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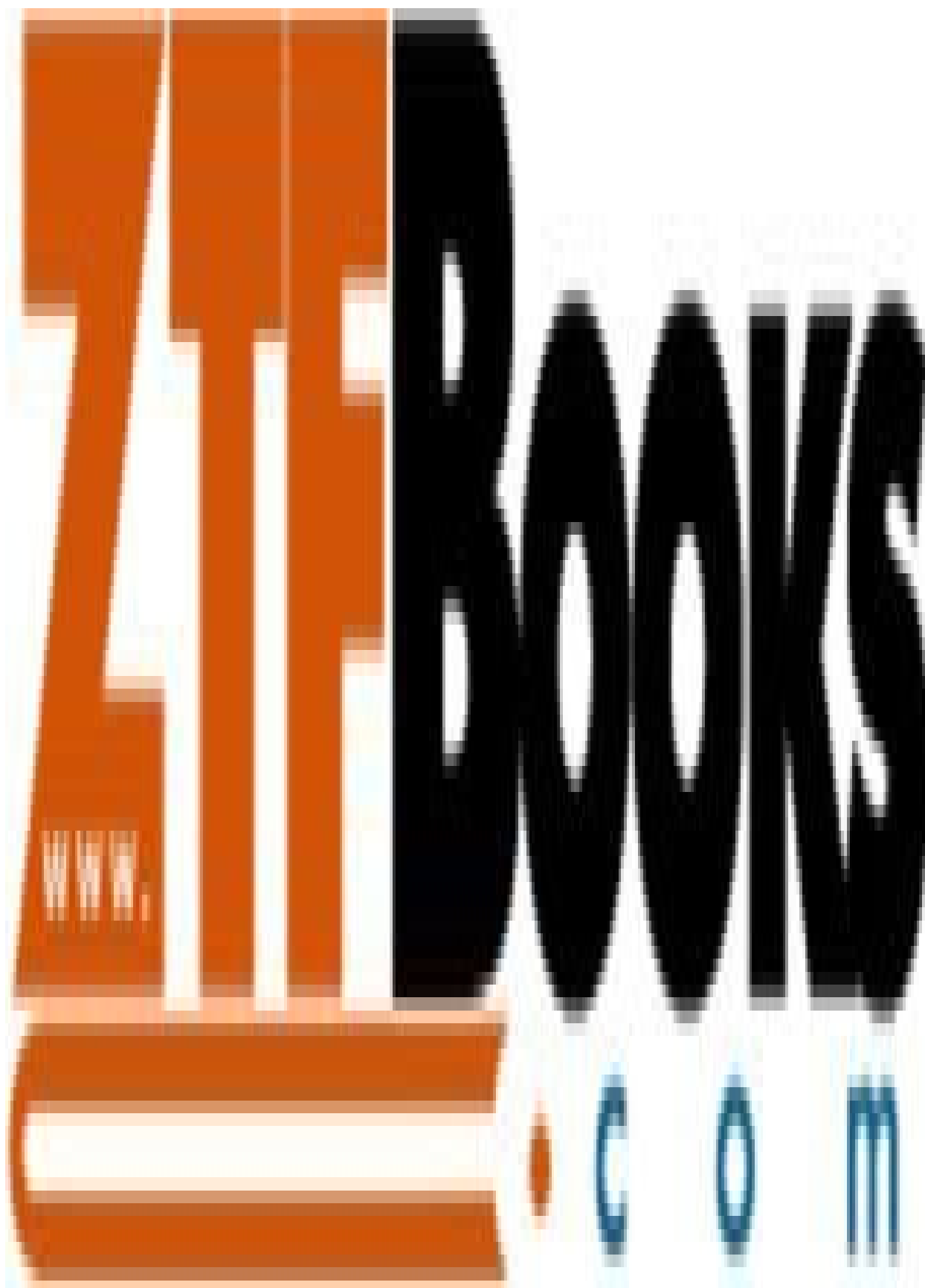
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Introduction

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If you remove idols from your heart, the Holy Spirit will fill you. If you leave the idols there, the Holy Spirit will also leave you alone. What will you do with the idols in your heart?

Do you know what took away the love that you had for Jesus? It could be a more dangerous situation not to know what took away your first love for Him. If you do not know, how then will you be restored? If you know what stood between the Lord and you, put it away immediately. Do not relent until the barrier or barriers are removed.

God follows a specific pattern to prepare people for service. First, the blood of the Lamb and then the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In preparation for Pentecost, firstly you need cleansing by the blood, then the anointing of the Holy Spirit can come. The cleansing power of the blood must cleanse a life before the Holy Spirit falls on that life.

Where the blood has cleansed, the Spirit may fall! What qualifies a person for the anointing of the Holy Spirit is the cleansing by the blood of the Lamb. Total filling requires total cleansing!

It is self-seduction to expose and repent of some sins but leave others, while expecting to be totally filled. Until the blood has cleansed, the oil cannot come. We repeat, the Holy Spirit can only fall upon the person who has been cleansed by the blood.

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Preparing For Pentecost

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1. Are There Idols In Your Heart?

Now, take a pencil and tick on the following list of idols where you are concerned. Rate yourself between zero and ten for each of the manifestations depending on the degree of the manifestation.

Ingratitude to God

Ingratitude to parents

Ingratitude to spiritual leadership

Ingratitude to employer

Ingratitude to employees

Love of ease

Love of sleep

Love of comfort

Love of clothes

Love of cars

Love of landed property—lands, houses, etc.

Desire to be praised

Desire to be promoted

Desire to be consulted

Desire to outclass others

Desire to be seen

Desire to be heard

Desire to have the final word

Fear of failure

Fear to be forgotten

Fear to die without accomplishing something worthy of praise by man

Self-will

Self-justification

Love of gain

Love of vanity

Fear of the presence of God

Rebellion against political leadership

Rebellion against spiritual leadership

Rebellion against employer

Rebellion against husband

Rebellion against parents

Rebellion against school authorities

Self-sufficiency

The first place in the heart has been given to the family

The first place in the heart has been given to the profession.

The first place in the heart has been given to the tribe

Bitterness

An unforgiving heart

A heart that remembers what should be forgotten

A heart that forgets what it should remember

Pride because of physical looks

Pride because of academic attainment

Pride because of social position

Pride because of the success of children

Pride because of financial wealth

Pride because of spiritual gifts

Pride because of talents

Pride because of the success of parents

Pride because of husband's success

Pride because of husband's position

Laziness

Self-advertisement

A spirit of revenge

Severity

Sternness

Lack of tenderness

A critical spirit

Gossip

Murmuring against the government

Murmuring against all in authority

Murmuring against all in spiritual authority

Love of money

A spirit of hoarding

Stealing of time from the employer

Stealing of paper, envelopes, and the like from the employer

Abusive use of the telephone because the bills are paid by someone else

Abusive use of water, electricity, etc. because someone else pays the bill

Prayerlessness

Superficiality in prayer

Sleeping always during prayer

Fear of fasting

False show of spirituality

Impatience

Joylessness

Unkindness

Consistent choice of the pathway of least resistance

Unfaithfulness in fulfilling promises made to God and to man

A capacity to make promises thoughtlessly

Lack of capacity to be true to anyone

Lack of capacity to believe anyone

Lack of the capacity to keep the mouth shut

Lack of the power to keep a secret

Lying by completing the parts of a story that are forgotten by things of one's creation

Lying to cover up one's failures

Lying to cover up those that are beloved

Exaggerating the weaknesses and failures of some

Exaggerating the strengths and accomplishments of some

Falsehood in expressing need

Pretentious love

Pretentious care

Pretentious involvement

Fear of the future

Worry about the future of children

Unbelief

Love of food

Love of special types of food

Love of meat

Gluttony

Love of football

Love of television

An unusual love for children

An unusual love for partner

An unusual love for parents

Stealing God's tithes

Stealing God's offerings

Moods

Spite

Fear of man

Fear of being identified as a believer

Fear of public opinion

Lack of burden for the lost

Lack of love for the saints

Selfishness towards believers

Selfishness towards unbelievers

Selfishness towards the needy

Selfishness towards mate

Selfishness towards children

Selfishness towards parents

Desiring things that are not needs

Debts

Unwillingness to pay debts, i.e. having money but not paying one's debts

Self-created loneliness

A capacity to withdraw and be shut up in self

Cowardice

Worry

Restlessness

A wandering spirit

A sluggish spirit

An unbroken heart

Lack of a capacity to repent

Lack of a capacity to turn away from sin

No hatred of sin

Love of the world

Love of the things of the world

An undecided spirit

Extravagance

Indiscipline with money

Indiscipline with time

Inferiority complex

Superiority complex

Cunning

Guile

Timidity

Instability

Absence of deep convictions

A cold heart towards God

A cold heart towards man

Exposing the faults of others

Hiding personal faults

A fastidious spirit

Jesting

The spirit of entertainment

Murder in thought

Adultery in thought

Fornication in thought

Adultery in act

Fornication in act

Discouragement

Masturbation

At home in disorder

Egotism

A weak will

Self-centredness

A stubborn will

A compromising spirit

Unusual inclination towards the opposite sex

Love of worldly music

An independent spirit

Hatred for people

A callous spirit

Tolerance

Procrastination

Stealing of God's glory

Stealing the praise that is due to others

Using people to accomplish self-interests

Hatred for ugly people

Desire for the company of mockers of God

Preference of the company of inferiors

Possessive spirit over people

Possessive spirit over things

An unusual spirit to make plans that are known will not work

A spirit that is easily deceived

Love of the supernatural

A spirit that easily gives up

Inability to give oneself to anyone

Self-doubt

An unusual attachment to sports

An unusual capacity to initiate projects but never completing them

Teaching what is not practised by the teacher

Lying silence

A spirit of slander

An unusual capacity to jump to conclusions from little or no evidence

An unusual capacity to take decisions that are not the fruit of much thought

Telling as testimony a story that is a mixture of reality and imagination

A developed capacity to serve or do things just when someone is looking or supervising and to stop immediately such a person is gone

An unusual capacity to resist being influenced positively by others

Lack of an overriding purpose for living

A hatred for those who love the Lord exceptionally

A fear of setting goals

A fear of God's presence that results in an incapacity to sustain a long period of intercourse with God

An unusual capacity to blame others

An unusual capacity to blame oneself

An unusual capacity to justify others

An unusual capacity to daydream

A preference of day-dreaming to translating ideas into action

Lack of desire that Jesus should return today

Lack of desire that Jesus should return in one's generation

Doubting God's Word

Doubting God's servants

Worship of idols

Calculate your score. The maximum is 2,100. Calculate your percentage score:

X (your score) x 100

210 x 1

Now, do you see the problem? It is idols in your heart. It tells how much of the world is in your heart. With such a heart as yours, what hope is there for the

church? With so much in your heart, how much of the gospel can penetrate? How much can God add to you? You have to face each idol and overthrow it.

If you remove the idols, the Holy Spirit will fill you. If you leave the idols there, the Holy Spirit will also leave you alone. What will you do with the idols in your heart?

2. Are You A Backslider?

The Bible says,

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lamp-stand from its place (Revelation 2:4 -5).

This is the message to you who are backslidden. What you need is to return to what you used to do but have abandoned. You have forsaken your first love for Jesus, and therefore have forsaken what you used to do for Him.

Do you know what took away the love that you had for Jesus? It could be a more dangerous situation not to know what took away your first love for Him. If you do not know, how then will you be restored? If you know what stood between the Lord and you, put it away immediately. Do not relent until the barrier or barriers are removed.

When the whole body is backslidden, every part of it is backslidden. When one part of the body is sick, every other part is sick. When the vast majority of the body is backslidden, and someone says he is not backslidden, it could be because he is already dead. Can a finger feel pain all alone?

You may want to acknowledge before God that you have gone away from your first love for Him. You certainly do not want to pretend about it. Many things are not what they were before. You have compromised here and there. You have tolerated sin here and there.

You love the world a little more, or much more than before. You now have a wrong attitude towards this brother or sister. A feeling of rejection has made you withdraw from this or that person.

You have lost your place, zeal and commitment. You have become increasingly prayerless by reducing your prayer hours and prayer minutes here and there.

You have little frictions here and there with your wife or husband.

Your self-love has grown.

Your desire to be seen and honoured has grown.

Your falsehood with money has grown.

You may want to acknowledge that even without one major sin, the combination of your small deeds of shame has put out the fire. You are no longer the same. You are backslidden. The inward flame is not there.

