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Topic:

The Old Man In The Kingdom

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The Old Man In The Kingdom (Series One)

We began a topic last week on the reality of the Disunity in the Kingdom, and we established a point that one of the things that lead to disunity in the kingdom is what the bible called **Disunity Of Faith**, and we began to establish some factors that leads to this disunity of faith which we have allowed devil to take advantage of and allowed it to lead to disunity of relationship. In this series, we will be discussing about another giant factor that leads to disunity of faith which is **The Old Man In The Kingdom**.

The plan of God is that the kingdom of God on earth should be the kingdom of who have died to Self. The moment Self has its way to the kingdom, the end result will be disunity, because the primary purpose of Self (the old man) is what it will gain in the kingdom and not what it can offer and the law of achieving a gain for yourself is "Strive", that is why the philosophy of men teaches that you must strive to achieve something to self, one of the good scriptures Self uses to back up his selfishness in bible is **Right from the day of John the Baptist the kingdom of God suffereth violence and the violent taketh it by force (Matthew 11: 12)**. So you see the old man fighting for himself on position and money in the body of Christ.

Permit me to stress this, the havoc that Self in the kingdom can cause is higher than the problems that the disunity of faith can cause because the fight caused by disunity of faith is an innocent fight, it is an Holy war, It is a war because we feel that someone is acting in a wrong knowledge of the scripture which actually is not. It is a war that is not due to Self but ignorance. That is why the Disunity is called misunderstanding. It is a fight that comes just because we don't understand ourselves. **There is difference between Misunderstanding and War of self**. But coming to the war in the kingdom by Self, it is selfish fight. It is a war because we want something for ourselves and we don't get it. The bible says in James 4 vs 1-2 that **where does war come from among you? What is the source of your dispute? Don't they come from your crave (Desires) that at war in your life, then verse 2 says that you long for something and you don't get it so you war**. These bible verses are a clear picture of the reality I want to achieve.

Why are we so concerned about ourselves, why do we give Self a chance in the kingdom? How come? It is because the kingdom is a kingdom of Service and not kingdom of Lordship. Jesus said if anyone wants to be great among you, let him first be your servant (Matthew 23:11-12; Luke 22:24-30). The first to be servant is the first to be lifted by the kingdom. Our glory should not be our concern, our joy is the glory of Christ, that we must (Self) decrease and He must increase (Christ Jesus [John 3:30]). So I still don't understand why war, I still don't understand why we are fighting for position within our fold and why we are fighting for members among the denominations? You see two

pastors fighting because one new pastor in town has drawn all their members.

Why all this for God's sake, because the fact is that anyone that God wants him or her to stay among your members will stay. Why are we fighting for God as other religious do? Self can be a king in the kingdom of this world, but when it enters the kingdom of the Word it must bow for the Word. He is a servant, we must use him until he dies. Because the poison to kill Self is when you use him to serve in the kingdom. Lest, it enters and tries to exalt its throne above the throne of the Spirit of God in the kingdom. Just as the devil planned to exalt his throne in heaven (Isaiah 14 : 12-15),* so also Self is planning to exalt its throne above the throne of the Holy spirit in the kingdom.

He loves to take the position of the Holy spirit, it never gives room to Holy Spirit to work. To Self, Holy spirit is wasting time, that is why the bible says the Spirit fights against the flesh, and the flesh against the Spirit (Galatians 5 :17). Mind you, not the flesh fight against the life of Christ in you, the battle with self is not against Christ in you but against the Holy Spirit. It wants to lead you just as the Holy Spirit has come to lead you and once you allow Self, the end results will be strife, because it is either it uses strive to achieve its mission or it uses lie, trick and deceit to achieve its mission. **The weapons of Self are two; "War and Deceit."** If it is manifesting war, is producing the fruit of dragon, and once it is manifesting deceit, it is manifesting serpent. If you are looking for devil in man, look at the old man (Self) in man.

The effect that Self will cause in the kingdom is much more higher than the effect of any witch, wizard or demonic possessed person will cause that is why we must not take this nature for granted, we must study how to deal with it and take it out of the kingdom, and that is what we are going to be doing in this next series.

The Old Man In The Kingdom (Series Two)

Now that we have seen another giant causing disunity in the kingdom the question is **how can we deal with this nature?** Many of us were taught this dimension of how to overcome the old man from different perspectives, some have taught from the angle of looking unto the cross, because the solution is in the cross, some have taught it from the angle of self-discipline and self-control, yet many heard this but could not still leave the reality of death to self. Yet people have tried to apply all these principles yet no result, because the real matter has not been dealt with. Let me establish this point, **the work of the flesh is different from the work of self.**

You can die to Self and still be manifesting the work of the Flesh and you can also die to the work of the Flesh and still be working in Self. Look at of Colossians 3:5

says therefore put to death your members which are on the earth, fornication, uncleanness, evil desire and covetousness which is idolatry. Please follow this dimension with the spirit and heart to understand the point I want to establish here.

Now let us look at the same Colossians 3 starting from 1 to 3. It says For you are died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Then **verse 5** says now therefore put to death your members which are upon the earth. This show us that there is different between yourself and your members. You are the Self, while your members are the flesh.

Now what is the difference? By their fruit you shall know the difference. **The _fruits of Self is pride, selfishness, while the fruit of the flesh is fornication, uncleanness as mention in verse five of Colossians 3.** So when Self dies, the result is selfless life and humility. To Apostle Paul in Colossians, the moment you are born again it means you have given your life to Christ and this is how it should be, that means you gave to Christ everything that pertain to **Self or Old Man**. It means you have surrendered the "I" in you, and received the life of Christ. That means you are dead and your life his hidden in Christ, and the new life you now live is the life of Christ. This is the believe of the first church that Paul tried to explain to the people of Colossians, that they don't have their own lives again, but the life of Christ. Some everything they have now belong to Christ. Mind you that it now belong to Christ does not mean you surrendered all to church, but it means all what you have now become a tool for the expansion of the gospel and for the service of life in the kingdom. But reverse is the case now, we the body of Christ this days needs to re-address the issue of being born again. And the difference between being born again and being surrendered your life to Christ, because it is totally two different things.

The issue of the children of the kingdom this days is not the issue of being born again, many are born again, but after born again they hold onto their lives. There is different between being Born again and being surrender your life to Christ. **To be born again_ is by grace through faith, not of work less any man should boast, but to _surrender your life_ to Christ is a choice.** To believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior is different from surrendering your life to Christ. The moment you are born again, you came to realisation of your need for Christ and you believe him with your heart and confess him with your mouth that Jesus is Lord. This is where many people stop that is why their lives never manifested Christ. That is why they become religious instead of being spiritual. They focus on God and neglect their service to humanity.

