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INTRODUCTION

"And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it." – Colossians 4:7.

Say unto Archippus that to have received the ministry in the Lord does not guaranty its fulfillment and that he needs to take heed unto it. We are here to start looking at the issue of the ministry we have received from the Lord. Not a ministry you design by yourself but one delivered to you by the lord. God is not committed to what he had not delivered. So we don't confuse ambition with passion of need.

A need is not equal to a calling. That you see a need is not equal that God is calling you to meet that need. An open door is not equal to a divine vision. That you see a need is not equal to God calling you to meet that need, for there are needs every day. If your ministry is not from the Lord, it cannot be fulfill. There are people who run a race they have not be assigned. You may be sweating but at the end you will not be accepted. You must get to know that the ministry you are in it is from the Lord.

The word take heed can be interpreted from the Holy Scripture; it can means diligence or hardwork; "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall" – 2 peter 1:10.

There things to engage in order to make ministry and calling sure. No ministry can fulfill itself no matter how heavenly it may appear. It all requires diligence. Many are celebrating vision from the Lord but it is not coming fought, but it is because they did not meet the requirement of it. There are things to engaged, there are vital force to engage in order to fulfill your ministry.

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." -2 Timothy 2:3.

So there are laws, rules, and regulations that will make you fulfill your ministry. Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ means fulfilling your ministry is a hardwork. Hardwork is the only way to become a high flyer.

Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). It is very crucial. Ministry is not a calling into laziness; it is a calling to do more than what is normal.

"But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." – 1 Corinthians 15:10.

So there are fundamental laws that you must obey to fulfill your ministry. And after many years of trying to fulfill it, I might share of what it takes to fulfill it. Fulfillment is not so much about getting result, but gets the result to the level and expectation of the caller. For unto whom much is given much is required.

It is important to stay spiritually awake, because the caller will require of you to the level he has committed unto your hand. We may not know here, but over there, you may have sleep in achieving the result he had expected you.

I will now discuss some laws that God helps me to discover in the pursuit of His heavenly mandate. Everything into ministry requires everything you are and everything you have.

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THE LAW OF TOTAL ABANDONMENT

"Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?" – Matthew 19:27.

"Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's. But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." — Mark 10:28-30.

"Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." — Luke 18:28-30.

Until you have left all you may never fulfill your ministry. There are many ministers today who are in ministry for themselves, they have not giving anything, and they are only looking to have everything. "We have left all, what shall we have then."

This is the number one law in your quest for fulfill ministry. Until your life becomes a seed, the fulfillment of your ministry is not in view

The most challenge of ministers today is that majority have left nothing while few have left some. If you are here for personal aggrandizement, you have not started a ministry yet. If ministry is just to feed your family needs, you are in misery and not ministry.

"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

— Luke 9:23-24: 14:33.

Elisha slew the oxen and followed after Elijah. Moses left all the riches and honor of pharaoh's palace to follow God (Hebrews 11:24-27). Peter, James and John left all the fishing boat and they followed after Jesus. Matthew left all the custom duties and he followed Christ. We have left all, and have followed thee. We have left all, and have followed thee. If you have truly left all, you will fulfill ministry in a grand style.

Apostle Paul wrote, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Roman 12:1).

Until you abandon yourself to the caller, your ministry may never be fulfilled. This is very important. There are so many marketing strategies that many ministers try to engage and turn the church people to laboratory specimen. If you this for them this Sunday they will come next Sunday and so on, and God is watching on the throne in heaven. A Christian popular hymn "Trust and Obey" has in its record that:

"But we never can prove
The delights of His love,
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey!
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey."

Until all on the altar we lay, you don't know how good God can be. Until all on the altar will lay for God, we cannot have the favor and the joy in our ministry.

THE LAW OF ABSOLUTE DEPENDENCY ON GOD

Someone said to me, Brother David in one sentence what can be called the secret of the exploit of the Lord in your ministry. And without hesitation I said, absolute dependency on God. This is built on three scriptural philosophies; I come to a point in my life that I said:

- #1: Whatever God cannot do. let it remain undone.
- #2: Whatever God cannot give me, may I never have it.
- #3: Wherever God cannot lead me, let me not get there.

