room for first-hand experience.

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Give room for question and answer.

# *Favour & Chioma*

EXCLUSIVE: **GOD STILL RESTORES**



**Mr. Favour and Mrs. Chioma Olise** are a young Christian couple separated for seven (7) years after two years of marriage and the birth of their first child. But God had other plans; they miraculously found their way back to each other, and their love story has been filled with happiness and inspiration since their reconciliation.

## Can we know you? Tell us a brief story on how you met?

**FAVOUR:** My name is Olise Favour, from Delta State. I met my wife in Port Harcourt while working as an MTN contractor, maintaining MTN masks. Fortunately, there was an MTN mask in the compound behind where my wife lived. I used to go there with my colleagues, but I had never seen her. One day, I was there working when she came home and met me. We talked, and I felt at peace. I took her contact information, and that was the beginning of our relationship.

**CHIOMA:** I am Chioma Olise from Abonnema, Rivers State. I met my husband on June 7th, 2012, just as he had stated. One evening, after returning from work, I noticed movement in our backyard, and I went to check who it was and then met him. We started our journey to courtship and were married on December 15, 2012.

## Separation is different from divorce; the period of staying away from one another, how was it, and how did you know you would get back together?

**FAVOUR:** To add to what she said, I loved being happy and myself. Then I got married, and I never thought there would be misunderstandings because we were raised in different homes. We needed God's grace to carry on, but I left because I thought I would be happier. Some people, just like us, have terrible marriages, yet marriage remains the best institution on earth only if you understand what it means. I left because I didn't understand, and I don't think she did either. We didn't understand each other, so we had problems.

I never thought that we would get back together. I tried to run far away, but God kept bringing me closer to her. My friend called me one day and told me he saw my wife holding a Bible. She had forgotten something in the house and dropped her Bible to get it. He saw my picture inside the Bible, and to him, my wife was praying for my return. I told him to forget about it, and it wouldn't work because I was not God.

**CHIOMA:** It was not a pleasant journey, but I thank God for the experience. I wouldn't wish it on anyone. They say experience is the best teacher, but I'd rather advise people to learn from others' mistakes than make their own. Before I married, I used to discuss with my friends what I wanted in a husband. I said I wouldn't marry a man who would give me headaches and that I'd divorce him if he did. As if the devil heard me, I started having problems with my husband after the first year of marriage. I tried to ignore them, but I couldn't. I wanted to leave.

Whenever I thought about leaving, I worried about what people and my family would say. So I stayed. But the more I visited, the more problems we had. Eventually, my husband left. And when that happened, life became tough; it was a terrible experience, and I hope others can learn from my mistakes because it is not a good story to tell.

**FAVOUR:** God showed me why He was God and even started the business that brought me back. While I was in Delta State, there was an issue in Kano that demanded my attention, and honestly, I didn't know I would meet the people I met when I got there. My eldest brother, especially, who had come to Kano from the East, I didn't know he was around. I didn't think I would meet her there either. I wouldn't have come if I knew. I tried to focus on what brought me here, but eventually, the problem with my wife came up. How my brother and others presented the issue weakened me and made me realise that the business that brought me was not so serious. So, our marital problem became a serious one. When I tried to walk away, I discovered all the doors had closed against me. I had no choice but to listen to the voice of reasoning.

## What were your first thoughts on reuniting, did you ever have the fear of making the same mistake again?

**FAVOUR:** The same mistake again? No. I took away the fear. Fear is a torment. If you allow fear to come into you, what happened before will happen again. So what I decided to do when we got back together was to keep the mistakes that would come from her behind me, swallow, tolerate, endure, and be patient. I discovered that now I am enjoying her better than when we first got married because I choose not to shout or see the mistakes; I decide not to see the faults but to see her as who she is and help her work on her weaknesses. The one I couldn't work on, I take it up like that. Add some ingredients when you are hungry and put water on fire to cook soup. Sometimes, you may overadd salt, and you won't say that because it is salty, you throw the soup away; you simply see how you can manage the soup to satiate your hunger. I decided to put my fears away and then move on.