Now what is the difference between being born again and to surrender your life to Christ. To be born again is to be born by the spirit. It means to be translated from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. Once you are born again you, you become

the citizen of the kingdom. And this is not of your decision it is by grace, because a dead man (unbeliever) can not make a decision it is when you are awake in the spirit and you realise your need to be saved, and the moment you believe Jesus in your heart and confess him with your mouth (Romans 10:9-10), heaven write your name in the book of life. So on a normal ground at this stage the kingdom expects you to die to Self, because once you are born again a new life begins (2 Corinthians 5:17). What I meant by new life here is not primarily stopped lying or stopped fornicating, but a situation where you no longer live for yourself again. Your salary is no longer your salary it has become a salary of Christ. Before you are born again you can give ten percentage to God as require in the old testament, but now, ten percentage is not what you surrender but all. Can you see why the new testament believers never talked about tithing, can you see why you cannot see the teaching of tithing from the book of Acts to the book of Revelation? because what they surrendered was not ten percentage but all. It is when the church withdrew their lives back from Christ, but only confess him by mouth and religious (Church Service) that the teaching of ten percentage came back to life. the first 400 years of the church nothing like the teaching of tithing with a treat of the effect if you don't pay that is what we grew up to meet in the body of Christ this days. Men of the first church gave all willingly; they shared all things in common. They donated to church in Judah, which was experiencing resurrection. Money came from headquarter (Jerusalem) and flow to all local churches in those days unlike now that it is the small parish sending money to headquarter.

The first believers didn't have any life of them Self again. They have surrendered their lives to Christ and everything that the life have. Can you see why the first believers began to sell all they have to bring it to the feet of the Apostles. Remember that the first judgement that came on one of the first believers (Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11) was the sin of not completely surrendered, they still held part of their lives from Christ because if you don't surrender your life, you can not surrender the earthly things attached to the life, that is when you now begin to pay 10% to justify your selfishness. It maybe sadden if I tell you that Christ is not interested in your ten percentage and all sacrificial sowing to the project of church when the lives in the church are in poverty. As long as you still hold part of things you have after paying 10% and sow to church program, you are not different from Ananias and Sapphira.

Can you see the difference between Self and flesh now? Yourself is your life and everything on this earth you hold unto: your Car(s), House(s), Position, and wealth these are your life, and until you surrender completely your life, those things will be difficult to overlook. you will keep on fighting to have them. **See you in the next series where we shall be discussing more on this. mind you we are still going to talk about your members which is the work of the flesh, which are also upon the earth, but we must**

first deal with Self, which is supposed to dead and be hidden in Christ. Firstly and in course of this study we shall explain how to hide the Self in Christ.

The Old Man In The Kingdom (Series Three)

Now, how can we kill the old man? It is all about surrendering all you rely upon be it glory or wealth to Jesus and receive His Glory. The fact is that in the kingdom earthly things are not our glory, it is a glory of this world that will perish one day. Spiritual blessings and Spiritual service are our Glory. Our glory is the manifestation of the fruit and the gift of the spirit. Our glory is in the life we affect with that earthly resources and not the earthly resources itself. I don't know when and how the church lost this great focus. Those we have in the kingdom today are those I called **"Non Surrendered Believers"**. They are believers who love the life of Christ but do not want to surrender their lives.

Understand this, there are two in one life you receive in the kingdom. Permit me to divide them for the purpose of emphasis. Because if we can allow the eternal life in us to find expression, we will reach what goes beyond natural in this earth for Christ. **The first part of this Eternal life is the life that wakes you up from the eternal death. It is the life that makes you to exist and know the reality of the spirit of light, it's the life that enables you to live in Christ. While the second dimension of this life is that it enables you to live for Christ. It enables you to live selfless life. it's a life you live on earth for Christ, it is the life that opens your understanding to the fact that serving Christ is to serve humanity, and that is what you must live for.**

The bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:15 that Christ died for us and those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and rose again. The eternal life in you have the capacity to wake the dead spirit in you and give life to your spirit. It also has the capacity to make you to surrender the old man's life in you and give another new life to your soul. Eternal life is a fullness of life of God on its own, that is why the bible says that we have it and have it in abundance (John 10 :10). So there is a dimension of this life you receive that wakes you up into the reality of the life of the spirit and there is a dimension of this life you receive that wakes you to the reality of the

fact that you're not licensed to live for yourself again, everything you have is no longer your own, no longer your car, children, money, they are now the properties of Christ. You are just now a container or reservoir where the money of Christ are kept, you're now a bank where the kingdom deposits their money. so if any one goes to God to pray for money and present their account number which is salvation, what God will do is to use you to bless the person praying to God for God's provision.

You are still a thief who have robbed God even though you pay 10% and use the rest to buy your selfish things. You must surrender all, everything you buy for yourself in the money God gave to you must be used according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. **In the kingdom, we don't buy what we want, we buy what we need.** You don't buy a car because that car is the latest in town, you don't buy car because that is the car you want, you buy car for the purpose of the kingdom according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. You buy it because you need it for a purpose that is not selfish. If we really understand this, you will discover that it may be just a car of 1.5 million that God really wants you to buy but Self pushes you to buy the car of 10million. You now use the 8.5 million of cash that God put in your care to solve the problems of humanity in the body of Christ to buy things for Self and your family. To you, you think you have not robbed God because you payed 10% tithe. The plan of God for us is that each time you have excess beyond your basic need, it is not the time to go to church to begin to give testimony of financial breakthrough, it is a time to go back to God and ask in him, why did you provide this cash for me, you may likely hear God saying keep it in the account and be waiting for my directions. The money may be there for months and God may not say anything, suddenly you can just come across somebody complainng of school fees and you hear God saying into your Spirit that pay his school fees. Can you see how many so called believers have used people's school fees in their care to buy big cars?

A life of the kingdom is a total selfless or sacrificial life. It's a life of service to the humanity in the kingdom. gyet this fact there is nothing that gives life joy until you live a selfless or sacrificial life. selfish life can only give you temporary happiness, but cannot give you joy. Joy only comes when you put laughter in people's face, when you save lives and deliver them from the problem of this life. Mind you, this not a situation whereby you will just be giving anybody you come across money all in the name of doing charity. There are some poor people that are under the punishment of God, so you don't just give money to every poor people you see. You must be led by the Holy Spirit on how you spend every kobo of your money, because the money is a talent and you will account for them when you get to heaven. So The emphasis here is to be led by the spirit in every of your spending, you don't give the money that God put into your care to set somebody up for bussines and use it to pay the school fees of someone else. Until we understand all these dimensions, we are just a born again Christian with the old man

in the kingdom.

