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# EDITOR IN CHIEF'S NOTE



Dear Esteemed Readers,

Wow! Words cannot express the awe-inspiring reception received at the release of the maiden edition of the **LFC Ikorodu Digest!** The way it blessed lives and motivated us to step beyond our comfort zones and embrace the digital spread of the gospel is simply mind-blowing.

As you hold the second edition in your hands, get ready for another divine encounter. This newsletter stands as a testament to the incredible power of God working through willing hearts and vessels.

As you flip through each page, don't just skim the surface; invite the Holy Spirit to breathe upon these words. Let them ignite fresh encounters in your journey with God, setting your soul ablaze with divine inspiration.

From the captivating Kingdom Billionaire's section to the enlightening Teenagers Hotspot, every piece has been thoughtfully crafted to edify, bless and inspire you to rise and embrace your place in the enviable destiny that God has prepared for you.

But let's not keep this treasure to ourselves. I urge you to be a blessing to those around you by sharing a copy of this newsletter. Watch as it ignites the spark within them, unlocking their God-given potential and propelling them towards greatness.

To the entire pastorate of Winners' Chapel Int'l Ikorodu and all contributing writers, I say a big thank you! Your prayers, dedication and skills have made this second edition a resounding success.

Together, we are spreading God's love and changing lives.

So, with hearts full of gratitude, let's journey on, knowing that men are indeed God's gift to humankind. And together, in His grace, will continue to make a difference in the lives of countless souls.

Yours in Christ,

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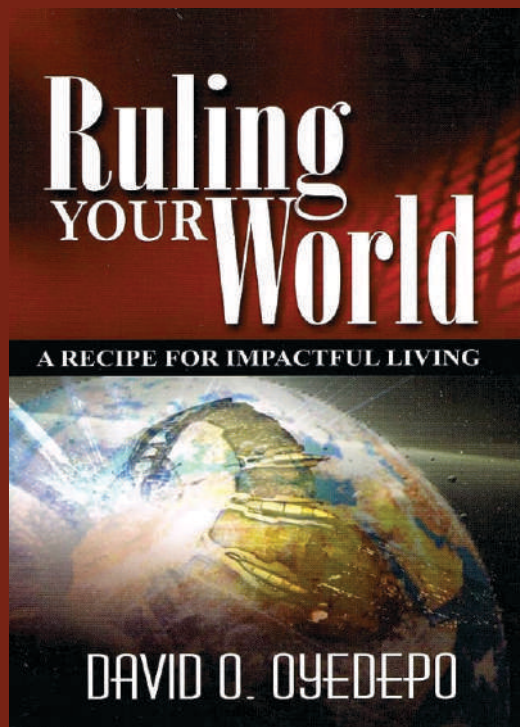
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# Kingdom Billionaires Club



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In the book "Ruling Your World" by David O. Oyedepo, we are taking on a journey to identify all relevant forces for our much-desired change of position.

The book shows us how we can unlock the rich treasure we carry as winners.

We are not backward because we are black, Bishop David O. Oyedepo says, I believe we are backwards largely because we are blind.

As you read through the key points, endeavour to meditate on each point and implement it because it is the doers of the Word that are blessed.

## Key Points

### 1. THE COST OF CHANGE

There is no rise without a price. Without a reaction, there is no motion, and without motion, there cannot be a change of position. I

believe it is time we accept full responsibility for the change we desire, lest we perish as liabilities. Teaching people "how to fish" is the only way to get them out of begging for fish all their lifetime.

### 2. THE CAPITAL PRICE

Discipline is the capital price you pay for every desired change. In this book, Bishop David Oyedepo defines discipline as doing what is required to get what is desired.

It is doing what is demanded, not what is convenient. If you leave your life to chance, you don't have a chance.

### 3. THE POWER OF INFORMATION

To be informed is to transform, and to be uninformed is to be deformed.

Information is both a gateway for man's advancements and the cure for all his frustrations.

Information is the key factor to man's success in the race of life. Being informed is not just knowing something, it is possessing a working knowledge of that thing.

### 4. THE POWER OF PURPOSE

Men of purpose are men of impact. No matter how anointed, gifted or enlightened you may be, if you lack purpose, you will not be accomplished.