**CHIOMA:** One of the reasons our marriage broke down the first time was sex. I don't like sex, but my husband does. Sometimes, when he asked for it, I would complain to avoid it. This was a big mistake. I learned that sex is part of the marriage contract. It's not just something that I signed; it's also something that God ordained to be part of the relationship between man and woman. So it's something I have to do. Since our separation, I've learned to do this, and things are better now. Another reason for our separation was my husband's constant complaints. My husband would complain about everything I did. "Don't do this; don't do that." Now, I avoid what he complains about to avoid misunderstandings.

**CHIOMA:** Well, I had no fear. I decided to move forward and face any challenges that may come while ensuring that I made the right decisions and made the proper switch at all times. And those things that caused those problems at the initial time, I try to avoid them so that things will not be the same again.

My first thought on reuniting was that I had prayed and hoped for God's will, and when it came, all I could do was give God the glory for making everything come to pass.

## What led to the separation? And has it strengthened your relationship now that you're together again?

**FAVOUR:** As I said earlier, we separated because we didn't understand each other. Like the teeth and the tongue, we were created to work together, but sometimes, out of anger or mistake, the teeth bite the tongue. The tongue never leaves its position and never says to the teeth, "I'm not going to help you anymore."

The first reason we separated was a need for more understanding. I couldn't understand why my wife didn't always do things as I wanted her to. For example, let it be there whenever I want anything to be here. When you push it up to another place, I get angry. Last year, when couples got together during the men's programme, the women were asked what made their husbands angry. For me, it is when my house is not kept in order.

But now, I understand that my wife is my helpmate, and I am her support. Whenever she is tired while doing those things, I need to help her. Before, I wouldn't do this, but now I do it happily. My wife doesn't like washing clothes or cooking, but I do. So these are the areas where she fell short, and I have the grace to fill them up. It helps us move forward faster and better.

## The changes that come with reuniting again, how did you handle them?

**FAVOUR:** Because our marriage was divinely ordained, I never felt I was missing out on anything by returning to her. If you want to swim, you have first to overcome your fears.

**CHIOMA:** When we got back together, I was hesitant at first. I was uneasy about doing anything that might make him angry or upset. But after a few months, I realized that he had changed. He was no longer the same person he used to be. So, I opened up and let go of my fears. Since then, our journey has been smooth. We haven't had any major arguments, even the small, everyday ones. We are grateful to God for his mercy.

## What are the practical things wanna-be couples should prepare for in marriage?

**FAVOUR:** One of the most essential things in marriage is sex. Be ready to go all in on it for your partner. As my wife had once stated, she is not a very sexual person, whereas I am. We make compromises for each other for everything to work out. Another important thing is not to stay angry overnight. The offence will surely come, but try as much as possible to settle it before the next day. The easiest way to do this is to be ready to communicate and forgive each other.

## What are the little things you do for fun and one another to sustain the spark in your marriage?

**FAVOUR:** Maintaining an active, intimate life is one of the things we do to keep our marriage exciting. I often playfully spank her bum when she walks by. I made her understand that whenever such things happen, it shows that I am at peace with you. I can spontaneously approach her, play with her, and share kisses, all as a sign of our peacefulness. If, at any point, I no longer acknowledge her passing by, it may suggest that there is a problem. Therefore, keeping the element of play and constant interaction is essential to ensure a healthy and fun marriage.

**CHIOMA:** In addition to what my husband said, once in a while, he buys me things; those are also things that have helped in spicing up our marriage.

**CHIOMA:** The most important thing for couples to do before getting married is to be honest with themselves. If you're not honest, you'll start to show your true colours after marriage, and your partner will see them. This can lead to problems. So if you don't like something,

tell your partner. Be clear and upfront. This way, when they start showing things you don't like, you can remind them of what you said earlier. And you can both work on it together.



**One of the worst things in life to say is, 'If only I had known'. To avoid this, you need to put God first.**

## What was the place of God and family members in bringing you back together?

**FAVOUR:** I never wanted to see my wife again. But because she prayed for me, God's place came from her end. Despite my complaints and stories, my family refused to let me move on with another woman. They insisted that I return to her. I tried to date another woman, but they forbade it, and I never wanted to do anything without their permission. I decided to stay alone when I saw that they were not listening to me.