All these are the root of the old man that must be dealt with, because if you know you are going to a position to serve why are you fighting for it, can you see that something is wrong? leadership position is what we should be cry to accept not fight to possess because if you are truly death to Christ, you will not see position from the benefit attached to it, but you see it from the work involved in it. Somebody left your church to another church of Christ, why must you be angry if Christ is in you, because the Christ in you will be happen for going to another church to learn another dimension of Christ because your church do not have the fullness of Christ, as long as he did not left to join Islam why bitterness. Hmmm the **Old Man Must Die**

The Old Man In The Kingdom (Series Four)

The moment you have given your life to Christ the plan of Christ is that you no longer belong to yourself, you now belong to a body of Christ (Romans 8:9). Why is the body of Christ finds it impossible to surrender all for Christ? is because everyone is living unto himself, we only come together on Sunday to do church things together and go back home, what only brings us together is bible study, prayer meeting and Sunday service, all these are not Christianity, those are just religion. We need to go back to history to see how Christianity was being done in the beginning. It is a fellowship of the brethren and not worship of God alone, but what we do these days is that we emphasize on fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we emphasize on intimacy with God, but we neglect fellowship with one another. We forget that the bible says if you don't love brothers that you see, how can you claim you love God that you are not seeing (1 John 4:20), that is all religious for God sake, serving Christ. is serving one another. At times, I imagine what many call Christianity, I have seen many who claim to have zeal for Christ but their zeal is without knowledge (Romans 10:2).

One of the primary assignments of the kingdom of Christ on earth is not to gather and be doing vigil, fighting generational curses, but to come together to fellowship with one another share things in common (Acts 2:44) and until we go back to this, old man will remain in the kingdom, because once everyone is on his own everybody will be striving to get things for himself and in the course of wanting to get things for ourselves, we discover that another person also want to get it for himself and

his family and in this course, fight begins. We begin to fight for members as denominations; we begin to fight for position as pastors. Can you see how devil entered the assembly of God's church. Can you see the force behind the disunity among Christ Apostolic Church? Can you see the force behind some demonic and dubious acts of some Pastors who are so desperate to become zonal pastors and provincial pastors? Why? Because everyone is being selfish in getting things for himself. And once you take selfless and sacrifice life out of the church, the church is no longer the church of Christ, it's just a religious fellowship where they only claim to gather in the name of Christ.

The two major life of the kingdom is Selfless life and Sacrificial life. And there is difference between this two. God is not necessarily demanding for sacrificial life from everyone but he demands selfless life from all.

What is selfless life and what is sacrificial life?

Sacrificial_ is a situation whereby you are hungry and you give your food to another who is hungry and choose to go hungry for his sake (1John 3:17). But Selfless life is a situation whereby you share that same food equally with that person who is hungry (1 John 4:21).

The second one is the life Christ is demanding from the least believer. That is what Christ means when he says we should love our neighbors as our self (Mark 12:31). Mind you, not more than our self, once it becomes more than yourself, it has become sacrifice but there are some that Christ called into that but coming to selfless life is the least God is demanding from man in the kingdom. **Anything below selfless life is a life of the old man in the kingdom.** The bible says in the book of Acts 2:44-45 that believers shared things in common, which means they share things equally. That is what Christ is demanding from the body of Christ. Life could have been sweet, if we can adopt this principle.

We are not teaching this because we want to form dealings, it is from a dealing that has been tested and we see the result. When I was serving as corps member that was when God began to deal with me with this kind of selfless and sacrificial life. I only spend #4000 out of the #19800 coming in as federal allowance, the rest was to serve life and the less privileged. When I finished my NYSC also some brothers began to catch the understanding of this dimension of selfless life, and we began to live together as a family for years and God began to add to us because the kind of selfless life we were living together begin to attract lives until God asked us to change location to move to our destiny land which is where we are now. Of recent, also God began to lay in my heart to go into real estate's investment being the fact that I studied estate management and also have working experience with real estate companies. Normally, myself (Old man) wish to use my name to coin the name of the company, I began to plan to use a name B-

Ayek properties consultant or Nif-Ayek properties, but Holy Spirit began to rebuke me that the company is not my own but His own. So I should register it as part of the vision of the ministries and ensure that the benefits from it must be shared equally by all the staff, both me the MD, the GM and least future staff must receive the same benefit from the company, nothing like me having 60% as the MD and share 40% as if they are not created and saved by the same God with me, as if we are not one in Christ, i'm just a managing director as the Holy Spirit is the Christ's director. When the Holy Spirit shaped my mind towards this selfless life, I have no option than to make the name of the company Madem properties which is the acronym name of the ministry God has put in our hands (Mathew 6:33 Deliverance and Evangelical Ministries) because it is not my company, it is a company raised for an assignment of the kingdom. It is a selfless life where every staff of the company share things in common. Mind you, i'm not imposing this dimension on you, but if we understand what Christianity is all about, we will know that this is the foundational teaching of the first church, there is no dimension that can be achieved if this foundation is not first laid, be it true Holiness, Righteousness, Giving, Faithfulness and many. You cannot overcome lie and anger, malice until you begin to live a selfless life.

If we will all choose to use the benefit from the company to meet the needs of somebody as the Spirit is leading, many of this managing directors will be free from hypertension, and high blood pressure as a result of selfish life of holding unto their company instead of surrendering it to Christ. So once you can take **Me** out of your life and put **Our**, you have begun to deal with self (Old man). The solution begins from taking the things you possess not to be yours but ours. It is all about surrendering.

The Old Man In The Kingdom (Series Five)

Have you ever thought about it that Muslims do not do evangelism as we do, they don't do morning cry or share tracts like us, they don't write articles online as we do? Yet, they are one of the fastest growing religion in the world now because statistics has proved that.

Now, the question is how do they achieve their aim? The answer is because the level of their selfless life is higher than the one of Christians. They help their brothers in challenge more than we the so called Christians.

One thing we don't know is that **the way this earth is structured now, it will take Grace for you as a Christian who wants to hold unto your faith not to compromise, because every system or door is demanding the key of "deceit and lie" before it can be opened.** We that are trying to hold unto our faith keep on getting frustrated on daily

basis because we are meeting with disappointment even from the so called Christians who are in best position to help.