If everywhere is your destination, you are sure to get nowhere.

Life is a journey and only those who have a definite destination record progress.

The discovery of purpose is essentially a discovery of your area of service.

### 5. FINANCIAL PREPARATION

There is a place for financial planning in pursuit of any purpose. Everyone needs to be financially literate for a successful adventure in life.

This is because you will always have something to do with money as long as you are living here on Earth.

Therefore, no matter how spiritual you are, to pretend that money is not essential is to make a mockery of destiny.

Finally, Mark 11:24 says "Therefore I say into you, what things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

You must accept responsibility for change before you can experience it.

# The Mandate

## The Commission's Pillars

**M**y people perish for lack of knowledge is a scripture that resonates deeply within me because I believe that to succeed in the journey of life, we must actively seek out Godly wisdom and apply it to every facet of our lives.

The 12 pillars of the Commission are a strong foundation that every child of God must fully immerse and lay in his heart. Consider them pills you must swallow and digest if you are to go far in the journey of life.

### 1) FAITH

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (1 John 5:4; Ephesians 6:16)

### 2) THE WORD

"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power..." (John 1:1-12; Hebrews 1:3)

### 3) THE SUPERNATURAL

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit." (Psalm 82:5-7; John 3:8)

### 4) PRAISE

"And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah: and they were smitten." (2 Chro. 20:20-22; Psalm 67:1-7; 149:1-9)

### 5) THE HOLY SPIRIT

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing." (Acts 1:1-8; Isaiah 10:27)

### 6) PROSPERITY

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as

thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2. "Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad..." (3 John 2; Psalm 35:27; Zech. 1:17)

### **7) VISION**

"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." (Proverbs 29:18, Jer. 29:11)

### **8) PRAYER**

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us." (1 John 5:14)

### **9) HEALING**

"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." (Isaiah 53:3-4; Jer. 8:22; Matt. 8:17)

### **10) WISDOM**

"And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure." (Prov. 24:3-4, Isaiah 33:6)

### **11) CONSECRATION**

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his. And let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." (Hebrews 12:14; 2 Tim. 2:19)

### **12) SUCCESS**

"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." (Joshua 1:8-10)



## Spotlight of the Month Pastor David Oyedepo (Jnr.)

Written by Eniola Adejumo

**W**e are excited to shine the spotlight on a remarkable individual who has made significant contributions to the advancement of the gospel. For July 2023, our Kingdom Stars Spotlight is on **Pastor David Oyedepo Jr**, the Resident Pastor of Faith Tabernacle, Ota.

### ***God Has Brought Victory (Oluwamakinde)***

***Pastor David Oyedepo (Jnr.) was born 1st of June, 1983, and in that same year of September, 1983 Living Faith Church was gloriously commissioned.***

### **The Hallmark**

Fast Forward to thirty years later, Pastor. David Oyedepo Jnr preached his first message on the 11th of December, 2013 at Shiloh 2013 which was tagged 'Exceeding Grace' and indeed the grace of God has overflowed in full measure in his life.

### **The Journey So Far**

Pastor David Oyedepo Jr. has displayed exemplary leadership and unwavering commitment to spreading the message of faith and hope. Here, we highlight five attributes that have allowed for the advancement of the gospel through his dedicated service:

**1. Anointed Preacher:** Pastor David Oyedepo Jr. has the anointing of God upon his life that enables him to effectively communicate the Word of God with clarity, conviction and relevance. His sermons inspire and motivate believers to live out their faith and experience the power of God in their lives.

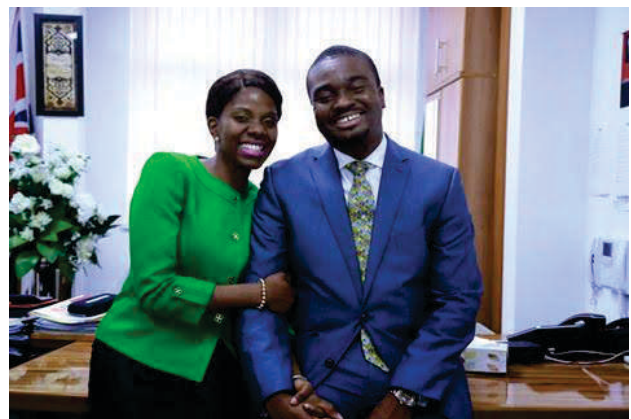
**2. Passionate Mentor:** He is known for his passion for mentoring and nurturing young ministers, guiding them to discover and fulfil their God-given potentials. His investment in the next generation of leaders has had a tremendous impact on the growth and expansion of the ministry and participants at IYAC (International Youth Alive Convention) can boldly testify to how God has used his servant to edify and uplift them in every area of their lives.

