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Ancient of days we give you all the Glory. We give you all the Honour, we give Adoration. Thank you for the salvation of our souls, thank you for calling us into the Ministry. Please accept our Worship, in Jesus Name.

And we thank you because we know you are doing a New Thing. And we are trusting you that from today, there will be a New Beginning in our Ministries. Please accept our worship in Jesus Name.

Father today, speak to us, challenge us, transform us. Let this day be a day we will never forget.

In Jesus Mighty Name, we have prayed. Amen!

Now let somebody shout Hallelujah - Hallelujah!

TEXT: Matthew 16:18

"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Let us just go to:

"... I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"

In that statement lies: THE BASIC FUNDAMENTALS OF CHURCH GROWTH:

"... I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"

The first important word there is "I".

"I" here is talking about God. And He is the only One supremely qualified to use the word "I".

He is the One who said in Exodus 3:15; He said my name is: "I AM THAT I AM." God introduced Himself and said: "I AM THAT I AM."

The only fellow qualified to use the word "I", is God.

That is very, very crucial.



You will notice the anger of the Jews when in John 8:58-59; Jesus Christ said: "Before Abraham was, I AM."

They were infuriated because He equated Himself to God; and they wanted to kill Him for doing that.

The word "I" is the symbolic evidence of "Satanic Pride"; when it is used by anyone other than God.

Isaiah 14:13-16; hear Satan talking there. And you will see how many times he used the word "I": "I will be like the Most High, I will raise my throne, I will do this, I will do that".

Now, why is this important?

Because there is another word closely associated with the word "I"; and that is "MY".

So, when you begin to talk about: "My Ministry"; "My Church". My this, my that; you are already setting yourself up against God.

When you say: "My Ministry is not growing";

You have already told us the reason why it is not growing (Daddy Laughs);

... It is "YOUR" Ministry.

The second (2nd) word there is: "I WILL build my Church"; is "Will".

God didn't say: I "MAY" build; He said: "I WILL".

Psalm 33:8-9 tells us that when He speaks, it is done.

Numbers 23:19 says: "God is not a man that He should lie; nor the son of man that He should repent."

... Once He has spoken, He will do it.

So, I want you to be encouraged. If He called you into the Ministry. If He is the One who called you. If it is not money that called you. If it is not your stomach that called you.

... If it is God who called you into the Ministry, He will support you.

Be He said: "I WILL" build; not that I "May". There is no doubt about it.

Compiled by Discovery Media Crew – discoverymediacrew.com +2348023604721 Facebook @DMC MediaCrew Page 5 of 75 And then "BUILD"; which is the the BIG word there.

Now, "I will Build".

God is the MASTER BUILDER. He is a Builder; He build houses.

In Exodus 1:21; the Bible says: Because the Midwives in Egypt feared God: He built HOUSES for them.

... He is a Builder of our houses.

He builds Marriages. Of course there is no use having a house if there is no family to live in it.

Genesis 2:18 tells us: Marriage is God's idea.

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"It's not good that man should be alone; I will make a Help Meet for him".

... He builds houses, He builds Marriages.

He builds families. He does not want anyone to be barren. That should be an encouragement to you Pastors, because I know there will be quite a handful of people believing God for the fruits of the womb in your Church. And you have prayed for them; and they have not seen an answer yet.

... The answer will come. (Amen).

He builds families because He Himself loves to be called FATHER.

John 14:1 Jesus Christ said: In my Father's House, there are many Mansions.

In Matthew 6:9; when He was teaching the Disciples to pray, He said; This is how you should pray: Our Father, which hath in heaven.

He could have said this is how you should pray: Oh God Most High. Oh King of Glory.

... All those are His titles.

But, you really want to call Him?

Call Him FATHER; or better still, call Him DADDY.

... He builds families.



And He builds people. In 1 Corinthian 3:19; He says (He was talking about God's people), He said: You are God's building.

Beloved Minister of God, many of us are worried that we don't have people to help us do the work. He will build them; if you will allow Him.

The trouble is that most of the time; you are the one trying "to build".

You look at some people and you think: "this will be good material".

... You look at the outside; but He looks at the INSIDE.

Let Him build for you Helpers.

Many of us Ministers get into serious trouble; when we begin to focus on an individual. No matter how wealthy, he is not your source.

Hebrews 11: 8-10 tells us that Abraham was looking for a City, whose Maker and Builder is God.

And above all; He builds CHURCHES. Because He says: "I will build my Church"; My Church!

Now, because He is a builder, it follows immediately that He is also an Architect.

Hebrews 11:10 says that Abraham was looking for a city whose Maker and Builder;

The Maker there, is the word for Architect.

THE DESIGNER: The Designer and the Architect and then the Builder is God.

And He builds according to a Purpose.

Psalm 33:11 tells us that: His Counsel shall stand; any other Counsel, is a waste of time.

So, if you are not building what He designed; there will be no success - It doesn't matter how "well equipped" you are. It doesn't matter the gadgets and how beautiful your grammar and how clever you do some gymnastics on the pulpit; If you are not building what He Designed; There will be no success.

According to Jeremiah 1:4-5 He said: before I formed you, I knew you.

He will first of all get a blueprint and then He will begin to build.

So, one of the things you need to sort out today is: Am I building according to His Plan? Am I where He wants me to be?

You should sort these questions out.

And then He said: I will "Build". He is a Builder.

What is it He said "I will Build?"

He said: "My Church".

God's Church; Not "your Church". Not "your Ministry".

And so the Church He says He will build is going to be "one without blemish".

Ephesians 5:25-27; not just any gathering of people; He's looking for a Church without BLEMISH; without SPOT.

Because I know now adays, many people in search of "Growth" allow just anything. Anything goes! That won't be God's Church!

God's Church must be HOLY: Because He is a Holy God.

He is the Head. And if the Head is Holy, the Body must be Holy too.

"Two cannot walk together, except they be agreed". Amos 3:3.

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1 John 1:7 - "It is His Blood that cleanses from all sins".

... His Blood cleanses from all sins.

So, you must know that you have a great duty to insist that those who will join the Church that He has put under you; "Must be saved!"

But now you will say, I mean; Daddy we will talk about salvation (I hope you do?)

But if you watch the Television and you see the "Great" Ministries all over the world: watch them preach, and watch them end the sermon - No Altar Call.

"Great" Televangelists. Picks one (1) Passage of the Bible; just one is enough. And then he will go on and on, talk and talk; jump up and down (and sweat). At the end of one (1); you can ask yourself "what did he say?"

And when he has finished after one (1), he says: well, let somebody just go ahead, let's praise the Lord. That is the end of the Service.

Where is salvation?

Where is: people coming forward to receive salvation?