After you ask me to surrender my life to Christ and I did, the question is what next? You asked me to stop lying and I did, because lying is what brought food to my table before. Now, I have surrendered lie, how do you want me to survive? We preach Holiness in the church and leave men to their fate to struggle in this life by themselves, all we care for are the rich who will join the building committee. We leave innocent souls alone to be facing the challenges of life themselves. That you have helped someone and got disappointed from him does not mean you should close your mind over everyone that comes your way seeking help. As long as you have Holy Spirit. What's the Holy Spirit saying to you over the ones that need help coming to you? Many of this stingy rich Christians tend to hide under past experience, you see them saying, that is how my friend helped his brother and that brother ended up fighting him. What is your business about that? If you really have the mind of Christ of helping lives you will not care even though you go to prison for the sake of helping lives, you will still want to help even after you're not gaining anything from it because whatever you are doing, you are doing it for Christ.

Another evil I have seen under the sun (Ecclesiastes 10:5) is to neglect your extended siblings and people under you and be donating millions of naira to support Church project while a lot of men in the church are in hunger. Mind you, I am not saying supporting God's work is bad, the work of God should be life of men in the ministry and not the building. There is nothing bad in building cathedral, but if God opens our eyes, we will see that it is Self leading the church to all this. We don't build for competition and pride in the kingdom, we build for purpose, the purpose must be eternal. What is the gain of you giving billions of naira to building church and give it the best interior decoration yet, the members are committing suicide because of life challenges. **At times, we think that if we decorate church, it will attract great people, but the fact is that if we decorate lives, it will attract the host of heaven.**

If we decorate lives, even though without instruments in the church, men will dance and sing in the presence of God, the host of heaven will come down. At times, why we need more instruments to make people to be connected in the place of worship is because we gather men full of different life challenges without providing solution to them, we tend to make a fake joyful noise to the Lord, men begin to put on fake nice face as if all is well, because we fail to know that the call of the rich people in the Church is to share their things in common with the poor. Not giving ten percent, not buying gifts for pastors but sharing all in common, the fact is that as you do this, God will keep on blessing you.

The more you share things in common and make yourself equal, the more God exalts you. As long as it is God that provides your wealth, it is the same gift of the spirit as the writing gift in me. Just as the more I share my spiritual knowledge, the more I get more revelations. Same to the rich in the things of this world, the more you share your talent (money) the more God blesses you with more (Matthew 25:14-30). **We must not forget that we have two sets of Christians in the body of Christ, those who are destined to be _rich in the things of this earth and those who are destined to be rich in Spiritual Things.** The book of James 2:5-6 confirms this point that the poors are the ones destined to be rich in faith. So tell the rich that their riches is not of their power or wisdom, it is by him that gives power to make wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18).

All this cooking every last Sunday to feed the church thinking we are doing welfare is out of it with all sincerity, to those it concerns, who are we deceiving in the body of Christ? It is a shameful thing to me for us to be referring the body of Christ to learn from Dubai and see how the body of Islam transforms the life of their citizens and community. They do not spend much on the mosque but they spend much on the life and the community going to the mosque. When will selfless life begin to prevail in the body of Christ? When are we going to begin to share things in common? When are we going to look at a member who has no car and give him one when you have three cars in your compound and you just covered it with Canopy or Nynon for occasional use? I am saying this with all my heart that something is wrong with the teaching we were brought up with in the body of Christ. All this teachings that begin to emphasize on tithing and leave the weightier matters which is mercy and justice.

We must come back to the foundation (Acts 2:40-47), the foundation of the church is faulty. Truly, the Kingdom of God is of power (1 Cor. 4:20), but the foundation is not built with the concrete of power, it is built with the concrete of love. Power cannot hold the body of Christ together, it is love that can do that, power only gathers crowd, but it cannot transform crowd, it takes love for true transformation to be achieved (John 15:12-14 ; 1 John 3:10-24). Love is the foundation of Christianity, and **Selfless life is the fruit of love.**

Personally, I'm writing this for the younger generations coming to copy the Christians we are seeing, let us copy the one in the book of Acts where Christianity began (Acts 2:40-47). Sorry to say this that I have personally lost hope with the elders of the church, because i'm a human being, what we are seeing from them is not Kingdom example, we the youth must wake up and fight to retain true Christianity so that those coming will meet faith on earth. I rest my case!

The Old Man In The Kingdom (Series Six)

Can we now see what is causing disunity in the kingdom? Everybody is fighting for themselves when we should be fighting for one another and fighting for the expansion of the kingdom of Christ, because the old man has not died. For the fact that we are born by the spirit makes us to have passion for religious things, but the fact is that the Church has actually left what we are called for. We are not called into religious activities, we are called into service of one another, to serve God is to really serve one another (1 Peter 4:10). We are no longer serving Christ but we are now serving religion, but God does not need us to serve him in the new testament the way they served God in the old testament, old things have passed away everything have become new. We serve God by serving Christ and we serve Christ by serving our neighbors. Most of our services now in the church is not different from the old testament way of serving, where they focus on building the temple of God but not building themselves. The temple has now changed, God no longer lives in the temple made by men, the life of your neighbor is now the temple of God. It's the life of Pharisees to leave those that really need help and begin to bless those who have been blessed already. Sowing into the life of your neighbor now is sowing to God. Jesus said in Matthew 25:40 to the end that whatever you do to the least person among my brethren, you do it to Christ. Christ rebuked many Pharisees for this kind of lives many are living today in the church.

The organogram of serving God in the kingdom in the new testament perspective is: you serve God by serving Christ and you serve Christ by serving souls and lives of men*. Let that stick into our memory. When you look unto God to know what to do to please Him, God points you to Christ, when you now look unto Jesus to know what to do to please Him, he points you to lives of men. God has chosen to hide Himself in Christ and Christ has chosen to hide Himself among the lives of believers. That is why He said in Matthew 25:35-46. Permit me to quote all the scriptures in this series so that we can read and understand our assignment for the kingdom on earth.
Matthew 25:35-46;

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

- 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
- 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
- 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,
- 43 "I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'
- 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'
- 45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'
- 46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

You cannot be committed to one another and there will be war, but when men of the kingdom begin to be concerned about themselves, the end result is disunity. Why fighting for that position, if you love your neighbour? From the bible verse the righteous are those who help the needy.

