\*DON'T BURY YOUR GIFT\*

"The gift and calling of God are irrevocable".

\*Romans11:29\*

The bible in the above passage makes us to understand that every Gift and Call of God upon each one of us are never taken back by God.

Invariably, it is either you make use of the gift given to you and you yield to the Call or you die and you are buried with it without fulfilling purpose.

These gifts are called \*Spiritual gifts\* .

They can be defined as Divine abilities to perform supernatural task for the Church of God.

They are not talents; ordinary talent is not sufficient to do the work of God.

"I know how to sing, I can talk and talk; I will be a good pastor!"

 \*NO\* ; without the gift and Call of God on your life, you will only function based on the talent, devoid of the Divine Grace backing it up.

However, you can covet good spiritual gifts through prayer.

Apostle Paul says:

 \*"But covet earnestly the best gifts..."\*

1 Cor 12:31.

It is important to emphasize that the \*giver of gifts is God\* and not any man or Pastor; hence let no man \*talk you down\*: you dont know what you are doing!

 \*"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distribute them"\*

1 Cor 12:4

Meaning, God distribute different gifts to people as He deems fit.

 \*James 1:17\*

"We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us.If your gift is prophesying,

then prophesy according to your faith; if it is serving then serve, if it is teaching then teach, if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully"

\*Rom 12:6-8\*.

In functioning in the offices of five fold ministry stated in: \*Ephesians 4:11\* ,you will need to exercise the gifts associated with them, which are

highlighted in

\*1Cor 12:8-10\*:

1.Word of Wisdom 2.Word of Knowledge

3.Faith.4.Gift of Healing

5.Working of Miracles.

6.Prophecy

7.Discerning of Spirit .8.Diverse kinds of tongues and 9.Interpretation of tongues.

✅The starting point is how do you discover your own gift?

Many people are confused about identifying the exact gift(s) God has given them.

Apostle Paul said in \*Romans 12:2\* :

 \*"Don't copy the behaviour and custom of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good, pleasing and perfect".\*

More often than not, people around you who have the gift of discernment will tell you when they perceive a God given talent or gift in you.

Where your passion lies in the things of God \*could\* also be a \*sign post\* too.

God said:

 \*"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and hidden things you have not known".\*

Jer 33:3

 \*Seeking\* God through prayer to knowing His purpose for your life is very key.

✅The next question is how do you activate or harness the gift of God?

No man wanting to build up his muscles will hire another man to start doing press-ups and gym exercises on his behalf.

It’s about \*doing it yourself\*.

 \*Prayer contractors\* cannot help you to activate your spiritual gifts.

"Since we have gifts differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly, if prophesying do it according to the proportion of faith"

\*Romans 12:6\*

Consistency in fasting and prayer, constant meditation of the Word are required.

Apostle Paul said: "For this reason, I remind you to \*fan into flames\* the gift of God which is in you..."

 \*2 Tim 1:6\*

Do not exercise fear but be very \*bold\* in the power of God

 \*2 Tim 1:7\*

✅Developing the gift is very crucial.

This is one area that the Church of today seems to be lacking or lagging behind.

The Church should provide the platforms and atmosphere for believers to florish and develop in their gifts.

Elders should encourage other believers of the \*freedom\* to exercise their Spiritual gifts.

My late mother told me: \*"beware of the 'big rooster' that does not want the chicken to crow"\*.

They will \*Envy\* you; but step out of your comfort zone to manifest your gift.

Certain habits like: too much sleep, unfruitful association and talk will have to be jettisoned.

Jesus told us the parable of the talents.

 \*Matthew 25: 14-30\* :

The servant that was given five talents traded with same and added another five, while one went to hide his talent on the ground.

The master was furious that HE took the one talent and gave it to the servant that had ten.

It reminds me of a song by Evangelist Ebenezer Obey:🎤

Ma se pa talenti re mole arakunri, Oluwa yio bere lowo re o un to fi se- 🎹 \*translation\*:

Don't hide your talent, young man. God will make you give account of what you did with it.

✅These gifts are \*for the edification of the body of Christ\*.

That's why Apostle Paul said:

"If you really want spiritual gifts, choose the ones that will be most beneficial to the Church.

\*1 Cor 14:12\*

Spiritual gifts are not meant for personal use, neither are they meant for show- manship like magicians do.

Although:

 \*"A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men"\*

Prov 18:16.

It was Daniel's excellent Spirit that brought him before the king.

\*Daniel 6:3\*

✅Spiritual gifts are not for sale.

A man named Simon, wanted to buy the gifts of the Spirit after seeing the disciples laying hands; but he was rebuked by Peter.

\*Acts 8:18-24\*

✅Do not abuse the spiritual gift, to make wealth or exploit other believers.

"freely you have received, freely give.

\*Matthew 10:8\*

✅When you do manifest your gifts; \*they\* will intimidate you.

Peter was hiding & shying away from stirring up the potentials of the gifts upon him until the encounter at the beautiful gate.

 \*ACTS 3 & 4\*

\*HEAR ME\* : No scheme of the \*Scribes\* nor legion of \*hypocrites\* can stop me from doing the work of God in \*any manner I deem fit.\*

Is it right in the sight of God to obey men than God? \*For I cannot but speak the things I have seen and heard.\*

\*Acts 4:13-19\*

\*PRAYER\*:

I invoke the same \*power of resurrection\* that worked for Peter, to work in my favour even at this Easter period. 🙏🏼

If you are yet to give your life to Jesus? \*Repent now.\*

Seek Him diligently and you can be sure God's Spiritual gifts upon your life will manifest

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Signed, Bro Cole