The Church that He says He will build; will be the Church that is "Blood Washed" - Blood Washed; Blood Washed!

So everything you do; the goal must be to get people to the Cross; to be washed in the Blood: To be thoroughly SAVED!

The Church He wants to build is a gathering of people "Who are Called Out". That is the meaning of the word "Church"; anyway.

The Called out Ones.

2 Corinthian 6:14-18; He said: "Be ye SEPARATE"; be ye separate.

Today, the world cannot distinguish between "Church People" and "World People" - And it is a Pity!

An incident happened, years ago. The people in the Full Gospel Businessmen Fellowship were going to attend their World Conference somewhere Abroad (in America). People had letters of Invitation to take to the Embassy here, for Visa.

And as soon as they brought the letters, they said: ok, we have heard about your Conference: they gave them the Visa.

Then a Lady went with the letter of Invitation to the Visa Officer; the Visa Officer took the letter, looked at the Lady and said: I can't give you a Visa. She said "Why Not!"

She said: I have given Visa to all the people who brought this letter: "But you don't look like one of them".

The Visa Officer is not even a Christian; but she knew how Christians should be like.

She said: You (Daddy laughs)? She said: I am one of them. The Visa Lady said No way; I'm not giving you a Visa.

Compiled by Discovery Media Crew – discoverymediacrew.com +2348023604721 Facebook @DMC MediaCrew Page 11 of 75 And there was a time a Christian appears a miles away; you will know "Here comes a Christian".

There was a time people will say: "A Christian does not do this"; but now, things are changing.

And so people are now coming up with some "Adulterated Message of Grace". They say: once you are Born Again, you can live as you like and you will still make it to Heaven.

I beg to disagree. When you are saved; "All things become New; Old things pass away."

You cannot be genuinely saved and continue to commit adultery; not possible!

But there are people today who believe that: you could be committing adultery.

Forgive me, am picking adultery as just one example; there are several others, as you know.

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You are on top of another man's wife, or another man is on top of you (Daddy laughs); and then the Trumpet sounds. And you just go, straight from there to Heaven?

NA LIE! (Daddy laughs). You won't even hear the Trumpet; you won't hear it!

And I heard that some people now say that. When Hebrews 12:14 says: "Be ye holy, because without holiness no man shall see God."

That, the Passage is saying: you can go on sinning, you will still make it to Heaven; It is only that: You will not SEE GOD.

I said: Thank you; I think you have established what I have always believed. Because there must be two (2) Heavens - one (1) where there is no God and another Heaven where God is the Light thereof.

I know where am going. Where are you going? (Daddy laughs louder).

He said: be separate, let the world know: "I am a Christian". I belong to God. I am a Minister of the Most High God. I am a Minister of the Holy One of Israel.

When I was a younger Christian, they used to call us FANATICS.

And I told them a Fanatic is somebody who loves Jesus more than you.

You must be a Fanatic; and you must raise Fanatical Christians: People who will say "I am a Christian and I want you to know it" because that is the kind of Church He wants to build.

But then He went on to say: "And the Gates of hell shall not prevail"

Beautiful Promise; we love that. We know what that is saying that what He builds will stand the test of time.

But underneath that is the statement: That if you are truly building "His Church"; Get ready for warfare. Because when He says: The Gates of hell shall not prevail; what does that one mean?

It means there will be some wrestling and some fighting.

Ephesians 6:10-18; says: We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities; forces of darkness. Then et cetera, et cetera.

That brings us to the question: "Where do I come in into this scenario? Because He says: "I am the One who will build my Church; And I can guarantee you I will see to it that: the Gates of hell will not prevail".

And well; so do I just relax and go in for the ride? Well, to some extent!

But 1 Corinthians 3:9 says: We are labourers together with Him! We are labourers together with Him; we have our own parts to play.

1 Corinthian 3:6 says: Paul may plant, Apollo may water; but God is the One who will give the Increase.

In other words; Paul will do his part, Apollo will do his part. And then God will do His part.

So the Basic Fundamental Secret of Church Growth is:

Play your part, but make sure you get God involved.

... Get God involved!

HOW? How do I play my part; while getting God involved?

Psalm 121:1-2 says:

I. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

2. My help cometh from the LORD, which made Heaven and Earth.

"I NEED HELP!" And you better get that one clear.

If the church He has committed into your hands is to grow; YOU NEED HIS HELP! You need His help; so you need PRAYERS.

When you are facing a battle you cannot win; CALL ON THE ALLY.

That is the most acceptable kind of warfare.

The other day I just remembered what happened during the third world war; Great Britain is a very small Island - those of you who know Britain; you know how small it is.

And Germany was overrunning bigger Nations: right, left and central. Finally, it decided to focus on Britain; with everything it had.

And there was a Leader then who was their Prime Minister; who said: "We will never surrender". We will fight in the air, we will fight in the sea, we will... (Daddy laughs). And Hitler was laughing; alright, let us see how you will do it.

And you know what the man did?

He ran quickly to America and said: I am fighting a battle; I can't win oooh!

Well, I have said: am not going to loose; come and help me. He called on the Ally. And the Ally dropped only two (2) bombs: and the war was over (Daddy laughing..).

... If God helps you, you will win!

And the greatest problem with us young Ministers is that: WE DON'T PRAY!

Compiled by Discovery Media Crew – discoverymediacrew.com +2348023604721 Facebook @DMC MediaCrew Page 15 of 75 We have come to an age where people talk about prayers, but they don't do it.

Do it! Pray, pray! Because He Himself made it clear:

"Without me you can do nothing".

When you see a man who has PRAYED; coming to the Altar, the difference will be clear.

I was invited to World Conference of the Pentecostal (I think they were doing 100 Years of Pentecostalism); and they invited only two (2) of us from Africa (to come and represent Africa as Speakers).

And I was going to preach. And one or two people were going to preach before me; and they took us to what is called "Green Room".

You know what a "Green Room" is?

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That is where they put plenty of good food for Preachers - All manners of cookies and sandwiches and Chicken.

And I saw the big men who were going to preach (they were enjoying themselves); you know, eating.

And they came to me: you are one of our Preachers? I said: Yes Ma. She said: What can I bring you?(laughter). Bring for me? There is WORK to do.

But all these are for you. I said: When I finish, we can talk.

By the Grace of God; all the Big, Big Boys preached. And everybody enjoyed and clapped.

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And of course, when they were eating; they were talking. I put myself in one little corner: and I was crying to God: "Help me, Help me; Help me!

By the time I finished, and I made the Altar Call: (the people who were there, are supposed to be Ministers of God). I made an Altar Call; there was no room for people to stand; because it wasn't me who went there to speak.