God always, God only. So that at every point in your life the happening is traceable to God. If the Disciples of Christ had lack of anything, Thomas would have raised the question and Judas Iscariot would have suggested the alternative means. But they all lack nothing. What we need to fulfill our ministry is not indeed plenty of money but the power of the mysteries of the Lord.

"Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart. And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them. And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere." – Luke 9:1-6.

There are many developments today around the world that look fanciful but they are very destructive in reality. "We thank you very much if you are not there this ministry would not be here." This statement is annoying to God any time you share His glory with men. That is why many ministries can only go far as long as the people can take them but not God. You are not sent by the people but to the people by God, so God must be the caller of any ministry that would be fulfilled. The people are not responsible for your going, only God is your caller and Him only you must depend upon.

It takes faith to believe the omnipotence of God in accomplishing the vision He has given us. Faith is a universal currency that holds the same value in every nations of the earth. Because, faith taps into the omnipotence of God and in dealing with the human limitations.

"And he said unto them, when I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing." – Luke 22:35.

They never lack because God was their only source. Unto those that abandon themselves unto the Lord, who trust and obey His commands, they shall never lack any good thing in their ministry. "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing." – Psalm 34:8-10.

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee." – Psalm 84:11-12.

God is big enough to meet all the needs of the ministry He has given you. Blessed is the ministry that trusts in God, for Him will supply all your need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Unto those that fear the Lord belongs the wisdom required for fulfilling their ministry. For the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. The defence of wisdom is principal that of the money because wisdom brings the inheritance of God that is incorruptible and endure eternally. Any ministry received from the Lord will definitely be fulfill no matter how small the begin may be.

THE LAW OF DIVINE COMMANDMENT

Some years ago someone also asked me, Brother David how do you get things done easily in this ministry? And I said; we do nothing except it is divinely commanded.

"So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army." – Ezekiel 37:7, 10.

The law of divine commanded put you in command, because the commander is always backing you. So you don't pack you ministry from one place or country to another because you feel that place is a greener pasture. If your ministry is not commanded, you will be stranded. When you operate as commanded, you are in command; like Noah, Moses, Joshua and other fulfilled ministers of the living God.

"As God commanded Noah" (Genesis 7:9).

"As the LORD commanded Moses." (Exodus 12:28, 50; 16:34; 39:7 etc. Deuteronomy 29:1; 34:9; Joshua 11:15; 14:5; 17:4).

"As the Lord commanded Joshua." (Joshua 4:10; 8:27)

No man can bring to pass what has not been commanded by God (Lamentation 3:37). The secret behind the great fulfillment of Jesus ministry on earth was that, He never do anything that he has not receive or seen of God the father.

"Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." — John 8:28.

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." – John 9:4.

"For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak." – John 12:49-50.

"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." – John 14:10.

Today there are many motivational speakers who said anything you can conceive you can deliver and they frustrate you so much to start conceive what God has not ordained for you to conceive and the pregnancy become perpetual pregnancy that can never see the light of the day. Who is he that says and come to pass when God has not commands it.

If God has not commands it, prayer and fasting are a wasted effort. If God is the source of your ministry, He will be the sponsor your missions. Never imagine anything of yourself, because whatever God has not commissioned God will not be committed.

THE LAW OF MENTORSHIP

Most Africa leaders are only recognized after their death. It is an evil spirit. By inheritance they are victims of castigation, character assassination and what have you. So most people in Africa don't have mentor, so they live a mentor-less life and by that they never reach their fullest potential. This is applicable to other regions of the world. So also has we have it in the ministry of God to it is in the ministry of our government.

What is mentorship? It is an act of receiving wise counsel from those that has been running ahead of one in the race that is set before us all, (Hebrews 12:1; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk therein." – Jeremiah 6:16.

"Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out." – Proverbs 20:5.

One of the greatest reasons why most ministry are never fulfilled is that they ignore to walk in the old good way and then construct their modern way which never has a heroic faith foundation.

Show me any man without a mentor, you will never be able to trace leadership aura on his life. Every great leader is an offspring of another leader. If you don't have any leader you are following, you many never have any man following you. Just to mention a few here;

Joshua was passably mentored by Moses.

Samuel was properly mentored by Eli.

Apollos was perfectly mentored by Aquila and Priscilla.

Timothy was powerfully mentored by Paul.

"That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." – Hebrew 6:12.

You don't need to make noise to make news. There are too many noise makers in the world. There is no race that you are running that someone has not run and did not hold the baton. If you don't have mentor today, we cannot guarantee your future or tomorrow.