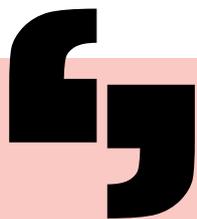
**CHIOMA:** First and foremost, I want to thank the widows of the Assemblies of God church in Umuoko Alor, Port Harcourt, for their support. When my husband left, I prayed but eventually stopped. People told me not to be concerned, so I went to these widows and offered them money as a sacrifice. "I am neither a widow nor a divorcee," I would tell them, "but all I need is your prayers," and they would pray for me.

I'd like to thank Elder Nnanna in Kano. He's a man I'll never forget. Despite the rumors and gossip, he stood by me. Even to this day, he has not changed. Rev. Dr. Victor Amanwandi, my reverend, was one of God's tools in keeping me in Kano. Seven years is a long time, and it is not something you can sleep through. He was the one who kept encouraging me to stay in Kano State when I finally decided to leave. "You will not leave in my time," he'd say. You can do that after I go." To God be the glory, this settlement occurred in his time and in a way we did not anticipate. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to him. In 2020, God used him to perform a miracle in my life and my family's lives, which I will never forget.

## What advice would you give yourself before getting married?

**CHIOMA:** The advice I'd give myself back then is to pray well before getting married. Secondly, be mindful of the things I say. There are so many negative things I said as a single lady years ago that manifested when I got married that I had to ask God for forgiveness. I advise anyone reading this testimony to watch their words and pronouncements. Not all wishes come true, and the devil may hear some of the negative words you speak and work with them. **Prayer is the most important thing I wish I had done** because I can't honestly say I did. Even when I was called because of this marriage by the church board, they asked me if I had prayed, and I said that I hadn't but that I was going by faith. I **went on my own**, and when challenges came, I didn't hesitate to return to God and ask for forgiveness and mercy. Indeed, God answered and showed mercy. I thereby advise young singles to pray before making any choice.

**FAVOUR:** As my wife said, one of the worst things in life to say is, 'If only I had known'. To avoid this, you need to put God first. It is said that 'women are like parcels; anyone you take home, you take whatever you see inside'. So, it is up to men to work with whatever they get. We often make good wishes, but when we find ourselves at the other end of life and are unprepared for it, we begin to have difficulties. When planning for the future, plan for progress while also considering what can go wrong. What are your options? I only had Plan A because I never had a backup plan. That is why it had such an impact on me. Having a backup plan is a good idea for everyone planning to marry. If things do not go as planned, you must be able to reverse direction and approach the situation differently. Those are the best advice I could give myself before marriage and anyone considering getting married.



***Prayer is the most important thing I wish I had done before getting married.***



**What is the place of a community, the church and your Christian experience with God in having a good marriage?**

**CHIOMA:** Back home, after you've married, **there's no such thing as a second marriage**. You must persevere, work on your marriage, and pray. In some churches, where the Word of God is alive and sufficiently spread, You will see lifestyles that will help you grow spiritually while holding onto God. Stay in such a church; they will help you work towards a good marriage.





# CREATIVES & MONEY

WRITTEN BY WINIFRED OCHANYA

**MONEY**, the ubiquitous force driving our modern world, often feels like a discordant note in the creative person’s symphony of life. As Christian creatives, our passions often collide with the practical necessity of managing finances.

**T**his short article will explore the delicate balance between financial decisions and biblical principles, drawing from shared wisdom. It is essential to recognise that the Bible does not condemn wealth but warns against the love of money, highlighting the importance of maintaining a humble heart. As you know, Abba is not poor, so he has nothing against us for creating wealth for ourselves. We must learn how to create and manage money while still following His purpose.

Creating a Budget is the first step in navigating financial decisions as a creative. This practical tool helps manage income and expenses, ensuring that creative pursuits do not lead to financial ruin. Proverbs 27:23 advises, “Be sure you know the condition of your flocks; give careful attention to your herds.” In contemporary terms, this means being aware of our financial situation and making informed decisions.