The charity organization that the church is doing is just to kill our conscience. I have said it that charity is not the work of the church as a body, it is what should be the way of life of the members as individual role to play. It was when the world began to voice out on how church is building billions of naira cathedrals and the general overseer getting too rich that the church founders began to now do charity and bring it to the social media to show the world that they are feeding the poor. If the way we emphasize on sowing to God's work, tithe and first fruit is the way we emphasize on helping humanity as believers, we could have been making the kingdom happy by now. We could have even conquered the world by now. Because it is not that the people who are Christians do not have giving grace, but the teaching coming from our fathers of faith is a teaching that promotes wrong giving method. It is a giving method that makes the general overseer extremely rich and the members extremely poor. Those rich pastor who are rich today are once poor, some people sow into their life that transform their life from poverty stage to high level of rich's, now look for the poor pastor also whom God can use you to raise up. It may sound heretic if I tell you that helping humanity is as equal as blessing a man of God in the sight of God because the scripture that talks about helping humanity, and poor is more than the bible verse that talks about sowing to church project. Whatever you give to men of God, you give to Christ. Same as

whatever you give to the poor, permit me to tell you that it is the same reward attached to it.

I am not disputing the fact that we should not bless men of God, but don't misunderstand me. Mind you, when I mean poor, I am not only talking about the poor in the streets, there are poor pastors, whom God can use you to raise up, there are people that will value that your one million naira that you sow into the life of your pastor that have more than 100 million naira in his account. There are ministries around you that will value that your 50 thousand you went to sow in your big ministry that will not know whether you've sown anything to them. Sowing to the life of a big man of God does not mean God loves them more than the pastors behind your house who is fasting and praying for drumset.

If you bless a man of God, the man of God will surely bless you, but if you bless a poor and help a man in need, you have blessed the God of the poor, because the bible says in the book of proverbs that giving to the poor is like lending to God (Proverbs 19:17).

The Old Man In The Kingdom (Series Seven)

Now, the question is, what is the solution to the death of old man? The fact is that we are not created to live alone, we are not created to live for ourselves. Our lives depend on one another (1 John 3:16). As long as your focus in life is to strive to get something for yourself, you cannot overcome the old man. The old man is not anger, is not lie, all those are just the fruit of the old man, the old man is the **"Real Self"** in **I and You**. It's the thing in us that makes us to be more concerned about ourselves and family alone. We only remember others when we are satisfied. So the teaching to solve the problems of the old man is not only looking unto the cross, it is passing through the cross.

You overcome the works of the flesh, that the book of Colossians 3:5 refers to as members, **by looking unto the cross, you overcome masturbation, fornication, and our individual weakness by looking unto the cross**. But coming to the Self, is a general weakness of men, we are all selfish in one area of our lives that it is the work of the cavalry to put an end to it. Many are just singing and shouting calvary, only few has passed through it. Many have gotten there but they went back, because it is a realm where the dimension of revelation that will be opening will be talking about "suffering." All the teachings of calvary will be exposed to you: you will be taught about Cross, teaching contrary to how to make it in life, not teachings of the seven steps to breakthrough, but seven steps to surrender all to Christ and help lives. Seven steps on how to use what you have to serve humanity (1 Peter 4:10) without physical gain like

money.

Living a selfless life, you cannot afford to see anyone in critical condition and refuse to help because you feel he/she caused it for him/herself. I'm not talking of the type that advises a street child to go to school alone, but the type that sponsor him, help him get helpers of destiny without having in mind that he will pay you back one day. The type that continues to spend on a child without seeing a good sign that he will change yet, but because you can't afford to let him loose to the devil again. We'll discover that, the reason why we refuse to help is because another person whom we helped didn't pay back or wasn't grateful. Thereby, we waste the destiny of others who do not even know anything about the whole story. Jesus won't do that. If you give glory to God after a miracle, it is personally for your own benefit but it won't stop the blessings of others. **Some of us have gone so deep in brother Self so much that we have justified it with the payment of tithe.** This is to say, for anyone that seeks for help from you, seek the face of God for that specific need, He will have you to provide for the person whether you have it at hand or not.

Humanity needs to be helped out of so many things but we need people who are dead to Self, to sacrificially help.

The Old Man in the Kingdom (Series Eight)

Having talked about the solution to the old man, we must mention the place of holy spirit at the center of our lives. There are people you will dare to help and things will become so hard for you to do. Before you venture into anything, be sure you know your stand in the place of the Spirit. You must ensure you are acting according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. There are people that are under the punishment of God, there are some that are under the wilderness training of God, don't bring to the city someone God is hiding in the wilderness. There are some that God is dealing with financially not because He hates them but because He is training them for the great future ahead of them. There are also some that God intentionally allow them to pass through what they are going through, that's why you must learn to be moved by the Holy Spirit.

The bible says you should not be ignorant of the devices of the enemy (2 Corinthians 2:11). Don't accommodate a stranger that will take over your home...And also don't resist the one who has been tied to your destiny for help. Don't do this under selfishness thinking Holy Spirit did not lead you to help, don't forget you are before God that knows you and your thoughts. Know one thing, especially for those who because of one reason or the other don't want to stretch arm of assistance to people, because of their own safety, if the Lord doesn't watch the city, they that watch, watch in vain. Whatever the

Lord backs you up at, you can stand on any ground to rebuke every forces working against it.

Truly there are people who take your kindness toward them for granted there are some who hide under pretense to claim they need help, but all you need is to connect into the Spirit to know if you are destined to be of help to his life. **There are people in life that their success is tied to your life just as your success in life is tied to someone life.** So if everybody is just concerned about lives in the kingdom, we will all forget about the Self which is the old man. We are concerned about saving souls, but neglect the lives of the same souls. There is difference between salvation of the soul and salvation of life. **Salvation of soul requires the help of spiritual blessing, while the salvation of life requires the help of physical and material blessing.**

The fact is that destiny can be affected, visions be unfulfilled, potential can be leashed, if material help is denied sometimes. There are some that all they need to get to lime light with their gifts is just a sponsor. They have been singing every Sunday to your hearing and you have been enjoying it, you have the financial capacity to sponsor and promote her potential, but yet you neglect her and donate 1million naira to church project, when the potential projects of the anointed choir are collapsing. I give kudos to Christ Embassy in this dimension, many of the great gospel singers we are enjoying today are from Christ Embassy, because they discovered the potential of their members, and promote it. **I do say that the greatest investment so far in life is when you invest in human lives.** Let the church graduate from saving souls alone to saving souls and lives. There are many people whom their souls have been saved but their lives are in still bondage of poverty, their lives need help, lest they be frustrated through life challenges and even go back to compromise just to survive in life. They are poor not because they don't pay tithe but because their destiny helpers have used their money to buy duplex. The money that God put into hand of their destiny helpers to help them, their destiny helpers have used it to buy Range Rover. What some need is just 500 thousand to begin their lives' vision, but their success have been hooked in the hands of one greedy believer who only believe that all he needs to do is to pay tithe and begin to use the rest to be flying to Dubai for shopping.