"But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." – 2 Timothy 3:10-11, 14.

THE LAW OF FOCUS

"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." – Matthew 6:22.

"So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face. And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, so shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it." — 1 King 20:39-40.

There are too many here and there people in the ministry, they do everything that comes per day, they drifting with the vogue of the environment, as the hot cake in the town, so they come down to everything. Lack of focus can make you miss your ministry. The more focus you are, the more fruitful your ministry becomes.

Kenneth Hagin stayed with his ministry throughout his lifetime. Billy Graham is staying with his ministry and he was listed among the people that changed the last century. To be focus means that you keep at doing the thing God has called you to do in the ministry. There are many distractions in the way; there are many junctions that lead away to good things of our cares but not the great

things of our calling.

"When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone." – John 6:15.

Jesus had focus of his ministry, so he never dared to become the king of kingless but his mission was to be the King of Kings. He stayed through in his mission till the last seconds of his life on earth, he never lose sight of the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2). You rather focus on the author and captain of eternal salvation in heaven, if you must fulfill the ministry you have receive in the Lord (Hebrews 2:10; 5:9, 1 Peter 3:22).

"Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." John 18:37

There are many ministers that dance around the government of the world. That will destroy their ministry. Your ministry in the body of Christ is worth millions of profits than any ministry of the government in the continents of earth. The reason is that, a soul saved in your ministry into the kingdom of God gives you eternally profit.

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the

mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 3:13-14.

THE LAW OF LEARNING

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." – 1 Timothy 5:17.

Double honor in ministry is function of intelligent labor in the word of truth. It takes a studious life to secure a glorious ministry. If you are not studious you are heading for shame.

Apostle Paul wrote, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." – 2 Timothy 2:15.

A preacher who is not a reader will soon preaches himself out. No great ministry will ever meet the need of the soul, if they have not the applicable lessons. A sanctified learned minister is a great tool in the great publishing of the word of God (Psalm 68:11). And except the good tiding of the kingdom of God is preached in every nation, our hope of the second coming of Christ will be prolonging (Matthew 24:13).

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" – Romans 11:33. No man ever comes to the end of his studious life. One of the greatest pastors on earth presently, David Yongi Cho spent seventy-five percent of his time studying.

Paul was a learner, he admonished every minister to study in order to be approved of God (2 Timothy 2:15). It was written of him in 2 Timothy 4:11-13, "Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry. And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus. The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments."

If you are not a learner, you cannot be a leader. If you cannot see beyond what other sees nobody will follow you. There many who read bible for fun but not for fruits. If you are not a writer, you are not a leaner because your labor in the word of God and other resources must be documented.

Without a highly functional library, you cannot live an extraordinary life $\,$

Jesus was a perpetual learner. He was constantly learning at the feet of God.

"The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned." – Isaiah 50:4.

"The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouthof the wicked poureth out evil things." – Proverbs 15:28.

To be a great leader, you must become an addicted learner.

Daniel understood by books (Daniel 9:2).

Josiah understood by books (1 Kings 22:3-20).

It takes the learning of the books of the laws of God to have a good success in the ministry (Joshua 1:8). You need to study in order to understand the mysteries of God. Wisdom is not for the idle soul. Wisdom of God befriends those that are willing to mine out the golden truth in the depth of rich words of the living God (John 5:39). If you are not a friend of books, you cannot go far in your ministry.

"That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." – Hebrew 6:12.

It takes a hardwork to become a high flyer. There are too many lazy people on the pulpit toady who are only having fun with religion and are not impacting life, because they are not willing to pay the price. T.L Osborn at his old age, he turned his summer swimming pool to his library. If you are not a reader you cannot be a leader. There is no future for any lazy man in ministry.

Pay the price of fulfilling you ministry by diligent learning. What you don't have you cannot give. So also whatever you don't have, you cannot take heed unto it. The more committed you are to a

studious life, the more glorious your ministry will become.

THE LAW OF DISCIPLINE

"All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not." – 1 Corinthians 10:23.

"All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." – 1 Corinthians 6:12.

A discipline life places greater value on essentials, others is priority intelligibly. It takes discipline to be distinguished. Discipline tops the secrets of great ministry, because it brings into coordination all other requirements and laws, and put them into action.