I call you to repentance. Put away everything that has separated you from God completely. For the things you do not yet see, ask God to show them to you. When He shows you, remove them completely, totally. Show no mercy to anything that stands between you and your God.

Come back to God with all your soul, will, mind, emotions. Come back to God with all your body and possessions. Come back with all that you are, will ever be; with all that you have, will ever have. Give all to the Lord.

You may pray with me along the following lines:

I give my all to You, my Lord. Take my all. Take me. In taking me, take my all. Lord, I want You to own my all in an absolute way. Possess me permanently. I will not share the ownership with You. I am Your possession forever.

Thank You because You have accepted me. Thank You because I am now Your possession. Father, hold me with Your firm hand, so that no one can snatch me away anymore; so that if I want to go away I would be unable to.

I am glad to be Yours and to be Yours forever. I get back to the things I abandoned; to that abandoned relationship with You, to my first love. I make You my joy.

*Now Lord, because I have become Your property, fill me with your Holy Spirit.
Fill me Lord. Fill me Lord.*

Amen.

3. The Blood And The Oil

Pentecost was for the release of power for service. We want to say, the Lord expects sin and the self-life to be dealt with before Pentecost.

Let us look at the Old Testament representation of what we mean.

The priest is to take some of the blood of the guilt offering and put it on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot. The priest shall then take some of the log of oil, pour it in the palm of his own left hand, dip his right forefinger into the oil in his palm, and with his finger sprinkle some of it before the Lord seven times. The priest is to put some of the oil remaining in his palm on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot, on top of the blood of the guilt offering.

Some of the oil in his palm he is to put on the same places he put the blood of the guilt offering—on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot (Leviticus 14:14-17, 28).

In Old Testament symbolism, blood is for cleansing and the oil for anointing. The oil was to be placed where the blood had been placed. Where the blood was not put, the oil was not placed. The oil for anointing must only be placed where the blood of cleansing has been placed. First the blood, then the oil.

First the blood of the Lamb and then the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In preparation for Pentecost, firstly you need the cleansing by the blood, then the anointing of the Holy Spirit can come. The cleansing power of the blood must cleanse a life before the Holy Spirit falls on that life.

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The Self-Life Versus The Spirit-Filled Life

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1. Preparation As A Group Affair

The eleven disciples plus the women were handpicked by Jesus. Afterward, they spent three years with Him. When He left, they met for ten days preparing to be filled with the Holy Spirit. It was a group affair.

It does not suffice for someone to retreat alone in the name of preparation. There are collective elements that will not be known if he does. A church must come together to prepare.

To tell each person to go and prepare is not wholesome. In order to prepare to receive the Holy Spirit, the elders of our church in Yaounde went on retreat together. They did quite a good job preparing, but it was not yet enough. The weekend that followed, they were again on retreat. The rest of the leaders were also led to prepare along the same lines.

Then they went again on retreat a third weekend to continue their preparation. They used our books, *The School Of Truth* and *You Can Receive A Pure Heart Today* as the basic documents for preparation.

Unless a church is prepared to gather, prepare and ask the Lord to send the Holy Spirit, the matter of being collectively filled with the Holy Spirit should be forgotten. Many, on their own, will not know how to go about it. They will need to be helped.

The first Pentecost was collectively prepared for. Each man did not go into his room and try to deal with the idols in his life. God was dealing with the people collectively. It is a withdrawing of many people.

2. Baptised And Filled With The Holy Spirit

On the day of Pentecost, they were baptised into the Holy Spirit and filled with the Holy Spirit. Two things happened:

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Baptised into the Holy Spirit

Many have only been baptised into the Holy Spirit. They do not know the experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit. They had all the self and idols but were baptised into the Holy Spirit. They did not go through the thorough emptying process that prepares for in-filling with the Holy Spirit.

You cannot be filled with self and with the Holy Spirit. You cannot be filled with personal ideas and with the Holy Spirit. You cannot be filled with rebellion and with the Holy Spirit. When a woman has something in her heart against her husband, she cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit. When a husband does not love his wife, he cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit.

When you do not love your husband, you do not love the Holy Spirit. When you do not love some brother, you do not love the Holy Spirit. When you do not want to carry out restitution to the full, you do not love the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

A meeting to prepare for in-filling with the Holy Spirit is the most important meeting of the church. It is the most important event of the church.

When the church is filled with the Holy Spirit, growth could multiply ten times. There may hardly be room to contain the harvest.

3. What Fasting Does

The local church should get some people to fast as long as they can. Fasting softens the heart, so that it is easier to uproot the idols that are in it. Fasting

makes the things that should not be in the heart detestable. Food makes those things desirable. When a man has eaten very well, he does not want to pray.

A full stomach for the sinner will lead to dangerous things. For the believer, he will go to bed and sleep. A full stomach does not draw God near.

Some people should be led to fast for 3 days, 7 days or 10 days. Such fasting should stop before the collective meeting is held. It is just saying – we want to soften our hearts so that what God does not want is removed.

4. Sin, Diseases, The Holy Spirit

I believe that most people are sick because of sin. They should repent and be filled with the Holy Spirit, then they will be healed. How can one be filled with the Holy Spirit and full of diseases? Did you ever see anyone who was full of the Holy Spirit and of sin?

Your disease is indicative of the fact that you need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. One author thinks that 95% of diseases are emotional in origin. They come as a result of wrong reactions. Diseases are from Satan. Diseases say Satan is inside. If there is no place for Satan, there is also no room for diseases. Diseases are a reflection of the part of a man occupied by the enemy.

An unforgiving spirit kills and destroys people, and makes them sick. Bitterness and anger have the same effect.

When a marriage is not working, who suffers the most? It is the woman. The men suffer less because they do not take marriage very seriously. The women take it seriously and any small thing that touches the marriage touches them. No man has ever come to my clinic for spiritual diseases to say he could not sleep because his marriage was not working. It is the women who suffer such things.

When you do not, or cannot sleep, then the enemy is at work. The answer to your sickness is being filled with the Holy Spirit. How can you be sick with a Holy Spirit-filled life?

Those who are full of an unforgiving spirit are also filled with adrenaline. They have programmed their death. They know no compassion. The forgiving can be compassionate. They care for the well-being of the other person even when they are hurt.

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing." He did not say, "Father, forgive them for their wickedness." He did not say, "Father, forgive them the day they repent." He was gracious. Not wanting God to treat them according to their deeds. He was concerned about their well-being.

Spirit-filled people will be instantly healed. As the Holy Spirit takes over, there will be no room for diseases.

5. The Things Of The World And The Holy Spirit

We look to the Holy Spirit. His coming will solve all our problems. When the Spirit fills a man, there will be no room for the world and the things of the world. The things of the world become like a toy to the one who is filled with the

Holy Spirit. It no longer matters whether the things are big toys or small toys. When the Holy Spirit comes, the things of the world will be called by their names and rejected.

We look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit. He will bring all the answers. May we see that all our problems will find an answer when the Holy Spirit comes in all His fullness.

6. The Self-Life And The Holy Spirit

There is only one problem in many marriages—self. The man says, “I am the alpha,” and the woman says, “I am the omega.” Who then is the alpha and the omega?

Before the advent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples quarrelled as to who was the greatest. One day the sons of Zebedee agreed with their mother to ask for special places in the kingdom. They said something like, “Mama, go and snatch these places for your children. Mama, say it in a way that Jesus will not say, ‘No’.”

When the others heard of it, there was trouble. If the sons of Zebedee were given these two places, they would later quarrel for which of the two was the greater.

Before the Holy Spirit came on the disciples, they had forsaken all and followed Jesus. The Bible says,

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother

John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him (Mark 1:19-20).

They left everything—parents, homes—and followed him; but they did not leave the self-life. They left all except self. Many are prepared to leave things, but not self. This is the problem in the Christian life of many. The parents and property were left, but self was carried along. They carried along the most dangerous, the most disastrous thing.

7. The Self-Life And Marriage

A girl may leave father, mother, tribe, even her own name and take the name of some man, her husband, and not abandon self. Women adapt quickly to the new names but self abides. The old name, the father's, dies immediately after a girl marries.

The general situation is: you have the man plus his self and the woman plus her self. These four then enter into a boxing ring.

Recently in Gabon, a certain man did not attend the meetings that we held there. His wife had landed a pestle on his head. They had been married for just two years, and now the man's head is being pounded like cocoyam. This woman had left all and installed self as her first husband. Man, woman, unless the Holy Spirit intervenes, you are only a second spouse. The first spouse is the self in your partner. If there is a choice between you and your partner's self, you will not be chosen first.

I have seen girls pay for all the financial demands made with regard to their weddings, but when self was touched, they forgot all that they had put in for the man. Self was carried over and it bore destructive consequences. Self is the only problem for many.

Only one thing prevents many marriages from being perfect—self. For many, the problem is not money. No marriage dies because of lack of money. Many are prepared to forgive the lack of money. But they do not bear that self should be touched. When self has been touched, it rises like a cobra and strikes.

You may say, “I married the wrong wife;” are you the right man? You say, “I want my wife to change;” should it be you alone who must not change? You simply want to protect yourself.

Other issues could be enumerated, but they come up only because self has been touched. Many churches are not where they ought to be because of self. The conquest of many cities is not where it should be because of self. The interpersonal relationship between many brethren is not where it should be because of self.

8. Spiritual Maturity And Death To Self

It is not possible for a man to be 100% correct and for the woman to be wrong 100%. When the man is the bigger person spiritually, God attributes 100% of the problem to the man. If the more spiritually mature person is 1% guilty and the other is 99%, the problem is the more spiritual person. This is a spiritual law.

When a country is not working, the President solely is the problem. When a

school is not working, the head is to blame. The leader must take full responsibility where he has contributed to cause a problem. If he had no contribution, there would be no problem; but however small his contribution may be, he must take full responsibility.

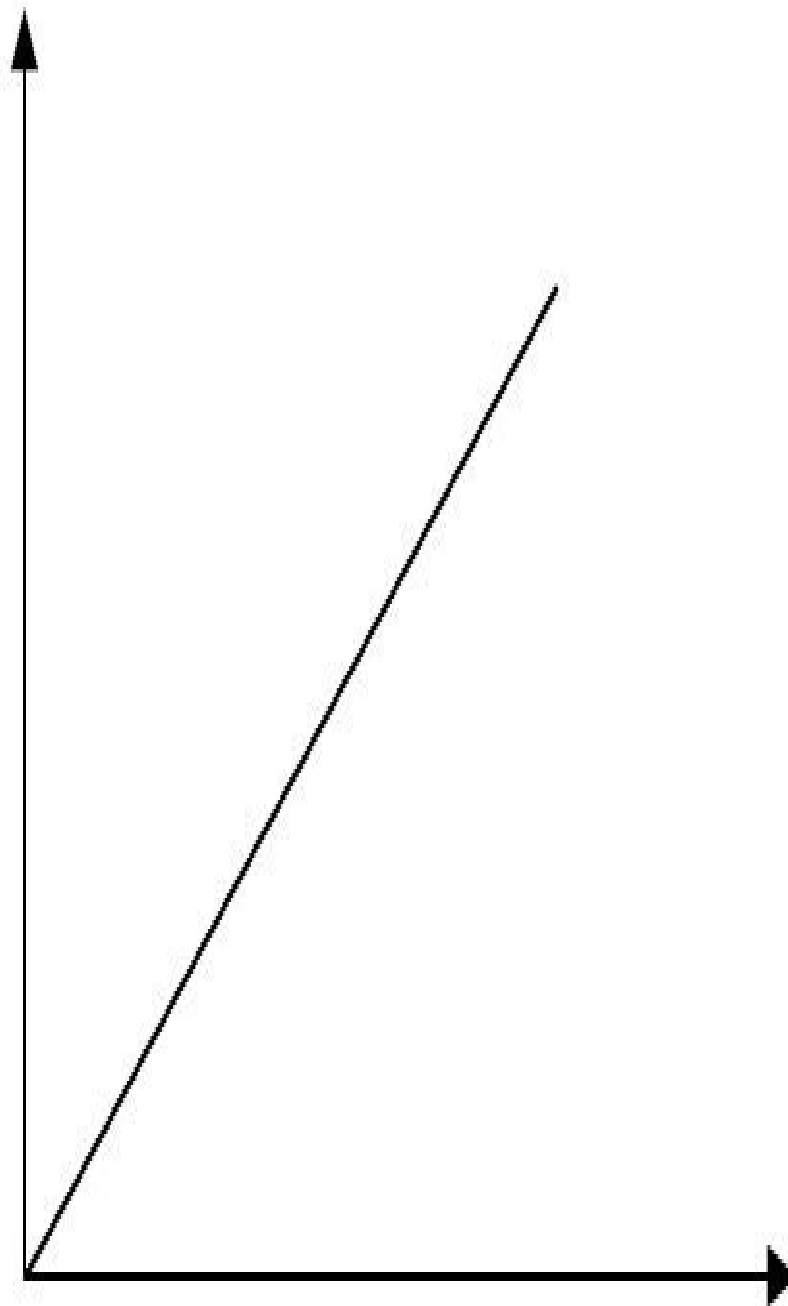
If you have a problem with a corpse, you must be the problem; but if the “corpse” is not totally dead, there will be a reaction. The reaction says that there is still some natural life. Dying to self is the responsibility of the big man. Have you ever seen a small man die? It is a life-time job. It is the big who die.