With all honesty that is not christianity, anything less than selfless life is not Christianity, the book of James 1 vs 27 says that pure religion and undefiled is to feed the poor.

I pray God will help the Church in Jesus name.

The Old Man In The Kingdom (Series Nine)

Isaiah 55:10 "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, **"that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater"**. From this scripture we can coin out two sets of help we can render to the citizens of the kingdom, **"Which are the Eater and the Sower."** And from the scripture we discover that What God gives to the eater is bread and what God gives to the sower is seed. **The question is who are the eater and who are the sower, and what is bread and seed?** "The Eater" are those without vision, if you give them a seed they will eat it up, they are not qualified to be given seed. if you set anybody like this up with a business, he will eat up the business. if you buy a car for him he will sell the car and lavish the money. why? he is a eater what this people need is bread and not seed. Give a load of orange's fruit and a ten seeds of orange to eater, he will go for fruits of orange because he is not wise enough to know that if he plants the seeds of orange he can produce a tank of orange's fruits and keep on producing it for life. While "The Sower" are the visionaries those with capacity to invest with what you give to them and maximize it. There are many people like this in the body of Christ. Give a money to an eater what he will be thinking of first is clothes, shoes, and eating of rubbish things. You see him going to the market to demand for bush meat as if the world is coming to an end tomorrow. You see him buy the phone more expensive that the person who gave him money is using. A bread can only meet your immediate need and it can not meet your life need. Give me something that will make me not to come back to you again for financial assignment, it may not necessary be huge money but a seed.

Now how do you know Sower from Eater? Sower are not those that need money to start something, they are those who have started something already but need money to expand it. You see it in their passion, they begin their visions with the little they have. You see seriousness in them, they don't wait for one billion to come down from heaven to begin their projects. Unlike Eaters, who always want to start big. Even though there is no job in town, a sower will not sit down at home. Though his dream job is to become a lecturer, but you see him teaching in private school with his long cane. Watch out for those set of people, they are the sower we are talking about, they need your rain of help. Unlike the eater who will sit down at home and be waiting for federal government job or job in oil company. You see them sitting down watching useless big brother Naija programs, while their mates are outside looking for means to survive. They are the one who end up borrowing money from the sower, because they have eaten up all the opportunities they have. At times some doors may open for you: to you it is very small door, to you that is not your dream job, but it may be a road to where you are going to. It may be through that primary school teaching that you will meet your destiny helper who will introduce you to greater opportunity. A seed is not something that is very big, but it is a product that produces life fruit. So that small opportunity may be seed, it is better

than sitting down at home, and be watching big brother Naija. So with this quality you will not be a sower and a eater. So let us watch out for the sower in our church and our environment.

You ask some why are you not going to school, you see him saying because there is no money. But coming to sow you see him trying all means to enroll himself for jamb, you see him taking a step of faith to put in for admission without having any trusted helper. Watch out for those set of people in your church and environment. They are the sower. They have invested the little they have, they are only waiting for rain to fall on their seeds, your help toward them can be the rain. When I gained admission back then in 2008, nobody would ever believe I can be a graduate, due to the death of my late dad at my early age, but I worked to buy jamb form myself with my savings why teaching in one private school at age 18 as if I have hope. I went for post jamb exam myself as if I have hope somewhere. It was when I gained the admission that rain of help began to fall. I ended up becoming the youngest graduate of my family then, because I was acting on this understanding unconsciously as at then. This is the mystery of achievement in life that many do not know. You must learn to be a sower yet you will end up being a bigger in life. That small job may be seed, sow it, don't throw it away. that business may be below your standard, but sow it by doing something. See, cooking rice to sell for people to eat can lead you to end up having something like Mr Biggs or Chicken Republic. **That is why one of our assignments as believers is to teach people to be a sower before given them a seed, lest they will eat up the seed.**

Let's get out of all this cooking of food every last Sunday claiming we are doing welfare Sunday. Mind you all what you spend on the cooking is 100 thousand, to feed the church, but do you know it will be better to give that money to only two sowers and give them 50 thousand each, to begin a business. I do say that I prefer rendering an help that will benefit your life than the one that will change your stomach. Mind you not that the two are not needed. Just as we need seed so also we need bread, but the emphasis of this teaching is to understand the difference and discover where people around us belong, as we render our Selfless and Sacrificial help for them.

The Old Man In The Kingdom (Series Ten)

We have talked about the fruit of the old man from the angle of selfishness of which we said the solution to overcome it is to begin to live a selfless life, if you have not grown to sacrificial, because that requires a special grace, but ought to have grown to the level of selfless life which is sharing what you have in common with lives around you. Now in this series we shall proceed to another evil of the old man in the kingdom which has been leading to disunity is what I called, **"Spiritual competition"** which leads

to trying to manifest the grace you don't have due to the fact that someone around you is manifesting the grace and his ministry is commanding your crowd. You don't need to be what you are not because you want to meet the need of your ordinance, learn to stay in your calling and remain in the area of your gifting. Those that need your kind of potential will seek Christ in you. You don't need to be longing to be a prophet and leaving your teaching grace just because you think prophecy is what is reigning, NOOO! you don't do that. There are people on earth that are not move by prophecy of which all they want is the word, those set will seek for Christ in you. It is when you don't know the value of what you have that you begin to envy the grace in other's lives. Mind you we can covet people's grace but it is an aberration to envy people's Grace. Because the fact is that you can not be like me and I can never be like you, everyone of us has an area of specialization, so why pulling my leg because you want to exalt yourself (Old Man). The spiritual environment is large enough to contain every one to shine, because God intentionally created us with different uniqueness and tastes so that your food will be another man's poison.

Pulling someone down because of envy does not worth it. At times when I see the way some pastors are eating up themselves just because someone with higher grace is among them. You see some provincial pastors or resident pastors pulling down the pastor under them because such pastor is anointed more than him. Only few senior pastors are mature enough to build those shining under them up. I was fortunate to work with a zonal pastor with mature heart in this aspect when I was still a full time pastor in RCCG, a person of Pastor Amuda Stephen, he was a man with large heart with capacity to bring out the potential of those under him up. During my period of pastoring under him then, despite the level of population my grace command in that community, he was always beside me to promote what is in me. I never saw a measure of envy in him for a second.

