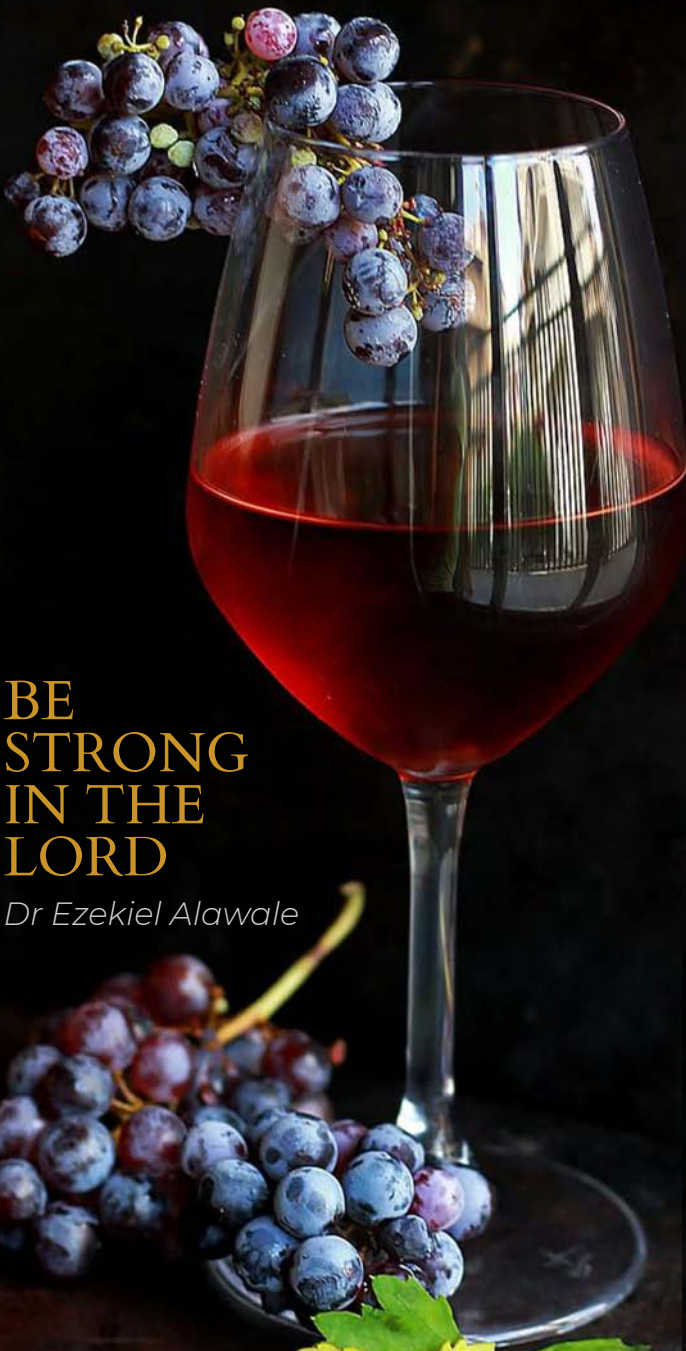


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WELCOME TO GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

Here is a brief summary of who we are, what we are called to do, how we do it and how you can fit into this family. Our desire is to see you becoming a part of us and to find a place where you can serve God and fulfill your God ordained purpose on the earth.

WHO WE ARE

We are not just a conventional church. We are more than a church; we are a family. God's Vineyard Ministries is a God given vision, where God is the Gardener, Jesus is the Vine and we are the Branches. Through this relationship, we spread the gospel to the world and bear fruits that abide to serve as the Vineyard of God on earth (John 15).

OUR VISION

"To raise a people with a Kingdom mindset, to discover their purpose, maximise their potentials and influence their generation with the Gospel of Christ."

OUR MISSION

"Empowering lives and Building society"

OUR JOURNEY

God's Vineyard Ministries (GVM) was founded in Nottingham, United Kingdom in 2001 by Dr. Ezekiel Olusegun and Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Alawale, under God's leading and instruction. During this period, the Lord led Dr. Ezekiel to Pastor E.A Adeboye, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, to submit under his spiritual leadership and mentorship. Under Dr. Ezekiel & Dr. (Mrs.) Funmi Alawale's oversight as Senior Pastors of GVM, the Ministry now has 6 Churches in the United Kingdom.

OUR CORE BELIEFS

We believe that the Bible is the word of God: its doctrine is our doctrine.

We believe in God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ died for the sins of the whole world, and rose up the third day for our justification.

We believe in Christ's second coming, the day of judgment and salvation of the faithful.

We believe salvation is obtained through faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross. It is by grace.

We believe in the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the great commission: To go into the entire world and preach the gospel to all the people.

We believe in the efficacy of prayers in communicating with God through Jesus Christ.

We believe in life after death.

We believe in investing in the development of the younger generation

OUR IDENTITY

God's Vineyard Ministries is a praying church, and we are committed to raising a praying generation of young and old believers, who will put God's Kingdom first. (Matt 6:33). We are also committed to raising a generation of people who will be heavenly conscious and earthly relevant.

Our identity is about seeking to help people discover their purpose and fulfill their destiny in God.

How we seek to achieve this:

By reaching UP,
By reaching IN and
By reaching OUT.

OUR GOALS

1. To draw many into the GVC family
2. To offer them the opportunity to have personal encounter with Christ and become true members of God's family [Matt 28:19]
3. To create a platform to disciple everyone who becomes a member into Christ-like maturity [Matt 28:20; Col 1:28].
4. And prepare members for Christian service and missions [Matt 22:39; 28:19].
5. With the ultimate objective of raising an army of believers whose sole aim is to glorify God in all things and make heaven [Matt 22:37-38].

WHAT WE DO

- Youth work
- School outreach
- Community outreach
[Prison Ministry, Food banks, etc]
- Work and career development
- Family and relationship development

WHERE YOU CAN FIT IN

- Men's fellowship - Known as 'Men of Radiance'
- Women's fellowship - Known as 'Women of Excellence'
- Youth Fellowship - Youth Church and Radical Youth (RY).
- Teenager's Fellowship - Known as 'Vine Teens'
- Children Ministry - Known as 'Vine Heritage'
- Couples Forum
- House Fellowships
- Various service groups across our branches.



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***GOD'S VINEYARD
MINISTRIES @ 21:
THE JOURNEY SO FAR.***

THE LEADER:

Pastor (Dr) Ezekiel Alawale

MBBS, (Ibadan), FWACS, FRCS (I) Senior Pastor GVM and Chairperson MBLC Nottingham

Historic background of Dr E. Alawale, his career, the ministry, the future and the role of His father in the Lord, Pastor E.A. Adeboye.



Dr Ezekiel Olusegun Alawale was born on the 3rd of October 1956, in a little town called Igbaye in Osun state, Nigeria to a family of seven. His father, late Pa Alawale, was a very successful farmer who had a large Cocoa plantation. His sole desire was to see his son Ezekiel inherit the cocoa farm lands. Thus Dr Ezekiel spent the earlier part of his life on the farm with his father. After his Primary School education, he continued on the farm for several years before he was finally allowed to go back to School in 1973. He later attended Odo-Oti Grammar School between 1973-1977, and then the Polytechnic Ibadan between 1977-1979 for his A levels.

On the 15th of February 1978, shortly after valentine's day, Dr Ezekiel fell in Love with Jesus and became born again. That same year he met his sweetheart, Mrs Funmilayo Alawale (nee Ojewola), who was also doing her A/L at the time, they were both in the choir. They got engaged to each other on August 16th 1981. Dr Alawale later gained admission to the University of Ibadan in 1979 and graduated in 1984.

While on Campus, he became the head of the Village Evangelism team, which was responsible for preaching the gospel in the villages around the campus. After graduation, he did a year internship/housemanship with Baptist Medical Centre Ogbomoso between 1984-1985. On September 14th 1985, Dr Ezekiel Olusegun Alawale tied the knot with his one and only 'honey pie', Mrs Funmilayo Alawale nee Ojewola after four years of Courtship.

MARRIAGE AND CAREER

Dr Alawale started his early family life and career in Niger State Nigeria, where he worked at the General Hospital alongside his wife, who was also working at the time in the same hospital. He left Niger state in 1987 and later joined Jokotola Memorial Hospital for two years as a Medical officer. In 1989, he began his postgraduate surgical training with University of Ife Teaching Hospital and later completed the training at the University College Hospital (UCH) Ibadan.

Dr Alawale Lectured in Surgery at UCH and the University of Ibadan, Nigeria; where he was the chief resident surgeon. He was later appointed a consultant in Pediatric Surgery after his Fellowship in 1995. In 1996, he worked briefly in the Pediatric Surgery Unit in a hospital in Mannheim, Germany and later returned to Nigeria in 1997, after God spoke to him that Germany was not the place for him.

In February 1998, he took a study leave from the University of Ibadan to further his studies in pediatric surgery in the United Kingdom.



MINISTRY YEARS

In 1989, Dr Alawale was the head of the Prayer unit at the Chapel of Grace Ile-Ife, Osun State Nigeria. He was also the Intercessory unit leader and Sunday school teacher while in UCH Ibadan.

In January 1994, he joined the Sword of the Spirit Ministry and was ordained an Assistant Pastor in the same year. In 1995, he was ordained a full pastor and was responsible for planting several church branches while in the Ministry. He pastored Covenant Chapel Bodija before finally leaving for the UK to further his studies.

He received the call to pioneer God's Vineyard Ministries in 2001, while working as a Pediatric Surgical Registrar, at Royal Alexandra Children Hospital, Brighton, UK.

GOD'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

Dr Alawale and his wife, Dr Olufunmilayo Alawale, founded God's Vineyards Ministries, popularly known as GVC; with its headquarters in Nottingham, UK, in March 2001. They co-pastor the Nottingham church. Due to the demands of long distance weekly travels from Brighton to Nottingham, Dr Alawale made the decision to give up his Surgery career and retrain as a General Practitioner under the VT Scheme for another three years in Mansfield. This was to give him the liberty to relocate to Nottingham and also to free his weekends to focus more on the work of the Ministry

God's Vineyard Ministries currently has six branches in the United Kingdom and two branches in Nigeria (Lagos and Abuja). The Ministry also has a heart and calling towards the youth; with a vibrant and fast growing youth ministry, popularly called 'Radical Youth', currently established in 26 universities in the UK, and still growing.

The Ministry hosts several annual conferences and events; including the Kingdom Life Conference, Women of Excellence Conference, Let Your Life Count (Youth) Conference, Prayer Conference, Young People & Singles Forum, and Youth Weekend Away.

Alongside his pastoral calling and duties, Dr Alawale currently works as a General Practitioner. He and his wife are blessed with three lovely Children; Tosin, Toyin and Tomi, and two beautiful granddaughters.



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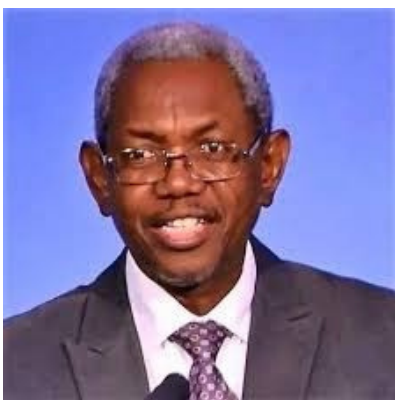
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His Ministers' Leadership Retreat, which takes place in December every year, is attended by 15,000 leaders from all walks of life.

Brother Gbile Akanni heads the Living Seed Ministry located in Gboko, Nigeria, which is committed to turning believers into disciples. The ministry is trans-denominational and reaches into every strata of the nation.

He is the author of many books and has published life changing magazines. His Ministers' Leadership Retreat, which takes place in December every year, is attended by 15,000 leaders from all walks of life.

Brother Gbile travels extensively and his authoritative teaching is deeply challenging and life-changing, and he has a deep desire to see a mighty visitation of God in these crucial times.



REVEREND FUNKE FELIX- ADEJUMO

Reverend Funke Felix-Adejumo, a graduate of English, is a woman with deep insight into God's word. She is in high demand as a Conference and Seminar speaker. Her weekly Television Broadcast (The Woman) reaches many homes.

She is also the convener of the annual "Woman In Conference", "Mother's Summit" and "Women On The Winning Edge", to mention a few. She is the Vice-President of Agape Christian Ministry and she is married to Bishop Felix Adejumo, the president of Agape Christian Ministries Inc., Akure, Nigeria.

PASTOR AGU IRUKWU

Pastor Agu is the senior pastor of The Redeemed Christian Church Of God, Jesus House London. Having read law at the University of Warwick, he began his legal career as a barrister and then progressed into investment banking.

He was ordained as a pastor in 1993 and became senior pastor of Jesus House in April of the following year, two months after the church was set up.



REV SAMSON AJETOMOBI

REV.SAMSON AJETOMOBI, is an Agricultural Engineer by profession and a member of several professional bodies of managers. He is a televangelists and the President of The Men of Issachar Vision Incorporated (MIV), which commenced in 1989 and the Overseer of the Redemption Faith Churches is a man called by God with the mandate to reach the unreached at all cost and reawaken the Church to her responsibilities.





BE STRONG IN THE LORD

BY: DR EZEKIEL ALAWALE

"And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." Daniel 11:32 KJV

It takes the strong to stand up for what they believe, even when they are in the minority or when their values or views are unpopular.

It takes being strong to challenge the status quo and champion a course for individual, community or national transformation. **It takes being strong to talk the talk and walk the walk.** Or as they say; walk the talk. So many are hypocrites out there!

You and I need to be strong to hold our ground and defend our territories; leaving nothing out - be it our marriages, our Children, our possessions, etc.

Life is war; everywhere is war front. The whole world is a battlefield. No exemption - our homes, work places, schools, streets, etc. The battle is against humanity, it's against you and I; it's against our glory, our peace, our joy and our destinies. The battles are against our young ones, children, teenagers, young adults... the future of any community; the future of our nations.

While it is essential for us to take defensive stance, there is the need for us to be on the offensive, to overthrow satanic kingdoms and set free their captives and to recover captured territories - homes, schools, communities, etc. Hear what the Lord says to us individually:

"Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms"
Jeremiah 51:20 KJV

The Lord has made us His partners in His bid to re establish His kingdom on earth and enlarge it progressively in order that "His kingdom comes and His will is done on earth as it is in heaven'

God is depending on man, as man depends on Him. He plans to carry all of his agenda on earth through

humanity, especially those who have His Spirit dwelling in them.

It is against this background that every believer in Christ is admonished to be strong in the Lord. The race before us as individuals is peculiarly personal, it's a long race composed of different phases. It may be uphill or downhill, smooth or rough, full of twists and turns. Everyone's race is unique; it depends on each person's life purpose or destiny. It takes being strong not to be discouraged, distracted or give up; but endure, persevere, be resilient and to keep the eyes on the finishing line to the end.

HOW THEN CAN WE BE STRONG IN THE LORD?

1. Desire to know God more intimately:

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord" **2Peter 1:2 KJV**

According to this Scripture, the more you know God, the more the Grace of God and the peace of God are multiplied unto you. Grace of God is the supernatural ability of God. Therefore, the more you know God the more you receive a multiplication of the supernatural ability of God. Consequently, you have the strength of God operating within you and through you. This makes you a wonder to your generation.

"And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."

Daniel 11:32 KJV

This is what God wants to do through you and me this year and beyond: **Exploits!** But we need to be strong.

To be strong! You must desire to know God by seeking intimacy with Him and by pursuing Him.

King David's life exemplifies this:

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, So panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: When shall I come and appear before God?" **Psalms 42:1-2 KJV**

The Lord says to you and I; *"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."*
James 4:8 KJV

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU COME CLOSE TO HIM?

You talk to Him. Then He talks back to you. As He hears your voice, you hear His Voice. This is dialogue; this is communion. As you ask questions, He gives you answers. He provides solutions; He gives you strategies.

This is how men and women of the Bible influenced their generation. They acted on what God told them, while they spent time with God in prayer.

"Call to me and I will answer you. I will tell you great, strange things that you do not know." **Jeremiah 33:3 EASY**

The AMPC Version of the Bible says it this way

"Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand)."
Jeremiah 33:3 AMPC

God talks back to you as you pray and read and meditate on His word, the Bible. He may talk to you through a still small voice, His Spirit bearing witness with your spirit; through the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom, which may come in pictures, prophetic dreams, etc. The knowledge of God comes only by revelation from God, so also the knowledge of His word and His will.

"And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." **Matthew 16:17 KJV**

This is the secret of Jesus' exploits; every action He took resulted from what He heard from the Father.


"I can't do a solitary thing on my own: I listen, then I decide. You can trust my decision because I'm not out to get my own way but only to carry out orders. If I were simply speaking on my own account, it would be an empty, self-serving witness..." **John 5:30-33 MSG**

*“Jesus went on to say,
“I can do nothing by
myself. I hear what the
Father says to me.
Then, because of what
he says, I judge. So, I
judge in a way that is
right. I am not trying
to do what I myself
want. The Father sent
me, and I want to do
what he wants.”*

John 5:30 EASY

It is time to do what He wants. And we capture His mind and His instruction in our closet with Him. Your knowledge of God will, as well as, your strength will be limited if you are an occasional visitor to His presence

Psalm 84:7 KJV confirms this: “They go from strength to strength, Every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.”



**YOUR STRENGTH WILL
BE LIMITED IF YOU ARE
AN OCCASIONAL
VISITOR TO HIS
PRESENCE**

I cannot agree more with John Wesley, that great revivalist, when he said **“The secret of having influence with men is having influence with God”**. The more you catch His revelation personally the more you are able to rely on Him, and the greater your confidence and faith in Him. You have faith in the person you know. It is difficult to have faith in the person you know vaguely. Faith in God unlocks God’s power. And when God’s power is unlocked, impossible things are made possible. You do exploits!