At a point in my career, I had no good grip on my finances because I ignored creating a budget, and the outcome was terrible. I was starting and thought God would perform wonders by bringing me regular opportunities. Of course, He can do that, but there’s a process to follow in life that I neglected.

As creatives, we often face irregular income streams. Freelancers, artists, and musicians may experience feast-and-famine cycles. That is why establishing an emergency fund is crucial. Proverbs 21:20 reminds us of the importance of saving: “In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.” Saving for a “rainy day” aligns with biblical principles and offers peace of mind during financial uncertainty.

Furthermore, we must differentiate between wants and needs, a lesson the Bible imparts. Philippians 4:19 assures believers, “And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” While pursuing our creative passions is essential, distinguishing between essentials and luxuries helps maintain financial stability.

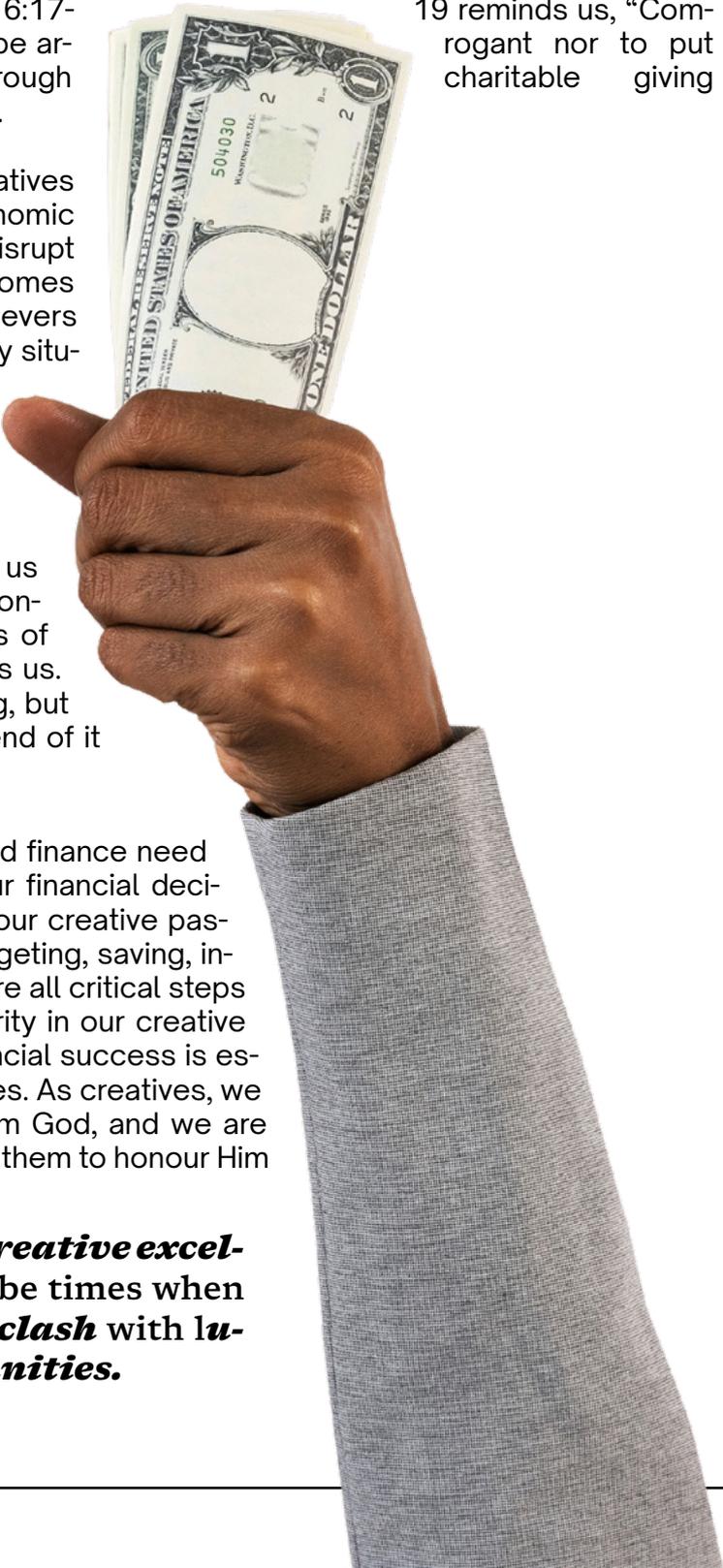
Wise investment is another biblical principle. Ecclesiastes 11:2 advises, “Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land.” Diversifying investments, whether in one’s creative career or financial portfolio, can help mitigate risks.