9. Death To Self And The Capacity To Impart Life - 1

Jesus came down, God came down, and died completely. He breathed His last. He said “It is finished,” and died. The big man must say it is finished and die 100%.

When you die 100%, you can impart life 100%. When you can impart life 100%, even the dead will resurrect. If the husbands die 100%, there will be 100% life to impart to their wives irrespective of their (wives’) condition. Let the men go and die, and die 100%. ninety-nine percent death will not do; 99.50% death will not do. Hundred percent death will cause 100% life to flow.

Capacity to
impart life



Death to self

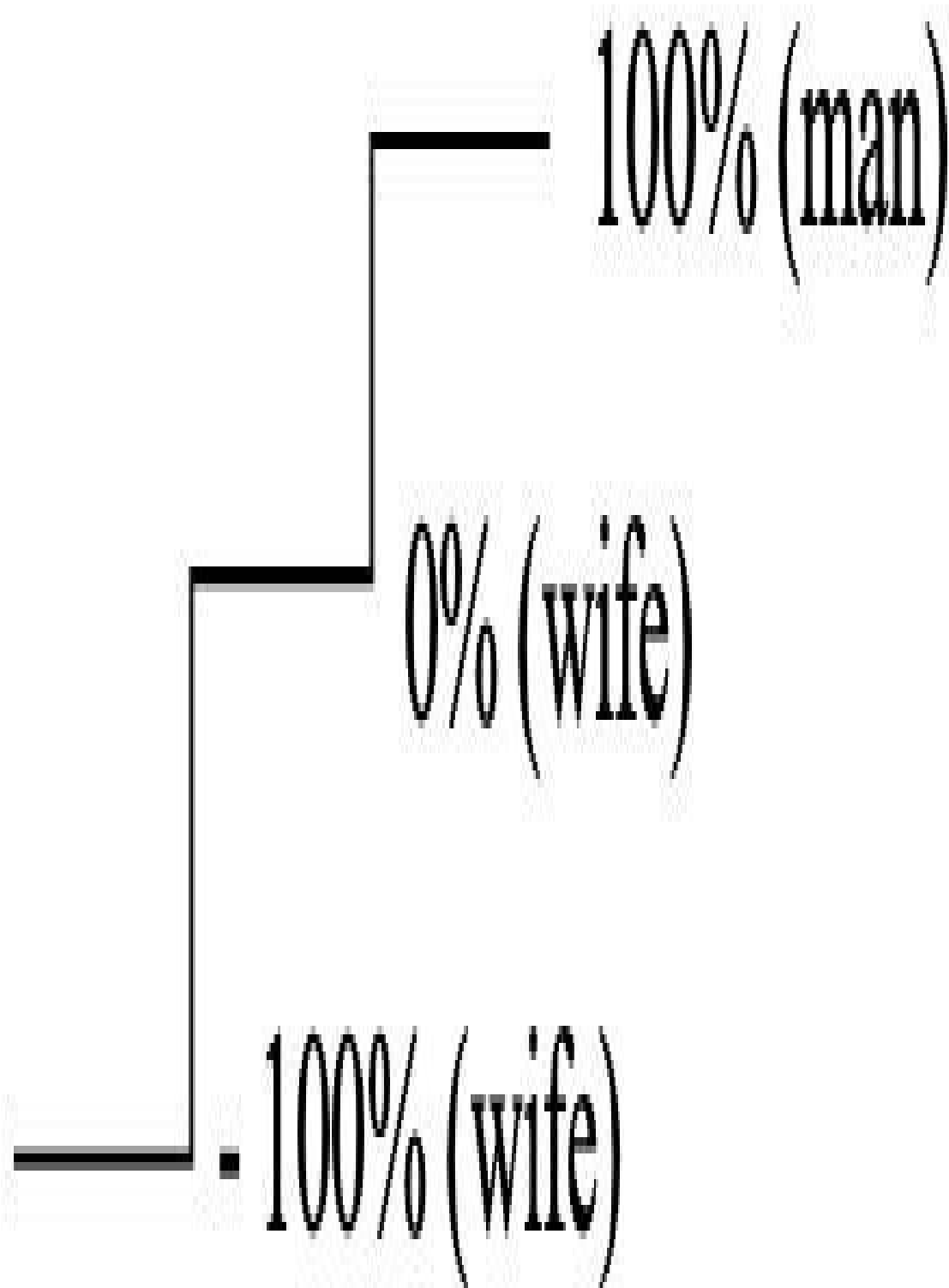
The capacity to impart life is directly proportional to death to self.

When Jesus came from heaven to save us, He did not give us a part to contribute. He had all, we had nothing. He gave all, we gave nothing. We were desperate, but He kept running after us while we ran away.

For there to be salvation, Jesus had to come down, and solve the whole problem. Everything hung on His coming. It depended 100% on His coming.

10. Death To Self And The Capacity To Impart Life - 2

For the married, the wife may contribute zero, or even negative. If she contributes zero, it is no big deal provided the man contributes 100%. She may contribute minus 100%, but the man should contribute 100%.



Adam had to die 100% so that the rib might be taken out from him. That rib became his wife. There is need for the men to die. If they do not die, God cannot get the ribs from them. Normally you do not operate a fully awake person.

Once in high school, I had to do a dissection on a cockroach; I pinned the living cockroach and began to dissect it. My teacher was mad at me for being that merciless to the insect.

The men do not die, yet get married. The women are also not ready to wait till the men are dead. They hurriedly want to have them as they are.

A man who dies 100% can take a woman from any degree and restore her to perfect glory. We do not ask to what level the woman has sunk. We ask, is the man dead 100%?

If there is a broken relationship somewhere, it can be mended. You must just be ready to die 100%. In negotiations, no one dies. Negotiations have as goal, the preservation of self. Someone must own up that he is 100% wrong. That he is responsible 100% and must furnish a 100% solution, the other party having nothing to contribute. When the 100% is put in, it will work. The 100% has never failed.

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Costly Investment

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1. It Will Take The Investment Of Your All -1

Jesus is the pearl of great value. You can only purchase Him with your all. If your all is 10 units, and you give 10 units, you will have Him. If your all is 100, and you give 100, you will have Him. If your all is 100,000, and you give 100,000, you will have Him. If your all is 10,000,000,000 and you give 9,000,000,000, you will not have Him.

You cannot say, "This man does so little and his wife is satisfied, whereas I do more and my wife is not satisfied." Only your all will do. Only the all of a man can win God and win another man. Only the all of one heart can win the other heart. Only the all wins, whether in divine or in human love. This is a principle of life.

Until a man's all is given, nothing has been given. Humanly speaking, my heart is not touched by anything less than a man's all. The heart naturally is not touched by anything less than the all. That is why that woman brought her two coins and went away as the prize winner.

2. It Will Take The Investment Of Your All – 2

In divine love, the all is required. In human love, the all is required. When a man does not bring all and wants a friendship, a relationship of love, it is seduction. A heart will not bond to anything less than the all. This could be the all of your

time,

money,

relationships,

physical strength,

future,

etc.

But the all has to be given.

We are not talking about giving the best. We are talking about giving all. Take a man who has two sons. He can give away the better of the two. But he can also give away the two sons.

One day, from nowhere, a lady turned and asked my driver, "Am I beautiful?" I prayed he would answer correctly. He did. He told her she was beautiful, and peace filled the car. I wonder what would have happened if my driver had said she wasn't. For many, their physical appearance is the last idol.

Once, people had to confess things to one another in an assembly; there was a sister who thought by virtue of her beauty, she had condescended to marry her husband. Then a young brother of sixteen, more on the talkative end told her, "Each time I have seen you and your husband, I have always wondered where he

kept his eyes before choosing you." The sister understood that it was God speaking.

The negotiator cannot bond. When one person puts in 100%, it will win over the others. You can win in every situation if you die 100%. There is no conflict that will not be over by the 100% death of one of the parties.

Where did you hold back? Is there one person you can say, "God, you know, I love this person 100%? I have held nothing back?" Can you say so about some love affair or some friendship? Write down the name of the person.

If you have no such person, then you should repent. You have been most wicked to yourself. Total love provides a buffer to all shocks. There can be no wound in the heart that has given all. You can knock and knock and the person keeps going. In such a being, the capacity to endure all types of strain increases.

Those who do not give their all soon experience strain. They have never known the power of self release in giving themselves away totally. They have pegs in their hearts for the devil to hang his undesirable things on.

When you hold back what ought to be given, it becomes a peg in your heart for the devil to hang his things on. The person who holds back only does harm to himself.

Total giving away frees and gives the person new capacities. There are always new rivers of divine impartation into the person who gives his all. He is always in the flow of God's creative capacities.

When you say, “He has done this, he has done that, so I will not give myself away totally to him,” you are a dying man. You will die inside. Your capacity to receive revelation will be hindered.

The power of total love is the power of total joy. When you must hold back, you must calculate when the person is around for fear you give more than desired. You become an enemy for holding back. I want to ask you, why do you hold back?

3. The Need For Self Denial

You cannot be thinking about Pentecost before you have dealt with self. SELF WILL BAR YOU from the Pentecost experience.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me (Matt 16:24).

First thing, let him deny himself. He is not to wait for the Holy Spirit to come before he denies himself. It is the first step to becoming a disciple.

Once, Jesus and his disciples would have rested, but the crowd came putting pressure on them and they gave up their plans to rest. They sacrificed their rest. They died to their right to rest. The Bible says,

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things (Mark 6:34).

The Bible further says,

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it (Luke 9:24).

Self-denial here is not optional. It is an obligatory step in the way of discipleship. There is no possibility of coming to Jesus without denying self. The one who has refused to deny himself has also denied following Him.

4. Self Denial And Service

Counterfeit people begin to follow Jesus before they have denied themselves. They must first deny themselves. If not, it will not work. There is no other way out, no other alternatives.

There are preachers who have not denied themselves. There are heavy givers to the gospel who have not denied themselves. There are some fasting forty days who have not denied themselves. They are doing God untold harm. They are entangling self and service. God hates such mixtures.

If you do not deny yourself, you will not come after Him. The service of God and the service of self by the same person is the worst abomination that could

ever be.

Partial denial of self is no self-denial. Self-denial is 100%. When your wife loves you, love her 100%. Love her 100% when she hates you, when she wants to bury you. The love that conquers is 100% love for the rebel. If she is 100% of a rebel and you love her 100%, you will conquer. The love that conquers is 100% love for the one who deserves the worst. Where a man labours to put a knife through you, you labour to put love through him.

Your 100% rebel wife is there to teach you victorious loving: love that is given to the most undeserving. She says, "What are you?" You tell her, "You are God's gift to me." It is the kind of love that Jesus had when he pardoned his murderers.

When your wife's pestle misses your head, and you confess love to her, then you have overcoming love. It comes from the same source that Jesus' came from. It is Holy Spirit love.

5. Victorious Love

When your wife takes 1,000,000 francs and squanders it, then comes back in need and you give her the remaining 100,000 francs, that is victorious love.

When your wife wastes 100,000 francs, and there is 50,000 francs remaining, give it to her.

When your wife wastes 25,000 francs, and there is 10,000 francs remaining, give

it to her.

When your wife wastes 10,000 francs, and there is 5,000 francs remaining, give it to her.

When your wife wastes 5,000 francs, and there is 2,000 francs remaining, give it to her.

When your wife wastes 2,000 francs, and there is 1,000 francs remaining, give it to her.

When your wife wastes 500, and there is no money remaining – give her yourself, so that she may waste you. That is the gospel.