It’s been said that the secret of great men is in their daily routines; and I dare say that the secret of true great men of God, who do exploits for God, is in their being alone with God daily.

“Continue to live in me, and I will continue to live in you. A branch cannot make fruit by itself. It can make fruit only if it continues to be part of the vine. You are like that. You cannot make fruit unless you continue to live in me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. You must remain in me and I must remain in you. Only if you do that will you make plenty of fruit. That is because you can do nothing without me.”

John 15:4-5 EASY

Henceforth, hear God’s instruction to you and me if you want to be strong: Continue to live in Me, abide in Me, dwell in Me, stay connected to Me in order that there can be a continuous flow of everything contained in Me to flow to you. We should never break away from Him or allow distractions to keep us away from Him. We should not allow the pressures or pleasure of life to pull us away from our relationship with God. Our strength lies in our connection to Him, and consequently our fruitfulness.

2. Learn to wait on the Lord:

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not faint or grow weary; there is no searching of His understanding. He gives power to the faint and weary, and to him who has no might

He increases strength [causing it to multiply and making it to abound].
[II Cor. 12:9.]

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and [selected] young men shall feebly stumble and fall exhausted; But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired.”

Isaiah 40:28-31 AMPC



There are so many things we exert our strength on daily, from sunrise to sunset; that wear us out by the end of each day. As this is true of our physical, mental or emotional strength; so is it true with our spiritual strength. By eating food, drinking water, exercising and resting in our sleep, our strength is renewed each morning. When we become really tired and exhausted, we become vulnerable, prone to mistakes, and we make poor judgements, and can fall victim to temptations or challenges. This is also true of our spiritual strength.

“He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall into exhaustion. But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.” **Isaiah 40:29-31 NLT**

There has been no time in human history like this present age, where humanity has been subject to such pressures. Man is target driven and society exerts its own pressure.

3. Put on the whole armour of God

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” **Ephesians 6:10-11 KJV**

To be strong, you and I need to put on the whole armour of God.



LET GO & LET GOD

Pastor (Dr) Mrs Funmi Alawale

Our Lord Jesus taught us to pray in Matthew 6:9-15 like this:

“Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil one. For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your father will not forgive your sins.”

In any relationship, either in a home setting; husband and wife, parents and children or as siblings; or in work relationships, we are bound to offend one another. Strangers can offend us, however, the people with the potential to hurt us the most are usually people who are emotionally or physically closest to us. Pastor Joseph Nipah in his book 'The Hidden Power of Forgiveness' (2014) said “it is natural for anyone to feel emotionally hurt or offended when mistreated. However if hurt is not appropriately dealt with, one could sink into a subtle, but deadly trap of bitterness which can become a stronghold.”

It is natural to feel the emotion of anger when we are hurt, but if we let anger control our emotions, thoughts, words, actions, and allow it to persist; then sin is inevitable. “And don't sin by letting anger control you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry,”- Ephesians 4:26 (NLT)

The Bible commands us to forgive those who offend us, so that we can also receive forgiveness from God. Jesus got angry when He saw his Father's house being turned into the den of thieves (Matthew 21:13). It is natural to feel the emotion of anger when we are hurt, but if we let anger **control** our emotions, thoughts, words, actions, and allow it to persist; then sin is inevitable. **"And don't sin by letting anger control you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry,"- Ephesians 4:26 (NLT)**

"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;" - Hebrews 12:15 (KJV)

Let's consider some key points from Hebrews 12:15:

1) Bitterness can make us lose God's Grace:

Bitterness makes us lose the undeserved favour, good will, support, assistance and mercy that we receive from God. If not for His mercies we could not stand.

2) Bitterness takes root:

Roots as we know are hidden, no one can see them. They grow slowly downward, deeper and deeper till they become established. The more the root develops, the more fortified the plant that springs out from it. You can cut off the branches, get rid of the fruits, however, it is just a matter of time before new branches and fruits grow. Unless the plant is uprooted, the cycle of growth will continue. The longer the root develops, the harder it is to uproot. In the same vein, when bitterness takes root, it is just a matter of time before the fruits spring forth. In relation to this verse, that fruit is trouble. There are examples in the Bible:

A) King Saul-

Just because some women sang a song for David after he had killed Goliath, saying: **"Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!"- 1 Samuel 18:7.** Saul was very angry and rightly displeased. He thought to himself; after all he had done for his people,

battles he had won, he was compared to a young man who had just won a battle for Israel.

"This made Saul very angry. "What's this?" he said. "They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!"- 1 Samuel 18:7 NLT

The Bible said from that time on Saul kept a "jealous eye" on David. He became jealous of David and this opened the door for a tormenting spirit to torment him. From that moment he sought to kill David.

B) Tamar, Amnon and Absalom

(2 Samuel 13:1-22)

"Has your brother Amnon been with you? Be quiet for now, my sister. He is your brother. Do not take this thing to heart."- 2 Samuel 13:20 (BSB)

Many people keep quiet over things, even when the root of bitterness is growing in them. Many will take this quiet disposition for several reasons; such as fear, desire for peaceful coexistence, preservation of family reputation or dignity of individuals in respective positions in the society or because it is a sensitive issue. T.D Jakes said "the things that are covered don't heal well'. Covered emotional wounds don't heal well.

When King David, their father heard about what Amnon did to his sister Tamar, he was angry but did nothing about it. But all the while, the root of bitterness was growing strong in Absalom, and two years later, it sprang up, and Absalom killed his brother Amnon, as recorded in 2 Samuel 13:23-29.

Bitterness is a state of unforgiveness and sin, it gives the devil the audacity to operate against the believer or resist the authority of a believer.

3) Your Bitterness affects other people around you: **"..... and thereby many be defiled;"- Hebrews 12:15 (KJV)**

'Many' here, are people who do not necessarily have anything to do with the issue or pain. To know whether you have roots of bitterness against

anyone; you have to be able to sincerely answer the following questions:

- How do you feel when such a person succeeds in life – Do you feel excited, happy or do you downplay his/her achievements?
- Do you feel uncomfortable when others sing his/her praise?
- Are you able to initiate positive conversations with other people about such a person? Or are you more inclined to talk in a negative way about the person?

If your responses are negative, to any of these questions, there is a root of bitterness in you towards such a person. **Bitter people will pollute the minds and homes of others, they will pollute the Church of Jesus Christ.** Bitterness gives the devil a foothold in your life.

I remember many years ago, when my husband offended me; I was angry with him, and we were not talking or praying together. On the third day my daughter developed a very bad stomach ache, and became very restless, crying, not eating, and she was admitted to the hospital for surgery. While we were waiting, and she was being prepared for the theatre, my husband apologised to me, and we prayed together.

Suddenly, our daughter became calm and started playing again. When the surgeon came to reassess her condition before moving her to the theatre, he asked us; "why are you worried, this is not a surgical abdomen, let us watch her and then review it later." She was later discharged in a healthy condition.

I believe God intervened after we asked Him for mercy, and forgave each other. Thank God for His mercy. Just something to think about; did I really need to wait for an apology to forgive? What if the apology never came? The outcome might have devastated both of us. The enemy crept in, and we were both impacted. Forgiveness is always viewed as beneficial to the person who caused the hurt, however, I would even say it is more beneficial to the forgiver.

"When you forgive this man, I forgive him, too. And when I forgive whatever needs to be forgiven, I do so with Christ's authority for your benefit, so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes." - 2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (NLT)
What should we do then?

1) Accept there is unforgiveness or bitterness in your heart - Examine your heart and be sincere with yourself. (2 Corinthians 13:5)

2) Forgive - Forgiveness is the way out of bitterness. Do not take forgiveness lightly; the pathway of forgiveness is not easy. Choose to forgive, ask God for help, pray for the person involved, and ultimately forgive them.

3) Consider what you have to lose - Such as; God's forgiveness, peace with God, the peace of God, peace with men and possibly, even eternity (Matthew 5:23-25).
God says to you in Matthew 18:21-22; how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seventy times seven (490 times), which essentially means there is no excuse for unforgiveness.

4) Let go of the past - Do not allow your past to imprison you, and thereby limit your future. (Colossians 3:12-13)

5) Seek the face of God in prayer - Receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

6) Pray for the person who has caused you pain, have the right attitude - Keep it at the fore-front of your mind that we do not wage war against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers. So, stop looking at the person, the devil can work through anyone, if they allow. As you pray for them, your love for them grows and forgiveness becomes easy.

7) Take practical action to initiate the forgiveness process -

Firstly, ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and help you, and to soften the heart of the offender. Then, you can call, write, or talk about it; don't criticise or attack your offender. Remember this may not always result in an apology, but when it does, it can make it easier.

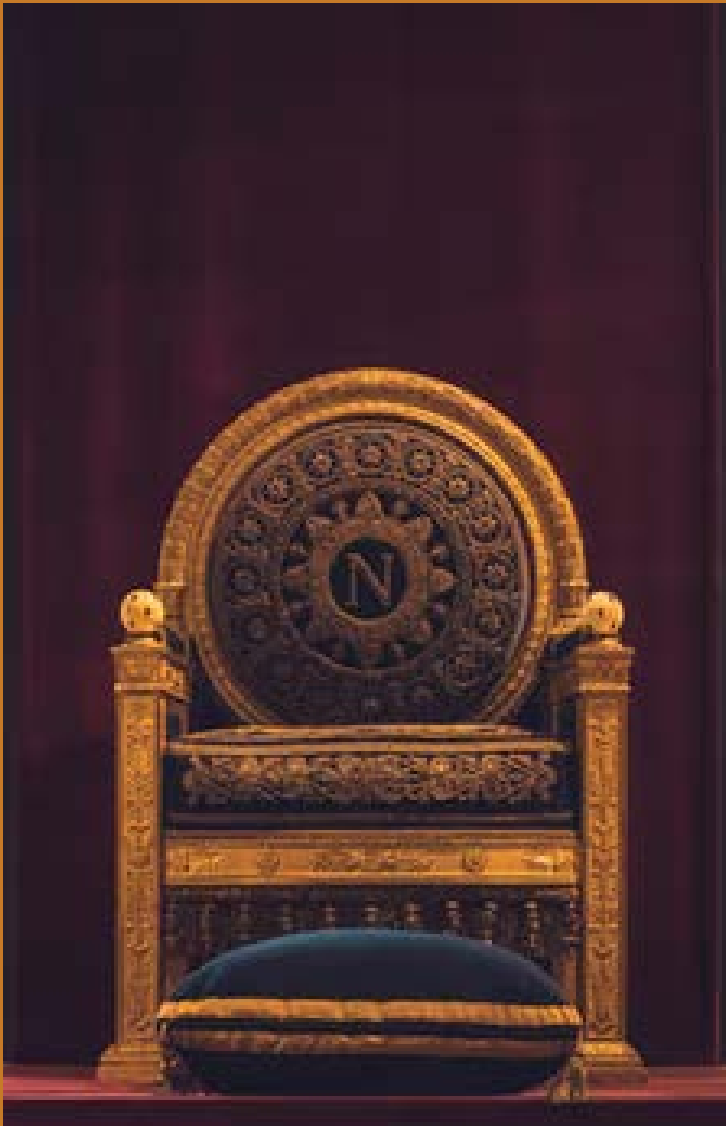
8) Do your best, press on till you achieve total reconciliation.

Remember, God did all He could to reconcile us back to Himself.

God bless you richly.



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THE KING AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

By: Pastor Fenojo

Introduction

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you - Matthew 6:33

The Kingdom of God is a central and a unifying theme of the Bible. In fact, the Bible is the progressive unfolding of God's Kingdom program on earth. A good understanding of the Kingdom of God is an important ingredient in developing a vibrant Christian life and Christian witness. Ignorance of this important theme of God's Kingdom is at the root of the emergence of false gospels and false Christs.

THE BEGINNING

In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heaven and the earth - **Genesis 1:1 (AKJV)**

The first revelation of God in the Bible, within which other revelations of God unfold, is that **God is ELOHIM - a POWERFUL KING**. The Bible begins with a picture of God as a King: A King doing what only kings do! God was 'kinging'. He was exercising kingdom - He was exercising King Dominion. He was issuing commands, which are instantaneously and universally obeyed. God is King eternal; the everlasting King

Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou? - **Ecclesiastes 8:4 (AKJV)**

But the Lord is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation -

Jeremiah 10:10 (AKJV)

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen -

1 Timothy 1:17

Creation is both a product of the exercise of the Kingdom of God and a host, an outpost of His Kingdom.

God created “the heaven and the earth” in six days and rested on the seventh day. The high point, the climax, of creation was the creation of humanity.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them – Genesis 1:26,27 (AKJV)

THE IMAGE OF GOD

In the creation of humanity - the “male and female” - there were both continuity with and discontinuity from the creation of other living creatures. Humanity was special, their creation was unique. Pre-eminently, humanity was created in and as the “the image of God.”

God, the King, inaugurated His Kingdom on earth in Genesis 1 & 2 through creation. His last act of creation was that of the crown jewel of creation – humanity. **Humanity is God's image in the new territory of God's Kingdom of earth** – he / she represents God and rules by and on behalf of God. God is the Suzerain, the Overlord, the Almighty King. Mankind is His Vassal on earth, who is dependent on, will respond to and be answerable to the Sovereign God. Man's ultimate authority is not innate but derived. His reign is predicated on righteousness – being right and doing right by his King. This is the original template, the only template, for the Kingdom of God on earth – God ruling His Kingdom on earth through mankind.

THE GREAT TRANSGRESSION

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die – Genesis 2:16,17

The “tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents ingratitude and rebellion against God's provision, the absurd pretension to abolish dependence and the disastrous misuse of the privilege of being freely accountable to God” (Henri Blocher). God said “thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

You know the unfortunate story – we read this in Genesis 3. Mankind transgressed. They revolted. They overstepped the clearly defined boundary of righteousness. They sinned. They lost the King: they lost the Kingdom of God – they died. They were willingly “exiled” as slaves into another kingdom, the kingdom of darkness; where dwell wickedness, evil and unrighteousness



The King(dom) among us:

Jesus came. Emmanuel, God with us.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this – Isaiah 9: 6,7 (AKJV)

For 3 years, across the land of Israel, Jesus was ‘Kinging’ – exercising Kingdom – just as He did in Genesis 1. **The kingdom of darkness could not stunt nor stop Him; not for lack of trying.** He called disciples and gave them authority to exercise “limited edition” of His kingdom; for that is all they could experience at that point, but he promised them the “full package” after His Passion. The King willingly laid down His life, so that He can redeem humanity out of the kingdom of darkness back to the Kingdom of light.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him - 2Corinthians 5:20,21 (AKJV)

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God - John 1: 12,13 (AKJV)

SEEKING THE KINGDOM

John the Baptist was a trailblazer! For 400 years there were no prophets, and therefore, there were no prophetic utterances. Then John busted on the scene...**IT IS A NEW BEGINNING. This is it. THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!!!** His message, and indeed that of Jesus and His apostles, was the Kingdom of Heaven (God.)