**3. Compassionate Shepherd:** Pastor David Oyedepo Jr. exhibits a deep love and care for the members of his congregation. He extends a helping hand to the needy, providing support and encouragement to those facing challenges. His compassionate nature exemplifies the heart of Christ.

**4. Visionary Strategist:** With a strategic mindset, Pastor David Oyedepo Jr. has been instrumental in implementing innovative programs and initiatives that have expanded the reach of the ministry. His foresight and ability to set goals has propelled the church forward, reaching more souls for Christ.

**5. Lover of God:** He leads by example, demonstrating a lifestyle of worship and reverence for God. Pastor David Oyedepo Jr. has a passionate heart for the kingdom and to see all men come to the knowledge of God is indeed admirable and has further encouraged more people to seek after the Kingdom of God.

We honour Pastor David Oyedepo Jr. for his dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to the advancement of the gospel. His leadership serves as an inspiration to us all. Let us celebrate and learn from his example as he continues to impact lives and transform communities with the love of Christ.





# GOD'S SECRET AGENTS

## Christians Empowered to Transform Every Sector

By Emmanuel AnuOluwatomiwa

### Introduction

As Christians, it is essential to understand that our faith is not confined within the walls of a church. We are called to be God's secret agents, infiltrating every sector of society and representing His love, grace and wisdom. This article aims to inspire believers, particularly members of Winners' Chapel Int'l Ikorodu, to embrace their roles as ambassadors of Christ in their workplaces and beyond. By recognizing their positions as divine appointments, they can make a significant impact on the world and fulfill God's mandate to dominate the earth.

### Some Roles of God's Secret Agents

#### 1. Gathering Intelligence

God's secret agents play a crucial role in gathering intelligence for the Kingdom. Throughout history, we see examples of believers being strategically positioned to gather vital information and avert potential disasters. The story of the ten Israelite spies sent to Jericho (Joshua 2) is a powerful illustration of how God uses His people to gain insights that lead to triumph. In the New Testament, a fellow believer warned Paul about a plot to kill him (Acts 23:12-35), saving his life and allowing him to continue spreading the Gospel.

Modern-day examples show that God is still using His agents to protect His people. Here in Nigeria, a believer in the Nigerian Secret Service (now DSS) intercepted a message about a plot to kill Pastor E.A. Adeboye and promptly relayed it to the Redemption Camp, enabling him to take timely spiritual measures. This demonstrates how Christians can act as watchmen, guarding against spiritual and physical threats in various sectors.

#### 2. Stopping Evil Cycles and Trends: Agents of Transformation

God's secret agents are not just passive observers; they are catalysts for change. Corruption, evil, and negative trends perpetuate like chains in society. When Christians step into their roles with integrity and godliness, they can disrupt these destructive patterns. In every sector, whether it's politics, business, healthcare, or education, believers have the opportunity to serve as stoppers to evil trends.

In the healthcare sector for instance, medical professionals who uphold ethical standards can bring positive change by prioritizing patients' well-being over personal gain. By doing so, they contribute to breaking the chain of unethical practices, thereby saving lives and restoring faith in the medical system. They also serve as spiritual gates to stop the angel of death that visits health facilities. The

same is true about corruption. A wise believer should be the break in the chain of corruption in the system where they find themselves. Apostle Ossai Arome, while serving in the Petroleum Department (Nigeria), resisted the temptations of being bribed with thousands of dollars frequently. From his statements, he didn't have a car to drive then, yet, he rejects such bribes because he feared God. This resulted in threats. But God protected him all through. And today, he stands as a witness that you can be in a sector enmeshed in corruption and not be a part of it.