If you leave your life to chance, you don't have a chance. If you operate by whatever comes along your way, you don't get anything done at the end of the day. Discipline is never per chance but by purposeful consecration. Discipline runs a schedule that connotes a man or woman on mission.

Somebody asked me how do you get time for reading and I answered him, how do you get time to eat. How can you schedule your eating time without schedule your reading time? How can you schedule your eating time without schedule your praying time?

Discipline put you on the lifestyle of schedule. You know what it takes to deliver your mandate and you work at it conscientiously. George Washington said sometimes ago that, "Discipline is the sole of an army. It makes small number formidable, procures strength to the weak and confers esteem to all."

"I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air. But I keep under my body; and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway:" – 1 Corinthians 9:26-27.

So, no matter may be where you are today, discipline can transform your life. The student who failed in school not that they are poor, they failed because they are disorganized. Disorganization or disorderliness brings failure. You never find a distinguished man who is not discipline. It takes an orderly life to enjoy progress, (1 Corinthians 14:40).

A discipline minister will enjoy freedom of the power of God in his ministry, because the security of the law are made for judgment of God upon the lawless while the godly disciplined men are justified in life by faith in the law of God.

THE LAW OF DILIGENCE

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." – Proverbs 22:29.

To move from where you are to a higher place, you have to take a flight of diligence that simply translates hardwork. Ministry commissioned by God is a business of God. Jesus said, "I must be about my Father's business" (Luke 2:49). And for that ministry to be fulfill, it takes diligence.

Not all ministries that a man received from the Lord can be fulfilled. It depends on the receiver of it, how diligence he is in the trading and sowing of it. It takes diligence for a ministry to be kingly established and not be ashamed (Psalm 119:46).

Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4).

"But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." – John 5:17.

Diligence which can be termed hardwork is proportional to time. Once you delay to sow the ministry in God's own time, it will never bring the harvest predetermined for it by God. Like the sons of Issachar (1 Chronicles 12:32), your understanding by studious commitment will allow you to know what you ought to do per time in the ministry; you will understand the direction of the move of God and you will not labor in vain.

"But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed." – I Corinthians 15:10.

I labored more abundantly than them all. You cannot get out of life more than what you are willing to invest into it. The law of diligence is the only way to gain prominence in your field of ministering.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." – 2 Corinthians 9:6.

Don't just carry a title strive to accomplish your task. There is no entitlement in titles. Your mandate is more important than your titles. Crave for anointing rather than archbishop. Dare to be known in the spirit by prayer rather to be known in the street by pulpit. It's better to be member and have the power of Holy Ghost rather to be minister and be lacks the power of Holy Ghost.

You need the power of God to do the work of the ministry of God., for it is not by might or by oratory grammar, but by the spirit

of the Lord (Zechariah 4:6-10). Too many people are too relaxed to fulfill their ministry. "Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion" (Amos 6:1).

"I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I if it be already kindled? But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" – Luke 12:49-50.

If your ministry does not stretch you, it will not impact lives. It is time to stretch yourself to deliver your mandate. Every minister that you see going about the corner greeting all people they don't make much in the ministry.

No pregnant woman delivers new life without the hour of labor. You mandate will remain at pregnancy unless you go to the labor room. There is dignity in every righteous labor.

John D. Rockefeller said, "When work goes out of fashion, civilization will falter and fall." This means short-cut stops advancement. It takes work for things to keep working. Hardwork never kills, it only refines. It takes grace to make the best use of your time. It takes grace to be diligent.

"In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury:" – Proverbs 14:23.

"The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute." – Proverbs 12:24.

"The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat." – Proverbs 13:4.

If you are not a hardworking person today, you are sure to be a beggar tomorrow in terms of your ministry and liæ. Receive that grace of God to be diligent today in the name of Jesus. Stay on your job, would you? If you don't want to become a beggar, then be a genuine worker (Psalm 1:1-3).

THE LAW OF SPIRITUAL IMPACT

This is the source of wages, income and livelihood in the ministry.

"It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things." – Romans 15:27.

If you are in constant need in your ministry, examine the spiritual impact of your ministry on the people. When you impact the people spiritually, they will minister to you in their material blessings.

"If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." — I Corinthians 9:11-14.