In the pursuit of creative excellence, there may be times when our convictions clash with lucrative opportunities. It is crucial to seek God’s guidance in such situations. Proverbs 16:3 advises, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.” Trusting in God’s providence allows us to make decisions that align with our values. Managing financial success is equally important. As creatives, when we experience financial abundance, we must remain humble and give back. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 reminds us, “Command those who are rich in this world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth.” Sharing our blessings through charitable giving reflects our commitment to biblical principles.

Financial challenges are inevitable, and creatives are not exempt from them. Job loss, economic downturns, or unexpected expenses can disrupt our lives. In such times, relying on our faith becomes paramount. Philippians 4:6-7 encourages believers to “Not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” We can navigate financial crises with resilience and hope through prayer and faith.

As children of God, the word of God teaches us that the “10%” is essential. The Bible admonishes us to pay our tithes, and the “windows of Heaven will be opened” to us, and He’ll bless us. Modern-day believers do not believe in tithing, but I’m bringing this up to remind us that at the end of it all, pay your tithe.

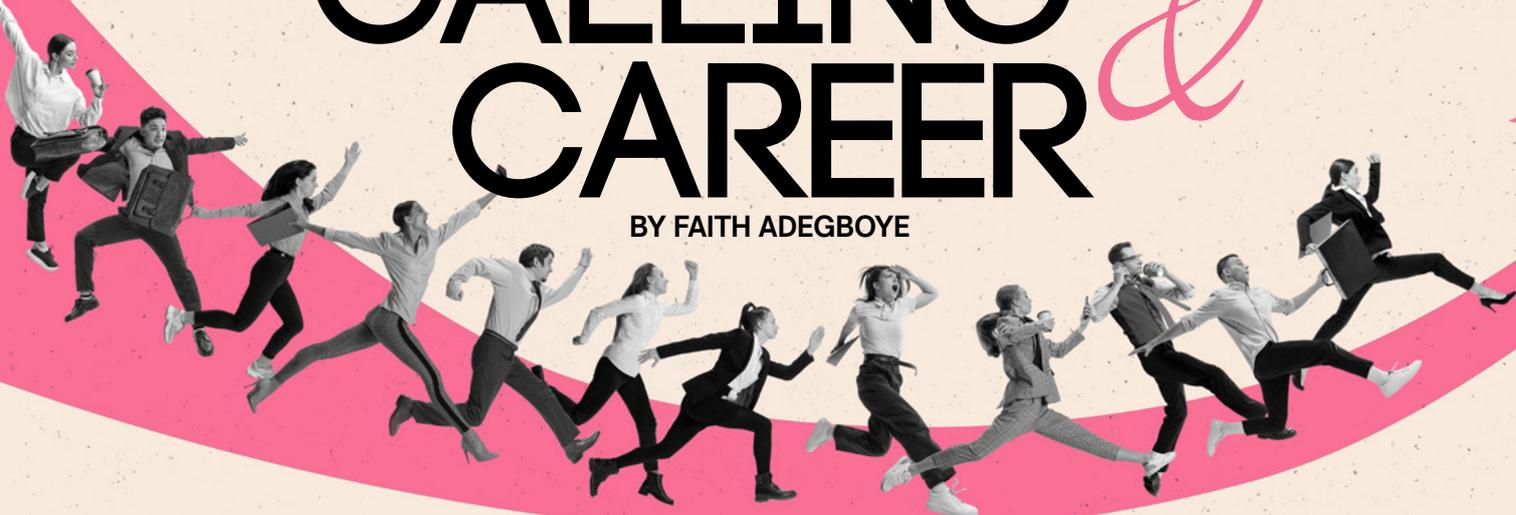
In conclusion, the intersection of creativity and finance need not be discordant in our lives. By aligning our financial decisions with biblical principles, we can pursue our creative passions while maintaining financial stability. Budgeting, saving, investing wisely, and seeking God’s guidance are all critical steps in this journey. Additionally, maintaining integrity in our creative work and giving back when blessed with financial success is essential to remaining faithful to biblical principles. As creatives, we must remember that our talents are gifts from God, and we are responsible for stewarding them wisely, using them to honour Him and bless others.