### **3. Preserving a Generation: Impacting Lives for Eternity**

God's secret agents are not only agents of change but also vessels of preservation. Throughout history, missionaries have played a vital role in introducing education to remote and primitive regions. By acting as teachers, they not only empowered individuals with knowledge but also had the opportunity to share the gospel with students, preserving a generation for eternity.

The story of our father, Bishop David Oyedepo, who built a church at the age of 19 while on a relief-teaching assignment in a predominantly Muslim village, exemplifies this concept. His obedience to God's call impacted countless lives and laid the foundation for the global impact of his ministry. The light he got from that little village is still shining to the ends of the earth.

### **Other Benefits of God's Secret Agents**

- Agents of Reconciliation: Christians can bridge gaps and foster unity between diverse groups, promoting understanding and harmony.
- Agents of Innovation: By tapping into their God-given creativity, believers can bring innovative solutions to societal challenges.
- Agents of Compassion: Christians can demonstrate God's love through acts of kindness and service to those in need.

### **Conclusion**

As members of Winners' Chapel Int'l, believers should embrace their roles as God's secret agents wherever they find themselves. Each workplace, sector, or community is an opportunity to represent God and impact lives positively. By gathering intelligence, stopping evil cycles and preserving generations, Christians can fulfill God's mandate to dominate the earth.

Let us be conscious that God's grace abounds even in the darkest places, for where sin abounds, grace abounds much more (Romans 5:20). Armed with this knowledge, we can confidently step into our roles as ambassadors of Christ, knowing that we have the power to bring transformative change to every sector of society. By living out our faith with authenticity and passion, we can be true agents of God's love and light in the world.

# An Exclusive Interview

with the State Pastor (Part 2). by Abraham David Chindinma



*Sir, what are the five attributes a Christian must have in order to succeed in their career or business?*

Now, for any believer to succeed in any business, amongst others, number one:

□ You must be a Lover of God: anybody that wants to succeed in business must be a lover of God. Because eyes have not seen nor ears heard, neither has it entered into the heart of men the kind of business breakthrough that God has prepared for them that love Him.

So, love is paramount. If you don't love God, there's no way you can see breakthrough in your business, that's one. Two;

□ **You must be diligent:** anyone that wants to experience breakthrough in business must be diligent. Diligence is talking about hard work. Our father the bishop, bishop Oyedepo said, "the only substitute to hard work is hard life". You can't sit down at home from morning till night doing nothing, and expect breakthrough in your business, no. Hard work does not kill, so anyone that wants to experience breakthrough in their business must be diligent. That's number two attribute. Number three;

□ **You must be disciplined:** Discipline means, doing what is commanded, not what is convenient. You don't do a business and eat all the capital, that's lack of discipline. Any man that wants to breakthrough in business must be a man of discipline. So, don't cut your coat according to your size, cut your coat according to your pocket; according to what you have. Of course, number four;

□ **You must be a man of focus:** The reason why we don't have too many business stars in our generation today is because one man wants to do too many things. How can you be a painter, you're also a bricklayer, you're also a plumber? No, it doesn't work like that.

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Praise God. Yes, you can put your hands in small businesses here and there but you see, the moment you identify your major business, stay in it. You will never see an impact in your business until you remain focused on what God has called you to do. Praise the Lord. Look at people that have impact today, whether business, whether men of God, they are people that have focus. Jesus said, "if your eye be single, your whole body shall be full of light". If you're a painter, put all your energy on painting. Don't be a painter today, a bricklayer tomorrow, a plumber again, a carpenter another day, no, it doesn't work like that. So, focus is another attribute of a man and woman that desire to breakthrough in life. Of course, number five;

□ **Give God His place:** One thing is for you to love God another thing is for you to give God his place. **And what do I mean by that?** You see in Matthew chapter six verse thirty-three: "seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you". Any business you're doing that will not allow you to have time for God, it's advisable you look for another business. You can't be in a business and then you would not have time to serve God. Praise the Lord. So, God must come first. God must be number one in your business. These five attributes, among others, will guarantee anyone breakthrough in business. Praise God.

***Thank you so much, sir. Then, how can a Christian set short and long term career goals that helps to fulfill Matthew 6:33?***

Very simple. You know, when you're talking about career, no matter the goals that you want to set for your career, whether short or long term, what to do is very clear.