How can the Holy Spirit fill you if you have very many things in your heart against your partner? You have abandoned her. There are negative things in your heart against your partner. You have abandoned him. In your heart, your partner is as good as dead. Actually, you are the dead person, for holding back. When you hold back what should be given, you die.

The Holy Spirit will not fall upon the flesh.

The Holy Spirit will not fall upon the self.

Many people are presenting self-laden lives and hope that the Holy Spirit will

fall on them. He will not. Are you bitter? He will not fall upon a bitter heart.

6. Self Is Violence Against The Kingdom

There were two sisters given to a certain brother to help him succeed. They each fought to be the only one helping this brother and fought until they parted company. Now the brother has no one helping him and the kingdom of God is suffering.

The kingdom of God suffers violence—violence from those bound by self. Those who want to be "Local Almighties". One sister told another "Get out of my house. Do not touch my things. I will no longer eat your food". Someone has rightly said, "Self is the devil within."

Look at how the father treated the prodigal son. There was no self in the father. He asked for the fattened cow, a new robe, a ring, for his son. He did not ask the son to work to repay what he had squandered. He did not wait to see whether or not his repentance was true. He did not suspect that the son had only come back for more money, and that once he had it, he would be gone once more. This was selfless love.

Must you repent to someone? Has your self-love hindered God and hindered the Church? Would you repent? Now?

7. Your Heart, Not Your Money

There are men who tell me that their wives waste money. I do not know their experience. My wife has never wasted our money one bit.

As a man who looks at things from the heart, I know that the men give their wives money, but not themselves. And money does not satisfy. The women waste their money so that when there is no more money to give, the men would give themselves to them. Is that your case?

You have done things for her, but it is just things and things. Could it be that yours is twenty years of holding back mistakenly called twenty years of marriage? You have given her everything else except yourself and now she is breaking, dying. What can things do where the man had to give himself in order to satisfy?

Why should a woman waste a man's money except to say that the man has held himself back? Do you hear her cry? She cries for you. Do you hear her yearning? She yearns for you. Will you solve her problem?

8. Death To Self And Diseases

Many health problems start by marital conflict and then become organic. Even the wearing out of some parts of the body is because of wrong emotions. Hatred and an unforgiving spirit go hand in hand. Sin and sickness go together.

When a woman is planning to revenge on her husband, she is done for. When she is jealous, she is done for. Jealousy can be most destructive. A sister once wished another would have an accident and lose both feet and her eyes. Imagine such a heart!

When many come to Christ, the power of their repentance heals them from very many diseases. When they return to their sins, a door is opened to diseases. You can open a door to the devil by sin or you can open the door to God by righteousness.

Is there someone you must forgive? If you forgive, you will walk in health. If there is someone you must forgive, now is the time. If you forgive today, you may hinder a disease from coming through. If you wait until tomorrow, it may be too late.

The life of sin is forbidden for your own good. Bitterness, jealousy, comparing yourself to others, and so on are forbidden for your own good.

9. Comparing With Others

The problem with many is that they compare themselves with others. And from when they do so their joy flees. You are just distinct. There is and will never be another like you. To whom then do you compare yourself? You are one in your class.

None like you has ever lived. None like you will ever live. There will never be a duplication of you. You are that important. God has made you important, you have a unique personality. You have unique talents and a unique look.

Bring in what you alone can bring. Do not look at what others can bring. No one can bring in what you ought to bring. No one can outclass you. You alone can

outclass yourself. You can improve yourself.

The others can bring in millions, but the 5 francs that you must bring in is absolutely indispensable. I may not sing like a star singer but there is something in my voice that God must hear. No one can replace it.

You are the handiwork of God. You have your place on this planet and no one can take your place. You are God's original. You must fulfil your destiny.

You must bring in your distinctive contribution. God is waiting that you bring in your distinctive contribution, God is waiting. You dare not hold back. Act at once.

Fruits of The Spirit-Filled Life

1. What Being Filled With The Holy Spirit Will Produce

What will being filled with the Holy Spirit produce? Before Pentecost, Peter at his age and experience trembled before a little girl. Peter feared for his life; he feared for himself. He feared that he would be arrested as Jesus was. He had followed the arrested Jesus from a safe distance. The Bible says,

Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said. But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway. When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about" (Mark 14:54, 66-71).

Again we read,

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.'" Yet even then their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

"I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of death. Then some began to spit at him, they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said. "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus, she said" (Mark 14:55-67).

He warmed his flesh by the fire. He denied Jesus and walked away. He just left for the same servant girl to meet him again. There again he denied Jesus. That was the apostle Peter before the experience of Pentecost.

All his denial of Jesus was to save his life. He could say, "I don't know this man you're talking about". They were very serious words. Have you also said such words in some threatening circumstance or other? When you sin deliberately, you have said, "I don't know this man Jesus."

Look at Peter after Pentecost:

So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk.

Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognised him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go” (Acts 3: 5-13).

Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ who has been appointed for you—even Jesus (Acts 3:17-20).

Something had happened to Peter. There was such boldness, the boldness of Another, the boldness of the Holy Spirit, upon him. The Holy Spirit had come

upon him and the boldness of the Holy Spirit was upon him.

He was filled with fear before, but later, before those who could kill him, he was bold. He and John were filled with the wisdom, discernment, character, power, grace, boldness of Another.

There was a new government—the government of the Holy Spirit reigning in their lives.

There was a new order in place—the order of the Holy Spirit.

There was a new power at work—the power of the Holy Spirit.

You could not reconcile the old and the new man anymore. Peter was so changed. That is what Pentecost will do for you. It will do for you as was done in and for Peter.

When the Holy Spirit comes, drastic changes take place in individual lives. Sin becomes such a terrible thing when the Holy Spirit has come. We read,

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet (Acts 4: 36-37).

Then in Acts 5:1-11 what follows:

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of

property. With his wife's full knowledge, he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."

When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then the young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" "Yes," she said, "that is the price." Peter said to her, "How could you agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also." At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

Could it be that Ananias and Sapphira were hoping to make a name for themselves? Did they keep back some of the money for the sake of security? Their hearts were divided.

The words of Peter, after Pentecost, produced death in liars and hypocrites. When the Holy Spirit comes, people who sin will sin to death. God will back His word to do wonders and heal the sick, and also back His word to judge the enemies of the Gospel.

The words of Peter now had become like bullets. They went into the sick and crushed diseases. They went into the liar and crushed life in him.

I am either filled with the Holy Spirit to tell the truth or filled by the devil to lie. When the Holy Spirit comes, it will be the day of God's power and the day of God's wrath.

When Ananias had his sin exposed, he fell down and died. The young men carried him and buried him. There was no weeping. Then his wife came in and was asked the question. She stood before life and death. If you agree to lie with your husband, you will die with him and be buried with him. You will be united in lying and united in death and burial.

The Bible continues to say,

The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed (Acts 5:12-16).

The power to save was released in greater and greater measure and the power to heal was released in greater and greater measure. All who came were healed.

The day of His power is the day of great healing.

The day of His power is the day of great power.

The day of His power is the day of great soul winning.

The day of His power is the day of great miracles.

The day of His power is the day of great signs and wonders.

The day of His power is the day of great boldness and courage.

The church must decide whether they want the Holy Spirit in His fullness.

2. The Secret Of Spiritual Promotion

People are asking, “How can I be the number one leader?” I want to tell you how.

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 9:17).

On the third day after Saul's conversion, he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

About nine years afterwards he was filled anew. Barnabas, filled with the Holy Spirit, went and took Paul who was filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Bible orders names according to standing. Never was John named before Peter. When the Holy Spirit puts someone first, it is a spiritual position. But spiritual position is not automatically maintained. Such an order, for the elders of your church, may not follow the order of ordination. It is an order according to how they have faithfully followed God, according to spiritual weight.

In Acts 13:1 we read,

"In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers:

Barnabas,

Simon called Niger,

Lucius of Cyrene,

Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch), and

Saul.

This was a heterogeneous leadership. It was made up of people who came from different places. This is important to God. God is interested in a heterogeneous church. That is why He made the church in Antioch a missionary base. In Yaounde, there are 26 tribes represented in the eldership. It makes it a good missionary centre. It weakens tribal inclinations.

The church in Jerusalem was a Jewish church. Because Jerusalem remained monolingual and mono-cultural, God could not use it as a missionary base. He moved to Antioch. Barnabas came from Cyprus, Simon came from Africa, Lucius from Cyrene, Manaen came from Israel and Saul from Tarsus.

While they were fasting and worshipping God, the Holy Spirit spoke. They were a fasting, praying leadership team. Barnabas (Number 1) and Paul (Number 5) were sent off as apostles.

In verse nine of Acts 13, Paul goes through a spiritual experience: “Then Saul who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit”. Paul entered a new level of surrender. He paid a new price in following Jesus.

Paul's encounter with the Holy Spirit in verse nine was so deep, so high, and so wide that it brought a leadership transposition. In verse thirteen, Paul had now become the leader, and Barnabas joined the company of Paul. Paul went so far ahead, that it was now Paul and his companions. After that experience, we find that order maintained.

The Bible says;

At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish Synagogue. There

they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Gentiles believed (Acts 14:1).

As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath"—Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:42).

When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honoured the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region (Acts 13:48-50).

It is the encounter and in-filling with the Holy Spirit that changes positions. Men may maintain an older order whereas the Holy Spirit might have changed the order, depending on what is happening between the persons and the Holy Spirit. Positions are changed in relationship with the Holy Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit demands a new level of sacrifice, sanctification, forsaking, and you resist, you are demoted. When the Holy Spirit says this is wrong and you justify yourself, you are demoted.

When two sisters quarrel, the two are demoted and it could be in a permanent way. When you harbour something in your heart that God does not want, you are demoted. When you break a covenant, you are demoted. Did you covenant to wake up at 4.00 a.m.? Had the Holy Spirit waited for you but you came at your will, much later? If He has to wait for you, He will not say some of the things He would have told you.

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Purpose of The Spirit-Filled Life

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1. Go For The Real Experience

It will take just 120 Spirit-filled men to set a city on fire. Only 120 Spirit-filled men set Jerusalem on fire and turned the world the right side up.

Do we want the real experience or the counterfeit? Do we want the counterfeit to do what the real will do? If so, then we are seduced!

You may marry a wooden or plastic woman while other people marry real women. There will come a day for the presentation of children. Would you and your wooden wife have produced children? God will not be deceived.

In Gabon, I told a sister who was close to me. “Do not come to Yaounde until you are filled with the Holy Spirit”. After I had taught there, the church in Gabon asked for the book *You Can Receive A Pure Heart Today*. They were to work together according to the guidelines in that book.

Then this sister heard about some preacher in town who was baptising people into the Holy Spirit. She went there and was possessed by demons.

Recently a young man was manifesting demons violently. When he was delivered, he said he had gone to some preacher who was said to have communicated to him the anointing.

Some people think that God just works that way. You simply touch a man and the latter is anointed whether or not you are filled with sin? Filled with sins and anointed? Anointed! what with? Does God work that way? I say categorically, NO!

Jesus did not just touch the disciples and told them to receive the anointing. No. They spent ten days of preparation. Ten days of uprooting what opposed God from their hearts. After ten days, the vessels were ready to be filled. When immoral persons want to be filled, then they have fulfilled the devil's conditions to be seduced. They will be seduced.

There are no short cuts to glory.

There are no short cuts to power.

There are no short cuts to intimacy with God.

There are no short cuts to fullness.

Even in ordinary life, serious people do not joke. A brother was interested in me but first desired that I establish a relationship with the church in place. Then the missionaries may follow. He wanted to know who the missionaries will be representing. He said, 'I want some time of fellowship with you. I want to learn something of what God has done.'

He wants a relationship. He wants to be in contact with me. He wants life and life is in relationships. God wants to enter into us. God by his Holy Spirit wants to enter into us. Possess and own us forever.

I want to insist that there must be a relationship. One sister had a son, a troublesome boy. I asked her, “Where is his father?” She said, ‘One man picked me up one night, slept with me and the child was born.’ She has no trace of the man, not even the house where they slept. The boy is troublesome beyond telling. Then on the Douala road, there was an accident where the boy alone died.

You do not get the Holy Spirit like you would get some charm from a sorcerer. Deep calls for deep. God hates the superficial.

When you see a girl today and she is ready to marry you, watch out. Where will she take you? When we were younger, we knew that if a girl said, “Yes” before you had asked her seven times, she was considered cheap because she had not shaken, sieved and known the man. Deep calls for deep.