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa, and saying, **Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand – Matthew 3:1-2 (AKJV)**

Jesus' teachings, preaching, parables, and miracles (signs) were all about the Kingdom of God. Matthew devoted three chapters of his book to what is commonly called "Christ's sermon on the mount." These are the manifesto, lifestyle or constitutions of the government (Kingdom) of Heaven. At the heart of this sermon we read

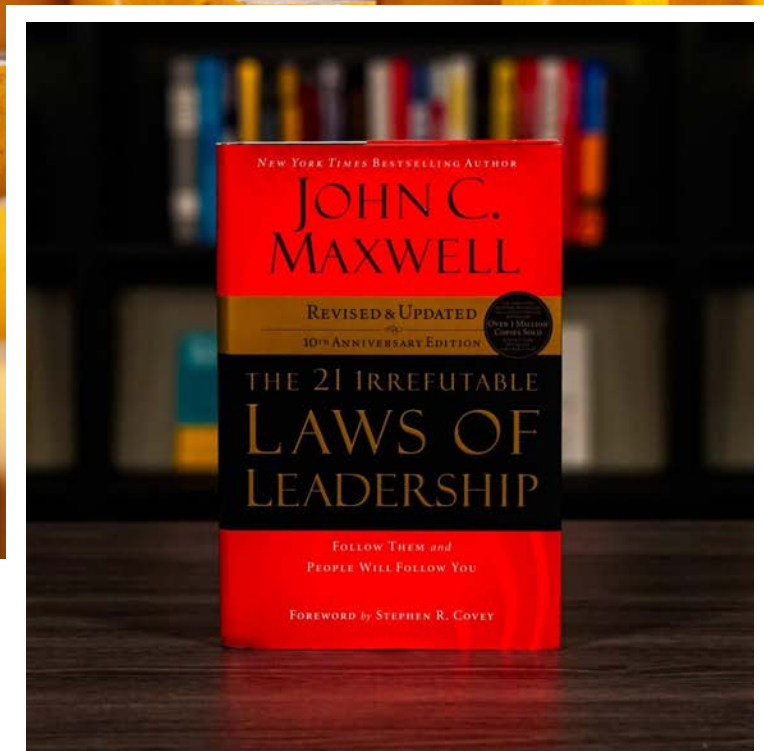
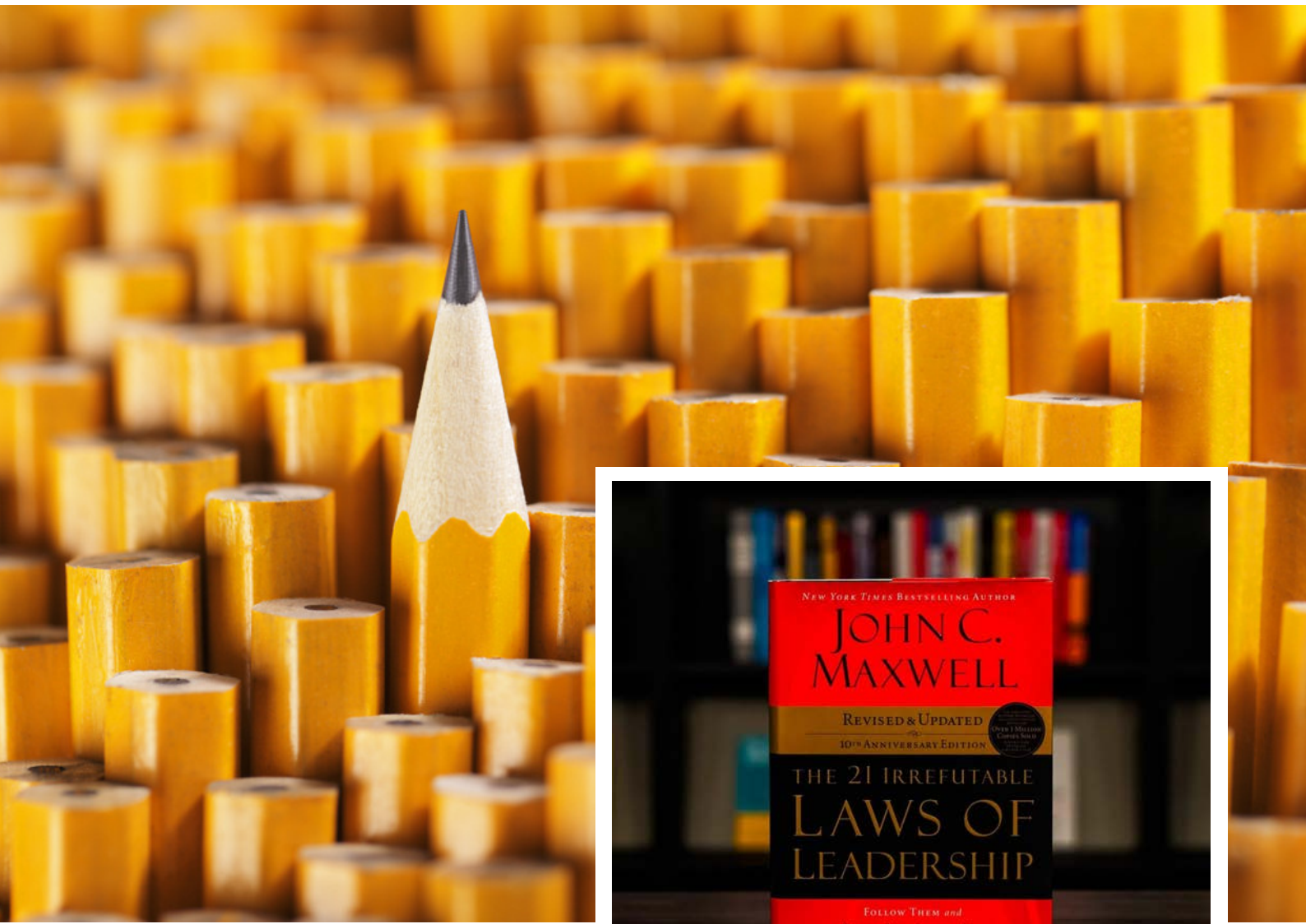
But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you – Matthew 6:33 (AKJV)

"The kingdom of God" is the primary subject of the Sermon on the Mount—that kingdom which the God of heaven is erecting in this fallen world, within which are all the spiritually recovered and inwardly subject portion of the family of Adam, under the Messiah as its Divine Head and King.

"The righteousness thereof" is the character of all such, so amply described and variously illustrated in the foregoing portions of this discourse. The "seeking" of these is the making them the object of supreme choice and pursuit; and the seeking of them "first" is the seeking of them before and above all else." (**Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Commentary.**)



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“21 IRREFUTABLE LAWS OF LEADERSHIP”

John C Maxwell
(A Summary)

John Maxwell is one of the world's foremost authorities on leadership. John has trained millions of people and written over 50 books. Like many other authorities on leadership, John would agree that leadership is about setting direction, aligning people, motivating and inspiring people.

However, in his book “The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership” published in 2007, John breaks down leadership even further

Each of the 21 laws has its own chapter in which John shares his personal stories and biographical sketches of some of history's greatest leaders.

A quick look at each law is as follows:

1- The Law of the Lid.

It states that there is a lid on or limit to our potential that is determined by our leadership ability. As we grow our abilities as a leader, we automatically grow our abilities to impact the world. If our leadership abilities stagnate, so does our ability to make a bigger impact. The more we work on the lid that limits us as a leader, the more effective we become.

2- The Law of Influence.

Influence is the power or capacity to produce a desired result. Maxwell refers to this law many times throughout the book. The true measure of leadership is influence—nothing more, nothing less. Influence is what helps fulfil the goals and dreams of the leader and without influence, a leader lacks the ammunition to reach the destination.

3- The Law of Process.

Leaders are learners and their capacity to develop and improve their skills distinguishes leaders from their followers. The learning process is ongoing and a result of self-discipline and perseverance. To quote Maxwell, "If I need to be inspired to take steps forward, then I'll attend an event. If I need to improve, then I'll engage in a process and stick with it." Maxwell asks the questions "What is one little thing you can do more of that would have a positive impact on your life or your business? And is there something you can stop doing that will have the same kind of impact?" Both are important as we strive to get a little better every day.

4- The Law of Navigation.

Anyone can steer a ship but it takes a leader to chart the course, carefully, seeing where they want to go and charting the most effective course to get there. This holds true for individual leaders and for leadership teams. To quote Maxwell "If the leader can't navigate the people through rough waters, he is liable to sink the ship."

5- The Law of Addition.

The law of addition focuses on advancing others, not ourselves. Leadership is an act of service to others and the true leaders focus on creating value for others. The best place to serve is where we can add the most value to others. Leaders add value to others by valuing others and relating to what others value. True leaders ask "How can I serve?" Because they are focused on service, it's not so much about "What's in it for me."

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6- The Law of Solid Ground.

The solid ground is solid character, living with integrity, authenticity and discipline. Trust is the foundation of leadership. It is earned or it isn't. Character is the source of trust. We build our character by being scrupulously honest, even when it hurts. To be authentic, we must be ourselves with everyone, not pretending to be something that we aren't. Discipline comes from doing what needs to be done whether we like it or not.

7- The Law of Respect.

We must be strong and worthy of respect if we want people to respect us, to have a high opinion of us and be willing to follow our lead, because people naturally follow people with leadership skills and traits stronger than they possess. People follow others who possess leadership traits they respect and admire and consider more worthy of respect than themselves.

8- The Law of Intuition.

Great leaders have intuition, the sense that they should head in a

certain direction. Intuition is the power to discern the true nature of a person or situation. Like any other leadership quality, intuition can be developed. Leadership intuition is really that inner thought or perception to make a particular change in an organisation, or to know what to do at a particularly challenging time. To trust oneself, one's insights, one's instincts.

9- The Law of Magnetism.

Maxwell describes leaders as magnets. They are constantly attracting followers and often attracting new leaders to themselves. It is because of this that organisations experience growth. However, we attract people like ourselves, so if we want to attract great people, we must ourselves be great.

10- The Law of Connection.

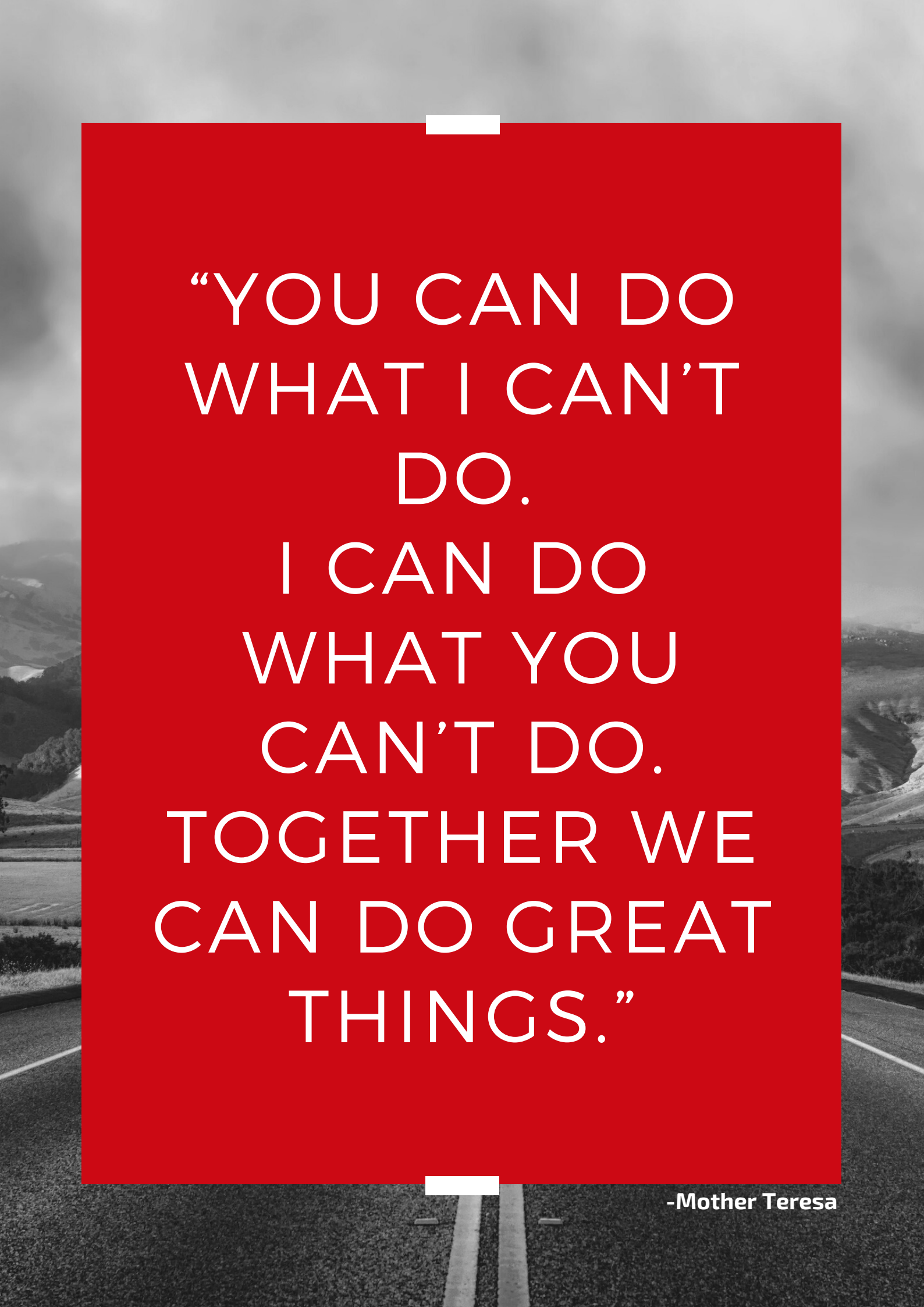
Connection is to bring or to join one thing to another, to hit it off, to be on the same wavelength. Establishing a connection with another person is vital in leadership. A CEO who fails to emotionally connect with his people is on the road to failure because we must connect with others before we can expect them to follow. As Maxwell says "Leaders touch a heart before they ask for a hand."

11- The Law of the Inner Circle.

It states that those closest to us will determine our potential as a leader. They should be people who have our best interest at heart, who want to see us succeed, and hold us accountable. Our strength as leaders comes partially from what we know. It also depends on the skills of our inner circle and how closely connected our inner circle is to each other. An example of the law of the inner circle comes to us from Mother Teresa, who said "You can do what I can't do. I can do what you can't do. Together we can do great things."

12- The Law of Empowerment.

So many of us are limited by our unwillingness to give up something either because of wanting to hoard knowledge and skills to ensure job



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security, resistance to change, or lack of self-worth or low self-esteem. In order to empower others, we must first trust ourselves and then trust others to follow through managing processes and performing the tasks.

13- The Law of the Picture.

People do not do what they hear, they do what they see. Leaders lead by example. Therefore, we must embody our ideals to create a picture of what will inspire people to follow our lead.

14- The Law of Buy-In

Getting support for our ideas, vision and strategy requires others to buy-in to us first before deciding to support our ideas, vision and strategy. In the words of General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, "Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without strategy." The law of the buy-in causes people to take one of these actions: to look for another leader when they do not buy-in to the leader or the leader's vision; to look for another leader when they do not buy-in to the leader, but do buy-in to the vision; to seek to change the vision when they buy-in to the leader, but not the vision; or to support the leader and the vision when they buy-in to both.

15- The Law of Victory.

Leaders find a way for the team to win. True leaders have a passion for victory. Winston Churchill is one of the finest examples of someone who inspired victory. His most famous quotes are "Never, never, never give up!", "The harder the battle, the sweeter the victory!" A victory that comes from finding a way for the team to win may be having no Plan B or going from Plan A all the way through the alphabet to bring our vision to life and do what we're here to do.

16- The Law of Big Mo.

If we've got all the passion, tools and people we need to win, we're in trouble if we can't get things going. Big Mo is "Momentum" and momentum is a close friend of effective leaders.

When we have no momentum, even the smallest tasks seem insurmountable and small problems look like huge obstacles. On the other hand when we have momentum on our side, the future looks bright, obstacles appear small and troubles seem unimportant. Creating momentum requires someone who has a vision to assemble a good team and motivate others. Momentum starts with energy and enthusiasm to create and celebrate small wins to show consistent progress which is a powerful motivator.

17- The Law of Priorities.

Many people are so busy that they can't get anything important done. They are unfocused and this can only lead to failure. Focusing on what is most important is so much more effective than being busy. Becoming laser focused on a clear vision leads to more success, faster, even when what has to be done is difficult or even painful. We've all heard of the 80/20 rule. It says that 80% of our activities will lead to 20% of our results and that 20% of our activities lead to 80% of our results. The key is to identify the 20% of our activities that bring us the highest return on our investment and get rid of or delegate the rest of the activities. Once we understand our focus, we can prioritise our to-do list and make things happen faster.

18- The Law of Sacrifice.

Leaders trade freedom for responsibility. In any organisation of more than one person, the larger the organisation gets and higher we go, the more we need to be willing to give up. A leader must give up to go up. Maxwell says "It is easier to go from failure to success than it is to go from excuses to success." Without sacrifice, there is no improvement. The question then is, "Am I making excuses or am I willing to make the sacrifices to get me from where I am to where I want to be?"

19- The Law of Timing.

When to lead is as important as what to do and where to go. Not all

moments are created equal, effective leaders know when to seize the moment, when to move forward and when to back off, what to improve and how radical those improvements should be. Higher level leaders often see opportunities and risks before others see them. They see more clearly and completely than others see, and see farther than others see. This allows them to start planning sooner, see more options, and prioritise for what lies ahead both in the short and long term.

20- The Law of Explosive Growth.

A strong leader recognizes that developing leaders around him/her will exponentially create a larger group of leaders. The Law of Explosive Growth states that leaders who attract followers grow by addition, whereas leaders who develop leaders grow by multiplication. Maxwell calls this "Leader's Math".

21- The Law of Legacy.

Leaders who leave a lasting legacy leave an indelible imprint on our hearts because they chose to make an impact on the world. Maxwell contends that leaders who practice the law of legacy are rare. But the ones who do practice the law of legacy leave a legacy of succession in their organisations, family, friends and the world as a whole. How does this happen? These individuals lead with tomorrow as well as today in mind; they create a leadership culture within their organisations; they pay a price to assure lasting success; they value team leadership above individual leadership; and they realise that the leader's lasting value can only be judged based on how well the organisation is doing after the leader is gone. In other words, those leaders who leave a solid legacy choose a life of significance, not just a life of success.



COUPLES FORUM CORNER

"Back2Eden series"

WHY SOME COUPLES ARE NOT ENJOYING THE BLESSINGS OF MARRIAGE

By

Reverend Funke Felix-Adejumo

God's Vineyard has a deep commitment to the marriage institution. Every year the couples forum committee helps to facilitate programmes aimed at strengthening marriages. Just to mention a few, in 2021, a Singles and Couples Conference was held from 14th-16th May, with the theme 'Back To Eden'. There was also a couples breakfast on the 13th of November 2021, with focus on certain qualities that make-up a healthy marriage, namely; good communication, transparency, mutual-respect, intimacy, etc. A special dinner session was also held for couples who have been married for up to 5 years.



The following article features some of the highlights from Reverend Funke Felix-Adejumo's message at the '**Back To Eden**' conference. She spoke on what marriage is, The five phases of marriage, benefits of unity in marriage and what a man and woman want or desire from each other.

Marriage could mean different things to different people. To some it is a necessary evil; doing it because it has to be done. To some, a social contract dictated by traditional and societal beliefs; to others an organised relation, a business transaction, etc.

What is Marriage?

Marriage is a gift of God [Genesis 2:18]. Adam never asked for a wife, nor did Eve a husband; He gave them to each other. Marriage is a covenant relationship not a contract; it is for life. **Marriage is a mystery that is meant to be unravelled** [Proverbs 30:19]. It's a divine calling.

Marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman. In a marriage relationship both parties seek to give and to receive satisfaction of healthy needs, desires and expectations. It is not about perfection; it's about progress, where both choose to be the right person, choose to contribute, choose to please GOD. **It's not a one-way traffic, neither is it a 50/50 affair; it is 100/100.** Marriage is sweet based on the cutlery you use. It is the highest level of friendship anyone can ever experience.