Matthew 6:33 says, but seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things that others are dying to get shall be added unto you. So, whatever you want to do as a career, whatever goal you're setting, must be in line with God's plan.

Praise God. Anything you want to do, ensure that it does not affect your service to God. Like I said the other time, God must be number one. So, before you go and set any goal concerning your career or your business, seeks God's face, so you'll be able to know the steps to take.

There are people today, you set goals and at the end of the day, you don't have time to serve God. It's God that gave you the assignment. Without me, Jesus said, you can do nothing.

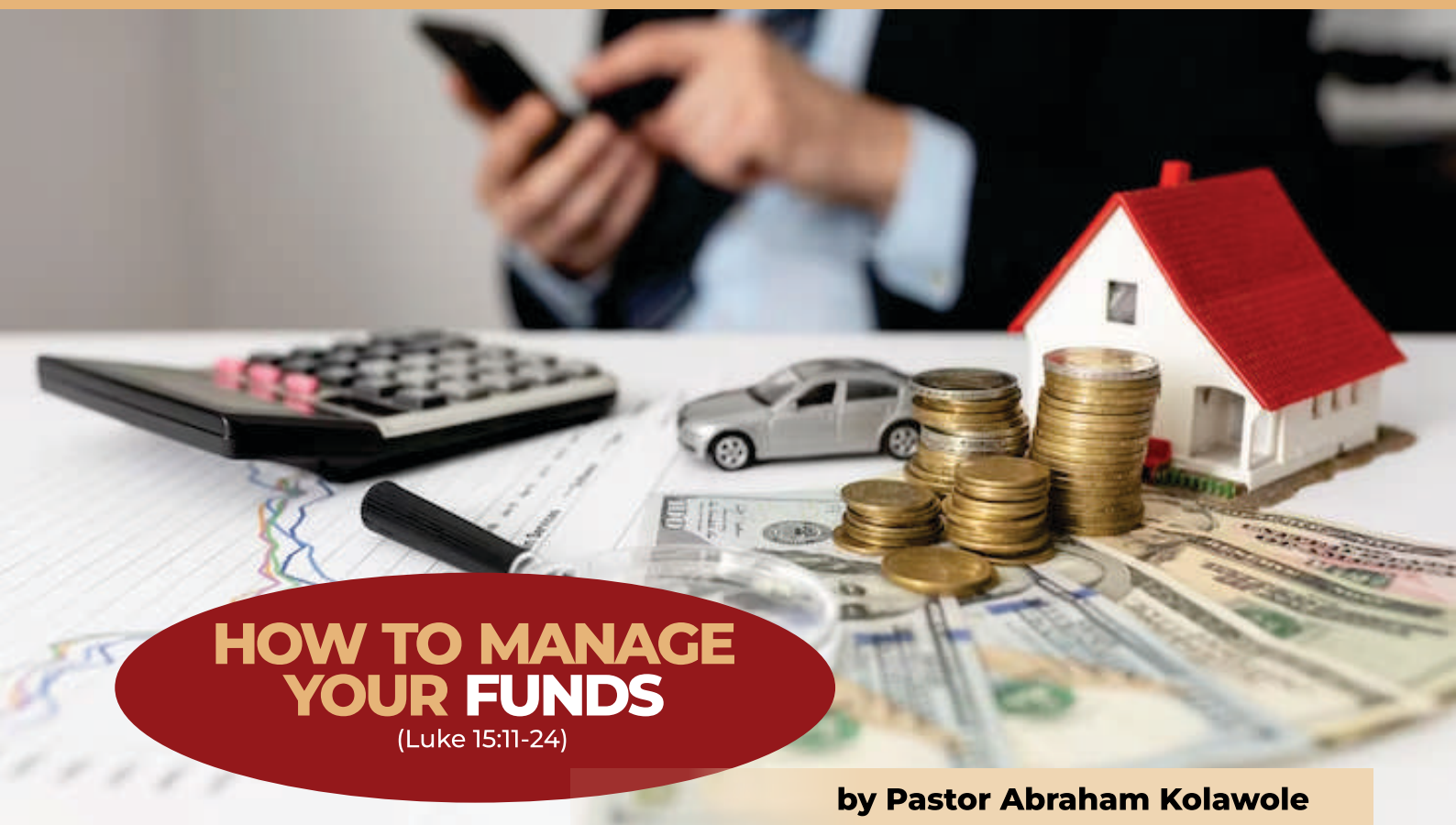
So, your skills, your talents, must be towards serving the interest of His kingdom. I've had cause to resign in a place in the early 90s, before I became a pastor, because the job there would not allow me to serve God. So, you must continue to seek God in anything you want to do.