If it is to be filled with the Spirit of the Most High, to be possessed by the Spirit that possessed Jesus, then profound preparation needs to be carried out. Something of the Divine needs to be presented to the Holy Spirit. If not, it is seduction.

Did you look at your idols and are in love with them? Did you mourn over God’s demand for their overthrow? Were you too much in love with your idols?

Once in Kampala, I had preached and then gone to work in the laboratory. A girl

followed me into the laboratory where I was working, climbed on the lab table and said, 'Zach Fomum, your God demands too much.' Then she jumped down and walked away.

When the vessel is clean, it is clean. Let no man deceive you that your vessel is clean unless all the dirt in it is washed away. Can the Spirit of the Resurrected One, the Lord Jesus, fill one when there is the slightest sin? No, He cannot.

If all your idols are removed, then they are removed. If they are not, then they are not.

2. On The Throne Of Your Heart

We are not talking about people being baptised into the Holy Spirit. All you need is to be in Jesus. We are talking here about the Holy Spirit ascending to the throne of a man's heart and taking up the entire throne.

He will not ascend until all is in submission to Him. While there is yet some rebellion or reservation, He will not reign. He comes to those who plead that He may come and reign in totality. He will not share the throne. He cannot share the throne with your selfish ambitions and desires. He cannot share the throne with selfish desires or with anything that has its origin in self. We are talking about the Holy Spirit coming in the fullness of His glory.

When a person dealing with the idols in his heart, leaves out some and yet says, "Holy Spirit, come and fill me", he is only deceiving himself. What will happen to the idols that are there? When the Holy Spirit occupies part of the heart and idols the other, is the person filled with the Holy Spirit? No!

Let us not be deceived. Let us not joke with the Holy Spirit. If we do, we shall go on believing a lie, that we are filled. And what will be the result?

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is much more than speaking in tongues. That I spoke in tongues when the Spirit came to me was incidental. What was remarkable was the results. Three to four students were turning to God each week. Before, it was one student in three months.

I received the Holy Spirit on a Saturday. The following Tuesday I preached the usual message and made the same invitation we had been making for weeks to the same students. They surged forward to give their lives to Jesus. The power of Another had rested on me.

There must be the power of Another. It is an ordinary person filled with the power of Another. It is the power of Another operating. I began to go to the streets of Kampala to evangelise. I began to run after sinners. In two weeks, the whole nation knew something had happened to Zach Fomum.

My whole being began to burn for God. I was desperate for God. I was hungrier for God than for food. I read the book, What Shall This Man Do? by Watchman Nee, on my knees, praying every sentence through.

At the time, I did not know much. But I had been invited to speak in a meeting of top spiritual men in Uganda. I knew that I could not do it without the power of the Holy Spirit. My only preparation was a total fast of six days, during which I told God, that if He did not fill me with the Holy Spirit, I would not go to preach where I had been invited. The meeting was above my level. I knew it would be disaster to go without being filled with the Holy Spirit.

3. What The Power Of The Holy Spirit Does

The power of the Holy Spirit is that power that gives to the giant rat the power of a lion. He remains a giant rat, but when he acts, the results far supersede those of a giant rat.

Let us look at the example of Peter, the apostle. Before Peter received the Holy Spirit, he had trembled before a little girl. The director of the Galilean association of fishermen could not stand up to a little girl. Earlier on, he had said he would die for Jesus. Faced with a test, he denied his Lord. He would no longer die for Him.

But on Pentecost day, the power of Another came upon him. Physically he was the same person. His height did not increase. No such thing happened. But when he spoke, 3000 people believed on the same day, in one unprepared sermon.

Then the authorities came and asked that they should not preach in the name of Jesus. He went on, though they could behead him. He told them, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God." He did not use soft words. He did not seek to please them.

The Bible says,

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people

of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. He is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:8-12).

We further read,

But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19-20).

He did not mince words when he said, "Whom you crucified ..."

He was driven by another power. Another power was operative. There was a courage, a boldness that was not Peter's. And he was at peace. They arrested them, jailed them, but he slept in the jail like a baby - in peace. That is power. It is not just power to preach, to do miracles. It was also the power to be in chains, ready to be shot the next day, but in deep sleep, so that the angel had to wake him up. That is power; the power of the Holy Spirit.

Before the power of the Holy Spirit came, the disciples quarrelled about who the greatest among them was. But when the Holy Spirit came, you do not hear them bother about this. Peter did all the speaking and the miracles, and the rest were very happy. They did not say, "Peter is taking all the glory." John did not ask to speak as well, so as to prove that power was also in him. The self-life was brought absolutely to nought. The power of self-love and the power of the Holy Spirit cannot co-dwell. Many are seeking to be filled so that self is exalted. It is not possible.

4. The World And The Things Of The World

They brought money and laid it at the feet of the apostles. But Peter did not jump at it and say he would have the leader's share. Though the money was laid at his feet, he went on without money as before.

There is the curse of the love of money and the love of things. Worse still, people now want the Holy Spirit to mix Him with their love for money and things. If you still worry about money, you cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit.

There is only one car in our ministry and I bought it with my money. There is a curse upon greed. Look at the list of things you are asking God for: “God, give me this and that”. Such a heart, pregnant with the love of things cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit.

You want more and more of the world; you want more and more of the things of the world. What then do you want the Holy Spirit to fill? Peter said, “Silver and gold I have none,” but he did not pray for silver and gold.

I am not also saying that people should not have money. I am talking about the attitude towards money. Dr. G. was my neighbour in Kampala. He sold his car and bought a motorcycle, for the sake of the gospel. Prof. T. was Head of the Physics Department. He sold his 504 “Peugeot” and bought a motorcycle, for the sake of the gospel. He was a full professor. These two men were believers. The curse of materialism had been overthrown from their hearts. When a man desires more and more things, his heart is too choked to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

If the things of the world offer you something, the Holy Spirit can offer you nothing. It is this lack of contentment, wanting this and that that chokes and destroys the heart. When there is a secret desire for money, something of the glory of God must be lost. The hunger for God and the hunger for things cannot dwell in the same heart. The desire for the Holy Spirit and the desire to possess another thing cannot dwell in the same heart.

5. The Pursuit Of God: An Excuse For Idling?

There is the falsehood of people saying that they are not working because they are seeking God. No one has ever left his job and given more time to God. When people have left their jobs, there has hardly been any increase in time put into prayer. Brother Theodore Andoseh, one of my very close workers, was serving somewhere as cashier, but when he stopped to be full-time, he struggled to add only one hour to the time he gave to God.

We have come to realise that most of our missionaries in the field spend less time with God than they did back home while they were employed. In the mission fields, they have become specialists in counselling. Being employed will not make you give God less time. It will make you more disciplined with time.

If you are not pursuing God,

If you are not seeking God,

If you are not holy, the problem is not your job.

It has nothing to do with your not working. All the statistics I have show that resignation from the job has not meant more time spent with God. Who filled the New Testament? Was it not the tent making Paul?

If a man is not close to his wife, can it be because he does not have time? It is love that draws together. If there is no love, you may give them seventy hours, in the same home, and they will stay in different rooms, only meeting to quarrel. But when there is love, a thirty seconds contact can touch hearts.

Someone has said that if you have something to do, give it to a busy man because he has mastered the use of time.

Many, while they worked did not listen to people's stories from morning till evening. Have you read Zach Poonen? He is an outstanding Indian writer. He says that a large proportion of the problem of India is the many so-called full-time preachers who do everything to get money from abroad. The problem has hardly been the lack of time. Rather it has been the abuse of time.

If a man knows God, so that he is satisfied with being in God's presence for two hours, and you give him the whole day, he will waste it. He would have had enough of God within the first two hours. He will not convert the rest of the time to prayer time.

It requires

a new encounter,

a new conversion,

a new promotion

by God for there to be increase in time put into God.

If you can get your wife to work, let her work. If not, she will sit at home waiting for you to come and entertain her.

If a man who is at the level where six hours a day with God are enough resigns, it is to waste the rest of the eighteen hours. What will the rest of the time be used for? Last year, a sister prayed an average of eight hours daily while keeping her job. She has reached the maximum one could reach while working. At that she can resign. She has filed in her resignation so that she may put in more time. Presently, she locks herself up every day from 8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. so that she may spend the time in the presence of God. None else but I can see her between these hours. And I am often not available.

If a man has not put in all of the time he could spend with God while employed, he should not resign. If he resigns, it will result in “fool-time”, not full-time. It will be to waste the time.

6. The Need For A Driving Desperation

The problem is that many people are desperate for nothing. In the early church, they had to make disciples, and preach the gospel or perish. They were desperate to obey, but they had no power. Many today are happy with their lives. There is no possibility that they can be filled with the Holy Spirit.

What will you suffer from if it did not happen? For the majority of present time believers, their lives can go on as powerless as they do without causing them any disturbance. Have you ever walked crying out in the streets because of the

burden for your city? Are you content with your condition?

Many want things to improve; but they are not sorely disturbed by their present condition. If a man is troubled, he will pay the price for change, whatever the change. It is people troubled beyond measure, who will pay the price to be filled with the Holy Spirit for that thing to happen.

A troubled man, a troubled woman, will pay God's price. Then God will fill and use him. May the saints see this, that only desperate men and desperate women will pay the price needed. What must happen or you perish? John Knox said, "Give me Scotland or take my life." It is this desperation, that this must happen or one's life is ruined that makes a man cry out to God, so that God may step in. And God always steps in when there is such desperation.

The question is, what must happen or you perish? Why have you been going round in circles? Why are you distracted? Because you have no consuming passion.

Unless there are divine burdens laid upon a man, that man will not seek the in-filling with the Holy Spirit. It is when a burden must be discharged or one perishes that one can turn to Him. Only troubled people can seek and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Only those who will come to ruin if they were not filled may be filled.

A national missionary should normally put in twelve, fifteen, eighteen hours into evangelism on a daily basis. If he puts in three and half hours of evangelism a day, he cannot call himself a national missionary. He is a crook if he calls soul-winning the one thing of his life.

God will only move when he finds desperate men and women. When a man says, “God, I go to the streets, and I will not come back without souls”. Then things may begin to happen. If indeed he does not return to his home after two or three days, he will begin to produce results.

7. It Will Call For Intensive And Extensive Labour

In worldly music, a guitarist puts in eight hours of training every day. If people think that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit, put in one hour, and catch the biggest fish, then they are deceived. A man should pray ten hours in the night and put in eight hours in the day evangelising. When he does this, he will produce results.

Putting in very little and expecting great results is dishonesty. The power of the Holy Spirit is not coming to bless the lazy. There must be the investment of a man's all, then God's all will come in and great results will be produced. It is when a man says, “God I have put in all I could” that the Holy Spirit comes in. Paul says, “I worked harder than them all.” You know, he also was most productive. God will not fill people who have nothing to do with the power of the Holy Spirit.

8. Vessels Fit For Filling

Unless God is mad, He cannot pour His Spirit into dirty vessels. No one can merit the clothing with the Holy Spirit. Presenting a clean vessel is no merit. Were you created to fill your heart with idols? Redeemed to put on idols? Idols are a curse. When you are told to put away your curse so that there may be room for the Holy Spirit, do you suddenly become a wonder for doing so? If you do, is that any merit?

Idols are like fibroids in a woman's womb that have to be removed for her to be normal. Is it a sacrifice if she co-operates for the fibroids to be removed? If the idols are still good for you, keep them. Some day if you ever get tired of them, you will throw them away mercilessly.

A man should only give away something if it stands in the way of some better thing which he wants. If it stands in his way of having something better, then he may gladly, willingly, co-operatively put it away.

There must be purity before power. All that is not in conformity with the holiness of God must be thrown away.

9. Filled To Win The Lost

God fills with the Holy Spirit so that the lost are won. Being filled will send you to the streets sixteen hours a day. It may mean that you pray in the night, every night for the 365 nights of the year. Are you ready to pray every night until heaven takes your city? If not forget it. The lazy are excluded.

The Bible says,

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee,"

they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers (Acts 1:8-14).

They were excited, caught up with their mission. It was a mission of life to the whole world. It was in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth.

They had a fabulous mission. Its quality was marvellous. Its quantity was immeasurable. They loved that to which God was calling them into. They wanted it to happen at all cost. There was only one problem. They were not equal to the task. There was a God-sized task to be done and they wanted this God-sized task to be done. But they were not equal to the task. Therefore, they wanted the Holy Spirit at all cost. On their own, only failure was guaranteed.