Marriage goes through different stages. Friendship with your partner is an absolute key to a long-lasting marriage. Marry your friend! Marry someone you know and like very well. Always speak to your heavenly Father [GOD] about whoever you might be interested in for marriage. Ladies, don't marry a man because of what he drives; marry him because of what drives him.

Your spouse is someone you associate with on all levels, psychologically, financially, spiritually, physically, emotionally, and all [Genesis 2:25]. **Your spouse is somebody who knows your faults and accepts you just as you are, but helps you grow to who you could be.** But be careful not to marry a parasite, for they'll suck the life out of you.

As we rise on the ladder of success, honest feedback becomes rare. Your spouse is meant to tell you the truth, to help you realise the purpose of God for your life. Your spouse can be transparent, honest and vulnerable with you. You can count on them in times of crises. A good spouse will stand for and by you

A good marriage is not a master-servant relationship. Husbands, your wife is not inferior to you. You were not created to dominate her. If you want to know how to treat your wife in the right way, just look at how Jesus treats you.

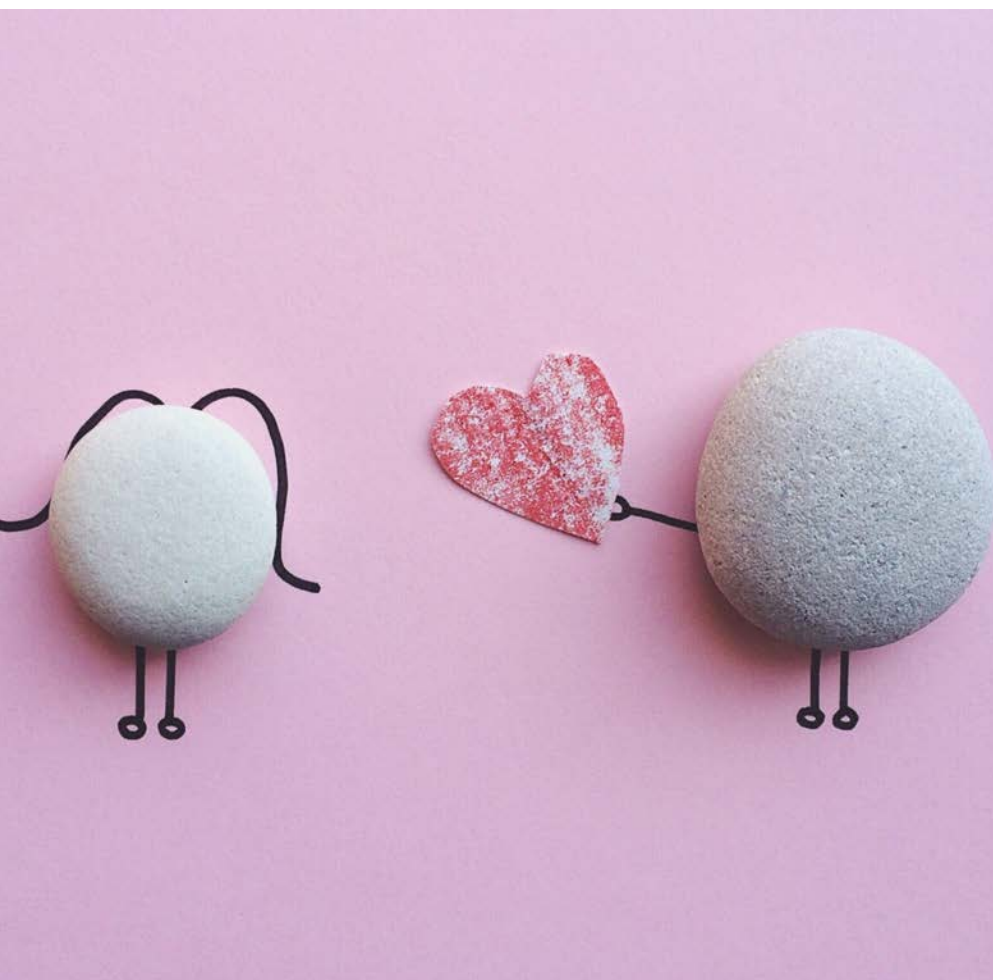


Five Phases Of Marriage

The honeymoon phase: You're both excited and deeply in love with one another, spending time exploring each other, a period of intimacy and love, practising every single thing you learnt about being a wonderful husband and wife. It is intended by God for this phase to last forever.

Reality phase: Life is dawning on you, and slowly but surely you realise the flaws and shortcomings of your spouse. Welcome to the University of Marriage! Each marriage is unique; you cannot compare it with another, you build it with one another. No one else can build but you. At this stage the humanity of your spouse shows up. Marriage is whatever you make out of it; no one wants a liability in their marriage. You must help each other during this phase and ensure that you let no one's opinion dictate the reality of your marriage.

'I am not a fool' or 'what about me' phase: This phase is loaded with tensions and most couples separate because each one is trying to find out what they want in life: who they are aside from this marriage, individual legacies. Hence most couples begin to act selfishly, which might have a negative impact on the marriage, causing a lot of tension. This phase requires a lot of prayers, understanding, sacrifice, selflessness, etc. Identify the root of the problem and deal with it properly.



Teamwork or Cooperation phase: Couples working together to better understand each other, sorting out the issues and the problems by sitting down to discuss practical steps on how to better solve the problems. It requires lots of prayers, understanding, and endurance. Consistent effort is put into building your home, raising your children, improving your finances, furthering your careers. If you get it right, it's a wonderful accomplishment.

Gracious phase: You have an in-depth understanding of each other as well as yourself. You've done it all, you've seen all there is of your spouse. It's a beautiful stage. Ageing together, sit back to watch your children and grandchildren thrive. Here you enjoy the compound interest of the hard work and effective planning together you've put into your marriage. This is a beautiful and blissful phase.

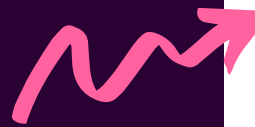
WHAT A MAN WANTS FROM A WOMAN

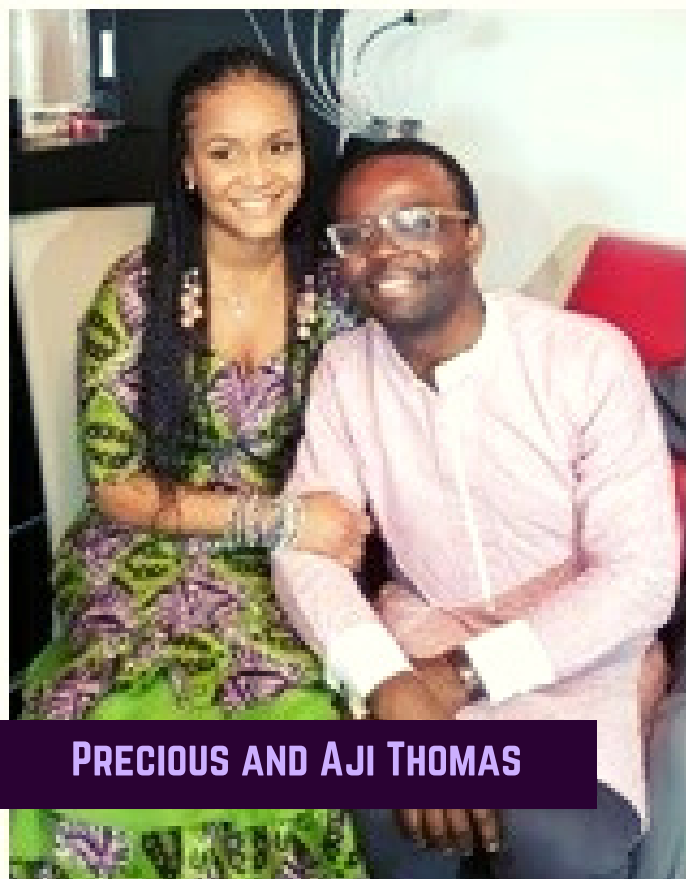
Respect: Every man has ego; rich or poor, tall or short, every man has an ego. Also fulfilling sexual relations: Wives, do not take your husband for granted; make it your commitment to make him enjoy your union sexually.

Furthermore, a man wants a decent and neat woman; an intelligent, hospitable, forgiving and Godly woman. A non-arrogant, submissive woman. Submission is strength; not subjugation.

WHAT A WOMAN WANTS IN MAN

Someone to look up to; a friend not a boss, a decent man. A man who validates her both in public and in private. A man that speaks her **love language**, meets her needs, defends and protects her.





PRECIOUS AND AJI THOMAS

Short story line: How we met

We met at a mutual friend's fundraising event. On a flight from Italy, Aji randomly met a long-time friend of Precious, who later invited him to an occasion organised to support family and friends. Both of us were completely unaware that our common friend actually prayed to God that we would connect at the event.

How I knew she was the one

After the event, I picked up the conversation with her a month later – yeah slow, right?! Anyway, we started getting to know each other. I had my resolve with God not to make a decision until He directed me. As I prayed, and we spoke over a vast range of topics, I realised her hunger for God and the overwhelming peace of God in my heart.

What I did when He spoke to me

Aji made his intentions clear right from the first date. This gave me some reassurance that he had good motives and he wasn't interested in casual dating but a long-term relationship. As we started having regular communication, I prayed and asked God to guide me and also to dissolve the relationship if it wasn't His will.

What role did parents and mentors play

We both came to the table with clear ideas of what to look for in a godly spouse. Parents, mentors, pastors, and Christian friends had enormous impact in the way we approached the relationship and made our choices.

The build-up to marriage

Following our introduction, we took enough time to prepare for the marriage. When all was said and done, we had undertaken counselling with three different ministries (though, this wasn't intentional), read and discussed various books on marriage, prayed and fasted together, spoken with mentors and models, attended Christian singles retreat, and discussed as many life topics as we could think of.

Any challenges?

We could say COVID-19, although we eventually realised it was a blessing in disguise for us – in all things we are learning to place our complete trust in God. Another challenge was around where to build a home as we initially lived far from each other and both wanted a change. Words and pages wouldn't be enough to testify of God's goodness and how we both ended up in Nottingham and especially at GVC.



How the marriage counselling went - Was it helpful in any way?

Marriage counselling helped in shaping our understanding of God's intent for marriage as well as providing principles and practical examples to help us build a thriving relationship. We strongly recommend counselling before any marriage in our 'modern' world.

What have we learnt in these early days of our marriage?

Communication is key! We are each other's best friend and being on the same wave-length just makes it an absolute joy to be married. The first year is special in its way and we tackle issues immediately as they arise, making sure we build a solid and Godly foundation for the future.

Advice to soon to be married

There is safety in counsel; bible-based counsel. We also realised that preparation time was important, while taking time to know and really understand each other. Above all, you need God, so be sure you are in-tune and listening.

COUPLES FORUM CORNER CONTINUED-

How did you meet?

Ebun: We actually met at God's Vineyard Church. Ope was here visiting during his last Sunday in Nottingham and after the church service he walked up to me to introduce himself. After a brief conversation, he asked for my number. I was rather reluctant but couldn't think of a good reason to say no at the time, so I gave it to him. He later told me I had 'distracted him throughout the service'. He'd spotted me backing up during the praise and worship and then had gone to find out who I was.

How did you know Ebun was the one?

Ope: When I saw Ebun, I knew she was the one immediately; something in me resonated with her even though I'd never met her. I was advised by my mentor earlier in the year to pray about my choice of wife, and during the process of prayer, I felt led to the story of Isaac and Rebekah as a picture of how I would meet my wife.

I equally had a perception about the time period in which I would meet her. When it was time, things happened in exactly the time period and in the manner in which I had perceived.

Additionally, I had a very specific description of what the person would look like. I remember describing them to my Aunt a week before I met Ebun and was chastised for greatly narrowing my options, but in the end God was simply at work in me to will and to do His good pleasure.

What exactly did you do as the man and what did she do when you spoke to her?

Ope: I silenced my fears and went to speak to her! I knew I didn't have much to lose if she said no to me at that point. After I'd



OPE AND EBUN ADEJUIGBE

spoken to her, she told me she would let me know when she was ready for a call at a later date - this took about a week. I was very honest with Ebun from the start about where I saw the relationship going and who I thought she was to me.

What role did parents or mentors play?



Ebun: Both our mentors and parents played big roles in the process for us, by praying along and giving Godly advice. My mentor was able to advise me on questions to ask and behaviours to observe when we went on our first date. Also my parents were able to give further confirmation regarding my choice in Ope. God had spoken to them 18 months previously about the process of marriage and they both knew things about Ope's character before they'd even met him, which they just confirmed in person. Both sets of parents were incredibly supportive of our decisions and the quick progression of our relationship - we can't thank them enough!

Ope: My mentor was also very supportive in providing Godly counsel about managing the relationship and the boundaries we should maintain during the engagement period.

In the build up to the marriage, were there any challenges?

Both: In truth, compared to many couples we don't think we had many challenges, as the process was very quick for us: less than a year from when we first met to when we got married. The main 'challenge' we faced was to reassure people we knew what we were doing. The decision making was very easy for us as we had both felt we heard God on the matter and other godly people confirmed it. Having two sets of godly parents made things much easier. They were able to understand the unique aspects of our relationship and they also had peace of mind that God was involved and so they were incredibly supportive.

Tell us about the marriage counselling- was it helpful in any way?

Both: The marriage counselling was delivered in a group format with 5 other couples. It was a mixture of



face to face and online sessions on Skype due to the pandemic. We really enjoyed the discussions that came from the topics in the curriculum. They were helpful to cover topics of conversation and go through the engagement period in a purposeful manner, ensuring all the important conversations were had before the marriage. Being part of the group also meant we were able to benefit from other perspectives and learn from other experiences as well as our own.

What have you learnt in this short time that you have been married?

Ebun: Clear Communication, patience and compromise are essential!

Ope: Be honest, believe the best about each other, and be prayerful.

Any advice to soon-to-be married couples.

Ebun: Ask questions! This is so important. Ensure you cover topics that may not naturally come up in conversation. I did feel sorry for Ope at a point in time as it must have been like he was in a perpetual interview! My second tip is get comfortable with your in-laws whilst you're still engaged.

Ope: Don't try to impress anyone, learn to live before the audience of One (God). Trust God in everything and honour the men He sends to help and support you. Remember that the will of the Lord is the best place to be and not your own will.

WHY CHARACTER IS IMPORTANT (PART 1)

by Pastor Olumuyiwa Olubowale

Text: Daniel 6:1-5 AMP



Character is not a substitute for talent and gifting. We need to cultivate character so that our gifts will shine and continue to shine and become relevant.

Christian character

Cambridge dictionary meaning of character is the mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual. Character is who we really are, not who we act to be or who people think we are!

Christian Character is living out God's nature that is engraved within. It is living out God's perfection that is within. Christian character must be cultivated, developed and taught and added to our faith

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge"- 2Peter 1:5 NKJV.

We add it by cultivation, development and teaching it. It is the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that are the agents of cultivation of our behaviour. The Holy Spirit builds in us distinctive qualities that resemble the core values of God, and therefore conviction to behave like him.

The word Virtue in that verse is translated to mean moral excellence, christian energy and character. Character is like a garden that must be cultivated, by removing the weeds constantly and nurturing the flowers so that they can flourish. 2Peter 1:5-9 MSG., Matthew 5:48 AMP.

Why is character important?

Character helps you to maintain the identity of Christ and keeps your values in focus at all times. Christian character makes you stand out.

Therefore select out from among yourselves, brethren, seven men of good and attested character and repute, full of the [Holy] Spirit and wisdom, whom we may assign to look after this business and duty. (Acts 6:3 AMP).

Christian Character is what makes our life a reflection of God, His righteousness and spiritual life.

All things are legitimate [permissible—and we are free to do anything we please], but not all things are helpful (expedient, profitable, and wholesome). All things are legitimate, but not all things are constructive [to character] and edifying [to spiritual life]. (1 Corinthians 10:23 AMP).



Character is what shapes how we behave and keeps us from compromise.

“Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]. (Hebrews 13:5 AMP).”

What character is not:

Character is not a substitute for talent and gifting. We need to cultivate character so that our gifts will shine and continue to shine and become relevant. Our gifting and talents are charisma attributes; Christian character is different from charisma and gifting. Charisma is a compelling attractiveness or charm that can inspire devotion in others. Charisma will attract people, but Character will keep them. Charisma will open doors but character will keep the doors opened. Character will help us to build solid and long lasting relationships. Christian character is what validates our charisma and gives probity and integrity to what we show and profess. Character is not image building because that is putting up a show! Charisma must be combined with Christian character for us to live as true disciples of Christ The Lord. Jesus had both charisma and character and that is why he is our example. He learnt and cultivated His character by the things that he suffered. “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;”- Hebrews 5:8 KJV.



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**Business**

HOW TO START AND RUN A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Company reveals new tech in the machine

By Minister Tunde Sobola

Starting a business is by no means an easy adventure, and if you have started a business, you will notice that more effort and tenacity is required to maintain and grow it.

During the current pandemic, a lot of businesses have seen opportunities to grow as they were able to identify solutions to problems. Zoom, a popular tech firm we all know about, had been around for a long time but it was during this pandemic that they were able to seize the moment and their share value rose up significantly to an all-time high. They have stayed up since the outbreak of the pandemic.

So how can anyone set up a successful business during the pandemic? I will share my story, my observations and the Christian principles that I have learnt so far.



MY STORY:

When I was about 10 years of age, I developed a love for making things. I used to make lights powered by batteries; sometimes I will make a living room out of matchstick boxes. What I really loved most out of all the interests I had as a child was farming. I grew up in a rural set up in Nigeria and we had some spare land around us. I remember growing vegetables, yam, cocoyam roots, maize etc. I also had chicken and rabbits that I reared. I derived great joy from this, not because I was paid for doing them, but, for the delight of seeing my family and neighbours eat out of them.