I didn't go ALONE; Stop going to your altar alone.

Please, the letter kills. You can know all the bible passages; you can know all the gymnastics: "If God does not go with you?"

And when we talk about PRAYING; then of course, automatically that prayer must be preceded with WORSHIP.

Many of us just want to jump into the prayers. You don't want to Worship Him. How are you going to be sure He will be near?

Isaiah 55:6 says: Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.

How do you know when He is near? He is invincible!

Job said: I looked to my right, I couldn't see Him. I looked to my left.. (was He looking for a Ghost)?

But He says in John 4:23-24;

23. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

24. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

If you Worship Him (He is already seeking for Worshippers). So when you Worship Him, He will come close.

So when you are going to cry to Him: "Begin with Worship".

Some people say: Why do you Worship all of the time before you Minister?

... Several reasons:

1. The devil is not going to stay where you are Worshipping his enemy.

You have never heard me before a Program say: devil I bind you; every demon I bind you.

I thought you bound him yesterday? He got loose before the following morning? If he is that slippery, how am I sure if we bind him at the beginning of the service, he won't get loss before we finish?

But when I say: Let somebody shout Hallelujah....

When the devil hears that we are praising God; HE STAYS AWAY!

... Worship Him, learn to worship Him!

Many at times when the Worship is going on; you BIG MEN don't join: Let the "Little Boys" Worship.(Daddy laughs).

You the Minister; You need Him to come near you.

Let me tell you a story - We were going to start a Church then, in Abuja (Nigeria); and I decided that we will do a three (3) days Program. And I was staying in an Hotel (where we were going to use their Conference Centre after that)

And I was crying to God (I was praying alone); agonizing, Praying: Lord God Almighty, this is Abuja (Capital of Nigeria); you must do something great tonight. You must save souls, you must...

Suddenly I heard Him say: Shut your mouth! I was glad. Why are you glad? (Daddy Laughing);



All I have done for you: How much gratitude have you shown?

Ooh, am sorry Lord; after you finish this one.

He said: NO, NO; NO! For the next three (3) days: No more DO THIS; I don't want to hear you say: Do this, do that. Just THANK ME; Worship me.

I tried; it was hard; Father I give you all the Glory. You are wonderful, you are kind. But, "don't forget this evening".

He said: NO, NO; NO! (Daddy laughing); Worship me.

I did it for three (3) days; it was a very difficult thing. But the last hour He spoke to me: He said: "Now go home, tell the elders to strengthen the foundation; because what you have seen thus far is addition. Now, I am about to begin MULTIPLICATION.

Some years ago, in Abuja (Nigeria); there was a man called El Rufai; in one (1) week he pulled down fifteen (15) of our churches.

My children didn't notice it at all. WHY? Because as at that time, we had more than three hundred (300) Churches in Abuja.

... Learn to Worship Him: and He will do Marvellous Things for you.

Zachariah 4:6 - "Then He answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the LORD of Hosts".

Anything that you achieve; INCLUDING Church Growth: at the end of the day it is not going to be by your Might; it is not going to be by your Power - It is going to be by THE SPIRIT OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD!

You are going to need God, to succeed in your Ministry. And God is a Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

I'm sure you are all Bible Scholars, so you know that. You know all about DISPENSATIONS.

Another, or a modern word for Dispensation is REGIME. The Regime of God the Father is from CREATION, to the day of Pentecost; that is the Regime of God the Father.

Oh! Some people will say: What about those years when Jesus was here on Earth? NO!

He said: 'I am here to do your (God's) Will on Earth". During those periods, it was God the Father who was in charged.

The Regime of the Son, will come during the period called THE MILLENNIUM (Thousand years Reign of the Lord Jesus Christ). That will be His Regime. He will be in charged then. He won't come as a Lamb. During that Regime, He will be THE KING!

So, from the Day of Pentecost till now; from the Day of Pentecost till the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, is the Regime of THE HOLY SPIRIT. HE is to One in charged, NOW!

...That is very, very Important.

Because, if you are connected to the one in POWER; You can get a lot done.

If you are connected with the one in power in Aso Rock (really connected); despite the fact that they say: Land is scarce in Abuja; You can still get Land to build your Church (it might not even cost you anything).

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So the One you must be connected with VIGOROUSLY, right now: IS GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

And Jesus Himself said so in Luke 24:49 "Tarry ye, till ye be endued with Power from on high.

Jesus said so in Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive Power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Your Church is not going to grow if you are not in Partnership with the Holy Spirit. That is very Crucial!

Until the Day of Pentecost, in Acts 2:1-4; Peter did not win a single soul. But after the Day of Pentecost, he preached a Sermon and according to Acts 2:41; "He won three thousand (3,000) Souls.

I am sure, we will all love to win souls at the level at which thousands (every month);

And it is possible; if you are LINKED with the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 8:5-8; the Bible says: Philip, a young Minister (like us) went to Samaria, preached Christ to them: brought Joy to a whole city.

But what is the qualification of Philip?

..."Full of the Holy Spirit"!

So, if you want HEALTHY Growth; and you hear the Bishop referring to that.

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We are not just talking about Church Growth. Not all growth is HEALTHY - A boil, is a growth. But it can be very painful. Cancer is a growth; and can be very deadly.

If you want Healthy Growth, you must walk in association with the Holy Spirit.

Talking about Healthy Growth and Unhealthy Growth; you can read Acts 5:34-39.

Gamariel spoke about Theudas; he spoke about Judas of Galilee: they had congregations, but IT DIDN'T LASTS!

And then he said: If this work be of men, it will come to nought. But if it be of God; you cannot overthrow it.

Compiled by Discovery Media Crew – discoverymediacrew.com +2348023604721 Facebook @DMC MediaCrew Page 22 of 75 There had been huge Congregations before, in Nigeria that are NO MORE. Or that they are no longer what they used to be.

There was a time in this Nation Nigeria; there was a proverb: that if you go to Celestial Church, you would see the Glory of God.

Have you ever heard that proverb before?

That was a long time ago. That time, everything was Cele, Cele; Cele!

But the man in charged said openly; that when he started the Church: he had only one wife but now he had thirty four (34) (and his power is increasing). So you know, the force behind that power. Now, they are still there but some of you don't even know about them again.

There are others too. There was a church in this Nation that was the first church in Nigeria to build an AIR CONDITIONED CHURCH.

And when you drive pass that place on a Sunday, the smallest car you would probably see there will be a Mercedes.

The place was always jam-packed; but what is the foundation?

Am sure you don't even hear about them again.

So when we are talking about Growth; let us be careful: "What kind of Growth we are talking about?"

So you could see Churches growing; the question is: will they last?

My prayer for you is that when your Churches begin to grow; It will be HEALTHY GROWTH. (AMEN).