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a stack of US dollar bills. The hand is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page, with the fingers gripping the edges of the bills. The bills are fanned out slightly, showing the top of a one-dollar bill and the bottom of another. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the skin of the hand. The background is plain white.

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# CALLING & CAREER

BY FAITH ADEGBOYE



**T**he question of what your calling or purpose is and how it matches with your career choice is a very relatable one. For some time, I struggled as a creative and medical scientist, asking myself, “Can I fulfil my calling, or do I change my course of study during my postgraduate studies?”

From a Biblical perspective, the concept of career and calling is tied to fulfilling one’s God-given purpose and using one’s skills and talents to serve others. The Bible emphasizes the idea of working diligently and with integrity. The Bible says, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people” [Colossians 3:23 GNT]. Career and calling can be used interchangeably, but “calling” is more often associated with a sense of vocation or purpose that aligns with God’s plan for an individual’s life (which is the same thing as your career, e.g. ministerial work is a career as people can also grow in the work of the ministry while photography can be someone else’s calling and career). Proverbs 16:3 says, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish you...” Most Christians make the mistake of trying to separate the two because they feel “calling” is from God while “career” is ONLY a way to build a professional profile.



The Bible says, “God directs the steps of the godly”. In every phase of life you are (church directly or professional), the important question is: Are you using that position to spread the gospel of love? And is Christ evident in your daily life and tasks? My life has always followed the mantra of Psalms 16:6, which says, “Lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places”, and when I discovered my gift of writing and the calling to create visual content much later, I knew there was a big picture God was preparing me to fit in. You may be reading this and can reflect on how you thought you liked to write and that that was your calling, but a few months later, you were led to start a podcast, and things are now more confusing than before. So, what, then, is your purpose? Better put, what is God’s purpose for you?

**“Purpose” is what you do that makes God glorified. Your life is the first content, even before the content you create.** Here are Biblical and Contemporary proofs both in ancient and recent times:

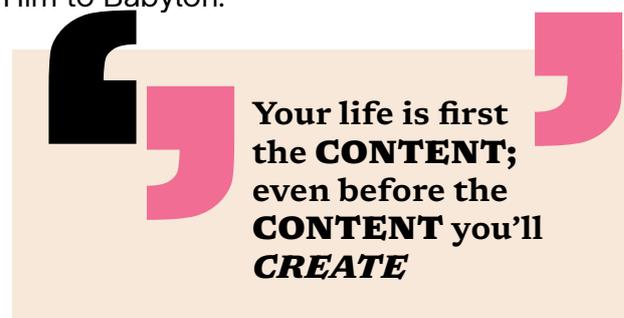
**MOSES** was a shepherd by career. His staff/mantle was the tool God used to part the Red Sea and perform many signs and wonders. His purpose for that calling was to lead the children of Israel to the promised land and get them there safely.

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**PAUL**, a Lawyer by profession/career, used tent-making, oratory gifts, and writing skills to achieve God’s purpose for him to evangelize the Gentile world.

**JOSEPH** was a household superintendent both for Potiphar and eventually for Pharaoh. That could be said to be his career because he found himself doing it at different levels and did it well. Meanwhile, God gave him the gifts of dream interpretations and leadership skills to achieve his purpose for being in that career. Consequently, he saved up enough grains for the period of famine in Egypt, thereby saving the Egyptians, his family, and surrounding nations through the famine.