Why am I sharing this with you? Over the years, I have seen that God knew us from inside out; in Jeremiah 1:5 – “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations”. This made me realise that God has placed something special in all of us, right from the time we were created.

My interests as a child were the signs of the gift God has placed in me. As I grew up over the years, I lost touch with my farming and building skills. I have forgotten about all those things I loved to do and create as a little child, because they were just like child's play to me.

I went on to study Mechanical engineering at the University, I thought I was going to become a design engineer; manufacturing new technologies. Despite my A-levels, undergraduate and Master's degree qualification in engineering, I still found myself gravitating towards running my business; and guess what I have reconnected with those passions that I had as a child.

I love it when my business can take away other people's stress. Whenever we are unable to provide a satisfactory service to any of our customers, I usually feel sad, and that feeling can be so bad that I had to establish a method to prevent any future occurrence, where our customers will not be pleased. It was not long ago that I realised what I used to enjoy as a child were the things I am now enjoying as I run my business.

I have learnt that God has put in all of us something special, just like I am discovering God's passion in my own life. For those of you whom God has given the heart to run a business and to offer credible solutions to others, it is necessary to know that God has already deposited what you need in you, it is called passion. This is where you need to start from.

My observation and Christian Principles:
success means many things to different people. I have had to get to grips with the fact that God's definition of success is not what we term as success.

Here are a few things I have learnt about businesses that are successful

1. Money is not success

After many years of running my business I have learnt that most companies who are making large profits year after year do so on the back of multiple loans. This means that what you see on the outside is not always the reality. Do not base your decision to start a business on how you think others are succeeding.

2. Don't be a rich fool

The rich fool in Luke 12:13-21, said to himself in verse 19- "Then I'll say to myself, "You have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy; eat, drink, and enjoy yourself". The only reason many people want to set up a business is to be able to amass wealth so that we can retire in our 30s and go on holiday anytime we want for as long as we wish. I am sorry for people who think like this because even billionaires cannot afford this kind of lifestyle, as there are a lot of issues that they have to deal with daily. The bigger the business, the tighter the management required to keep the business operation effective.

God sees most business owners as rich fools because a lot of businesses plan so well to protect their wealth, but they fail to realise that only God is in control of the overall affairs of the world. This pandemic has wiped away trillions of pounds from many businesses, but yet I still see God showing me what I need to do to grow our business and how to be relevant with our target market more than ever.

3. God cares about your business

Like all other areas of our lives, God cares about your business. He cares about the type of business you should start and He

has a very high standard to which any business should be run. I know many Christian friends who will openly deny alcohol, but they will happily sell it in their shops, some may even sell cigarettes because that is what their customers are asking for. After learning that God is interested in my business, I am learning to rely on Him as the sole decision maker in the business. If God hates anything, I must hate it too. If there is ever any conflict between what I want and what God wants, I usually cry for help because God knows what is best for me and He has never been wrong. I use this method to check my motive and to make sure I am still allowing God to run my business.

4. God sees through your business

If you have already gotten a business or are about to start one, please go through the above points to make sure that you have your business conducive for God. In Daniel 2:47- "The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery." I can testify to this, as I personally have experienced God's interventions each time I am in trouble and I go to God for understanding.

There have been times when I failed to go to God, I tried to solve the issues myself but I thank God because He helped me in the end to learn fundamental lessons (part of which I have shared above). I have learnt about how to run a business to last the test of time and how to survive in a climate where others have failed. If God is the revealer of secrets and you rely on Him for these precious secrets that can make your business grow and to stand out, then He will not disappoint you.

5. Finally, there is no single magic prescription for all businesses

You need the Holy Spirit to guide you through each phase of running your business. He is the Spirit of God and He can always be on ground with you as you run your business. I have to say that when you choose to rely on the Holy Spirit, you must do so all the way or not at all. With the Spirit of God living in you, He can reveal to you the true purpose of your business. Do not for once think a business is a business so you can find any avenue that seems profitable to establish yourself there. If God will grant your business success, it must be because you have aligned your business to match God's purpose in your business sector.

I hope you are inspired to start your own business? To summarise my points, God has a set purpose for your life and you can start to discover this purpose by turning to God who knows you inside out. You need to first devote your life to Him and let God know that you want Him to make out of you whatever He has planned for your life the moment He created you.

Handing such authority to God sets a good foundation to building any business that God will quicken your heart to build. Don't forget, it is God who will build the business through His holy spirit in you, you are only His representative.

WHEN SILENCE IS EVIL

Sis Olatoun Adeola

The Bible in both the Old and New Testament many times portrays silence as a virtue. Isaiah's prophecy about Jesus [Isa 53:7] indicated Him to be silent while he was oppressed and afflicted. He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. This was fulfilled in Matthew 26:63. Also, Proverbs 17:28 expressed that a fool is perceived to be wise when he is silent, this was supported by Job in Job 13:5.

Ecclesiastes 3:7 reveals that there is 'a time to keep silence and a time to speak'; thus, silence as an action is justified by its timeliness. Believers and unbelievers alike are torn between silence and speaking out. For different reasons, we hold back when we ought to speak. Sometimes of fear of being hurt or of being condemned. At other times we are silent because of our own selfish reasons. The believer frequently hides behind the virtue of silence when a voice is needed. We forget that when we watch injustice, with our silence promote it; when we witness a lie and allow it, with our silence we defend the lie. This will further encourage the evildoer to continue in his ways because when he looks back, he sees men watching and supporting him with their silence.

For the child of God who is filled with the Holy Spirit, we do not need to be afraid to speak out at the right time. For God has not given unto us the spirit of fear, but He has given unto us; the Spirit of power, the Spirit of love and a sound mind - 2 Timothy 1:7. Jesus promised us in John 14:26, that the Holy Spirit will teach us everything and will remind us of everything He said, so we can also rely on the Holy Spirit to lead and instruct us on when to speak out. He will not only prompt us to speak, He will also teach us what to say. We must constantly seek His guidance in our everyday lives. At board meetings, in the classroom, in the marketplace, He is available if only we remember to ask for His help. Christians cannot afford to be silent at all times; we must speak out and speak up, for there is a time to speak.

Many times, all that is needed to stop iniquity is one voice; one pastor that will preach against adultery, one management member that will defend a loyal staff, one witness that will testify in court. But what do we find? Men and women, Christians who are afraid; afraid of being a lone-voice, scared of losing their popularity, worried about the next promotion, scared of losing their lives.

When we obey the Holy Spirit by speaking up, we can be sure of divine protection no matter the evil that is planned against us.

When we refuse to speak up when we should, we kill justice on the altar of silence, cover the truth with the raiment of silence and lose our souls to gain the respect of men.

Although silence can be wisdom, it becomes evil when it refuses to speak up at the right time.

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VINE TEENS SUMMER CAMP 2021

By Joanna Mwansa





GVC Vine Teens

GOD WANTS THE
TEENS TO SEE
THEMSELVES
THROUGH HIS OWN
EYES.

GVM Vine Teens had their annual summer camp on Saturday 14th August 2021. This was an exciting event because the teens did not get to do anything last summer due to the global pandemic. Although the summer camp happened as a one day event in the GVM auditorium rather than a residential trip away from home for a few days, the teenagers still enjoyed it. We had a total of 29 teens which included 20 teens from GVC Nottingham, 4 teens from GVC Loughborough, 2 teens from GVC Derby and 3 visitors.

The Vine Teens teachers agreed that the camp would go on following Covid guidelines, and we also decided to make it free because we understood that some parents have more than one teenager attending the camp; we simply wanted to make it accessible to all. God's Vineyard Ministries sponsored the event to cover food, drinks and snacks for the whole day. GVM believes in empowering the teenagers to live an enriched Christ centred life; we want them to excel in every area of their lives. It is important to lead them to Christ from a young age so that the foundation can be set. As they grow up and go to university, it's easy to succumb to peer pressure and to lead an ungodly life. We want them to remain in Christ at every stage of their lives.

"GVM believes in empowering the teenagers to live an enriched Christ centred life; we want them to excel in every area of their lives."

Vine Teens summer camp began at 10am till 6pm, it was a day of worship, seminars, games and activities. We had 4 guest speakers and 2 Vine Teens teachers lead us in the seminars.

The first seminar was led by Mr Opeyemi Adejuyigbe, he spoke about a 'New heart and a new spirit' focusing on King David. The aim of this was to encourage the teenagers to have a renewed heart and mind through the Holy Spirit, and he ended the session with an altar call.



VINETEENS SUMMER CAMP



The second seminar was led by Vine Teens teacher Dr Eburn Adejuyigbe. She focused on emotional and mental health, discussing topics such as depression and anxiety. Mental health difficulties are very prevalent within teenagers with alarming suicide rates in the last 2 years. "There were 5,691 suicides in England and Wales in 2019, that is 321 more compared to the year before." – Samaritans. Then Dr Eburn also gave helpful ways in which they can look after themselves and also how God wants them to have a healthy mind and soul.



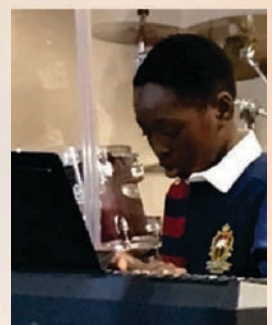
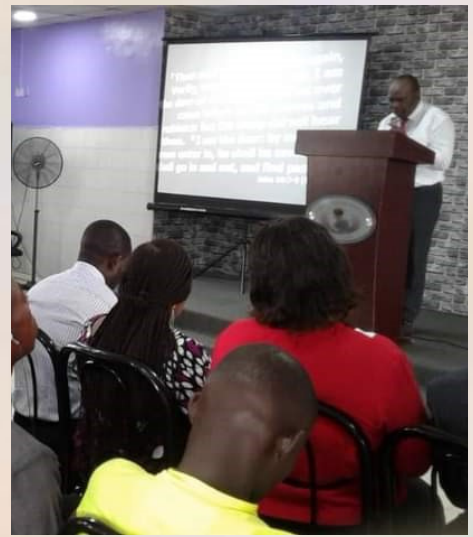
The third seminar was on academic excellence led by Mrs Tope Osaze and Miss Mayowa Olubowale, an ex-Vine Teen who spoke to the 3 teenagers going to university in the year 2021. Tope spoke to the teenagers about excellence and diligence in their studies and how the Grace of God and planning in advance can really help them to excel. She also gave tips on how they can improve in their exams and also learn how to utilise their teachers. Mayowa focused on the university journey, as someone who is still in university and was able to share some helpful tips for those who are preparing to start.

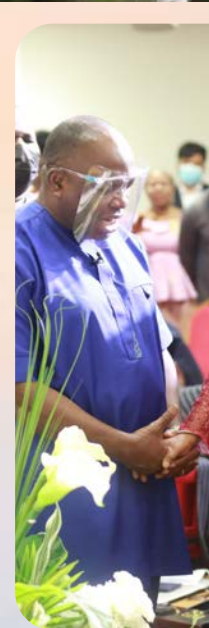
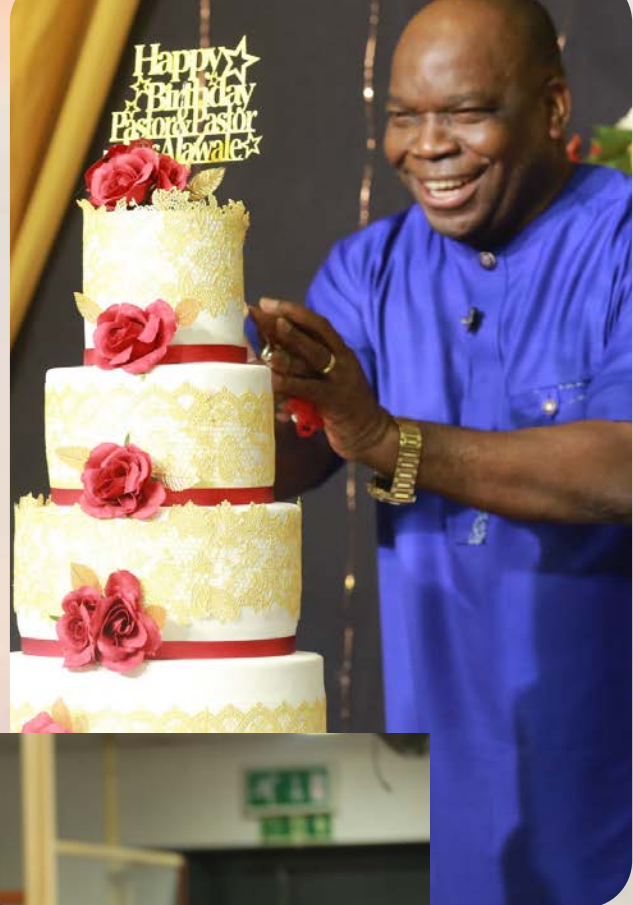


Our final seminar was split into two sessions, male & female. The female session was led by Miss Joanna Mwansa and the male session led by Minister Clive Burton. These sessions were focused on relationships with self and others. Minister Clive focused on Identity, and understanding the basic temperaments which will allow us to have healthy relationships with others. Joanna focused on self-esteem and how that can affect how you relate with people and then gave biblical truths on how God wants the teens to see themselves through His own eyes. She also explored boundaries and how they can set healthy boundaries within their friendship groups so that people will never take advantage of them.

We were also joined by Senior Pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale, who closed the evening off in a time of prayer and also did an altar call.

As you can see from the topics explored during the day, we wanted to make sure that we address matters that relate to the teens and to give them a chance to ask questions and to reflect on some of the things they may need to change in their own lives. We hope that it wasn't just a one day event for them, but an event that will help them to make better decisions which will align them with their God given destiny.





TRICK OR TREAT: HOW GOD WANTS US TO HANDLE HALLOWEEN

MINISTER IYE ACHIMUGU

From months before October, we start to notice the decorations go up, the merchandise in stores and invitations for Halloween parties starts going out.

Some churches start to plan a gospel version of this holiday.

What exactly is Halloween? *Halloween is an old Celtic tradition, based on a belief the Celtic people hold, regarding the **31st of October**, which marks the end of one season, summer and the entrance into a new season of winter.*

They believe that on this eve of a new season, the veil of the atmosphere becomes really thin and that the dead can actually come into earth and roam freely. People will be able to speak to their dead loved ones, spirits can come and sort out any issues they left unfinished.

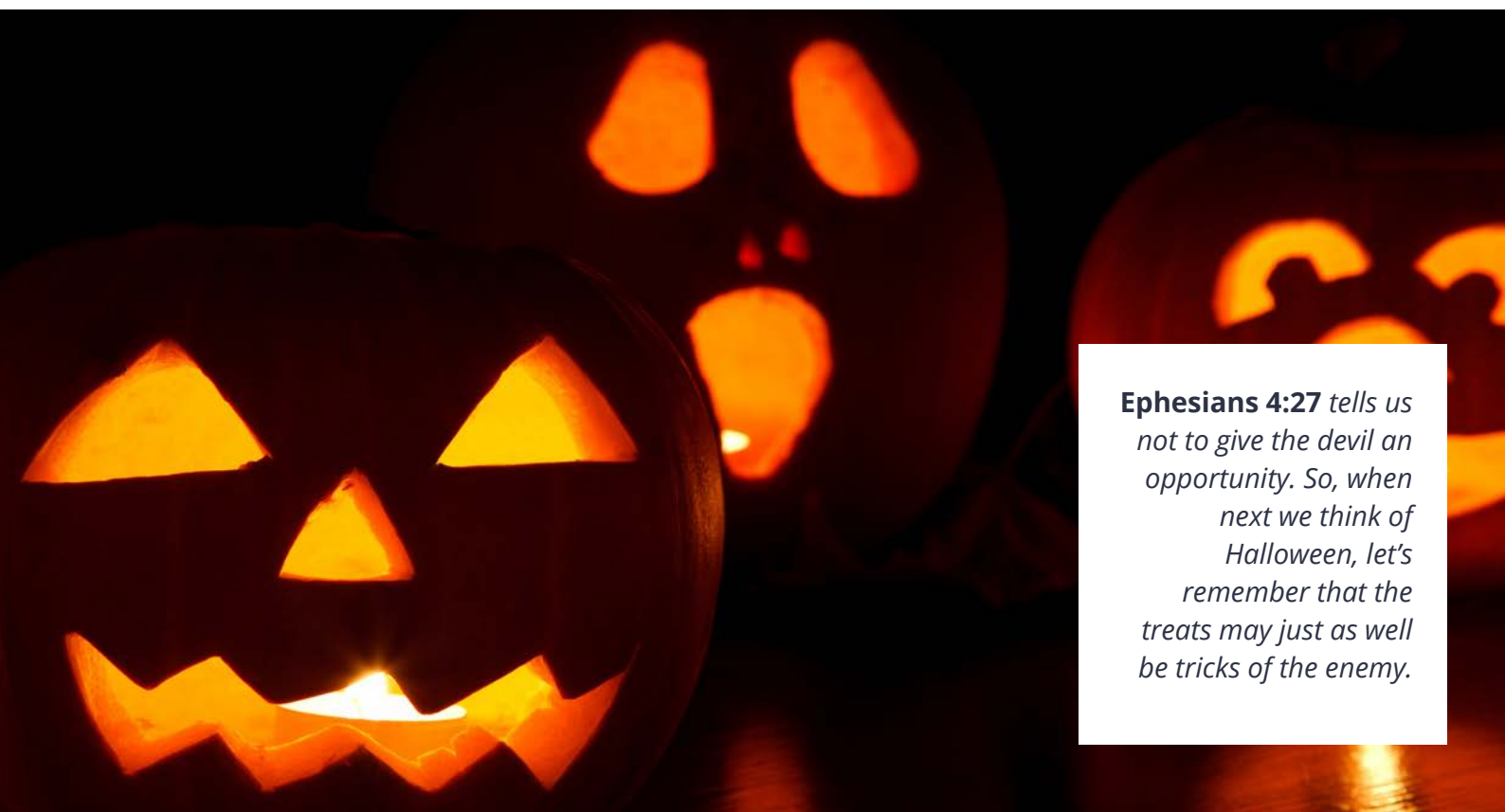
The Celtic people dressed up in scary costumes so that they looked like the spirits, in case they came in contact with any evil spirits that wanted to harm them; dressed up, they will blend in and look like these spirits as a way to protect themselves. They also handed out treats as a way to pacify the spirits and protect themselves from harm.