Now, if you are in Partnership with the Holy Ghost, then certain things will begin to happen: that will bring Glory to Jesus, and bring in the crowd.

In John 16:13-14; Jesus Christ Himself said: He (the Holy Spirit), will Glorify Me.

And when Jesus is Glorified, the Church will grow! Because He said:

If I be lifted up, I will draw men to Myself.

The longest running (shall we call it) Revival of modern days (by the Grace of God), is THE HOLY GHOST SERVICE; which we started more than thirty (30) years ago. By the Grace of God, we are still growing.

One President came here, and saw the crowd; and said to me: How do you do it? I said: Do what?

He said: "We politicians pay to bring the crowd (to our Political rallies); we BUY them; we give them money (for transportation, for Coke).

Your people come, and they give offering. And they are more than our crowd. How do you even do it?

I said: The Holy Ghost draws them.

If you are in Partnership with the Holy Ghost, He will draw the people.

In Acts 3:1-11; A Miracle happened (just one Miracle): Of the man who was born Lame; giving Peter an opportunity to preach another sermon. And five thousand (5,000) souls were saved.

There is the position of Miracles in Church Growth. And Miracles come through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

No miracles (am not talking about MAGIC now. There are Magicians out there. Don't worry, very soon "The Magic will fail". (Amen).

But the Holy Ghost does not fail.

One Miracle performed after the Day of Pentecost gave Peter another opportunity to preach in Acts 4:4: five thousand (5,000) souls were saved.

So one Miracle; one genuine miracle might do much more than a month of Preaching.

So am believing God with you and for you, that from today: Miracles will become a common occurrences in your Ministries (Amen).

Years ago, we wanted to start the Redeemed Christian Church of God in Holland. And when you talk about a cold country (no, I'm not talking about physical temperature, am talking about Spiritual temperature); Holland was VERY COLD; cooler than cold.

Do you know that long ago there, you could go to a Tea Shop and buy Marijuana. It was Legal in Holland. Long, long time ago.

So I was invited; I mean we wanted to start a Church there. They invited several others for a Crusade there. You could feel the COLDNESS of the people. They don't even know how to say: Hallelujah.

"God, what am I going to there today?".

Of course, I have prayed. And all the time they were making preparations; I was warring on in the Spirit (just praying in Tongues).

And they brought a man from the Hospital; with all the GADGETS on his body (because we advertised that Miracles will happen). You know, we did it by Faith: So they came to see "this Miracle Worker ".

And it was time for me to preach. They gave me the microphone; while I was doing the Preliminaries (worshipping and so on); the man said: "I've stayed long enough. I can't bear this pain anymore". These people are just singing and making noise - "Take me back to the hospital".

I was just about to begin to preach, and he was been taken away out of the Church. By the time he got to the door; the Power of God hit him; he jumped up, threw away all the gadgets. They all saw him, they knew this is not fabrication. The whole place erupted. There was no need to preach. I just gave the Altar Call.

Today, Holland is the headquarters of our Churches in Mainland Europe.

You need Miracles. And Miracles come through THE HOLY SPIRIT - am talking of GENUINE MIRACLES.

So, am sure you will say Praise God; Glory be to God: Now I know the SECRET. But that is what brings an important point into you: THE NEED FOR SELF DISCIPLINE.

Because you want to operate in the Holy Spirit: There must be NO CARNALITY.

Romans 8:6-8 says: The carnal mind is enmity against God, and they that are in the flesh cannot please God. They that walk after the flesh CANNOT PLEASE GOD.

Galatians 5:16-17 says: The flesh lusts against the spirit. And the spirit against the flesh, and they are one contrary to the other.

And so, if you want the Holy Spirit to move along with you. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 says that you must keep your body under. You must tell the body: You will not control me; I WILL CONTROL YOU.

For example, if you never planned to fast; you can wake up in the morning and be doing everything till at times 3 O'clock, you won't even remember food. But if you say: "I will begin fasting tomorrow"; I can assure you hunger will wake you up because the flesh does not want you to fast. It knows if you learn how to fast: It will be easy for the Holy Spirit to flow. Keep the body under; control your eyes, control your mouth.

Tell the body, am the one who will decide when you will sleep: "Tonight I want to do a vigil".

And then, Bishop (you will say I keep on referring to the Bishop); because if the Pastor does not refer to the Bishop, who else will he refer to?

The Bishop said: We need Faith; and he is correct. Because the Bible says four (4) times (and you know God is not a talkative): Four (4) times, the Bible says: The just shall live by Faith. Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11 and Hebrews 10:38:

"The just shall live by Faith".

And yet, the Bible says in Jude (the only chapter of Jude), verse 20. It says: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,"

You want to build up your faith? Pray in the Spirit.

... PRAY in the Spirit; Pray in the Spirit.

You must not just pray, you must know what to pray. Did you hear that?

So, HOW DO I KNOW WHAT TO PRAY?

Anytime I don't know what to pray; I pray in the Spirit. Romans 8:26

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Don't joke with praying in the Spirit; IT HELPS A LOT! Many times you don't know what's going on: The Spirit knows!

I come to the Holy Ghost Service, there are (let me say, with all humility) thousands of people. They come with different needs; I don't know what their needs are. But for three (3) days before the Holy Ghost Service; I will be shut in with the Holy Ghost, praying in the Spirit. And when I am praying in the Spirit it may appear as if nothing happened; but when I come out HE EXPLODES!

And suddenly I begin to hear: There is someone here, there is someone here; there is (some people think I dream it up). DISCOVERY MEDIA CREW

There are some things you don't dream of; you can't fabricate some things. You can't suddenly say: "There is someone here who said Oh God how I wish I were taller." And God is saying: Look at your trousers, nothing is wrong with your trousers, it is you who have grown taller - you can't fabricate that!

You can't fabricate: "Oh there is someone here, there is a woman here: instead of hair under your armpit, there are feathers - Come out and I will deal with the situation.

If you don't hear from Him and you say that kind of thing (you won't even dare)?

But you don't go from the Dinning Table; loaded with Jollof Rice (Daddy laughs) and go out and think you will...; in fact if you say: Let somebody shout Hallelujah, some rice will probably come out of your mouth.

Get ACQUAINTED with the Holy Spirit. That is the BIGGEST SECRET OF CHURCH GROWTH.

Now, the practical side; LEARN TO DELEGATE: when the church begins to grow because by the Grace of God, from now on, your Church will be growing.

Don't do everything ALONE.

In Exodus 28:14-26, Moses father in law told him: You want to die young? You are doing everything alone? DELEGATE!

Can you imagine me been the only Pastor of the Redeemed Christian Church of God in Lagos. How will I do it?

