

# Inspiration today

## GOD IS AT WORK FOR YOU

Many times, children of God feel discouraged, let down and disappointed especially when answers to requests are seemingly delayed. While it is natural to feel downcast when things are not going one's way, we have to realise that God has not called us to live in the natural but in the supernatural. Living in the supernatural is our new nature in Christ and this is directly opposite to our former ways of assessing issues. Our assessment of situations and events must be in line with the Word of God and on our understanding of the ways of God. To many, this doesn't seem reasonable but unfortunately it is the reality. For example, delays are never denials nor are they signs of rejection by God. Going back to scripture we discover that those who had been delayed had received special and outstanding rewards for their wait.

Hannah in 1 Samuel chapters 1 and 2 received an outstanding blessing of a son who became one of the greatest prophets in Israel. Elizabeth gave birth to John the Baptist, who was the fore runner of Christ and who introduced Jesus to the world in her old age.

Today, you may have been waiting on God for answers to some requests and it seems like God has forgotten you. You feel discouraged knowing that you've been doing your best in God's service, living right and loving Him. People around you seem to be having it "better" and "quicker" than you. Friend, God has not forgotten you. God is at work preparing something great, marvellous and fantastic for you. There was this sister, a manager in a commercial bank, who pioneered and coordinated a Lunch Hour fellowship in a city centre that drew crowds of worshippers every weekday afternoon. While many were testifying of God's blessings from the fellowship she was downcast because no man would ask her hand in marriage nor say to her "I love you". All her contemporaries had gotten married and had children and she was still single. And when the man eventually turned up she could not contain the joy and the blessings. The man loved this lady to bits overtly and inwardly as he loved God. God blessed them quickly with three children and a very happy home. She acknowledged that what she got was worth more than the wait. Let me bring our attention to some of God's Words:

**Luke 12:32: Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**

**Romans 8:32. He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?**

**Galatians 2:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

When there's a delay it's because God is working out something amazing and exceptional. When men look down on you and call you all sorts of derogatory names, never take notice because God is preparing you for something great and extraordinary. David was a good example. You're serving God, putting in everything - your time, your money, talents and it seems you have nothing to show for it, count it all joy because God is at work for you.

Plants that produce within a short time, like corn, produce a single harvest but plants that produce year after year and continue to produce - palm trees, cocoa etc endure for years before their first fruit. In His own time, He makes all things beautiful.

Abundant blessings.

## July BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ireolulwa Shotala 6<sup>th</sup>, 2 Feranmi Seriki 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 Tanesha Silveria-Sow 10<sup>th</sup>,  
4 Ayobami Maiyegun 13<sup>th</sup>, 5 Sopuruchukwu Amarissa Ibe 15<sup>th</sup>,  
6 Comfort Tei 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 Michael Dolamu Sobande 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8 Tega Okeregha 30<sup>th</sup>



### Dominion Assembly

Jesus Christ the same yesterday,  
and today and forever.  
Hebrew 13:8

#### Vision/Mission Statement

1. To Make Heaven
2. To take as many people as possible with us
3. Committed to Spiritual revival in the Merseyside region and the United Kingdom
4. To make Holiness our lifestyle
5. Helping members grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ through the Word, Prayer & Evangelism
6. To be relevant in our community through helping the elderly, the homeless & the vulnerable
7. We will pursue these objectives until spiritual revival comes to our Nation & the world is reached for Jesus Christ our Lord

#### Services Sundays

Prayer meeting 9.30am

Church Service  
11.00am—1.30pm

Evening Service 6pm—7pm

**\*\*Holy communion Services the First & Third Sundays of each month and Last Thursdays of each month**

#### Thursdays

Bible Study 6pm—7.30pm

#### Prayer Meeting

- Sundays 9.30am and 5.30pm
- 5pm daily except Thursdays

#### Healing Rooms

1st Saturday of the month 1-4pm  
A safe caring & confidential environment to receive Christian prayer for all kinds of physical, mental, emotional & spiritual healing through the name of Jesus



# Notices

**Children aged 7 and below MUST be accompanied to the restrooms at all times**

♣ **Last Thursdays of each month**  
Holy Communion Service

♣ **Use of disabled toilet**  
Male Children, 12 and under are no longer allowed to use the male toilets. Henceforth, they should use the disabled toilet

♣ **July 1st— July 30th**  
Second Lap RCCG 2018 fasting. Note that dry fasting is an option as led by the Holy Spirit

♣ **3 stage biblical prayer course**  
One Saturday a month for 6 months at various locations. Fee: £250

♣ **Evangelism**  
Evangelism every Saturday beginning from May 12; 19 and 26 throughout summer months at 10.30am. God beautifies the feet of those that bring the gospel.