After many years, it became so well celebrated and embedded into our lives and this event travelled around the world.

The catholics in a bid to reclaim this day from evil, named it all saints day or all Hallow's Eve. They wanted to celebrate saints instead. However, this does not take away from the dark roots of Halloween.

Anton Lavey, the founder of the church of satan

Ephesians 4:27 *tells us not to give the devil an opportunity. So, when next we think of Halloween, let's remember that the treats may just as well be tricks of the enemy.*





trick or treat

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famously said that dressing up, either by wearing a costume or coloring oneself in celebration of Halloween, signifies that we allow satan to own us, and by adopting these pagan practises, you subconsciously dedicate yourself to the devil. He also added that he is happy that at least for one night of the year, Christian parents allow their children to worship the devil.

A simple Google search or YouTube search will come up with countless stories of former witches that have now become Christians, exposing the dark secrets of Halloween. They say that the kingdom of darkness uses this day to recruit innocent children into their kingdom. There are transference of spirits; witchcraft covens are actively trying to place curses on churches. Kidnaps, accidents, introduction to drug addictions and all kinds of evil go on that night.

The main weapon they are using is the weapon of deception. They try and make it attractive to children in the name of trick or treat, dressing up, making it look like innocent fun.

Ephesians 5:11 says, take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 1Cor 10:21 also adds that you cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

As Christians, we are not supposed to become afraid of Halloween, but we can exercise our authority and power as Children of God and pray. We can choose to be light in the darkness.

Our children may not be dressing up at Halloween, but their classmates may be exposing themselves to these evil influences, so we need to rise up, expose the works of darkness and plead the blood of Jesus over our children and our cities.

It may seem like one harmless encounter, but remember, it only took Esau one encounter to lose his birthright. It only took Eve one encounter to alter the destiny of mankind.



Prayers to consider at Halloween.

- 1. Take authority in the name of Jesus and ask the blood of Jesus to purify the atmosphere.*
- 2. Call the names of your children and sanctify them with the blood of Jesus.*
- 3. Pray and cancel every satanic agenda for the season of Halloween.*
- 4. Pray and silence every voice of evil and send a clear message to the kingdom of darkness that we are aware of their annual convention, but we have weapons that work. 2Cor 4:10*
- 5. Submit yourself and our cities to God and resist the devil according to James 4:7.*



God's Vineyard Ministry's School Of Ministry (GVM-SOM)

Introduction:

GVM-SOM was commissioned in April 2011 by Dr Ezekiel Alawale as part of the continuing quest to fulfil the divine mandate of God's Vineyard ministries; 'Empowering Lives and Building Society'. The ultimate objective of the school is to ensure that 'the man of God is perfected, thoroughly furnished unto every good work'. The school has since graduated over 130 students, who are serving in various capacities in the Kingdom of our Lord. The school currently boasts of a number of high quality academic staff and a research board

Course Structure:

The course structure is a modular system involving the following arrangement:

- The programme can be completed within one or two years
- Class lectures are supplemented by "home Studies."
- Each module is usually thought in four sessions, on Tuesday nights, 7.00-9.30pm
- One week breaks between modules, with a longer break from Dec to Jan
- On-Line facilities are available for distant students for the entire duration of the course.

Course Content:

- Leadership
- Introduction to Counselling
- Foundation Theology
- Old & New Testament Surveys
- Church Administration
- Introduction to Biblical Doctrines
- Mission, Evangelism and Revival.
- Bibliology and Hermeneutics (Understanding the Bible & Biblical Interpretation)
- Pastoral Ministry and Homiletics



Date and Time:

The academic year of the GVM-SOM runs from May to February each year. However, as a result of the modular nature of the course, students can join the programme at any stage within the year and work through the modules.

Cost:

The only cost students are eligible to pay is £200 to cater for stationery and administrative costs. Payment can be made by instalments. The course is subsidised by God's Vineyard Ministries.

We wish to use this opportunity to encourage everyone, who desires to play a leading role in the Kingdom and influence our society with Godly virtues to contact the leadership of the school to take advantage of this great opportunity that God has blessed us with.

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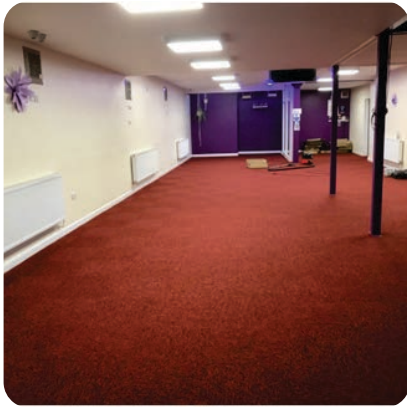


SOM GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE KINGDOM LIFE CONFERENCE

GVC LOUGHBOROUGH: THE YEAR 2021 IN REVIEW

The year 2021 began with increases in Covid-19 cases leading to nationwide lock-downs that greatly impacted on the activities of the local church. However, in March 2021 when conditions were eased, the church bounced back with fresh zeal and enthusiasm. To the glory of God, the church has grown stronger ever since.

CHURCH BUILDING WORKS:



CURRENT LOOK OF THE GVC LOUGHBOROUGH CHURCH HALL

Within the year, through the generous giving of members and partners, the Lord immensely provided the needed resources to continue with the refurbishment of the church property on Cradock Street. Carpets were laid, screens were fixed for projections, and several other mini projects were completed. 14/14A Cradock Street is indeed a testimony of God's faithfulness and provision.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

GVC Loughborough recognises that God performed the miracle of the church property to empower the local assembly to better fulfil His purpose in Loughborough. Among other things, the church is constantly reminded that one of its key purposes is to take the gospel into the community where we have been located. To the glory of God, this reminder has given birth to a renewed focus on evangelism. The church has been actively driving this core agenda of God, through town centre outreaches and other special programmes, aimed at reaching our immediate environs with the good news.



GVC LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN CENTRE OUTREACH

INTERNATIONAL DAY:



As a result of the intermittent lock-downs due to Covid-19, the church could not hold its annual variety weekend to celebrate its anniversary as usual. However, we had a colourful International Sunday, where our different cultures were showcased to demonstrate our unity in diversity.

GVC LOUGHBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL DAY

THE YOUTH:

GVC Loughborough has a sizable student membership. On the third Sunday of each month during University Term Time, our student members are given the opportunity to showcase their gifts by 'Taking-Over the Service'. On those special occasions, the youth are made to plan and lead main aspects of the service such as Praise & Worship, Bible Studies, Coordinating, Ushering, etc.

The local church also provides solid support for the Radical Youth Society at Loughborough University, which currently has a membership of over 50 students, with a weekly average student attendance of about 35. During the first term of the academic year, the fellowship, among others, enrolled in the Freedom in Christ Course; a discipleship program that seeks to establish the believer's identity in Christ.

THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH:



It has been our greatest joy to see our children's church grow in the grace of our Lord to love God and enjoy the fellowship of the believers. In a recent Bible competition between the children and some members of the adult church, we were pleasantly surprised when the children scored the same points as the adults. **Kudos to our dedicated children teachers, who are making such invaluable input in our children!**

CHILDREN PERFORMANCE AT 2021 CAROL SERVICE



OTHER MINISTRIES AND ACTIVITIES:

The Women Ministry in GVC Loughborough also experienced a revival in various ways. Pastor Evelyn O-Nipah effectively mobilised the women for various activities to enrich the lives and services of the women in the church.

The Men's Ministry: The effectiveness of the Women ministry had a ripple effect on the men, who also got together on a number of occasions to learn about things peculiar to them.

Loughborough Churches Partnership (LCP): GVC Loughborough also played a significant role in LCP; an alliance of churches with the aim to unite churches to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ together.

What can we therefore say to these things! **Ebenezer;** hitherto has the LORD brought us!!

For those who desire to worship with us, please contact the resident Pastor, Dr Joseph Nipah on 07734957502 or visit us between 10.00am and 12.30pm on a Sunday, at 14/14A Cradock Street, Loughborough, LE11 1AH, United Kingdom.

The Lord bless you!

REFLECTIONS ON GVC DERBY'S 15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Akinola P. Akinyede
(Pastor, GVC Derby)



I'm sure we would all agree that 2021 had been an exceptionally challenging and traumatic year in more ways than one. However, at God's Vineyard Church (GVC) Derby, we are filled with praise, gratitude and thanksgiving because of what God had done for us throughout the course of the year, and what He continues to do for us. In the year 2021, **GVC Derby celebrated its 15th Anniversary, also known as 'The Glory Conference' (see John 1:14), on November 7th.**

The theme for the celebration was **'I Will Restore'**; taken from Joel 2:23-29.

The Anniversary Thanksgiving Service commenced with prayer, praise, worship, and thanking God for how far He had brought us individually and collectively as a Church. This was followed by a warm welcome and announcements from Pastor Akinola Akinyede (Pastor, GVC Derby), including a series of special renditions carried out by some members of the Church.

As a Church, we also welcomed a number of visitors and first timers to the occasion; it's always a joy and great privilege to be given the opportunity to minister to first timers. A poem rendition was delivered by Sonia Odudu, one of the teenagers in the Church. This was followed by a lovely and highly captivating performance of a well known Christian song ('My life is in your hands'- Kirk Franklin) by a number of our children in the Church.

After this, was a special Spanish poem; a duet recital, performed by two of our teenage members (Masters Destiny and Choice).

A powerful and edifying sermon was preached by the Senior Pastor Ezekiel Alawale, the one to whom God gave the vision to start a GVC branch in Derby 15 years ago. In his message titled: 'I will restore', the Senior Pastor stated that God wants to restore what you have lost, missed opportunities, what the enemy has stolen and destroyed, amongst others. This was followed by a special thanksgiving session with high praises and dancing to God for bringing us through another anniversary celebration.

The Senior Pastor then performed the closing benediction, after which the Church members helped themselves to refreshments and enjoyed some fellowship time. As a Church we are thankful to God for the way He has blessed and used us to positively impact our community for His Kingdom in 2021.

Furthermore, as we enter a new year, we are expectant that God will do even greater works through us to help bring salvation to our community and raise up many disciples for Christ.



GVC BIRMINGHAM CHURCH 2021- YEAR IN REVIEW

We thank God for all the activities of GVC Birmingham in 2021. Due to covid 19 protocols and restrictions, physical service started on Sunday 21st of March 2021.

The church celebrated her 12th year anniversary in April; it was a low-key event, with focus on thanksgiving; appreciating God for keeping the church and all members including students through the pandemic. The Senior Pastor graced us with a short virtual fatherly thanksgiving message and prayer for the church as we celebrated God's mercy.

The peak moments for GVC Birmingham in 2021, were in October when we held a welcome service for new students and our Christmas carol service in December.



The welcome service in October officially welcomed new students into church, as well as introduced the GVM vision, activities and church leadership to our new members. We wrapped the welcome service with good refreshments for all.

Over 8 new students attended and 5 of those became permanent members of the church to the glory of God. Christmas Carol in December was another highlight of 2021, with the children's church presentation, 4 visitors and a time of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ with Christmas gifts from the church for all attendees and good refreshments after service.

In summary, we thank God for the leadership of GVC Birmingham, as well as, our entire membership, visitors and the Senior Pastor for the support in 2021. We look forward to a greater 2022 and all that God will do through the church!

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GVC LONDON: THE JOURNEY SO FAR

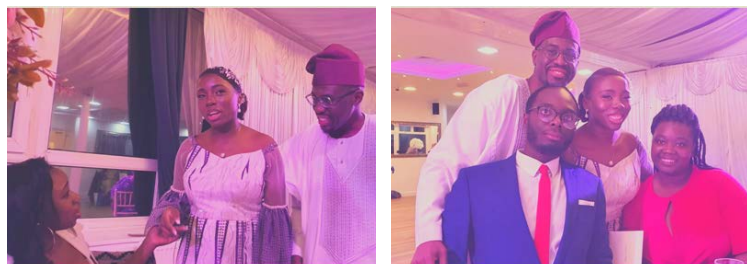
Alfredo Bampoe (Pastor, GVC London)

“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

This clearly showed us that in the midst of uncertainty, God is still sovereign over everything.

In spite of the challenges the church has experienced since the onset of Covid-19 in 2020, we still want to thank God for how far He has brought God’s Vineyard Church, London. Although the Church could not hold her annual anniversary celebration in 2020 due to COVID-19 outbreak, we had the amazing privilege of celebrating a wedding ceremony.

On Saturday 3rd October 2020, GVC London celebrated the wedding of Chloe and Ayodeji. The marriage was a testament of God’s goodness in their life and we pray that more weddings will follow in years to come in Jesus Name.



Chloe & Ayodeji Wedding Photos- October 2020

GOD'S VINEYARD (YOUTH) CHURCH, LEICESTER

"...the Lord has perfected our years"

GOD'S VINEYARD CHURCH, LEICESTER WAS BIRTHED UNDER THE DIVINE VISION OF GOD

through the dynamic leadership of our senior pastor, Pastor (Dr) Ezekiel Alawale in October 2013. "GVC Leicester" as it's popularly called is a vibrant and inspirational youth church. A community of sold-out youth, who are passionate about their Christian faith and happily sharing them with people in their sphere of influence.

The church has a vision to build Christian character and values in the lives of young people by the systematic study and examination of the word.

The church continues to grow through the years and has stabilised its presence within the student communities of Leicester and De Montfort Universities.



The hunger for more of God has been unprecedented and the atmosphere of our services continue to herald the manifestation of the move of God. To the glory of God, this ministry has added immense value to the lives of the students over the years. Its great impact continues to be seen in the lives of the graduates, as they continue to reminisce about what God has been doing in and through their lives while on campus.

As a church, we always recognise that the days of the academic sojourn of students are numbered; as such, we swing into action as soon as the session starts. Apart from our Sunday services, we organise weekly discipleship meetings on the back of our evangelism and follow up efforts, bible study, prayer and counselling meetings. We tailor all these sessions to mentor them to live victorious Christian lives in the midst of all the vices and distractions on campus. Furthermore, bi-weekly men and women fellowship meetings are conducted to provide an atmosphere, where generic issues are discussed and resolutions made in light of the word of God.

A youth church service schedule isn't complete without the organisation of singles and relationship seminars. Our yearly Valentine special event has proven to be one of the most sought after programmes on campus. This event brings together a panel of couples to answer burning questions relating to pre-marital relationships and the dynamics of Christian dating and engagements, all to the edification of the students.



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nother major highlight of every year is the graduation of the final year students in our fellowship. We have been privileged over the years to celebrate with over 350 students and their families, as we wished them the very best of God for the future. These occasions are fondly remembered to be full of joy, appreciation and testimonies. We glorify God that our students have gone on to stand as a beacon of light in the work and marketplace, and their exploits for Him continue to delight and encourage us. Some have even gone into ministry of the service of God, and their contentment with His call continues to be a testimony.



We are also delighted that we now have members who are no longer undergraduates; having transitioned to postgraduate or working life while staying back in Leicester. The church is forever grateful to the faithfulness of God all through the years, as we continue to seek His purpose and will for our lives.

We would conclude that if you live or you are on an academic sojourn to Leicester, or maybe you have a son, daughter or siblings coming to Leicester, we encourage you (or ask them) to join us, as we are a church on a journey with God and He is taking us far!



GOD'S VINEYARD CHRISTIAN CENTRE (GVCC LAGOS & ABUJA): THE JOURNEY SO FAR

BY: NOEL EZEFOSIE (PASTOR, GVCC ABUJA)

*The journey started with the formation of **GVC CONNECT Fellowship** in Nigeria by the leadership of God's Vineyard Ministries (GVM) Nottingham. This came at the time the UK government stopped granting post study work visas to international graduates from UK Universities. As a result of this, a lot of Nigerians started coming back home to avoid staying back illegally in the UK after their visas expired.*



GVCC Nigeria Homecoming photos

GVCC ABUJA:

In 2014, the Senior Pastor, Dr Ezekiel Alawale saw the need for GVCC to commence in Abuja, and in the first quarter of the year, GVCC Abuja commenced Sunday Services under the leadership of Minister Noel Ezezosie.

Prior to that, following the meeting with Senior Pastor in Lagos in February 2013 when he shared the vision of establishing God's Vineyard Ministries (GVM) in Nigeria, Pastors Chijioke Elekwachi and Noel Ezezosie began holding informal meetings with identified alumni of GVC and Radical Youth in Abuja with a view to laying appropriate foundations and working out modalities for moving the vision forward.

Later on, the fellowship meetings were scheduled to be held monthly on the 4th Sunday of every month at 3pm at the Conference Room of Oxford Hotels Zone 4, FCT. Besides, special seminars, dubbed 'LET YOUR LIFE COUNT SEMINARS' were held with the senior pastor in attendance. Topics such as 'Maximising your life'; 'Making a difference'; 'Living for purpose'; 'Diligence' etc, were explored.