There was a time I was the only one preaching at the Headquarters every Sunday (Sunday upon Sunday). I thought, if they didn't see me, the Church will not increase.

But God taught me a lesson: I lost my voice (Daddy laughs). I lost my voice. And when I lost my voice I tried everything (tea with honey, tea with lemon; everything). The voice refused to come back. And then one old woman said to me: You are suffering from Teacher's Disease.

I said: Which one is so called?

She said: Somebody who talks too much (the voice will go); the voice will just tell you: I want to rest.

So how do I get it back? She said: don't talk for two (2) weeks.

In those day: I will teach on Sunday, I will teach on Monday, I will teach on Thursday, I will teach on Friday. All, just me - I thought I was the only one.

Now I go to the Headquarters (if they pray hard); I go to the Headquarters only once a Month and the Church is still moving on. They don't even know I wasn't around anymore.

DELEGATE! But when you delegate: "SUPERVISE".

That's important. Because in Exodus 32:1-8; when Moses "Delegated" to Aaron, and went to mountain to seek the face of the Lord. Before he came back, they were already worshipping an Idol.

Supervise, Delegate; don't do everything yourself. Don't be t Choir Master, Senior Usher...



...Remain for ever grateful. Psalm 18:1-3; It is when you hear David begin to say:

Oh God You're my Rock, You are my Fortress, You are my Deliverer, You are my Strength, You are...

He ended by saying: Now will my head be lifted high above all my enemies.

If you are grateful for what He has done in the past: He will do more. Some of you now are grumbling that He hasn't done much;

The trouble with you is: You have not even been grateful for the "Little" He had done.

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Solomon was grateful; he gave a thousand burnt Offerings, and God said: I will give you a Blank Cheque (just write what you want).

I can tell you stories upon stories of me, been reminded by God: Son, you are asking too much, Thank me.

And so now, you probably hear that occasionally I go out at nights, and I may be gone for five (5) hours or more. And people say: What are you praying about that long?

And the reason I go out is so that: If am walking, I can't fall asleep walking.

Well, say I stay at home and I say I want to pray for five (5) hours alone (Loud laughter); before one (1) hour is gone; I will be praying in the dream. (Laughs)

Am human being oh like you. Well, I know some of you are stronger than I: You don't Fall asleep when you are praying.

But when am praying I fall asleep. And when somebody ask me: How can you be praying and fall asleep?

... It is written: they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

If you fall asleep, when you wake up; you are Stronger (Laughter all over)

Glory be to God.

And so, not to fall asleep, I go out. If am walking, I can't fall asleep walking.

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I tell you the truth: More than 90% of the time, am not asking for anything, am just Praising Him.

And most of the time after I have been singing for a while, I just switch to the Spirit praying in the Spirit.

He said: He will Glorify Him. So the Holy Spirit will help me Glorify Him.

And so if there is anything that I should ask for that am not asking for; the Holy Spirit will know when to put that in.

Keep these things in mind. Am sure if God ask us to meet again; by the time we meet again:;You will have TESTIMONIES. (Amen).

Let us stand on our feet; and let us begin to worship the Almighty God. Let us begin to give Him Glory. Let us begin to give Him Praise.

Magnify His Holy Name. Worship the King of kings; Worship the Lord of lords. Tell Him you appreciate Him.

Worship Him; Worship Him. Give Him Glory, give Him honour. At least, remember the Salvation of your soul.

Worship Him, thank Him for calling you into the Ministry. Worship Him, Magnify His Holy Name because He has kept you alive.

Worship Him, Worship Him; Worship Him! He is the Owner of His Church, anyway; so worship Him.

He is the One who said: I will build my Church. Worship Him, Worship Him. If He promised; If He had promised you, you can be sure He will fulfill that Promise.

Thank you so much for reading!

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: SECRETS OF CHURCH GROWTH 2019

TALK 1: CHURCH GROWTH IN HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT (INVADING THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS).

SPEAKER: REVEREND JOSEPH ADEOLU OLAIYA (SENIOR PASTOR OF LIVING FAITH FOUNDATION).

BIBLE TEXT: MATTHEW 10: 1-42 (Verse 16); MATTHEW 11:12

DATE: 11TH JULY, 2019.

Praise The Lord.

The Speaker gave a Vivid Description about his Salvation Experience in the Text below:

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By the Grace of God, I was born and raised in the Northern Part of Nigeria. I am Yoruba by tribe as my name indicated but addressed with the Culture and Way of Life in the North.

I received Jesus Christ in 1971 while still in Secondary School.

Before then, I had attended Sunday School regularly in my Local Church. I was raised from the Cherubim and Seraphim (C & S) Church. I was raised in the family with the fear of the Lord - father used to going to make charms and mother a Prayer Warrior. So we prayed more at home.

As a result therefore, I had Supernatural Encounter and we were subject to Fasting even at an early stage in life - this is around 1964 to 1965.

All through this period, I don't know anything about Salvation but know as much as that there are Heaven and Earth.

My mother taught us how to read the Bible - though The Yoruba Bible. She is not educated but lettered enough to read The Yoruba Bible.

Prayer was a Culture in my family but there was No Salvation.

Having read from the Bible that People will be judged by God; I made up my mind not to go to Hell.

So anytime am opportune to pray; my Personal Prayers Request are as follows:

- 1. That God should give me long life because am sickly.
- 2. God should prosper me because I don't want to suffer.

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3. God if I should die anytime; let me be in your Kingdom.

These set of Prayers I prayed everyday.

Even my Teachers in the Sunday School Class just taught us about Salvation but don't know how to get Saved.

I attended my First Christians Conference in 1971. The man spoke about Salvation, Sin forgiveness and not going to Hell Fire. He then made an Altar Call and I came out.

From that day onwards; I noticed that something happened in me. I noticed that anything I do easily before now I have trouble in my heart doing it - I become restless and the feelings won't stop until I made up my mind to stop it.

... This marked the Eternal Life I received.

SONG:

The things I used to do, I do them no more (3ce)

There is a Great Change since I know Jesus.

I obeyed the voice, tell God that am sorry and won't do them again.

The above started my journey as a Born Again Christian.

My former kind of Prayers stopped:

1. I knew instantly that if I dropped my sins, I will go to Heaven.

2. I knew I should repent; acknowledged my sinful nature and determine not to do them again.

3. Believed that Jesus Christ died for me and shed His Blood for me. Then accept Jesus Christ into my life.

4. And immediately Jesus Christ will come in.

Are you also out there and you used to be the way I was before - if you know that you are being Religious. Then when I made the Altar Call, come out. Don't say that you are a Pastor.

Then in 1973; some group of boys (Youth Club of Anglican Church) then made me their Pastor.

