\*THE MESSENGER!\*

A Messenger is a person who disperses messages or goes on an errand for another.

The bible says;
\*"Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD’s message".\*
Haggai 1:13.

Meaning, a Messenger of God is a person that conveys messages of God to people.

The work of an ordinary messenger is not a dignified one by any means, but they do have access to privileged information by virtue of the nature of their work.

Like or hate them; they have knowledge of things that affects your life, career and future. Such was my experience about 25 years ago.

Then, as a prospective Law Student, I went to the Faculty of Law at the highly prestigious University of Ibadan to meet a Senior Lecturer I knew, in order to ascertain if my name was shortlisted for admission.

On getting to the Faculty, I met a woman,who happens to be a typist and one that runs errand for the Dean of the Faculty.

The Lecturer had earlier told me, that my chances of being admitted for Law was too slim.

However, for the sake of certitude, she told me to wait; in order to verify from the Dean's office.

While I was waiting, the typist asked me what my mission was and I reluctantly told her, she went further to ask for my full name, by then I was already feeling; she was just a busybody disturbing me.

Then she said to me quietly: \*"your name is there".\*

About an hour later, the Senior Lecturer came out with utmost disbelief and said: \*"I don't know how but your name is on the list".\*

I went home rejoicing that day. \*but, that incident taught me a great lesson, which is; never to underate anybody in this life.\*

As ordinary messengers are usually not very   appealing, most messengers of God are almost usually underrated.

The story of a Messenger of God referred to as 'Man of God' in the book of \*1 Kings 13,\* comes to mind.

God sent him to King Jeroboam;
who was abusing the altar of God, allowing just anybody to minister as priest on the altar.

\*The 'Man of God' was so negligible that the bible did not even mention his name, yet God found him useful!\*

After the Man of God delivered the message, \*The king perhaps, underrated the power of God upon him, stretched forth his hands against the Man of God and the hand dried up immediately.\*
1 Kings 13:4.

\*Lesson 2: you do not attempt to harm a Messenger of God.\* Psalm 105:15.

Coincidentally, sons of an 'old Prophet' saw the incident and told their father. The old prophet was not happy about the advent of a new Man of God and he did everything to make him fall.

Unfortunately for the Man of God, he died as a result of the evil lie of the old prophet. \*1Kings 13: 11-31.\*

Many of the church leaders today need to seek for God's mercy.

\*As much as it pains me to say this; similar things are happening in our churches now. Without knowing it,many people have allowed jealousy and envy to take control of their lives; as they are in the habit of despising someone whom the Lord is using newly.\*

Forgetting that in the book of \*Acts 10:34&35:\* Apostle Peter said; \*our God does not do favouritism, he uses just anybody who fears Him and does the right thing.\*

Finally, \*you may not like the Messenger but you do not dispense with the message or attack the messenger; you do so at your own peril.\*

A word is enough for the wise!

May we finish well in Jesus name.🙏🏼

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