The seminars attracted a lot of young people from Abuja.

At the turn of 2014, regular Sunday church services were launched and GVCC became a church in Abuja. GVCC Abuja's inaugural Sunday service was held on Easter Sunday morning. There were obvious challenges after the fellowship became a church. While several new people were joining in, some older members were leaving. This was for a number of reasons; including some members relocating to the UK, Canada, some relocating to take up new job roles outside Abuja, while some left to join their mother churches.

The greatest challenge for GVCC Abuja at the initial stage was the remoteness of the venue. Due to the nature of the city, it was difficult and expensive for people who do not have their own means of transport, to get to Church. So, a lot of money was spent on transport fares to help members get to Church.

In October, 2018 the Church relocated from Oxford Hotel to Sandralia Hotel. Today by God's grace, GVCC Abuja has regular membership and maintains regular activities including house fellowship, prayers and evangelism. We have functional units/departments and leaders.

The Church is growing in numerical strength and a number of new families have been added to the Church. God also blessed us with a Nissan Bus which has been very useful in conveying people to and from Church. At the last Church service held before COVID-19 lockdown, the hall was packed to capacity.

The church is currently trusting God for a bigger hall in the same facility. Our vision is to move from that hall to our own property in no distant time.

We thank God for what He is doing in us and in Nigeria.

GVCC LAGOS:

**PASTOR ADEOLA OLUGBENGA
(GVCC LAGOS)**

From the days when GVCC Lagos relocated to Akoka till where the church is today, we can only testify that the Lord has been faithful to us in various ways; to just itemise a few...

1. The Church recently relocated to a very conducive place of worship, where we have unlimited access.
2. The Lord made adequate provision of funds available to pay for the lease of the property. While we are enjoying the new facility, we are still trusting Him for our own permanent place of worship.
3. Within a relatively short period of time, we have experienced God's faithfulness in the lives of many of our members. Testimonies of promotions, breakthroughs at work, visa acquisition, new job opportunities, divine healings, car dedications, house warming, etc, abound in our midst; all to the glory of God.

By the grace of God, we intend to take the land for Jesus and break new grounds by extending the church into our neighbourhood. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we intend to make our place of worship a place of impact; where the hopeless receive hope, the sorrowful become joyful, lives are transformed, and souls are won into the Kingdom.



We also intend, by the help of God, to make the church a citadel of power and glory; where champions in various spheres are raised and trained to take the city of Lagos for the Lord Jesus Christ.



GVCC Lagos Church Dedication 2021

COMMUNITY OUTREACHES AND INVOLVEMENT

As charity, we are involved and engaged with the community. In 2018, under the chairmanship of Dr Ezekiel Alawale, the senior pastor of GVM, the MAJORITY BLACK-LED CHURCHES (MBLC), NOTTINGHAM was rebranded under a new core leadership team. Since then the MBLC has made a significant impact in the Nottinghamshire community.

AIMS:

Among others, the MBLC was set up ...

1. To advance, champion, promote and encourage equality, diversity and fairness in strategic areas in the community; including health, business, sports, youth empowerment, leadership development, job creation, etc
2. To enhance spiritual growth amongst each other and our congregations by shared engagements
3. To foster unity amongst pastors and parishes by networking, coming together in fellowship and sharing each other's gifts for kingdom building.
4. To recognise, develop and create opportunities for new leaders within the Forum
5. Meet with senior leaders of public services and organisations in Nottingham

- to provide better opportunities for engagement with BME churches in Nottingham.
- To promote love and peace by helping and supporting one another to grow our churches
- To actively promote the integration of the BME community in Nottingham and the eradication of all forms of BME segregation.
- To be a voice to the voiceless by addressing the various challenges facing the BME community; etc

ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND HOW FAR WE HAVE GONE?

Some of the recent MBLC engagements and achievements include

The Police: Quarterly Co-Production meetings with Nottinghamshire Police, which have resulted in a number of initiatives, including:

- Involvement in People Panel
- Police Road Show with 32 young people from MBLC Churches
- Black History Month
- MBLC - Police 6-Week Cadet Taster Sessions in Jan-Feb 2022
- A statement on recent stabbing incident at the Meadows

The City Council: Quarterly meetings with the leader of the City Council and his team

The Leadership of the Church of England: Meetings with the Anglican Bishop of Suthwell – Bishop Paul and his team

Engagements with the University of Nottingham:

- Regular meetings with the Pro Vice Chancellor and the Chaplaincy team
- An MBLC Chaplain has since been appointed at University of Nottingham

MBLC's role to improve covid-19 vaccination uptake:

- Vaccination information sharing events via Zoom for MBLC Pastors and members of our congregations, as well as friends and families.
- Issued a statement on Covid-19 Vaccinations, in which we declared that the vaccines are safe and encouraged black people to take the vaccination.
- Offered our churches as Pop-Up vaccination Centres

NHS-CT Project:

COVID-19 disproportionately affected the BME communities. This only highlighted the existing socio-economic and health inequalities that exist within the community. The MBLC applied for NHS-CT funding and won a grant to work with the NHS on addressing these issues by

**MBLC
LEADERS**



recruiting a volunteer coordinator. The coordinator is working with volunteers to find out the reason(s) for vaccine hesitancy, reduce hesitancy and improve the rate of vaccine uptake among the BME community. We hope to use this model to address other health inequality issues.

Collaborations with various charities:

- Hope Into Action; 100 Homes; Open Homes; Pathway Housing; Nottingham City Prayer; etc.

Other areas where the MBLC is actively engaging with stakeholders to make changes include

Education:

There is a widening gap between the educational attainments of blacks compared to whites as they progress from age 4-5 to university. We are working with the education department to address these disparities. At the University of Nottingham, we have employed and are currently paying for the 1st Black Chaplain to address role model issues for BME which make up about 34% of its population.

Media:

There is an existing trust gap between the BME and the wider community. It is our desire that the press will collaborate with us in this initiative to build trust, promote equality, fairness, justice, and peace. To stem agitations and carve a new future for our community.



TRAINING

POLICE AND MILITARY WITH MBLC YOUTHS

THE POLICE AND MBLC TEENAGERS



WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE CONFERENCE 2021

We give God praise for the success of the Women of Excellence Conference - 2021. It was indeed a great and impactful meeting.

The Women of Excellence Conference started on Thursday, 7th October, in the evening and ended on Sunday, 10th October 2021. **The theme of the conference was IMPACT**, with three guest speakers ministering.

Pastor Funmi Alawale gave a short welcome message – encouraging everyone to thank God for preservation of life and for making it possible for us all to be part of this year's

conference, in spite of the challenges of Covid-19. There was an exclusive time of thanksgiving for all that God has done in the midst through the year. Pastor Funmi assured everyone that God is set to do something great and is willing to set us on fire unto greater works in the year ahead through the teachings of the conference.

Her welcome message also illustrated clearly the need for every believing woman to be a woman of impact. This, she explained, was because we are here to affect our world. **We are the light of the world and the world is**

waiting for our manifestations as daughters of God. The devil is out to steal, kill and destroy, and we are the only ones who can stop him. We have been raised by Jesus to be 'the saviours' of our world. However, for us to be instruments in God's hands to impact our world, God will need to encounter us first. Jesus encountered the disciples, even though they were unlearned, ignorant men, they were able to turn their world around for Jesus.

She rounded up her welcome message with 2 Chronicles 16:9a, encouraging everyone to keep their focus on God, open their hearts to God and be ready to obey His instructions as He releases them to us. She encouraged us to not permit distractions, be expectant and let faith arise in us.

The night was set in motion by another powerful message from Pastor Mrs Ashimolowo on the topic: The Place of Women in Leadership. We were made to know that we are God's Masterpiece, created to do good works. We are light bearers, we are not a secret to be kept. **No more excuses, it's time for us to arise and shine.** There is so much in us as women than we know. God will grant us understanding of who we are and all that He has put in us, for the world around us.

We were made to know that as women, we are complementary partners and the quality of a leader has never been gender dependent. The need to work on ourselves as women and stir up the gifts in us were emphasised. She discussed the traits of a good leader and used Deborah as a case study for good leadership. She ended her message with this – **'when you take your place, the world will respect you, remember you, recognise you and you will be rewarded'**.



The first night ended with the second message by Pastor Mrs Dolapo Adelakun on the topic: Making Impact in the Kingdom.

She made it clear that impact is about force, you can't do anything without force. To live a meaningful life, one must force their way through. The Kingdom of God that we belong to, is not in words, but in power. It operates in power and so for us as Christian women, to get results we must begin to concentrate on the dimension of power.

Pastor Adelakun further emphasised that even the kingdom of darkness operates in power as seen in Ephesians 6:12, that we wrestle against powers. **Your enemy is powerful, you cannot be a weakling.** We cannot use our polished English language or our degrees to fight the devil; we will need to pull him down with power. There is a spiritual dimension to everything in life, everything in life is about power.

Using various scriptures, she made it clear that we get born again by power – John 1:12 KJV; we get healed by power – Mark 3:12-15 KJV; we need power to get wealth – Deuteronomy 8:18 and Ecclesiastes 9:11; we also forgive by power – Matthew 9:6; we conceive by power - Mary the mother of Jesus and Hannah both received power to conceive – Luke 1:35; Hebrews 11:11; we overcome by power – Luke 10:19; and we witness Christ to people by power – Acts 1:8

She concluded her message by the fact that even our prayers are answered by power; answers to prayers are according to the power you generate in the place of prayer. We generate power in the place of prayer, studying the word and giving. She shared examples of some powerful women in the Bible, such as the Shunamite woman, Mary, who broke her alabaster box to worship Jesus, etc. She rounded up the session with a powerful prayer releasing the grace to pray and study the word of God upon everyone.

On the 2nd night, Friday, 8th October, Pastor Mrs Dolapo Adelakun again ministered to us on the topic **'Living a Life of Impact: Your Influence in the Marketplace.'**

She explained how the Church is a place for refuelling, a place of gaining knowledge and power. We are, however, expected to go after refuelling – ‘Go ye into all the world. We are to go and make an impact wherever we find ourselves as children of God – in the marketplace, whether in the office, hospital, doing our businesses – wherever we are representing God to the people we work with.

God wants us to operate in dominion; He wants us to prosper and take authority in the marketplace. There was an emphasis on the fact that it will take light to see the riches in the secret places.

Pastor Adelakun went ahead to discuss the 7 types of people in the marketplace.

1). **Elymas the Sorcerer as seen in Acts 13:8-11** – this kind of people are in the marketplace; they operate in the dark spirit realm. To make an impact in the marketplace, you have to stop them. You have the right to cause such to be blind for a season.

2). **Beast of Ephesus – 1 Corinthians 15:32.** They are human beings in the physical but in the realm of the spirit, they are beasts. These are territorial spirits. Let them know how mighty your God is, don't be intimidated by them, take your place; before they attack you, attack them. They are all around us and they want to stop you from prospering. So stop them!

3). **Persons without bodies – Ephesians 6:12:** To win battle against such agents, you need divine enablement and divine insight and strategy.

4). **Herodias – Mark 6:14-29:** The wives of powerful people. They take delight in cutting the heads of servants of God.

5). Fine Ladies who are possessed

6). **Alexander the Coppersmith:** Always fighting whatever views come from you.

To be able to overcome in the marketplace, know that God wants you to be a blessing. You cannot afford to be quiet in the marketplace, and you will not allow people around you to intimidate you. Take your place and take charge in the realm of the spirit. God has blessed us with spiritual gifts and these gifts have been given to us to profit within the marketplace. We are to generate power to be a terror to the kingdom of darkness.

The second speaker on the Friday night was Pastor Mrs Fola Achudume, who spoke on the **topic 'Impactful Living: Fulfilling God's Plan and Purpose for Your Life**

She introduced the topic with emphasis on the fact that life is about making an impact, influencing people and touching lives. There is that note of difference and uniqueness to our lives and we are here to impact our generation. She defined impact as the ability to have an effect on someone's behaviour, the capacity to build a legacy, so your life does not die with you, your life outlives you.



Pastor Achudume discussed the role of **4-M Words to impact the lives of people in our lives**. These include...

Your MISSION in life: You cannot impact if you have not discovered purpose. Locate your mission in life; why am I here? She encouraged us to step out of mere existence to the realm of impact. Jeremiah 1:5,10; Acts 9:36-42

Dorcas' life was considered, she impacted the lives of people around her, so much so that the people cried to the servant of God, saying she must not die, see what she did for us. **When you don't locate your mission in life, you can be displaced just as Vashti was displaced in Esther 4:14**. Everyone of us has an assignment in life and a place of impact is a place of blessing.

The power of the MIND: To make an impact, you have to be intentional. When there is the right mindset, people will join you, there are destiny that are attached to you. All that you need to make an impact is in you. Proverbs 30:24-28; Philippians 4:8

It is important you look unto God, not on your limitations; your help comes from Him, stop thinking negatively. It limits your relevance and the impacts you can make on earth.

MANAGEMENT: Ecclesiastes 3:1-3. She laid emphasis on the need to be able to manage our time and our moment very well. Wisdom is a major aspect of management. There is time for everything and it's important we develop ourselves.

She ended up with the place of our **MARRIAGE the 4th M**, and then concluded with some pillars to impacting lives. These included the need to...

- Kill our beast, all the beasts that could stop us – flesh, fear, deal with offences, shyness, complexity, average mind-set, unforgiveness, every negative voice on the inside, etc

- Not let your pain hinder you, deal with sorrow, bitterness

- Organise your life, and to let God order your life also. Set your priorities right.

- Life is not a 'run alone' affair; maintain relationships, and collaborate with others.

Saturday's programme started with a seminar on Raising Impactful Children in the 21st Century. The guest speaker was Sharon Mullins-Banton, A Social Worker with a wealth of experience. She has been able to raise godly children in this land.

She started her talk with a quote "There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots and the other wings" [Wolfgang Goethe].

Sharon laid emphasis on the fact that there is no perfect parent, child or family. There is a myth - allow the children to do what they want, they will learn from their mistakes. It is important that you are intentional about parenting. Critically look at the parenting you received and the aspects of it that you will not want to bring into your own style of parenting.

The Bible says **'Train up a child on the way to go and when he is old he will not depart from it'**. TV, Society and School have a part to play, but you are the first teacher for your children. There was an emphasis on the fact that the fathers also have vital roles to play in the lives of their children, and as much as possible mothers have to do their own part.

She also spoke on the importance of introducing Christ to them early in life, as it's easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults. We are the role models to our children, they are looking at us and will do what we will do and not what we say.

The last session for the day was taken by Pastor Yemisi Ashimolowo on the topic 'Making an Impact: Living the Life of Your Dream'. She emphasised that the only way to be at peace with yourself and to live the life of your dream is to live the life you are created to live, and to stop running from your purpose. **To impact our generation, there is the need to die to self, die to our plans or our timing and die to our reputation**. We need to acknowledge God in all our ways. (Romans 8:28; Ephesians 2:10).

Purpose as defined by her, is an intended result for life; why something exists. Everything in life has a purpose. Without purpose, life becomes an experiment or a haphazard journey that results in frustrations. **Purpose is what fuels life and makes a person passionate.** It gives our existence meaning.

Purpose is important in life. To get to your destination in life, you must understand the purpose. **The greatest tragedy in life is a life without purpose.** Purpose empowers perseverance, creates joy and sustains contentment.

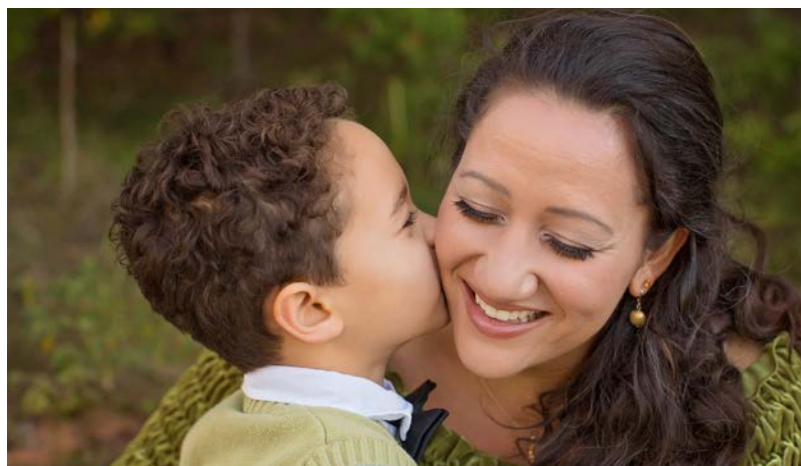
Pastor Yemisi highlighted some **key points using the life of Joseph** as seen in Genesis 37:6. We saw that Joseph's dream brought hatred from his brethren, he was sold into slavery and later went to prison, because he made up his mind to please God. However in all that he passed through, he had the right attitude.

There is a need to be diligent, take risks, take a step of faith, be committed, be daring, be devoted, invest in your dreams, pay the price; there is no glory without story. Do not be complacent, so you don't settle for less, also don't blame other people. Your association will affect your dreams so be careful of people you allow around you. Develop a winning attitude.

Saturday night ended with the last message 'Parenting & Social Vices in the 21st Century' by Pastor Fola Achudume.

The scripture for the message was 2 Timothy 3:1-5. She first highlighted behaviours that are generally considered to be unhealthy behaviours in the society and social vices. Some of them are robbery, kidnapping, occultism, drug addiction, rape, indecent dressing and premarital sexual activities. She also discussed the **major causes of social vices – peer pressure, broken homes, social media, and technology, among others.**

She emphasised that parenting is a privilege, it is not a right, so it's important we appreciate the privilege and do it well. Parenting is a gift.