Let God be there before setting any goal. And when God is there, you can be sure that your goal will bring about your desired miracles, in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

The Bible tells us a story about the prodigal son, who wasted his substance on riotous living in a far country. When famine broke out there, he began to be in want and started eating the food meant for the swine (pig). By implication therefore, when you are a victim of waste, you automatically become a victim of want.

"Money without financial intelligence is money soon gone ... If you want to be rich, then you need to become financially literate"

Many people in the society today have lost sight of these facts, taking things for granted, trying to please or impress others, living a wasteful life thereby living in poverty, lack and want.



## HOW TO MANAGE YOUR FUNDS

(Luke 15:11-24)

by Pastor Abraham Kolawole

In this episode we will be looking at some expenses/bills or things we need to check, if we must enjoy financial independence. I call it waste avoidance.

### **What is Waste?**

Waste is the worst enemy of wealth.

It is an economic cancer that eats up one's financial wealth.

Therefore, your financial expenditure needs to be focused and done with a sense of purpose, especially in these days of economic meltdown.

The Word of God clearly exhorts us in Luke 16:10: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

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It is faithfulness with little that qualifies you to move on to your next level. Heaven is very prudent with its resources. God is very prudent with his resources and He hates waste

"There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up". Proverbs 21:20

In the time we are you cannot afford to be sentimentally attached to things if you are going to prosper financially. Inside the harvest in your hand are some seeds to invest.

Common areas of leakages we need to block

**1. Airtime, data subscription, etc.**

**2. Cable station subscription**

**3. Borrowing on credit card:** It is advisable to pay with cash to monitor your spending.

**4. Lottery-** Investing in lottery tickets while believing that you will win.

**5. Petrol:** monitor your spending on petrol, where you use public transportation please do. Avoid unnecessary outings.

**6. Carrying a lot of cash about** - the more in your pocket/purse/wallet the more you spend.

**7. Home shopping via TV/internet** - actors are paid to demonstrate why you should buy the clothes. They use mercury light to magnify the product to look soooooo good. It is called photoshopping.

**8. Ponzi scheme** - Investing via phone and social net - invest today get 30%, 40%, 60% tomorrow - always investigate before investing.

**9. Joining multi-level marketing or scheme.** This takes advantage of church people because of trust. They tell you if you join today and introduce another person you will earn a huge amount of money. In my opinion, multi-level marketing is another type of ponzi scheme.

**10. Regularly eating out.** - what you spend on one outing might be enough to feed the family for a week, having a good time with the family, spouse is not bad BUT shouldn't be a habit. Fries and chicken N2,800? A little here a little there leads to poverty.

**11. Cost of running your home:** Plan, budget for every aspect of running your home. From electricity to gas, to food etc.

**12. Buying designer products** - shoes, bags etc. - all you're doing is buying name not product. Some of us will not buy ordinary fruit or water until they get to some named shop.

13. Lending money to family & friends - give what you can dash out. Bible said if they ask for cloth if you can afford trousers give them. Relations are the most difficult in this aspect. Give what you can and forget it.

**14. Buying goods & service because they are on sales** - lie. All they are doing is sales psychology 40%, 50% 80% down, Black Friday is all lie, manage your appetite.

15. Donating to charity via phone/ social media etc. who are the people behind it, 60% of their income goes for administration (director this and director that, buying and using flashy cars)

In donating have a discerning spirit to be sure they are genuine.

**16. Recreational vehicles** - these are pleasure cars. You have a car that takes you to work, wife has her own; another for children, you now went and bought another one that you use once a month, in six months, a year, tying down resources, (car is not an asset).

The car you're not using is better to dispose of now.