♣ **Water Baptism**  
If you are born again and want to be water baptised by immersion, please give your names to Bro. Henry

♣ **Saturday, July 21**  
Province Pastor will hold a meeting with Area 2 and Dominion Assembly workers by 6pm  
Venue: Dominion Assembly

♣ **Saturdays August 4th & 11th**  
RCCG Music Children Summer Camp. The summer camp is in preparation for recording the children's first worship album:  
Registration:  
[www.rccguk.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.rccguk.eventbrite.co.uk)  
Fee: £50 per day

♣ **Saturday August 4th - Monday August 6th**  
Transformed Youth Retreat  
Venue: Quinta Christian Centre, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7LR  
Accommodation & feeding: £58

♣ **Saturday August 18th**  
Drama group competition at Redemption House from 1pm to 4pm

♣ **Saturday September 22nd**  
Christian Media and communication conference at Redemption House

♣ **Saturday September 29th**  
Helps Ministries Conference at Redemption House

## Today's Sunday School—Lesson 45 ESSENTIALS OF FOLLOW UP

Memory Verse: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2v2

Lesson text: Colossians 4v7-8

### A. Some Methods of follow up ministry

Following an evangelistic/crusade, a nursery/baptismal class is convened to provide specific help to those who are young in faith (Mt. 28v20). Age or gender-specific instructions or teachings may also be organised (1 Tim 5v1-20). Home Bible study groups or home fellowship centres are good follow-up programmes (Acts 2v46, 16v40; Rom. 16v3-5). The use of Christian literatures could be of tremendous benefit to new converts as they grow in the Lord, the best of which is the Holy Bible. Other biographies could be of value. Paul for example, insisted that the teaching letter to the Colossians be read also to the Laodicean church and vice-versa (Col. 4v16). In modern days, we should take advantage of social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Whatsapp etc) and technology especially the communication gadgets (mobile phones, computers etc) to send short messages, emails etc.

### B. Paul and Timothy type of relationship explained

This is a closer one to one personal method of follow-up. It is virtually the most effective (2 Tim. 2v2). During this type of relationship, emphasis is placed on Christian living, bible doctrine and winning others. Paul emphasised this greatly in his personal follow-up and discipleship of Timothy, his son in the Lord (1 Tim. 1v18, 4v12-13, 2v1-15). Timothy was brought up in basic bible doctrines and also instructed to teach others likewise (1 Tim. 1v3-4), especially as it is so easy to make shipwreck of one's faith in God or become victim of false teachers and heresies (1 Tim. 1v19-20, 4v1-7, 2 Tim. 2v15-16, 3v1-12, 4v1-5). The personal approach also warned on possibility of backsliding or even apostasy (1 Tim 6v20-21; 2 Tim. 4v10) and the need to beware of evil association (2 Tim. 4v14-15)

### Conclusion

The essence of learning some follow-up techniques is that we shall do them. Remember, the doer of the word is more blessed than the hearer only (James 1v22-25). If our fruits abide, we shall be rewarded. Here, we shall be rewarded. Here, we shall be full of joy and hereafter we shall shine forever (1 Thess. 2v19-20; Dan. 12v3).

## Open Heaven for today

### BE COURAGEOUS

**Memorise: Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD. Psalm 31:24**

**Read: Joshua 1:1-9 (KJV)**

In the kingdom of God, to be courageous is to have the spiritual, emotional and moral willpower to speak and act without fear in the face of distress or concerns over a threat or challenge being faced. Courage is a cardinal virtue that is required to handle any godly leadership position or spiritual assignment. To underscore the importance of courage, saying like "fear not", "be strong" and "be courageous" were used in several passages of the Bible to encourage God's appointed leaders. For example, God commanded Joshua to be strong and to be of good courage four times in Joshua chapter one alone.

In **Daniel 10:19**, a heavenly being encouraged Daniel saying, "Fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong." God also encouraged Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Zerubbabel, Jeremiah, Peter, Paul and several others in similar fashion. The Lord will support you, encourage you and grant you the fortitude to overcome every obstacle and challenges of life in Jesus' Name.

Moreover, God often instructs His children, especially leaders amongst them, to embark on assignments that are new and great, unprecedented, unbelievable, unrealistic and practically impossible by any natural means. The nature of God's assignments usually strikes fear, doubt and confusion into people's hearts, making it difficult for them to proceed with such tasks without first receiving divine support and encouragement. Courage therefore derives from the hope and assurance of the divine presence in such circumstances. This was what prompted Moses in **Exodus 33:15b** to say:

**"If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence."**

Confronted with the impossible task of leading the Israelites to the Promised Land, he hinged his willingness to move forward on the assurance of God's presence. David also single-handedly ran through a troop because God was with him (**2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 22:30**). I pray that God's presence will see you through your present challenges and catapult you to your breakthrough in Jesus' Name.

Courage is demonstrated in various ways, such as leading God's people against their enemies, proclaiming the gospel to others, and exercising the authority of God's kingdom in your sphere of influence. God gives strength to His people and enables them to be courageous by giving them faith. God proves Himself faithful to His promises and His faithfulness enables His people to trust Him for sustenance in everyday life. Children of God are created to be the head and not the tail. You were created to take charge as a leader wherever you find yourself. You therefore need to be bold, strong and courageous because that is your heritage in Christ.

### Prayer Point

**Father, please give me the willpower to influence the world for You in Jesus' Name.**

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