The quality of your spiritual impact is what determines the material returns that attend to you. The spiritual impact of Solomon

determines the material blessing he possessed. He was divinely commanded, he was a learner with great wisdom, he was diligent and every time he blessed his people, he blessed them with the whole of his heart. Solomon blessed all the people and the people blessed him (1 Kings 8:14, 66). Greater than Solomon is here, Jesus Christ.

Now look at Jesus in Luke 8:1-3, "And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were] with him, And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance."

They ministered to the ministry of Jesus from their full substances, not leftover. It takes spiritual impact to enjoy material comfort. So if you must have your wages, then labor in word, prayer and positively impacting lives, and the people will bountifully contribute their substance to the ministry you have received from the Lord, and your wages will be irreversible because the windows of heaven shall be open over you.

It takes a spiritual mind to impact people spiritually. You can either be spiritual or carnal; you cannot be neutral in the things of God

"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." – Romans 8:6-8.

No ministries that have no study plans to know the spiritual mind of God would be able to impact people's lives. There are many ministries today that leave people thirsty of the truth of God. Their services have been turned to routine, uninspired activities. How will sinners come to your service without hearing the love and the judgment of God? There is no more fire of God on the pulpit and outreaches of many ministries nowadays, all we have is "call this toll-free number" and advertisement is now replacing the absolute declaration of God only. That is why such ministries can only go far at along as people can take them.

Don't raise money, but raise men and you will have more money you ever need for the ministry. The testimony of change like is the cheapest way to grow your ministry. Publicity does not grow a ministry, it is transformation that does. There is no scientific method of growing a ministry. As changes occur in the like of people, they will bring others. Not television and radio adverts.

THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING

"And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham. But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham." — Hebrews 7:5-9.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts." – Malachi 3:10-12.

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." – 2 Corinthians 9:6.

Ministry prosperity is different from pastor prosperity. Many ministries are under financial pressure because they have not the understanding of sowing into the higher ministry. The ministry must pay its own tithe. Sowing into higher ministry opens you to a new dimension of financial blessings. Your sowing will determine your harvest. Open heaven blessing is an exponential return on investment of diligent sowing into the heavenly storehouse.

Pastor must pay their tithe and offering to have their own prosperity. If you are not a giver, you are not permitted to prosper. Sowing your seed in tithes will frees you of the devourer's attack and your ministry will be fruitful in its season. And your ministry shall be a delightsome land of miracles.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." – Luke 6:38.

If you need money for your ministry, so give in order to receive from God. But remember where your treasure is, there will your mind be also. Sow not much to the bodily exercise due to its little profits, but greatly sow unto godliness exploits (Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Timothy 4:8).

CHAPTER 11

THE LAW OF VISION

"I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And the LORD answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry; wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith." — Habakkuk 2:1-4.

This law of vision can be referred to as the law of imagination. Vision of the ministry is a divine dream. Divine dream is the revelation picture of the future of the ministry. The desire of the righteous shall be granted. So you must open your spiritual eyes and see the picture of the design God have for your ministry. You can now see the need of diligence in the understanding of the times by studious life. It will require you to write down the vision in order to fulfill it as it is designed.

No matter the area of your calling of ministry, whatever you cannot see today, you cannot become tomorrow. Abraham seed must see as Abraham saw the future. Though the vision may not be imminent at the time, but you need to wait for it because God will ensure that He has put in place for you all things you need to fulfill it, though you may not all recognize such providence. For every vision,

God makes provision.

"Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it." – Jeremiah 1:11-12.

What you are not able to see, you cannot perform. Without a dream, destiny is doom. What you cannot dream, you cannot dare to fulfill. Whatever you cannot see, you cannot secure. Whatever you cannot vision, you cannot volunteer to lead. It takes Moses to vision God in order to lead the people of Israel. It takes Paul to have received the heavenly vision in order to fulfill his ministry. So also for you to lead any kind of ministry you have received from the Lord to fulfillment, you need to be vision bearer.

The extent to which you can see, that you can seek. The future you cannot see, you cannot forethought. The future you cannot see, you never leave in the reality of it. Dream is a mental picture of your future. A dream is a spiritual requirement for creating your desire future.

"And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." — Genesis 11:6.

It has been said by Albert Einstein that, "Imagination is more important than knowledge." The reason is that, imagination is for

invention while knowledge is for innovation. You can get knowledge by learning and application, but imagination is a function of the Holy Spirit in you, the level of power that is in you (Ephesians 3:20).

