\*THE MAIN ENEMY IS SELF\*

"When a man's way pleases the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him"

\*Prov 16:7\*

Many believers, are often caught up in the fixated mind set of wanting to fight our enemies.

Without doubt, everyone has enemy of some sort.

"However, If the death within does not kill, the outside one will not get access to kill".

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

"Woe to you Scribes and the Pharisees, you hypocrites! you clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are filthy; full of greed and self-indulgence".

\*Matthew23:25\*

Self-cleansing is the first step to enjoying good health.

The following are some of the enemies of "Self"

1.The first one is \*Unforgiveness\*

Jesus Christ said :

" \*Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way or your adversary may hand you over to the judge and the judge may hand you to the officer and you may be thrown into prison.\* Matthew 5:25.

Some believers are still finding it hard to forgive.

Just Imagine a person who still abhor "sins" committed by another person who is now dead

Mind you, the deceased probably had time to reconcile his or her ways with God before death came and that means the fellow is in heaven and yet you are still mulling over the fellow on earth.

Forgive and repent before is too late.

2. The \*mouth\* is the bane of some believers.

When a man does not know how to \*"shut it"\* and listen more; there is bound to be problems.

Irrespective of the person and the position he occupies or the anointing upon him, \*he will\* always have issues, he will contend with.

Jesus said:

 \*"For by your words you will be acquitted and by your words you will be condemned"\*

Matthew 12:37.

\*PRAYER\* :Set a guard over my mouth Lord and keep a watch over the door of my lips.🙏🏼🙏🏼🙏🏼

\*Psalm 141:3\* .

3. Lack of Anger "management" is an enemy of Self.

The bible did not say we should not be angry.

In fact, with what this world is turning to; you cannot but get angry at times.

\*Matt21:12-13\*

 \*"Be angry, yet do not sin; do not allow the sun to go down on your anger.\*

Ephe 4:26

Meaning, do not allow your anger to cause you to sin and do not allow your anger to persist.

Proverbs 16:32 says:

" \*Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty....\*"

It translates to saying, do not allow yourself to be easily angered.

4. \*Pride\* is a major enemy of mankind.

Apostle John termed it " \*pride of life".\*

\*1John 2:16\*

Undoubtedly, believers are not left out in the snare of pride.

Defensiveness is a major spot.

An humble spirit is usually quiet when criticism is on the high.

"Do you know who I am, I am in charge here or I have been born again since I was 10yrs old; my records may not be outdone".

 \*Calm down\*! Obsession with self and position are dangerous signs of pride.

While admission and silence are not signs that you are weak.

King Uzziah was sixteen years old when he was made king over Judah and his time as king was glamorous that he became very powerful then pride led to his downfall.

People warned him but instead of listening to the counsel of elders he got angry with them

Subsequently, God afflicted him with leprosy

Pride could be very costly.

Regardless of level or position you occupy in life, tread softly because one of those under you now might turn out to be one to determine your fate later in life.

Even an unborn baby will one day sit on your current seat if Jesus tarries.

" \*I returned and saw under the sun that the race is not for the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise nor riches to the men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happened to them all".\*

Ecc 9:11.

One of the two thieves beside Jesus Christ on the cross said:

"If you are indeed the Christ save thyself and us" but the other thief rebuked him and said unto Jesus; remember me when you come to your kingdom"

Jesus replied:

" \*Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise"\*.

\*Luke23:39-42\*

It means it's not late for anyone to follow the path of humility and repentance.

5. The lost of the flesh and lost of the eyes are enemies of self.

\*1John 2:16\*.

Lost of the flesh is about loving the world and the things of the world. They are things that contend with our spiritual life.

While "lost of the eyes" means going after what the eyes see.

King David lusted after Bathsheba and committed adultery with her

\*2 Sam 11:1-5\*

Apostle Paul termed all the attributes of lust of the flesh and eyes as \*works of the flesh.\*

 \*Gal 5:19-21.\*

Lack of self-control over food, personal acquisitions, wealth, fame , position,sex etc are all bad and they lead to \*greed and corruption\*.

The bible says: \*"let your moderation be known to all men, the Lord is at hand".\*

Phil 4:5

6.Envy is a killer enemy of Self.

"Where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice "

\*James 3:16\*

Envy leads to hatred and hatred breeds murder.

Cain and Abel , king Saul and David are good examples.

7. The last but not the least is disobedience.

"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience".

 \*Ephe 5:6\*.

Total obedience to God's words is the antidote

to keeping the outside enemies at bay.

That's why the bible says:

 \*"If a man's ways pleases the Lord; He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him"\*

Proverb 16:7.

This \*"wood"\* is bad, you threw it away, the other one is also bad, you got rid of it. when will soup be cooked?

Perhaps your \*"Ego"\*:is the enemy of your own life! Deal with it before it causes you more harm.

Meanwhile, all the "wood" you rejected or found not fit for purpose have been confirmed useful by others.

Whoever is very observant and one that follows events as they unfold, will agree words of prophecies are coming to pass in our very eyes and yet we are not paying close attention!

I have delivered \*GOD'S words\* again; it is up to you to amend your ways..

Jesus said:

" \*When a strong man fully armed guards his own house, his possessions are safe.\* Luke11:21

Fight the enemy of self in your prayer room, on your knees and God will answer.

The Almighty God will help us to triumph over all the excesses of self in Jesus name. 🙏🏼🙏🏼🙏🏼.

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Signed, Bro Cole

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