The first Conference we organized was a Dancing Party. When we got there; everybody changed their attires and I suddenly realised that I was the only one wearing School Uniform.

Before I know what was happening; everybody started dancing and they told me too that there is a girl waiting to dance with me too. I was very sad and don't know what to do. But I made up my mind and was determined never to attend such again.

We went back to School, was on holiday and its End of the Year; I laid on my bed and God asked me: Why did you follow those boys? He then went further to tell me that He will watch me for a whole Year; if I do His Will He will give me Power like never before.

I thought that where those boys took me too as their Pastor I will go there to lead Prayers.

There and then, I Promised God to do His Will.

By the following Month (January); I relinquished my post in the Club as their Pastor (Resigned).

At that time, the Club opposed to Pentecostal - my hopes of Speaking in the Holy Spirit gone.

But as God will have it; in 1974 I went for another Conference and they spoke on Holy Ghost Baptism. They then gave us a recess and that we will come back to practice it.

I then went back to God to remind Him about His Promise to empower me on Earth.

They asked seven (7) people to Pray for us. I was the third (3rd) Speaker. As I opened my mouth; that was the last thing I heard.

... At the end; I just heard from afar: In Jesus Name!

I was caught up in a Place that I don't know how to described it. I was on the floor far away from my seat. They asked me what happened - I said Holy Ghost.

Before then; I used to be timid but after that incident it changed and I became as bold as a Lion - if I meet you and I preach to you then you must believed or you will be restless.

As the President of my Fellowship; I locked all my other Executives in a room that they must speak in the Holy Ghost. Some received it and some didn't.

People mocked us that we are filled with sins.

But the result was that things happened.

In 1975; I met a Team of Evangelist. Because I saw in them Supernatural Evidence; I joined them. And our target was to preach to everybody.

I developed my skills in Hausa Language as I became their Interpreter.

Sometimes, we are stoned but it didn't mattered to us as long as they still hear us.

We continued, got the opportunity to win souls; fasted and Prayed for lost souls.

Revival broke out in Kaduna Polytechnic and taught people extensively about the Holy Ghost.

... Without the Holy Ghost; there won't be any Church Growth.

We speak to the larger body and spoke about Holy Ghost.

We moved across as a Body to all Tertiary and Secondary Schools all over Kaduna and the students started receiving the Holy Ghost.

All kinds of things were happening. Teachers saw Evidence of Repentance and so cannot condemned it. They attended our Fellowship and asked questions.

Coming from the background of all what we have said so far; now what do we understand by an "Hostile Environment"?

My Location (where I grew up) was an "Hostile Environment" where the Gospel was rejected.

In 1981/1982; I was posted to Sokoto State for my National Youth Service Corps (NYSC). There, the Vision started as a Weekly Teaching Session at my house on Thursdays; Prayers for the Needy on Fridays and Night Vigils on Saturdays.

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For five (5) years; I was in Sokoto State.

Jesus Christ said in Matthew 10: 1-end; Verse 16 specifically says: Behold I send you out as Sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Generally no matter how friendly we are; we are Sheep in the midst of wolves.

In Matthew 11:12; the Bible says: And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force.

The Bible Text above simply tells us that there is an opposition to the Gospel and without Spiritual Power; you cannot break it.

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What is Church Growth?

1. Church Growth is simply bringing the Kingdom of God into the Earth.

2. It is Soul Winning and not the Gathering of sinners.

3. It is depopulating Hell and Populating Heaven and Earth.

What is Soul Winning?

The Books of Acts 26: 12-18

12. While thus occupied as I journeyed to Damascus with Authority and Commission from the Chief Priest.

13. At midday, O King along the road I saw a light from Heaven brighter than the sun, shinning around me and those who journeyed with me

14. And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me saying in the Hebrew Language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.

15. So I said, "Who are You, Lord? And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.

16. But rise and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a Minister and a Witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will reveal to you.

17. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles to whom I now send you.

Compiled by Discovery Media Crew – discoverymediacrew.com +2348023604721 Facebook @DMC MediaCrew Page 40 of 75 18. To open their eyes in order to turn them from darkness to light and from the Power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by Faith in Me.

You have not won any Increment if you have not won their souls.

No one can be saved except by Repentance.

Supernatural is not for Showmanship but for Soul Winning.

The same thing happened to Philip in Samaria - there was a massive conversion of people in that place.

Examples of Places that are Hostile:

1. NAZARETH:

They were angry that Jesus Christ is now doing Mighty Works. They said it cannot be the carpenter son.

Jesus Christ did not argue with them but He could not do anything because of their unbelief.

Read Matthew 11: 22-24.

2. There is Spiritual Hostility as we found in Acts 18: 7-11.

However in all the time God was grooming me; He asked me to stay back in Sokoto for five (5) years where the environment and people were hostile.

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In 1989; God aligned me to our daddy, Pastor E.A Adeboye for him to anoint me. And for two (2) years, he did not reply to my letter.

After a while, he sent for me. I travelled down and I saw lot of humility in him as I have never seen him before and he did the needful.

... And that was the Turning Point for me.

They labelled me as a dangerous man in town and they pulled down my Church in 1991 - that day I wept bitterly.

Every Religion that says that Jesus Christ is not the son of God; that He did not died on the Cross and then rose again on the third Day is "ANTI CHRIST".

You should note that even nowadays we have Anti Christ Governments and Rulers like King Herod that normally makes "Hostile Laws".

Jesus Christ said in Matthew 10:16 - Behold I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Secrets for Success in an Hostile Environment:

A dying Muslim for instance will prefer to die for the sake of his belief.

The following are the secrets:

- 1. Be Called
- 2. Be Prayerful

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4. Flee from formication. There is no alternative to flee. Never you attempt to manage it.

What a whole army cannot do, a woman can do. Study the account of when Balaak was employed to curse Israel.

... Resist the devil (that is fight and engage him) but for formication, flee!

Thank you so much for reading all through.

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: SECRETS OF CHURCH GROWTH 2019.

TALK 2: CHURCH GROWTH FROM HIS OWN PERSPECTIVE

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BIBLE TEXT: GENESIS 1: 28

DATE: 11TH JULY, 2019

"And God blessed them and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

From the Bible Text above; we need to note the following:

1. God placed a Decree on Multiplication and Increment on the Earth.

2. God is the God of Multiples. Infact the Scriptures called Him "The Lord of Hosts".

1 Samuel 1:3 says: "And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there."

Exodus 12:21 says: "Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover."

3. God is Honoured by the Establishment of Multiples of the People.

Proverbs 14:28 says: "In the multitude of people is the king's honour: but in the want of people is the destruction of the prince."

The God we served is a God of Multiple.