**DANIEL** was a Jewish scholar and master interpreter of dreams. He used his wisdom and gift of visions and interpretation of dreams to save lives, serve Babylonian kings, and fulfil God’s purpose for sending Him to Babylon.



## **YOUR CAREER, GIFT, OR TALENTS ARE THE MANTLES IN YOUR HAND THAT WILL:**

- ◇ place you on a pedestal that will make people listen when you speak;
- ◇ expose you to more people and more opportunities to share the gospel;
- ◇ be an avenue to impact your generation by contributing to humanity via your field, etc.

Therefore, the skills you acquire during training teach you to think, sharpen your mind, discipline you, and help you to overcome the obstacles that come your way. Your career is a tool for outreach by God, which should be taken seriously.

## **Who then is a Christian CREATIVE ?**

Christian Creatives are God's PROs (Public Relations Officers) on earth. They act in various capacities like Literature Evangelists, Visual Content Creators including (but not limited to) YouTubers, Filmmakers, TikTokers, Audio Content Creators including songwriters, song cover makers, podcasters, etc. The list is endless. The importance of storytelling and record keeping can be seen in the case of the Bible events and happenings that were recorded and handed down through generations. Christians today can easily read and apprehend God's promises, admonitions, and commandments through the Bible.



It is also worthy of note that New Testament pillars penned scriptural truths that align with the prophecies spoken about in the Old Testament. The testament of Christ's birth in the four gospels aligns with the prophecies made by Prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah. Christian Creatives should desist from all forms of heresy and negative contents that divide the body of Christ and do not edify the bride of Christ.

While we have established that your calling can be independent of your career, acquiring relevant skills to better your calling is also important. Putting the work where necessary is not enough to have a calling. 2 Samuel 24:24 emphasizes that "you cannot give to God what does not cost you something". Take your calling, talents, and gifts to another level. For a creative who is called into content writing and creation, taking up courses in copywriting, script writing, effective podcasting, etc, will be an added advantage. Know how to influence and maximize social media algorithms for efficiently propagating your content to its target audience.

Furthermore, while it is necessary to pursue excellence, start where you are. The most frequent excuse these days is "There are too many people doing that already", but the Bible says the harvest is plenty and the labourers are few. So, who are you to say there are enough labourers already? (Matthew 9:37-38).





**A**s an entrepreneur, the gospel in the marketplace is as important as channelling your calling wherever you are. You can showcase God through your business. What confuses people is that they believe and think that preaching must be done from the pulpit or even through created contents; they tend to forget that as Christians, it is paramount that others see Jesus in your everyday life, irrespective of where you find yourself, as a politician or as an accountant. You are the Bible that men will read.

To fulfil the gospel of reconciliation given to us all, whether as a creative or not, you are a creation that should glorify your Creator. Needless to say, wealth will attract sinners to the gospel. You can serve God with wealth, so we must be found as Christians in the marketplace, making policies that will favour the propagation of the gospel.

It is also important to reiterate that as a media evangelist, there are divisions to ministry, and even as 'small' as sharing godly content is recognizable in the Bible just as we have, Paul planted, Apollos watered; great were the number of them called. God needs the company of many to reach others, as we have in Psalm 68:11. Be a Barnabas and win them one by one - Daniel 12:3.

**T**he need for **kingdom financiers** cannot be overemphasized. The gospel media ministry is a money-sapping ministry. The edge the entertainment industry has is the ability to apply for sponsorships and partnerships with brands, investors, etc, but rarely do we have the church to support this ministry. We need children of God to rise up and donate funds for literature evangelism, gospel film shows, outreaches, making of gospel movies, etc. Hence, they need to be professionally useful and relevant.

In conclusion, there is no feat without a challenge, and while I may not outline them here, we know that we are overcomers in Christ. In times of confusion, receive clarity from the Scriptures and counsel from those ahead.



# MEET THE BRANDS IN THE C.R.S

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