Only few of this kind of man I have come across, because we have seen a pastor who transferred the anointed pastor under him to one bush just because of envy, due to how members are running after the man of God more than him. **God anoints men with different capacity, you don't need to envy any anointed less, you will cause spiritual problems to your own grace.** Because fighting somebody because of the grace he carries, is to be fighting the giver of the grace. It is a big sin against the Holy Spirit that many do noAyokunle

The Old Man In The Kingdom (Series Eleven)

Now the question is how do we free ourselves from all this life of Self, how can we be freed from all this disunity, how can we come to the end of ourselves and begin

to live in love again in the body of Christ irrespective of the denominations? One of the tested and trusted practical answer I can give to that **is to begin to see life from kingdom's perspective**, one of the things that has helped me on my spiritual journey in this life was when I caught the understanding of seeing life from living it for kingdom's advantage.

At times, many think my belief is **what will be will be** not really, if that is my belief, I will not believe in prayer. I so much believe in prayer, but I don't believe in struggle for things before you can get it. I have come to an understanding where I don't fight for anything. if the position is meant for me to process I will get there no matter the manipulation. my going there is to promote Christ and once Christ can see that in my inner motive, he will fight for me and make a way for me to get to the position. He will raise men to fight for me and not me fighting for myself. it is men that will insist that, it is Bro Banjo we want in that position and not me going in a dubious way to bribe the conscience of man. You cannot like position if indeed you are going there to serve. But if the old man in me is the one longing for honour, I am on my own, there cannot be spiritual backup. The angels will withdraw, the host of heaven will be silent and when I don't have this eternal backup, the road will seem to be no way and the self in me will begin to tell me that right from the day of John the baptist the kingdom of God suffered violence and the violent taketh it by force. And war we now begin. we now begin to fight ourselves on spiritual position. Looking for scripture to suit our selfish action. I do say that life is not a battle field for individual. if the purpose why the enemy is fighting you is not because of your threat to their kingdom it means there is an aspect of your life you have not surrendered. it is when you are Self concern that life becomes a battle field. Whatever aspect of your life you have surrendered that aspect is secured from battle, anything that is hidden in Christ is untouchable to the kingdom of darkness, but anything you are still holding unto, be it your job, your marriage, your finances, you can never be freed from attack in that area. That is why your freedom begins, when you begin to live for the kingdom, because that is when the soldiers of the kingdom (Angels) will begin to fight for you.

Therefore if you want to do or buy anything, the first question you will ask yourself is that what is the benefit of this to the kingdom, not what is the benefit of this to myself. As you are about to buy that car or clothes, the first question should be what advantage do this my clothes or car have to the kingdom, if we all have this perspective, it will give an accurate answer to all this agitations on what to wear and not to wear in the body of Christ. Because you can not be mindful of promoting the kingdom and be dressing like harlot. The fact is that the kingdom of light has it own culture of which you can not understand this culture and your dressing will not reflect it. An Hausa man will never struggle to dress in their culture likewise an IBO or Yoruba man, because the

culture is built in them already. Same to the kingdom, you can't be rooted in the kingdom of light and it will not reflect in your dressing. Anywhere you go, without saying anything the men around will know, this is a citizen of the kingdom. We are not talking of being religiously dress but we are talking of being morally dress with all sense of modesty. It is when you don't value the kingdom that you say, you don't care about what anyone will say. You can only say that if you have not identify yourself to be from the kingdom of light, but once you have chosen to identify yourself with the kingdom, that Self is the first thing to surrender, you are no longer accountable to yourself again, but to Christ who is the king of the kingdom. Let those who live no longer live for themselves again but live for who died and rose for them (2 Corinthians 5:15).

You cannot live a wrong life or go to a wrong place if you can be viewing your life from kingdom's perspective. Because the consciousness of what will be the advantage of this to the kingdom will be your mindset. Even coming to the aspect of marital relationship, you can easily get it wrong if you view that brother or that sister from the angle of Self Will or Self Want, but if you can change your perspective and be addicted to the kingdom, you ask yourself what advantage will it be to the kingdom if me and Sis Tomi come together as a husband and a wife. **What advantage will our coming together be to the advancement of the kingdom, if I can not see any advantage, I never bother to praying further for confirmation, because I saw in Genesis that Adam was busy doing kingdom's assignment, when God say he needed an help meet. God did not say he needed companion, God did not say he needed sexmate or he needed gist mate. God has been coming down to do all this with Adam at the cool of the day and Adam has been enjoying that because he never complain, but God saw that he needed an assistance in the assignment of keeping the garden that God has committed into his hand. And God brought an helper.** Ladies are not primary meant for kitchen they are meant to support you in the assignment of the kingdom in your hand. every other thing is additional. Your wife must be able to see her life mission in your vision, if not something is wrong some where. if you are not seeing the vital role of your wife in your ministry, it means you chose your wife without putting your assignment in the kingdom on mind.

This is exactly what it means to seek first the kingdom (Matthew 6:33). Seeking first the kingdom does not mean you do not go to your work on Sunday as many do think, it does not mean you lock up your business on Sunday and sit in church. Seeking first the kingdom does not mean you must leave your work to attend all weekly programs, those are not. it means to be doing everything you are doing for kingdom's purpose. The question is why are you opening shop on Sunday, is it for self-purpose or kingdom's purpose? Because the old man will always consider himself first in everything, and as long as that continues you can not achieve unity no matter how we

preach it. **Seek first the kingdom and every other thing we are striving for, fighting for: be it position, fame will be added unto it.**

The Old Man In The Kingdom (Series Twelve)

Now Tomi, and Segun let us reason together, looking at the present level of Christianity now, can this selfless and sacrificial life be achieved? We need to go back to the kind of Christianity we saw in the book of Acts where all believers were sharing all things in common, where those who are rich were selling their properties to ensure there is equality in the body of Christ. I believe we all see what zacchaeus did when Christ told him that salvation has entered your house today he gather all his resources and share it in common with the less privileges, which means what zacchaeus did was a fruit of salvation.

Tomi, what is your opinion over this matter?

Tomi: With God I believe all things are possible. Presently in the Christian body, there is an awakening like never before since after the inception of Christianity in Africa, to the issue of welfarism. Not just pastor's welfarism this time but members welfarism. People are been awaken to raising live. And God himself in His infinite mercy is calling people to this Ministry day by day. I was surprised when one of my mummies in the Lord and also my aunt said the Lord has called her into the ministry of housing the homeless, helping the helpless and feeding the poor. And she told me it was God that told her. it is for the purpose of "Salvation, Restoration and Steadfastness." When she told me, I was surprised, because I thought it is only church ministry God calls people into as it is rampant everywhere. But God called her to start raising lives not to build churches. Today, Agbedare Jesus Care Foundation for orphans/ vulnerable children has harvest of souls. Infact, sometimes we don't have to preach for long before these children and women encounter God for themselves because he is the God that have seen them in their low estate.