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." - Proverbs 23:7

Your imagination defines your destination. Whatever your mind can see, your hand can handle. Destiny is a race of responsibility. It is your imagination that determines your destination.

Whatever it's too big for your mind is too big for your ministry. Don't think poverty, have the mindset of prosperity, the mentality of royalty. It takes dream of a sanctify life to fulfill the ministry. It is your sanctify dream, the dream you dreamt out of Holy Scriptures, is the spiritual requirement for creating a desire future.

I recommend that you read my book, "PRINCIPLES AND SECRETS OF DIVINE DREAM" it will be a blessing to your ministry.

CHAPTER 12

THE LAW OF LOVE

And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would." – John 6:10-11.

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." – Matthew 9:36.

"And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick." – Matthew 14:14.

This law of love can also be referring to as the law of compassion or affection. Our passion is different from our compassion. Our passion in the ministry is unto the Creator God but our compassion is unto the creatures of God. It takes an empowered heart to be compassionate on others. As a minister of God, your fruitfulness in the ministry is hanging upon how much you care for the soul God has committed into your charge.

Tommy Tenney, in his book, Chasing God Serving Man, said some words that we need to think upon in our life as touching the issue of empowerment. He said, "I think the defining line between the ministries of Mary and Martha is the difference between Passion and Compassion. In my mind, Passion defines our vertical love for Him (God) and Compassion defines our horizontal love for mankind."

The earth needs more Marthas; the heaven needs more Marys. In your ministry, if you are Mary endeavour to serve earth also and if you are Martha endeavour to serve heavenly God also. Let's create this synergy to live a better life and fulfil the ministry God has given us.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." – 1 Corinthians 13:13.

"He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." – $\it I$ John 4:8.

Faith can get things done, hope can inspire, but only love can truly impact people. It is only imparted people that can impart. Only blessed people can be a blessing. What you don't have in ministry you cannot give to people. It is compassion that draws your soul out to bless others. Operating in compassion brings expansion. If you don't have compassion, you are not entitling for the flow of unction.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." – 2 Timothy 1:7.

"Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." – 1 Timothy 1:5.

God is love, and love is a spirit which people can feel. Compassion of heart works miracles in the hand. Stop using people; it is only heart not hand or mouth that attracts another heart, in that out of the heart come the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23).

"So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep." – John 21:15-17.

Love is not a gift; it is a choice of the wise. The greater your love for God, the greater your life becomes. The greater your love for people, the greater your ministry becomes. The level of your spiritual impart is traceable and proportional to your love for the people. If you love them dearly, you will diligently study to find acceptable words that will meet their need in its season (Ecclesiastics 12:9-10).

"But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospet of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us." — 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

If people are not dear to you, you cannot go far in the ministry. A ministry where only minister is being blessed is a fake ministry for it bears no fruits.

AFTERTHOUGHT

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." – Hebrews 12:28.

It takes grace to serve God acceptably in any ministry He gives to man. It takes godly fear to fulfill the great ministry in our lifetime. It takes faith to move mountains that will stand against the fulfillment of our ministry. It takes waiting upon the commands of the Lord, doing it with simplicity, diligence and cheerfulness to be who's who in the service of the Lord.

"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness." – Romans 12:6-8.

It takes faithfulness to be fruitful in the ministry we have received from the Lord. And everything that has been discuss in this book, is not to judge any ministry but to guide the ministers in the way to fully make proof of ministry we have in the Lord. Faithfulness counts more than facts. Your faithfulness to trusting and obeying the command of God is the secret to reaching the greater height in the calling of God in your ministry (Matthew 25:21).

"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God." – I Corinthians 4:1-5.

The reward of your ministry is of God, who will render to everyone according as our work shall be. You reading this book, is a sign that you want the best profit you can make for the Lord who has count you faithful, putting you into the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-13).

TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord,

In the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our ways!
While we do His good will,
He abide with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a tear, Can abide while we trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear.

Not a sorrow we share, But our toil he doth richly repay; Not a grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a cross, But is blest if we trust and obey.

But we never can prove
The delights of His love,
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows,
And the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet, We will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What he says we will do, Where He sends we will go, Never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey!
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For 1 am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." — 2 Timothy 4:1-8.

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