Literally, the Bible says that empty Hall/Building is a Dishonour to His Name.

So as a Pastor, if anybody has to Honour God then Honour Him without Pastoring Empty Halls.

4. God desires to fill the Space of the Earth with His People.

Isaiah 27:6 says: "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit."

5. God desires to Establish His House as Cities without Walls by reason of Multitudes.

Zechariah 2:4 says: "And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:"

Note that the Church is beyond the Walls

6. God desires to Multiply His People with Men like a Flock.

Ezekiel 36: 37 says: "Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock."

7. God is Passionate for the Filling Up of His House.

Luke 14: 23 says: "And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

8. God desires His People so that we are not few.

Jeremiah 30:19 says: "And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small."

Having laid this Foundation; we need to know as a Strong Point that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost enjoyed operating in the Climate of the Multiples.

Let's talk of each of the God Head and their Area of Operations below:

1. THE FATHER: He operates in the Atmosphere of the Multiples.

In Revelation 5:11; the Bible says: "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;"

No wonder God did not create anything small. Take a look at the Mountains, Seas, Galaxies and Heavens.

2. JESUS CHRIST: The Ministry of Jesus Christ maintains a Steady Growth in the Ministry

I. In Matthew 5:1 "And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:"

Jesus seeing a Multiple here.

II. In Matthew 8:1 "When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him."

It grew to Great Multiples.

III. In Matthew 21:8 "And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way."

It grew to Very Great Multiples.

IV. In Luke 12:1 "In the meantime, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."

It grew to Innumerable Multiple until they began to tread one upon another.

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It was not until the people that followed Jesus grew from Multiple to Innumerable Multiples that He then began to save.

The question then is as a Pastor, why are you satisfied with your Church without Multitudes?

3. THE HOLY GHOST: The Holy Ghost through the Apostles also operates in the realm of the Multiples.

I. In Acts 2:41 "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

After Peter preached just a sermon, three thousand (3,000) were added to the Church.

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Five thousand (5,000) were added to the Church.

III. In Acts 6:1 "And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration."

The number of souls added to the Church multiplied and did not follow the order of addition again.

IV. In Acts 6:7 "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

The Church Multiplied Greatly.

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V. In Acts 13:44 "And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God."

The Bible recorded that the people that came to the Apostles were almost the whole City - It is not just Multiplication again.

From all the aforementioned; we can all see that the God in Trinity is a God of Growth and Increment.

Psalms 84: 7 says: "They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God."

Proverbs 4:18 says: "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

SECRETS OF CHURCH GROWTH IN THE SCRIPTURES

1. Alignment with God's Purpose and Program for Growth.

You need to come to God and agree with Him how you want your Church to be. Amos 3:3 says: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

Jeremiah 1:11 says: "Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree."

God only works with those who see well - see things the way He sees it.

... Your seeing determines your Church Growth.

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In Luke 12:32; it is the Multitudes that were treading upon each other.

You must have a renovation of how you see Multiples for Growth to occur in your Church.

2. Possession of Vision for Growth and Multiplication.

Your Vision determines your Possession.

In Genesis 13: 14-15; God asked Abraham to look ahead.

14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.

What a man cannot see; God cannot give it to him.

What does not Cross your Mind cannot cross your Way.

Whatever is beyond your reach is above your reach.

Proverbs 3: 27 says: "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it."

Proverbs 4:23 says: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

What is not a possibility in your mind is not a reality in your life. It is not possible to get by chance

What you don't see coming cannot come to you.

3. Prayer and Intercession for Church Growth and Multiple Establishment or Explosion.

Prayer is a crucial role in Explosion.

Ezekiel 36: 37 says: "Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock."

It is a "Praying Church" that is a "Growing Church" - It is not by software or hardware.

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I. Resistance of Gates of Hell.

Matthew 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The Pastor should be the Head of the Prayer Team.

II. To break the grip of the Strong Man in the life of the people.

Everywhere has a demon that is in Charge of the affairs - Matthew 12:29; Mark 3:27; Luke 11:21.

III. To break the "Blinding Spell" of the people - 2 Corinthians 4: 3-4.

IV. People to see the Church and not aware that the Church exists there.

V. To facilitate Genuine Salvation through Travail - Isaiah 66:8

Galatians 4:19 says: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,"

- Unless we are doing Social Gathering with no future.

4. Possession of an Evangelistic Passion.

All Pastors that want Growth must have an Evangelistic Heart.

Matthew 9: 36-38

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

John 4: 35-36

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

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Passion for people is a Magnet for people.

People are Magnetised and Flow in the direction of Passion. That is where they are loved.

It is not the Title that makes a Pastor but the "Heart of the People".

Your Ministry should be tailored towards "Passion for the People".

5. It is the Manifestation of the Supernatural for the Meeting of Needs.

On every seat in a Church is the "Heart of a Broken Vessel".

Compiled by Discovery Media Crew – discoverymediacrew.com +2348023604721 Facebook @DMC MediaCrew Page 52 of 75 Jesus in Matthew 12: 15 healed "But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all;"

In Matthew 14:14; He healed "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick."

Matthew 15:30 "And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

Matthew 19:1-2

1 And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan;

2 And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

Luke 5:15 "But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities."

The people are looking for someone that can handle "Diverse Distractions".

6. Announcement of the Acts of God in the Church.

As Pastors, you should ensure that as the Supernatural happens; let it not happened quietly.

Psalms 105:1-2

1 O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

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Everyone will be coming to your Church to see Evidence.

The devil is not disturbed as long as people are not aware of what is happening.

Mark 2:1-2

1 And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

Acts 2:6 "Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language."

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The Multitudes will come only when things happening or evidence is noised.

God Himself also do Supernatural Announcement: God announced Himself by blowing Trumpet in Isaiah 27:13 "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem."

Then God Hisses in Isaiah 5: 26-27

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:

27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:

7. By you ensuring Solely Word Feeding of the Flock.

The Quality of the Word you feed the People determines the following: ARRIVAL, FLOURISHING AND MULTIPLICATION.

Jeremiah 3:15-16

15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.

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Everywhere the Word of God is Solid; Multiplication is Inevitable.

In Luke 5:16; the Multitudes came to hear from Him (Jesus) and to be healed.

"And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed."

Meaning that there are some people who should be coming to Church simply because of what they hear.

In Luke 5:1; the people pressed on to Jesus to hear the Word of God. It got to a point that people were panting to come and hear Him.

"And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,"

In 1 Kings 4:34; the Bible recorded that all the people were coming to hear Solomon's Wisdom.

"And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom."

Luke 17:37 says: "And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together."

You should never appear casual on the Altar. That is toiling with people's soul.