If the Holy Spirit came, victory would be possible. And, the Holy Spirit was promised them. Everything depends on the coming and operation of the Holy Spirit. If you get it that way, you get it right. What has God given you to do for Him so that if you do not accomplish it you will perish? Do you bear that task in your heart day and night? Do you say, “Woe to me if I do not accomplish it?” Are you burdened? Have you seen the glory that will come to Him if this task is accomplished? Do you then say that in order to bring glory to God this task must be done? Have you seen that the power needed is the power of the Holy Spirit and therefore you must go for His power at any cost? That is what we are talking about.

If God has given you a task that must be done and your very life is bound to that

task, you will rejoice about the resources for that task. You will do all to have the resources needed.

There was a very handsome man, who once lived with us. Then he saw a very beautiful girl. After he had paid the bride price for this girl, the mother of the girl asked that he should remove her grass roof and replace it with roofing sheets. It was too hard for him to do it, but because he wanted the girl at all cost, he had to do it.

If you have a task that you cannot accomplish, even if you tripled your capacities, then you need His all-able Holy Spirit. Does it not become a matter of joy to seek, find and be filled with that power? That is how I understand it.

Take away the being witnesses and there will be no need for power. The power is given to win the world. It was not given for people to feel fine, to be proud of themselves. It was given so that people will love God in an unusual way and love to win the lost.

The Bible says,

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:45-49).

Repentance and forgiveness of sin had to be preached to all nations beginning

from Jerusalem. But they had to wait until they were clothed with power from on high. They needed power to preach repentance and forgiveness of sin to all nations beginning from Jerusalem. What is your own Jerusalem? Is it Douala? Then the power to preach repentance and forgiveness of sin, as far as you are concerned begins from Douala.

You know a Spirit-filled man by the power of his witness. When a man is filled with the Holy Spirit, he cannot but speak out. When a man is filled with alcohol, the spirit of alcohol takes over. All drunkards are happy men when under the influence of wine. All drunkards live in the drunkards' world where they feel they are as high as a kite. The drunkard is filled with the drunkards' joy and boldness. A quiet drunkard is not the common experience. If he is quiet, it means he has not yet reached the mark.

A Spirit-filled person is bold, and is full of the joy of the Holy Spirit. Just as there is the joy of wine for the drunkard, there is the joy of the Holy Spirit for the Spirit-filled believer. The Apostle commands that we be not filled with wine, but with the Holy Spirit. They were filled to produce results. First of all, they spoke the word. They were not encouraged to do so. They saw sinners with the eyes of God.

They spoke and the Holy Spirit made their words reveal the Lord Jesus

to create a hatred of sin in the sinner.

to cause scales to fall from their eyes

to make hell and heaven look real.

to draw sinners and carry them into the Kingdom of God.

Before they were filled, these same words could have produced no results. After they were filled, their words had enormous power. The Spirit-filled man is a man through whom the Holy Spirit moves to impose God's presence. The Spirit-filled man is a man through whom the Holy Spirit moves to wield God's power and to produce unusual results for the glory of Jesus.

The power of the Holy Spirit energised their prayers, breaking heavy barriers and bringing down answers. When the power of the Holy Spirit is upon a man, it gives him a desire for Jesus that cannot be put into words. After Peter was filled, whether they cut off his head or not, was not a problem. He lived to preach the name of Jesus. If he died, he died for Jesus.

There are two things that should not happen to a man. He should neither lack Jesus nor lack money. If he has Jesus, that is enough. Peter had Jesus and Jesus was enough for him. He could say: silver and gold I have none; but he was very rich in Jesus.

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Intimacy And Ministry

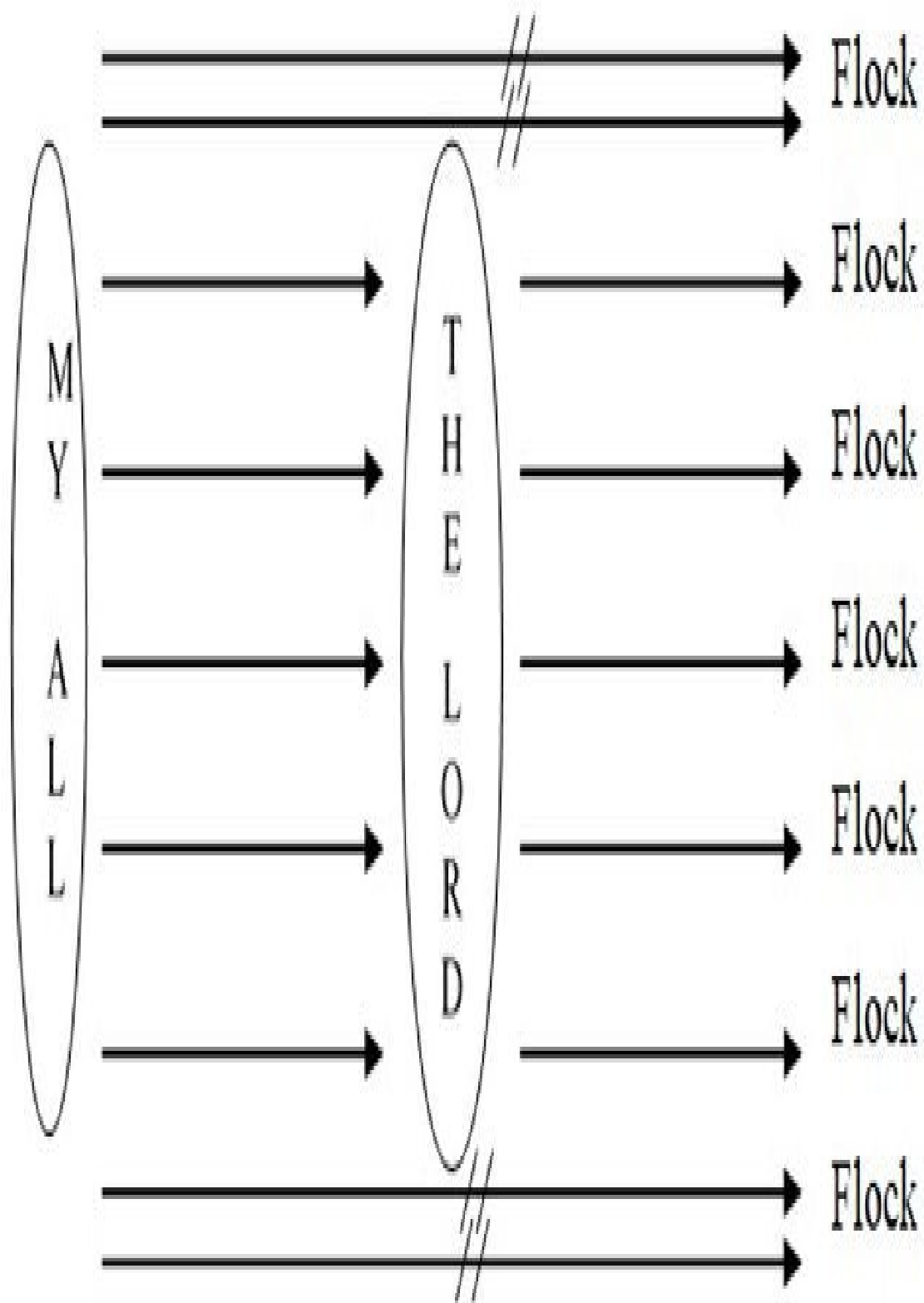
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1. Ministry As An Overflow Of Intimacy With God

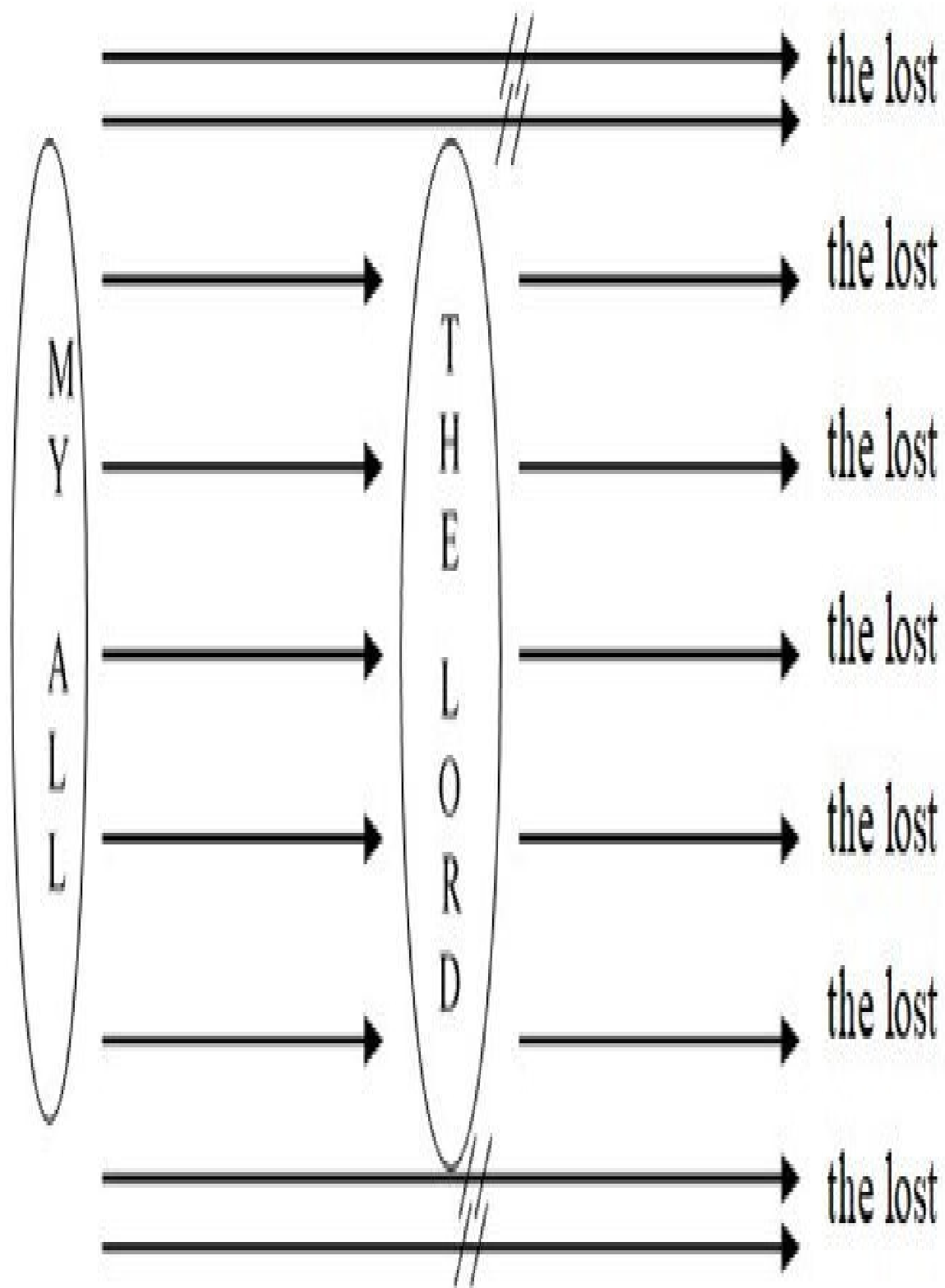
It is not possible to have God increase the flock if the people will not seek God. The only way to minister to the people is to pour everything to the Lord and the overflow will go to the people. But when you start pouring it on the people, you have missed it.

Commit yourself to prayer alone, Bible reading, Daily Dynamic Encounters with God, reading Christian Literature, gazing at Him. God is known in the intimacy of one being with Him alone. As you stay before Him, waiting for Him to speak, determined not to move away until He speaks, you grow in intimacy with God. It is out of this overflow of the intimacy with God that the right flow goes to meet the flock and keeps it.

It is in the purposes of God that all be invested in the Lord, then He will distribute what is poured on Him to the flock.



If you want to touch the flock without passing through the Lord, it is the flesh. It is natural love and attraction. It is wrong. If a man spends 9 hours with the Lord and 1 hour with the flock, the flock will be well-fed and satisfied. If he spends 1 hour with the Lord and 9 with the flock, the flock will not be satisfied. The Holy Spirit fills so that God may be primary and everything else secondary. It is so that everything flows from the believer to the Lord and from the Lord to the lost.



In normal evangelism, the believer pours his all into the Lord and the Lord reaches out to the lost. For such evangelism, the results will last. The evangelising believer is in touch with God, not with man.