**17. Blind purchase i.e. secondhand purchase (tokunbo)** - find out the condition of the product before purchasing it.

**18. Using rechargeable ATM Card** - service charge paying for using your money to generate for their bank

**19. Buying unnecessary insurance policies** - insurance on children's life, cancer insurance (Are you praying to have cancer?)

***To be financially successful you need to be financially disciplined***

# Health Talk

with Mercy Akinbinu

## Diphtheria Outbreak: Should You Be Concerned?

Have you recently come across any news about diphtheria?

Perhaps you haven't heard of this illness and are curious what it is.

As of June 30th, 2023, the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) reported 798 confirmed cases of this disease in Nigeria, with a total of 80 deaths.

**But how dangerous is this disease?** Can it be prevented? Here is everything to know about diphtheria.

### What is Diphtheria?

Diphtheria is a life-threatening infection that affects the skin and the organs that help you breathe. It is caused by the bacteria *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*.

When it comes to the skin, it can result in open wounds or ulcers, but it rarely leads to severe complications.

The bacteria's toxin kills healthy tissue in the respiratory system. After 2-3 days, the dead tissue solidifies to produce a thick, grey coating that can block the throat or nose, making breathing and swallowing difficult. If the toxin enters the bloodstream, it can harm the heart, nerves, and kidneys.

### How Does Diphtheria Spread?

Diphtheria spreads through respiratory droplets like coughs and sneezes. You can also become sick from touching infected open wounds or ulcers or using contaminated cups or tissues.

### You may be at risk of the disease if you:

- are living with a person infected with diphtheria
- have a history of frequent, close contact with an infected person
- are directly exposed to secretions from the suspected infection site (e.g., mouth) of a person
- aren't up to date with your vaccinations
- live in an unsanitary or overcrowded environment

### What are Diphtheria's Symptoms and Signs?

Diphtheria symptoms begin 2-5 days after infection. Some have no symptoms, while others have minor cold-like symptoms.



Bacteria that enter and attach to the respiratory system may cause weakness, sore throat, low fever, and neck gland swelling. Untreated, it can cause trouble breathing, swallowing, seeing, speaking and shock.

Skin diphtheria can cause sores and redness if you have poor hygiene.

### **Is Diphtheria treatable?**

If your doctor suspects you have diphtheria, treatment will start immediately.

To determine whether you have diphtheria, a sample will be collected from the back of your throat, nose or an open sore and tested for the bacteria that cause diphtheria.

An antitoxin injection is the first step in treatment. This is used to neutralize toxins produced by bacteria. Antibiotics may also be prescribed to help treat the illness.

### **How can you prevent Diphtheria?**

To prevent contracting diphtheria, you might take the following measures:

- *Don't touch diphtheria-infected people or anything they've touched.*
- *Get medical help when you or a family member gets sick.*
- *Always wash or sanitize hands regularly.*
- *In a crowded area, wear face masks.*
- *Always protect injury to your skin*
- *Get immunized against diphtheria*

Diphtheria is prevented with the DTaP vaccine. It lasts 10 years and is given in one dose with pertussis and tetanus vaccinations.

If you follow these recommendations, there is less chance that you will contract diphtheria in the future.

Also, as declared in Jeremiah 33:6 which says; Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security, having a committed relationship with God guarantees sound health.



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# YAF Corner

## by Olapeju Komolafe

In today's World, the Youths are facing the most hardship and lack a sense of belonging within the society. From limited access to education and training, to lack of viable employment services and just surviving on meagre resources and constantly seeking out a purpose for their lives.

Over the years, the leadership of the Youth Alive Fellowship Ikorodu have been burdened with the all-round growth of young minds and have also seen the need to bridge the gap between the surging rise in number of unemployed youths and stylish lack of innovative ideas worthy of improving personal development and the nation's economy by facilitating structured learning curriculum and providing a platform where sustainable skills can be acquired and supported.

We have got very exciting news! The first of its kind (Upgrade 1.0 - "Beyond Education") was held last year and it was mind blowing and highly impactful! We had the honour to host the Commissioner of Education for Lagos State (Folashade Adefisayo) in our midst as our Keynote speakers and other notable individuals who have made a great name for themselves in their various endeavours and industries come empower us

with the skills they have honed over time.