The Conference ended with Sunday Services: Pastor Funmi ministered on Being **A Woman of Impact at home**, using **Proverbs 14:1** as the anchor scripture. It was made clear that Satan hates the woman and he is seeking every possible way to stop the woman. **So as women, we have a battle to fight and so it's important that we take the challenge to fight for our home.** This we cannot achieve in our own power, so we need God in this battle. It is therefore important that our personal relation with God is taken very seriously.

As a woman, you are a help suitable for your husband, so there is a role we have been called to play in the lives of our husbands, the help suitable for him and the crown. **The good news is that the Holy Spirit is our helper.**

It was indeed an impactful weekend, we had time to ask questions at the end of each session and rounded up with a powerful prayer session led by pastor Ezekiel Alawale, for the grace to become all that we learnt over the weekend, and to venture out to do the great exploits God is depending on us to accomplish.

TESTIMONIES

1 Chronicles 16:8 “Give thanks to the Lord. Call on his name. Make known among the nations what he has done.”

Over the year 2021 GOD has touched our lives in a variety of ways, here are some insights to GOD being faithful in our lives.

Precious Igbinedion :

“I want to thank God for his goodness in my life. With HIS help I was able to get my driving licence.
All Glory be to GOD.”

Sunday & Blessing Opetemi's family

“Safe-keeping . protection & provisions in 2021. Increase in number in 2021. For making good HIS promises to our household;
Thank You God. We are grateful.”

Esther Daminabo

“My GCSE grades, I finished with all A stars. It was difficult to maintain momentum and to continue learning during lockdown, God gave me strength and I persisted.”

Evelyn O.Nipah

“Had a job interview for a higher role at my work place and passed. God granted me favour and worked out everything for my promotion.”

Lydia Sedor

“Thanking God almighty for journey mercies top Ghana and back . For a successful celebration in honour of our mum, in keeping myself and my siblings with strong bonds even till this day. To GOD be the glory.”

Mrs Tope Osaze

“As a family October has been a month of celebrations for us. God added another year to Derrick's life last week and our son Malachi turned one year old on the same day. We also celebrated 4 years of marriage on the 19th Oct. We want to thank God for fulfilling His promises to us. He promised that by our 4th year anniversary, we would carry our Own child and celebrate his birthday in a home of our own. He has been faithful to His Word.”

Mrs Chidinma Favour Ndukwe

“Glory To God in the highest my saviour who destroyed the weapon of covid formed aganist and snatched me out from its clutches. Hallelujah to the Lord God Almighty.”

These are just a few... there're many more God has done in our lives and used to help us to achieve in the lives of our neighbours..

Your testimony is the key to someone else's prison. May we use not just our words but our lives to give thanks and proclaim to the world the goodness of GOD, as it says in the book of Ephesians “Live as children of light”.





RY ALUMNI WEEKEND AWAY 2021

Radical youth alumni weekend away 2021, is a gathering of previous radical youth university students, now graduates and professionals in their respective fields. They gather together from across the nation to fellowship, to build networks and maintain relationships as they journey away from student life back into the realms of society.

The 2021 alumni Weekend Away, however, was held virtually; meaning attendees joined via zoom. Kicking off with worship and prayer, it was followed by the first beneficial and applicable talk on igniting the fire of the Holy Spirit, by Senior Pastor Ezekiel Alawale. Then followed a series of interesting and practical talks on serving God outside of church, starting a side hustle and buying your first home, presented by Minister Derrick, Mrs Tope Osaze, and Mr Godwin Wood. The session then flowed into an interesting LGBTQIA discussion session, with the attendees being put in small groups to discuss set questions within their break out rooms. During the feedback session, the various things discussed within small groups were summarised for the wider group through a nominated spokesperson.

At the end of each session, everyone was encouraged to ask questions during a Q&A session, allowing the attendees to gain answers to questions they had for any speakers who spoke.

*Senior Pastor Ezekiel, with the help of the Alumni choir, led extended prayer with worship; attendees were able to raise prayer points and pray in agreement with the pastors and the whole team. **We had a total number of 44 people in attendance, of which 70% were 2021 Radical Youth Graduates.** It was as a matter of fact a wonderful time we had together.*





God's Vineyard Ministry operates a vibrant youth ministry which comprises the Youth Church and the Radical Youth Fellowships. The Youth Church holds worship services at 5pm and 7pm every Sunday at the headquarters, GVC Nottingham during Term Time. Young people and students from all over Nottingham congregate on Sunday evenings to worship together.



The Radical Youth (RY) is a spiritual movement rapidly growing and currently based in over 18 universities all over the UK, where university students worship God together at respective times during the week. The head of the Radical Youth is Pastor Lab Mebude who is also the Youth Church leader.

Radical Youth Leadership Training is an annual training programme where the newly chosen and returning leaders, both in the Youth Church and Radical Youth are trained on carrying out responsibilities for the roles given.



THE YOUTH MINISTRY

This training also took place in 2021 in both June & September 2021 tailored to the latest set of leaders elected into regions across the country, but due to Covid, it was all virtual via Zoom. Covering a range of topics from, developing a vision, vessel that God uses, preventing stress, intimacy with God. Planning an event, growing your fellowship, and many more.

These topics cover both the spiritually and functional attributes of a leader, developing your character in leadership. Building up the character of these leaders, equipping and strengthening the leadership structure across the regions preventing the rise of faulty leadership. The overall feedback from those who we rabe to attend was positive hinting at being equipped with the necessary knowledge to guide them in their new roles.

This year 2021 we had exciting results from the amount of students who signed up and joined the radical youth societies with each respective university. With over 100 sign ups in Nottingham, Nottingham Trent and Norwich each and other regions ranging between 45 -70 students signed up. This is a big win as the impact on covid -19 on each region led to steep decline of students who joined radical youth, as it cancelled the physical meeting of universities freshers fair and fellowship meeting. But to God be the Glory in this 2021 across board, each region showed a huge increase of students who joined radical youth..



Currently there is an ongoing system to integrate the Radical Youth members into aspects of the GVM ministry via the Foundation School. The aim is to provide, as the name suggests, a strong base or strong foundation upon which their christianity is established, so they can grow into becoming strong and matured believers in Christ.

On November 18th - 21st, 2021 the Radical Youth Annual Let your Life Count Conference was held. It's theme 'Chosen Generation' was taken from 1 Peter 2:9. A lot of regions could not attend due to the Covid restriction, nevertheless we still had a wonderful time. Lateral flow tests were made mandatory to ensure that we keep to government safety laws and it was a success. Below are excerpts from a message by one of the speakers.

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what you're dealing
with, check where
you're coming from...

ADDICTION

By- Reverend Bature Ogbeifun

Addiction has two sides like a coin; on one side you have demonically energised influences and on the other side, a learned behaviour. There are behavioural and substance addictions.

Addiction can be passed down from father to children, from generation to generation and in each generation, it becomes 10X more than the previous generation, because a father is a seed and the children the fruit. Hence if a person never deals with the addiction in their generation, they can pass on that addictive mindset to their children.

The children exceed the parent's as the fruit is always multiplied and compounded. King David in the bible is an example of an addict. Despite being a great king and a man after God's heart, he committed adultery secretly. His children arrived and blew it out of proportion; from committing incestuous and rapist acts, sleeping with the father's wives in the open, and then King Solomon had sexual relationships with 1000 women.

Romans 7:14-24 (MSG) explains what addiction is. **Addiction is you forming a habit and the habit turns around and forms you.**

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE ADDICTED?

1. **Broken Promises:** If there are any behaviours in your life over which you have made promises to deal but end up breaking those promises over and over again, then check it; you might be addicted to it.
2. **Entitlement:** Permitting and allowing excuses for your bad behaviours
3. **Inability to stop bad behaviours:** No matter the motivation or how hard you try, you just could not break these habits.
4. **Lost Opportunities:** Due to you being consumed by a certain behaviour, you lack the ability to take hold of great opportunities God had sent your way
5. **Ineffective Prayer:** Because of guilt of the sin you are unable to properly carry out a strong prayer life; so you don't. This gives more leeway to be convinced by the devil that you're unworthy to speak to God.
6. **The Heart Knows:** You can make everyone on the planet think one way but you and your conscience knows what you've done. Proverbs 14:10.

DOORWAYS TO ADDICTION:

There are four major ways through which we can fall into addiction

- **Ingratitude:**

An addict cares about none other but themselves. Putting the needs of oneself above all else and others is the fastest way to fall into an addiction, because you abuse the opportunities, relationships you're privileged to have. In the book of Colossians, Paul emphasises the importance of gratitude. Teaching us we must be thankful for all we have and been given.

- **We live in an addictive society:**

We live in a society where everything is done to move us away from God. Society promotes bad as good and good as bad, excluding all things God; leading us away from faithfulness into infidelity.



- **Personal Trauma:**

Trauma is anything so painful that occurs to you, whereby a coping mechanism is needed to carry on. When the body is in pain, a medication is taken to subside it. When trauma affects the soul, the soul looks for medication to subside the pain. The devil uses this as an opportunity to offer the last thing we need in dealing with that pain. **Every addiction is a cover for fear or pain.** Dealing with the fear and pain destroys the root of the addiction.

- **Dysfunctional Family:**

There are heredity factors in addiction. Ezekiel 18:2 defines it. If you don't know what you're dealing with, check where you're coming from. Look at your history to understand your present. There can be generational patterns. King David is an example he committed adultery with Bathsheba, his sons were not there when that occurred, but seven of his eldest sons died from their sexual sins. The books of 2 Chronicles name them all. That is inequity, the bend towards sin; the proclivity to sin, which already exists in a lineage. King Solomon, a son of David, one of the wisest men that ever lived, died a fool because his 1000 concubines led him astray from God, destroying his connection with God. That is chaos. The book of Ecclesiastics and Proverbs illustrates this. If you notice there's a specific trend in your family history, in your lineage; it's time to take a stand to fight against its occurrence in your own life.



BREAKING THE HABIT OF ADDICTION

Retrain the brain: Remember addiction is two sides of a coin; on one side you have the demonically energised effects and on the other side it's a learned behaviour. You have behavioural and substance addiction.

The prodigal son who took 1000 steps to squander his inheritance took that same 1000 steps back when seeking mercy. That process exemplifies how we must unlearn to relearn. He unlearned to relearn. That same process is what we must take to destroy the habits of addiction.

That can be done by associating that behaviour with pain. Training our brain to associate a thought to pain. The rubber band experiment for instance. Place a rubber band on your wrist and every time an unwanted thought flows in, you pull back and release on yourself.

Pavlov's principles provide a detailed explanation on this method. Aside from other important steps such as prayer and accountability, this has proven to reduce any unwanted behaviour by 85%.

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Join us in achieving our mission of **"Empowering Lives and Building Society."** All funds raised will be used to expand the church's reach into various aspects of our society.

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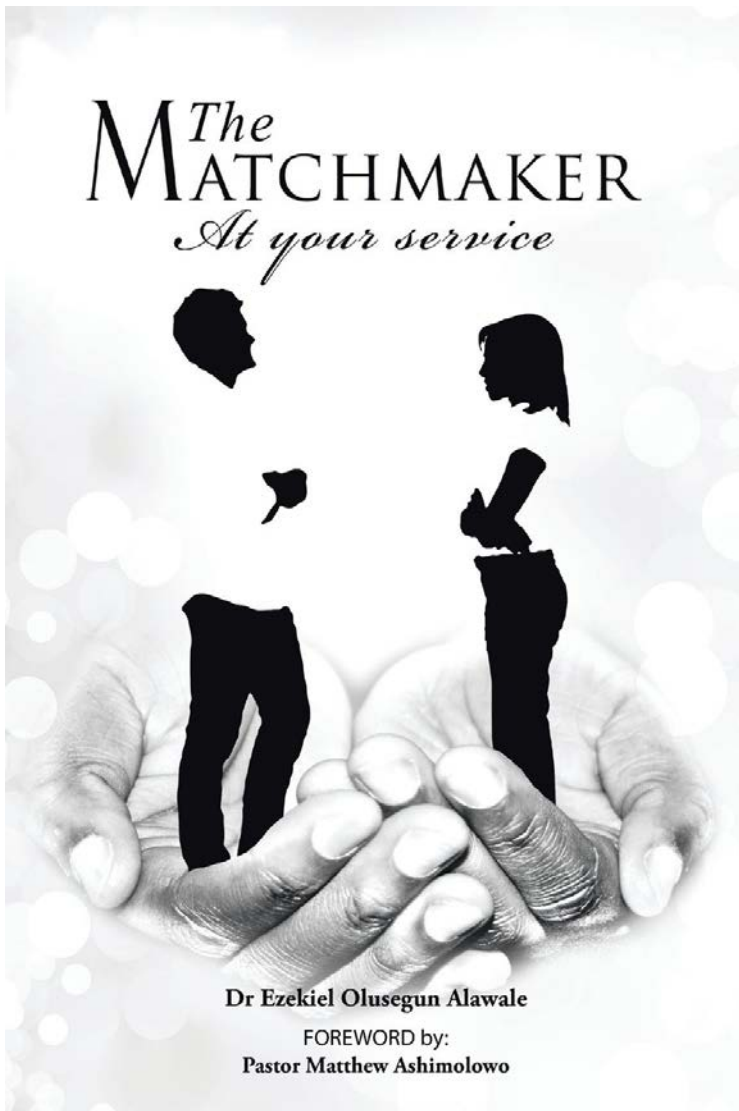
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BOOK REVIEW



It's got what you need to start you on the right path and take you through to God's perfect will for you in a spouse. I'm sure if you read it over and over you'll gain something new!.

The sincerity of this book will help you in getting your heart and actions right in order to receive all the good God has in store for you.
(Amazon Customer)

This is basically the do's and don't about finding your partner. Still reading it, but so far every chapter I'm loving. A must read :)
(Dotun- GVC Member)

This is a book I strongly recommend to every young person out there. I will also recommend this book to parents as well as youth leaders. This Book will transform your mind and give you insights about relationships, the do's and don'ts of dating. Every chapter in the book is a book on it's own, every chapter in the book is well dealt with and concluded. Teenagers, matured singles... this is the book we have been waiting for.
(Anonymous)



RADICAL YOUTH

TIME
4PM - 6PM

VENUE

FOUNDATION SCHOOL

zoom

MONDAYS-FRIDAYS

OBJECTIVES

- What is the central theme of the Bible?
- What happens at salvation?
- What is God's purpose in salvation?
- Why did we need salvation?
- How does God achieve His purpose for us in salvation?
- Prayer, Fasting & Giving
- History, Mission, Vision & Serving within GVM

MEETING ID: 897 5054 8184

PASSCODE: RYFS



RY ALUMNI SOCIAL

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Saturday | April 23rd
Location: London & Nottingham

COME FOR AN AFTERNOON FILLED WITH DARING FUN AND ADVENTURE

NIGHT WATCH

12AM - 4AM DAILY

PRAYER POINT
Matthew 6:10 - Thy Kingdom Come in our Churches (GVM Branches & RY Regions), Cities (Nottingham et al) & Nations (UK et al)

METHOD
Autopilot (Continuously in the Holy Ghost during the sessions)

SIGN-UP LINK
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PASSCODE: WATCHMAN

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9PM - 9:15PM

ZOOM PRAYERS

MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS

MEETING ID: 792 8330 3323
PASSCODE: Pray

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit." Jude 1:20 NKJV

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ALUMNI WEEKEND AWAY 2022

Hayes Conference Centre

£170 for full weekend including Ensuite room, meals and use of grounds.
Payment in 2-4 installments

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EVERY WEEK

we do a Bible plan on Youversion

- Our username: GVM Youth Church
- Add us as a friend
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- Comment and share with others



Pastor Labi is the Pastor in charge of the youth & a member of the Pastoral Executive Council

Atmosphere

EVERY SATURDAY: 7PM TO 10PM

A weekly session of **Prayer & Worship**





Happy Birthday to our father and daddy in the Lord, Pastor Enoch Adejare Adebayo.

We thank God for your life Sir and for the great grace the Lord has granted unto you to achieve great exploits in His Kingdom. we at God's Vineyard Ministries rejoice with you sir.

It's not by chance that you're now an octogenarian. It is without a doubt, the Lord's doing. On this occasion, our prayer for you is that the Lord will continually keep you in good health and your later years will be more glorious than your earlier ones in Jesus name.

Amen.

*Love from your children
Pastor (Dr) Ezekiel and
Pastor (Dr) Funmi Alawale*

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO DADDY G.O

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Thank
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3rd: 5:00pm - 6:30pm, **4th:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm.
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8:30pm
Friday: Teaching & Prayer 7:00pm - 8:30pm

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Thursdays: Radical Youth Fellowship 7pm -
8pm

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Papal Ground Gwarimpa - Kubwa Express
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Wednesdays: 6pm - 7pm @Peter's Garden
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Thursdays: Prayer & Counselling
10am - 3pm @Papal Ground

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Thursdays: Bible Study & Communion Service
7pm - 9pm

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Aston Fellowship 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Thursdays: Bible Studies & Prayers 7:00pm -
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Minister Alfredo
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Monthly Vigil: First Fridays of each month
Mid Week Services: Hold on Thursdays in
Nottingham (other Churches on specified days)
Sunday Services: Holds every Sunday
Prayer and Fasting: 1st - 3rd of every month

A large, stylized gold '21st' is the central focus, with a small four-pointed star inside the '1'. To the right of the '21st' is the text 'GVC ANNIVERSARY' in a bold, gold, sans-serif font. Above this text is a circular logo for 'God's Vineyard Ministries' featuring a chalice and grapes, with the text 'Jesus is Lord!' below it. The background is a large black circle on a purple gradient, with a black vertical bar on the right containing gold decorative elements like stars and circles.

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