The normal life is to withdraw and be lost in the Lord, so that in one hour, one may do what one could not in 100 hours away from God.

When the Holy Spirit comes, He comes to make Jesus the centre of the believer's life. He comes to demolish all the other centres. He comes to make Jesus the only centre.

Your ears need to be trained to hear God before God will speak to you. You may go once, twice, thrice, four times, five times, six times before God may speak to you. Go to seek Him, not His voice. Keep on, knowing that God will surely speak some day. If you are not prepared to be restored into union with Jesus and from that union flow out to the flock and to the lost, then you have nothing to do with the Holy Spirit.

2. When The Spirit Comes

The Holy Spirit will increase; He will dig new wells in your heart for Jesus. He will increase your thirst for Jesus. He will give you an ever-increasing thirst for Jesus that cannot be satisfied. And from that thirst, rivers of living water will flow from your life. That is what the Christian life is meant to be.

The Lord said about the Holy Spirit,

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you (John 16:13-14).

He will point to the Lord and centre all things on the Lord. He will bring glory to the Lord.

The Bible also says,

When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning (John 15:26-27).

The Holy Spirit testifies. You too should testify. If you testify alone, without the Holy Spirit, it lacks the double effect and that double effect is decisive. When the Holy Spirit testifies and you testify, the picture is complete and the Lord is glorified. Such testimony is irresistible. It bears abiding fruit.

3. The Church, Its Leader And Finances

When a church has a controversy with God in financial matters, the controversy is great. Dry pockets reflect something wrong in the relationship with God. Often, it says that the leader of such a church has gone wrong somewhere in the relationship with God. What the leader does affects his people.

I have prophesied to our work by ensuring that my wife and I increase the percentage of our giving every year, for the last twenty-five years. Prisca and I said that in times of crisis you increase the giving; you do not reduce it. Why? Because what I, Zach Fomum do, will affect our goal.

The leader is conscious twenty-four hours daily that he is the leader and that everything he does will affect the goal. Whatever he does, the people will do. Whatever he does not do the people will not do.

The family-head knows that what he thinks, the children will do. They will always exaggerate what he does. Therefore at any price, the leader must go right. He must know purity of heart at all cost to himself.

The people will do what the leader does even if they are not informed about it, because communication is in the spirit. The people will go for what the leader desires in his heart. They will buy only the worldly things the leader wishes he had, and so on. This is a spiritual law. On the other hand, what is done about the finances of the church matters. The leader must ensure that there is prayer and fasting for the finances of the church. He must be asking:

How many brethren are putting in 21-day fasts, for the finances of the church?

How many brethren are putting in 14-day fasts for the finances of the church?

How many brethren are putting in 7-day fasts for the finances of the church?

How many prayer crusades have been put in for the finances of the church?

Money is not received according to the needs. It is received according to the asking.

The brother in-charge of the General Fund of our ministry is 2½ years in the Lord. Earlier when he came to Yaounde to talk to me about his marriage, we were travelling and praying for funds on the way, million by million. Then he asked if he could have it as the goal of his life. I told him he could, and he took it up as the goal of his life. He knows where he is going to. The last time when I was leaving for India, he flew to Douala from Gabon and gave me a million, because he wanted to have a part in the Indian work.

4. Goals

Do you have a clear goal for your life? Write it down clearly. How much of it has been accomplished? Where did you get your goal from? Was it wishful thinking? Was it a dream?

A church of people without goals cannot be a growing church. If you have goal-less people around you, you will go nowhere. A goal-less person is a dangerous person. In a house-match final in a college in Bali, the defender of one of the houses scored against his team. Without a goal you are likely to be like this defender.

Goals are measurable. If there is no way of measuring your success day by day , year by year, you may be going nowhere in the accomplishment of the goal.

Let me say this again: it is failure in leadership that leads to a people without goals. A goal-directed life will be communicated from the leader to the people.

The leader shares the goal to the people and tells them the price to pay.

If a man asks you to be his disciple—ask him where both of you are going to. Are you someone's disciple? What are you being disciplined unto? In the Church in Libreville, there is a book of goals. When a brother has a clear goal, it is registered in that book. I like the idea. This will help those who already have goals to be reminded of them should they attempt to walk away from them. It will also stimulate those who do not have goals to seek God more until they have received goals from Him.

I have never seen a goal-less man go anywhere. He may have a lot of potential but he will go nowhere. A goal occupies a man night and day. He measures every person in the light of his goal. He asks, "Is this person for my goal or not?"

For my goal—Good,

Not for my goal—Bad.

Goals have time-limits for their accomplishment. When it comes to a goal, one must be able to look at it and know whether or not he is succeeding. A man with a goal is constantly asking - What must happen

this day?

this week?

this month?

this year?

next year?

the next five years?

the next ten years?

And so on.

In leadership, the leader must give clear instructions with dates. If not there is a failure in leadership.

5. The Children

Another problem-area now is in the leadership of children. Actually, many children in the churches are not being catered for. A third of the leadership in the church ought to be leading the children. The first responsibility was, "feed my lambs" then, "feed my sheep". Why is there such a shortage of ministers to children?

In many places the children are committed to someone who has his hands full already. Such a man cannot concentrate on the children and the need remains. It is time for us to do something for our children. I am pleading with today's leadership to do something about this matter. The future surely depends on it.

6. Finally

The Lord Jesus said,

If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you (John 14: 15-18).

Again the Lord Jesus said,

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgement: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me, in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgement, because the prince of this world now stands condemned (John 16:7-11).

I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you (John 16: 12-15).

The Holy Spirit is God's promise to you, His child. You do not receive Him by merit. He is God's gift to you. Turn to Him now and tell Him you cannot do without Him. Ask the Father to keep His promise to you now. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit, and by faith invite Him into your life. The Father has promised and the Holy Spirit is willing to come into you. Lay hold of Him. Receive Him now.

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Very Important!!!

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If you have not yet received Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, I encourage you to receive Him. Here are some steps to help you,

ADMIT that you are a sinner by nature and by practice and that on your own you are without hope. Tell God you have personally sinned against Him in your thoughts, words and deeds. Confess your sins to Him, one after another in a sincere prayer. Do not leave out any sins that you can remember. Truly turn from your sinful ways and abandon them. If you stole, steal no more. If you have been committing adultery or fornication, stop it. God will not forgive you if you have no desire to stop sinning in all areas of your life, but if you are sincere, He will give you the power to stop sinning.

BELIEVE that Jesus Christ, who is God's Son, is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. Jesus said,

"I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me"
(John 14:6).

The Bible says,

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:5-6).

"And there is salvation in no one else (apart from Jesus), for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God...” (John 1:12).

BUT,

CONSIDER the cost of following Him. Jesus said that all who follow Him must deny themselves, and this includes selfish financial, social and other interests. He also wants His followers to take up their crosses and follow Him. Are you prepared to abandon your own interests daily for those of Christ? Are you prepared to be led in a new direction by Him? Are you prepared to suffer for Him and die for Him if need be? Jesus will have nothing to do with half-hearted people. His demands are total. He will only receive and forgive those who are prepared to follow Him AT ANY COST. Think about it and count the cost. If you are prepared to follow Him, come what may, then there is something to do.

INVITE Jesus to come into your heart and life. He says,

“Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door (to his heart and life), I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me ” (Revelation 3:20).

Why don't you pray a prayer like the following one or one of your own construction as the Holy Spirit leads?

“Lord Jesus, I am a wretched, lost sinner who has sinned in thought, word and

deed. Forgive all my sins and cleanse me. Receive me, Saviour and transform me into a child of God. Come into my heart now and give me eternal life right now. I will follow you at all costs, trusting the Holy Spirit to give me all the power I need.”

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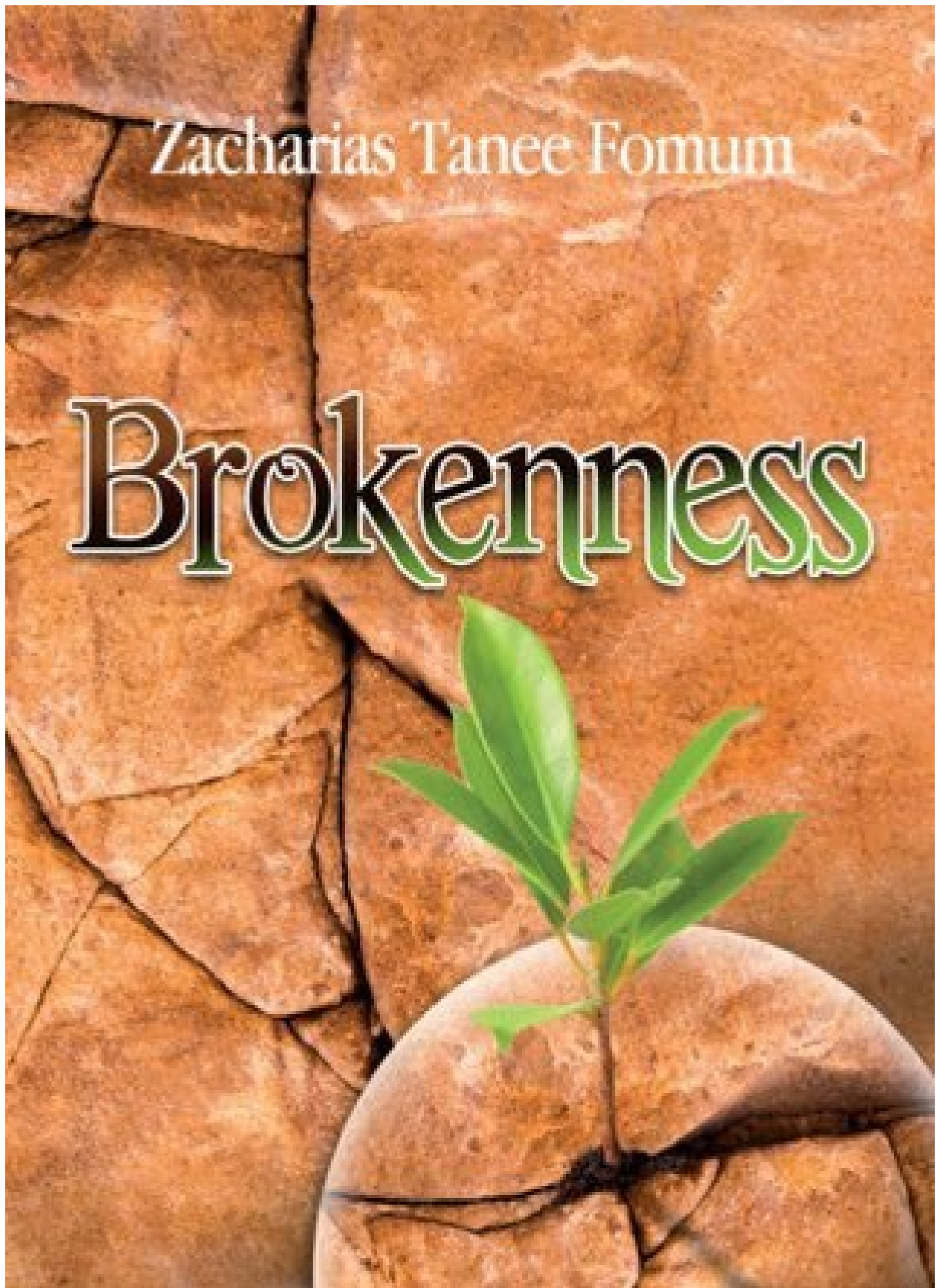
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allows free access to God in the minutest details of his life,

no longer presents any obstacle to God.

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Professor Zacharias Tanee Fomum was born in the flesh on 20th June 1945 and became born again on 13th June 1956. On 1st October 1966, He consecrated his life to the Lord Jesus and to His service, and was filled with the Holy Spirit on 24th October 1970. He was taken to be with the Lord on 14th March, 2009.

Pr Fomum was admitted to a first class in the Bachelor of Science degree, graduating as a prize winning student from Fourah Bay College in the University of Sierra Leone in October 1969. At the age of 28, he was awarded a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry by the University of Makerere, Kampala in Uganda. In October 2005, he was awarded a Doctor of Science (D.Sc) by the University of Durham, Great Britain. This higher doctorate was in recognition of his distinct contributions to scientific knowledge through research. As a Professor of Organic Chemistry in the University of Yaoundé 1, Cameroon, Professor Fomum supervised or co-supervised more than 100 Master's Degree and Doctoral Degree theses and co-authored over 160 scientific articles in leading international journals. He considered Jesus Christ the Lord of Science ("For by Him all things were created..." – Colossians 1:16), and scientific research an act of obedience to God's command to "subdue the earth" (Genesis 1:28). He therefore made the Lord Jesus the Director of his research laboratory while he took the place of deputy director, and attributed his outstanding success as a scientist to Jesus' revelational leadership.