The Upgrade 2.0 is here! - An Initiative of the Youth Alive Fellowship Ikorodu tagged "E-MERGE" has been packaged with the potential to integrate the values of a good and productive citizens, motivating them to live a normal life by providing them with the platform to develop and showcase their skills.

Seasoned, Experienced Facilitators and Speakers have been lined up to come impact with an holistic approach to achieving solid and timely life changing Success buttons for our Personal, Financial and Business growth.

This event will be coming up on Saturday 16th September, 2023 at the Winner's Chapel Ikorodu Auditorium.



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Ikorodu Lagos

Presents



The  
Upgrade 2.0

THEME:

# e-Merge

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SPEAKERS:



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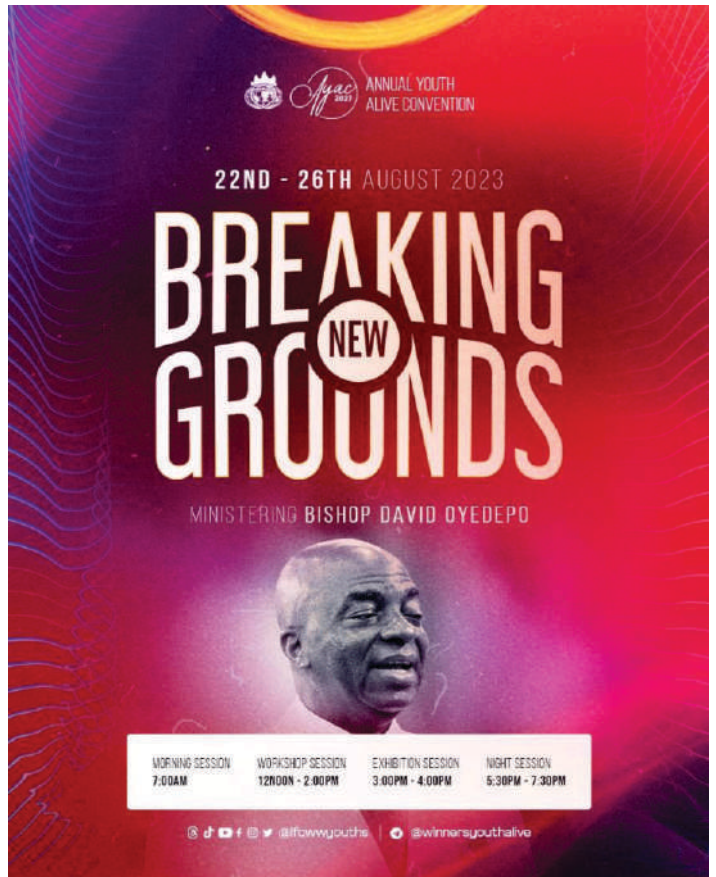
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Rising Giants!!!

The International Youth Alive Convention 2023 is here! It's with utmost joy in our hearts that we share this announcement.





# Teenagers' Hotspot

by Ayomide Aladeniyi

## The Stigma of Being Single.

Dear Teenager,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing this letter to you because I know how much teenagers want to be in relationships today. Well, I would tell you a story of myself.

When I was a teenager like you, I was also pressured. There was this pressure everywhere to be in a relationship. There was this stigma associated with being single. You were not considered a happy person if you did not have a relationship.

Everyone around me was in one relationship or the other and I did not want to be left out. As a result, I went into different relationships. I went from an abusive relationship to one with a guy who had other girlfriends. I never liked any of my relationships and I was not comfortable either but I thought “that’s how relationships are meant to be”. I felt that everyone’s relationship was like that not knowing that I was just not ready and I was never with the right person.

Well, I got married some months ago and I can say that relationships are beautiful when they are God-ordained and done the right way. Not everyone’s relationship is abusive.

I just want you to know that a relationship is not something one rushes into. Relationships should not be done to “test the waters” nor for cruise. Relationships should be aimed at marriage. Yes, there is no particular age for a relationship as maturity is not by age. However, someone once said that to be in a good relationship, you should be ready spiritually, academically, mentally, financially, etc.

Best Regards,

*A friend*



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