Now, what is my point? We are after these families not because we are millionaires or want them to be members of our congregation but because we can't afford that they perish. I have others whom God have also called to raise lives and are doing it perfectly. With these moves, I think God himself is pointing at something and he is beginning to raise a selfless generation. We have to know that we can't have a peaceful world if the poor are too much in the land. There are some people that can never be saved by the present system except they have people who are ready to share their burdens with them. Even Jesus understood this in His earthly ministry. After giving them the word of life, he would give them the physical food. If it wasn't necessary, I

think Jesus wouldn't have bothered. He would have just taken his eyes off the crowd and concluded that it is their sins that made them so. And we would see that the following day they came back again having in mind that He was sensitive to their needs in all ramifications. And they must have even invited their friends and neighbors and even enemies. Jesus himself didn't take His eyes off the physical needs of people, so we shouldn't if we are His followers.

I will peg it here!

Banjo: Hmmmmmmm... Thank very much Tomi, you have actually done justice to this, so having a charity organization is a calling on it own?

Tomi: Yes of course.

OK, let me hear from Segun Bello, what is your perspective toward this, if you believe this can be achieved, how?

I will start from the angle of Deaconess Tomi: With God (not with your Pastor, President of nation, or any man, name it powerful or not), but with God all things are possible. The word "ALL" means it exclude Nothing- All is All. With God Selfless and Sacrificial life can be achieved effectively and maximally in the Christendom. Mark 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." If God can be using even the non-christians who worked tirelessly to produce Technology that today serve as major tools to propagate the goodnews, how much more we called by the name "Christians" and we are identify with "Christ Jesus" the creator of all things, we can achieve even more than the technology inventors and what the first body of Christ did (Acts 2:44-47 ; 5:12-16).

We can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us (paraphase). But my fear is that we are not too conscious of that (2 Timothy 1:7), and we are careless of (Amos 3:3). Until we realize who we have (Acts 3:6), what we are made of (Gen. 1:26), and we work in "Unity" there lies strength and power to do exploit (Dan. 11:32), we won't be able to achieve this. Isolation and strife (Prov10:12a) will eat up the best in our lives and service (Selfless and Sacrificial) to humanity. Most cases we want to make things happen, we want to act in love, show love to brethren. Love is spiritual and commitment (1 Peter 4:8) and can't be carried out by our own human's wisdom, nor by worldly love we seeing today full of deceit and weakness, except we are in unity of purpose (Amos 3:3) with our maker to make things happen.

The first Christians were able to achieve what they did, because they always had willing hearts and sought God's consent before they engage in anything, and which empowered their Unity and faith. And Zacchaeus could do what he did, because he had

a willing heart and submitted all to Christ (let's have the mind of Zacchaeus). God won't do anything for us and through us until we are willing to surrender all of us (Self) to receive and have all of Him. Until we agree with our maker (God) and overlook the menace and turbulent happening all over the world, we won't achieve great feat of selfless and sacrificial service in the christendom. **Though, and as a matter of fact, we christians are really trying in this act of selfless and Sacrificial service, but not to expectation. The world needs us mostly, the world is decaying and rotting every second of the day (Eph 5:16). There is still that greater thing inside of us (1John4:4) we ought to give.** This is not limited to just winning souls to the kingdom and left the souls won in the state of anguish, and the souls begin to languish which in turn can make them wanderers instead of becoming wonders to their own world. Let us be in the business of meeting the physical and material needs of less privilege souls (1 John 3:17). This is part of the assignments Christ commissioned to us before He left. **Try and do this for me by asking yourself this questions.** Who am I, what am i made of, for what reason am i here on earth, what am i to do here on earth? Bear this in mind: i am not sure, you were the one that told God, i want to come to earth to do as i want or wish. If yes, you didn't create yourself, ask Your Creator (He is a being that will speak to you, not idol or man-made gods). Ask Him the reason why He created you, for what assignment on earth? (Acts 10:38).

How God has blessed Christians in Nigeria with great wealth and riches not to build tower of babel only, but also to build and enrich lives of people. If Christians in this our dear nation Nigeria can come to unity of purpose and decision, we are capable of turning Nigeria upside right, and wrought incredible wonders through selfless and sacrificial services. If we can come to this understanding and carry the mindset of injury to one is injury to all, poverty of one is poverty to all; your wealth and riches, my own wealth and riches is for all in the kingdom. I think we can achieve common objective (Acts 2:44-45) in all our Christianity affairs, because His Grace is always sufficient for us to do even what seems impossible, and we have the Spirit (2 Tim 1:7) and power to achieve the unimaginable things (Eph. 3: 19-20) on this earth for the kingdom. And our God is in the business of blessing people with one accord for "His Will" that will continue to enlarge His Kingdom on earth (Acts2:47). This is my cry: Let us call ourselves to order and come to the consultation (Acts 6:1-7) of one unity among the members of all the body of christ especially in our dearest Nation "Nigeria" to iron out the causes of division among us. Just like all the members of our own physical body need to be hale and healthy, and have to function as one to be effective and productive every time.

Let us work in Unity of life and service, and have the mind (humility) of Christ (Philippians 2: 1-9), this is where true love to achieve selfless and Sacrificial service lies: by joining your gifts and possessions with my own gifts and possessions (1 Peter 4:10)

to serve and achieve the purpose and benefits of the kingdom, that the name of our God be glorified in our lives, and that will bring the non-Christians to worship our God. **Body of Christ (All Members) should go back and make life be like days of the old (Early and First Church): By this body of christ (All Members) will continue to grow in the Lord both to Will and to do of His Will Amen.** That we might have one fold and one shepherd (John10:16). Glory To God

Banjo: This is deep Bro Segun, more grace. I believe we can pick one or two lessons from this exposition. Though we may think we cannot do anything to those ahead of us again, Yes, but we can pray for them. Our duty is to pray for those ahead of us and work on those coming before us. Our target ordinances over this matter are majorly those coming behind us. let us leave by examples, for them to see, because every generation has their targeted audience. we grow up with our audience... My focus to see this coming to reality as a kingdom life style and way of life of the citizens of the kingdom before the next 20 year. The movement has begun already. The movement of a selfless and sacrificial life. Let the change begins with you now...

Why must you be among those that will tarnish the image of other man of God just because you see them manifesting a grace more than you, why spoiling the reputation of your fellow pastor, you hear them saying, I tell you that he is using charm, how do you know, from which heart such allegation is coming from? Why pointing others to his weakness, why not showing his strength to others?

Sell all to possess all...

I believe we all enjoy this series. See you in another series **Title: The Battle Of The Kingdom's Citizen.**

Love you all...

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