In more than 40 years of Christian ministry, Pr Fomum travelled extensively, preaching the Gospel, planting churches and training spiritual leaders. He made more than:

700 missionary journeys within Cameroon, which ranged from one day to three weeks in duration.

500 missionary journeys to more than 70 different nations in all the six continents. These ranged from two days to six weeks in duration.

By the time of his going to be with the Lord in 2009, he had preached in over 1000 localities in Cameroon, sent over 200 national missionaries into many localities in Cameroon and planted over 1300 churches in the various administrative provinces of Cameroon. At his base in Yaoundé, he planted and built a mega-church with his co-workers which grew to a steady membership of about 12,000. Pr Fomum was the founding team-leader of Christian Missionary Fellowship International (CMFI); an evangelism, soul-winning, disciple making, Church-planting and missionary-sending movement with more than 200 international missionaries and thousands of churches in 65 nations spread across Africa, Europe, the Americas, Asia and Oceania. In the course of their ministry, Pr Fomum and his team witnessed more than 10,000 recorded healing miracles performed by God in answer to prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. These miracles include instant healings of headaches, cancers, HIV/AIDS, blindness, deafness, dumbness, paralysis, madness, and new teeth and organs received.

Pr Fomum read the entire Bible more than 60 times, read more than 1350 books on the Christian faith and authored over 150 books to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 5 million copies of these books are in circulation in 12 languages as well as 16 million gospel tracts in 17 languages.

Pr Fomum was a man who sought God. He spent between 15 minutes and six hours daily alone with God in what he called Daily Dynamic Encounters with God (DDEWG). During these DDEWG he read God's Word, meditated on it, listened to God's voice, heard God speak to him, recorded what God was saying to him and prayed it through. He thus had over 18,000 DDEWG. He also had over 60 periods of withdrawing to seek God alone for periods that ranged from 3 to 21 days (which he termed Retreats for Spiritual Progress). The time he spent seeking God slowly transformed him into a man who hungered, thirsted and panted after God. His unceasing heart cry was: "Oh, that I would have more of God!"

Pr Fomum was a man of prayer and a leading teacher on prayer in many churches and conferences around the world. He considered prayer to be the most

important work that can be done for God and for man. He was a man of faith who believed that God answers prayer. He kept a record of his prayer requests and had over 50, 000 recorded answers to prayer in his prayer books. He carried out over 100 Prayer Walks of between five and forty-seven kilometres in towns and cities around the world. He and his team carried out over 57 Prayer Crusades (periods of forty days and nights during which at least eight hours are invested into prayer each day). They also carried out over 80 Prayer Sieges (times of near non-stop praying that ranges from 24 hours to 120 hours). He authored the Prayer Power Series, a 13-volume set of books on various aspects of prayer; Supplication, Fasting, Intercession and Spiritual Warfare. He started prayer chains, prayer rooms, prayer houses, national and continental prayer movements in Cameroon and other nations. He worked with leaders of local churches in India to disciple and train more than 2 million believers.

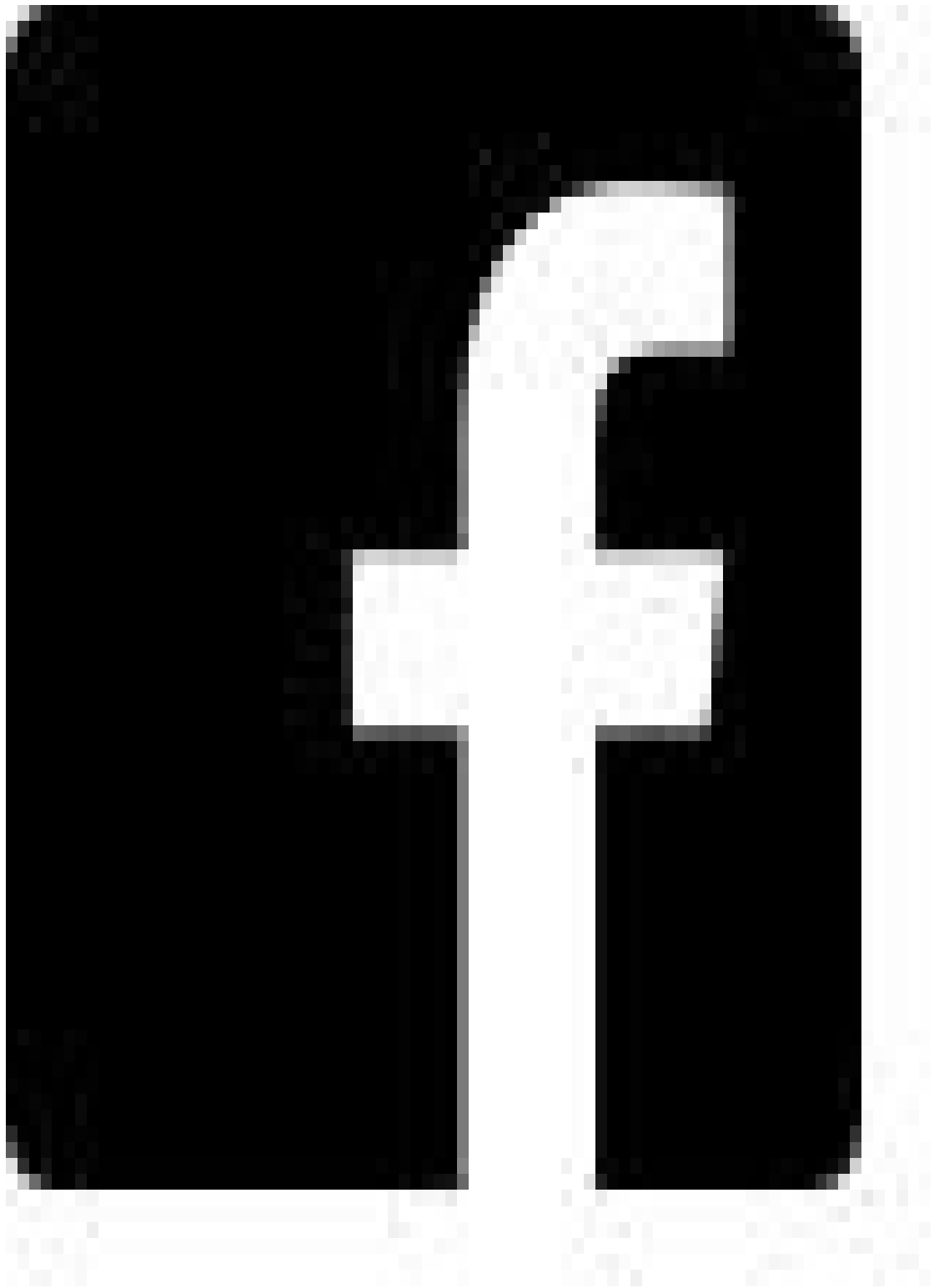
Pr Fomum also considered fasting as one of the weapons of Christian Spiritual Warfare. He carried out over 250 fasts ranging from three days to forty days, drinking only water or water supplemented with soluble vitamins. Called by the Lord to a distinct ministry of intercession, he pioneered fasting and prayer movements and led in battles against principalities and powers obstructing the progress of the Gospel and God's global purposes. He was enabled to carry out 3 supra – long fasts of between 52 and 70 days in his final years.

Pr Fomum chose a lifestyle of simplicity and “self- imposed poverty” in order to invest more funds into the critical work of evangelism, soul winning, church-planting and the building up of believers. Knowing the importance of money and its role in the battle to reach those without Christ with the glorious Gospel, he and his wife grew to investing 92.5% of their earned income from all sources (salaries, allowances, royalties and cash gifts) into the Gospel. They invested with the hope that, as they grew in the knowledge and the love of the Lord, and the perishing souls of people, they would one day invest 99% of their income into the Gospel.

He was married to Prisca Zei Fomum and they had seven children who are all

involved in the work of the Gospel, some serving as missionaries. Prisca is a national and international minister, specializing in the winning and discipling of children to Jesus Christ. She also communicates and imparts the vision of ministry to children with a view to raising and building up ministers to them.

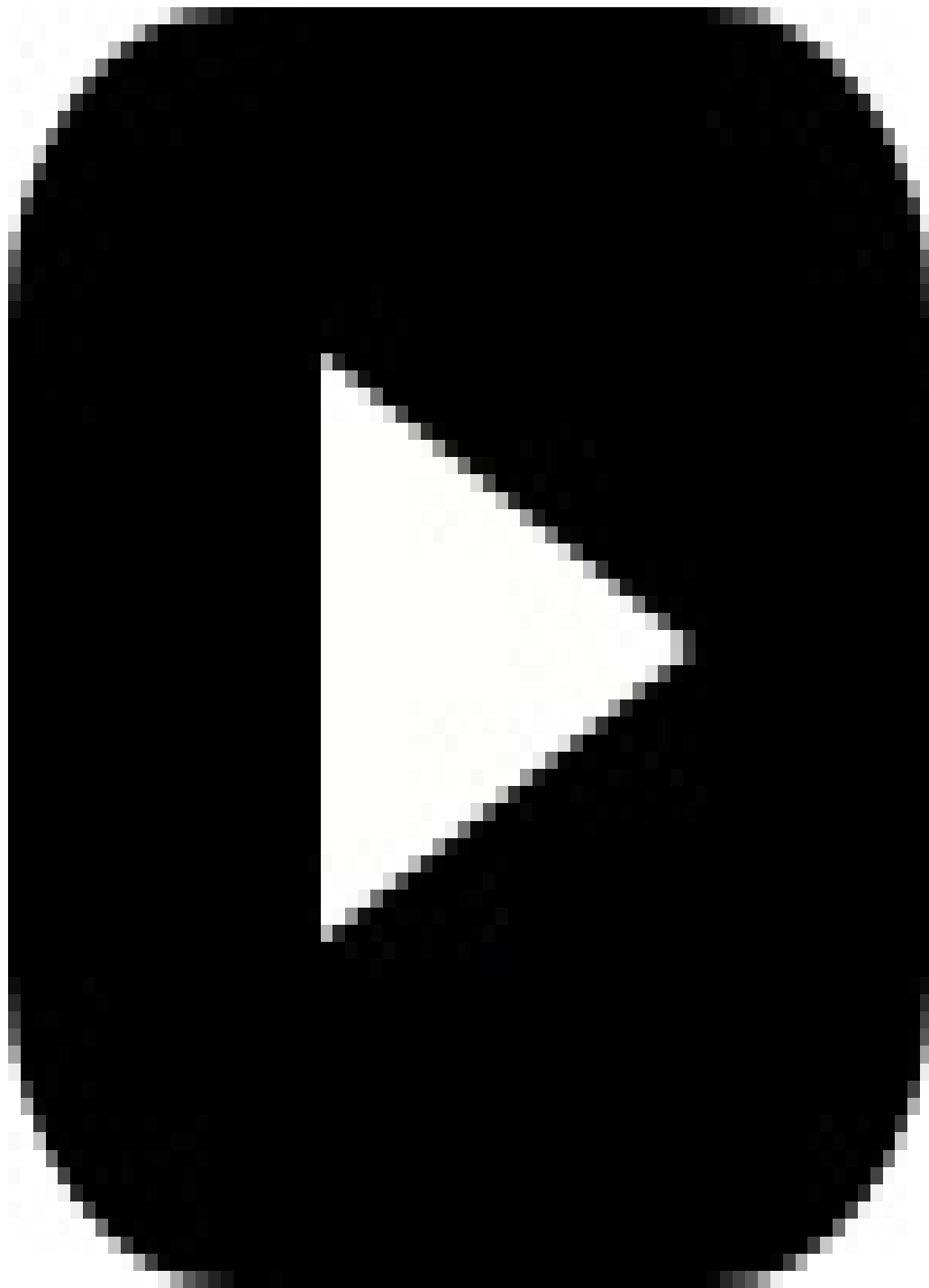
The Professor owed all that he was and all that God had done through him, to the unmerited favour and blessing of God and to his worldwide army of friends and co-workers. He considered himself nothing without them and the blessing of God; and would have amounted to nothing but for them. All praise and glory to Jesus Christ!











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