Don't wake up on a Sunday Morning struggling with what to Preach.

Don't preach what my people want but what will change their lives.

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Never depend on Guest Ministers to preach as they only bring Guest Members which will step out easily.

Be Participatory and ask God for Help.

8. Solid Welfare and Care for The Flock.

Jesus Christ was not feeding people to show Power.

The Book of Matthew 15:32; is an account of how people was with Jesus Christ for three (3) days (72 Hours). And because He had a heart for people, He choose not to let them go back home hungry.

Compiled by Discovery Media Crew – discoverymediacrew.com +2348023604721 Facebook @DMC MediaCrew Page 56 of 75 "Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way."

In Acts 6:1 and verse 7; the people in the Early Church increased because their Welfare was taken into consideration.

1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Likewise in Acts 2: 44-47 and Acts 4: 34-35; the people sorted out each other.

Pastors, be sure that the Following are in place: Your Children Church; Functional Car Park; Good Toilets and People with Practical Needs are well attended to by your Welfare Team.

For Welfare to happen and be effective; you must be open for Feedbacks. Identify areas that needs Improvement and do something urgently about it.

9. Aggressive Discipleship of The Flock.

Pastors you must ensure that people that come to your Church take roots.

Isaiah 27:6 "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit."

In John 15:16; it talks about Our Calling and that is that your Fruits should remain.

Real Growth Explosion actually happens when New Souls are brought in and the old ones kept.

How do you bring in new souls and retain old ones:

I. Aggressive Trainings with Urgency.

II. Immediate urgent Establishment in a System beyond main Church that they can be Planted in.

III. Subsequent deployment to the Work Force (Not breeding Onlookers and Bench Warmers).

10. The Deployment of the Membership or Workforce into the Work of the Ministry.

The actual Vision for Growth and Multiplication must not be driven alone by the Pastor.

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The Bible says one (1) shall chase a thousand (1,000) while two (2) will chase ten thousand (10,000).

Deuteronomy 32:30 - "How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?"

Ephesians 4:11-12 says:

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Ephesians 4:16 "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Everyone should be involved.

How do we do this:

I. Praying for the Growth of the Work and the People.

Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

II. Deploy into Rugged Works. You should not teach then to win souls only but taught how to win the soul and make materials available for them to win souls.

III. Establishment and Serving the People - Every member should see to this and take this as their responsibilities.

11. The Flow of Excited Praise and Worship.

Jeremiah 30:19 "And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small."

Appreciations is the fertiliser of Church Growth.

Jesus Christ saw five (5) breads and two (2) fishes but gave thanks and it multiplied.

Joel 1:11-12

11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

The dry land is for your possession.

You should not think that all that is in your giving appreciations to God is about renting equipments and singers; the Pastor should personally take it as a point of responsibility to Champion it.

... God is actually seeking for the heart that worships God and will reverence Him

12. Establishment of the Presence of God in the House.

The Presence of the Cloud attracts the crowd.

Mark 2:1-2

1 And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

If you don't have the Cloud; you cannot get the crowd.

What will bring the Cloud: Holiness, Uprightness, Financial Integrity, Moral Integrity, Death to Self (don't take the Glory).

... If He must Increase then you must Decrease!

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BIBLE TEXT: PROVERBS 24:3

DATE: 11TH JULY, 2019

I need to let you know this very quickly: When the Holy Spirit is at work; please don't interrupt Him.

Never you say that you will do only what you have Planned to do but let Him do what He has Planned doing.

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Bible Text: Proverbs 24:3

"Through Wisdom is an house builded and by understanding it is established".

Wisdom is the Master Key that you needed for Church Growth.

Proverbs 4:7 says: "Wisdom is the Principal thing; therefore get Wisdom and with all thy getting get understanding".

You want to build your Ministry; reach out to Wisdom.

What is Wisdom:

1. Psalms 111:10 says: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of Wisdom: a good understanding have all they do his commandments: his praise endureth forever".

... So Wisdom is the Fear of the Lord.

2. Proverbs 16:6 says: "By mercy and truth iniquity is purged and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

... So Fear of the Lord is the departing from evil.

So the two (2) Bible Texts above is the link between Wisdom and Holiness.

Alternately we can say that Wisdom is the Correct Application of Knowledge.

Matthew 7:24 says: Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them; I will liken him to a wise man which built his house upon the rock.

So, if you have Wisdom then you must have Knowledge. And it is the correct application of the Knowledge that gives Wisdom.

Deuteronomy 28: 1-2 says:

1. And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt harken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God; to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all Nations of the earth.

2. And all these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee, if thou shalt harken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Every successfully person on earth has Wisdom.

Deuteronomy 34:9 says: And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the Spirit of Wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him and the children of Israel hearkened into him and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

Solomon was given a blank cheque from God and God asked him to ask for what he needed.

What he wrote on it was Wisdom.

The Bible in Ecclesiastes 7:19 says: Wisdom strengthened the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.

In Ecclesiastes 10:10; the Bible says: If the iron be blunt and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but Wisdom is profitable to direct.

This morning we have gotten so many tremendous information that we can apply to be wise.

And if you can correctly apply it; by Next Year (2020) things would have changed.

For instance; consider the information that we just gotten this morning that God operates in the sphere of the Multiples.

Also the revelations on the little Flocks.

Therefore, for those of you thinking that they have arrived then you are in for a surprise.

Compiled by Discovery Media Crew – discoverymediacrew.com +2348023604721 Facebook @DMC MediaCrew Page 64 of 75 ... So if the whole city is gathering in your Church - they are just Little Flocks (Read Luke 12 verses 1 and 32).

The following are some Critical Information that we must note:

1. Make sure that you build for God.

Jesus said that: I will build my Church.

Don't build for yourself.

The Bible says in Matthew 6: 24-33 that the servants cannot serve two (2) Masters.

You should not build your Church for Wealth - Somehow in the course of the Ministry some people want to make it.

If you build for wealth, one day you will discover Proverbs 23:5 - Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an Eagle towards Heaven.

Because if you are wise; Proverbs 1:32 says: For the turning away of the simple shall slay them and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

God sees my heart that I am happy to see Young People Growing.

Can you imagine if each of you here has a Congregation of half a million (500,000).

I want all of you to Prosper and that is why am doing this sacrifice - It is a Sacrifice of Joy to me.

My Prayer today that the blessings God will give you today will last.

In the Bible account in Genesis 14: 21-24; the King of Sodom said to Abraham: Give me the people and take the Gold.

The man is Clever. All you need is the People and wealth will automatically follow.

Please don't build for wealth. Build the people God has placed under you and what you need for the work will come naturally.

Some of you when you start your Church you will be looking for everything that you needed to be in Place before you start. The original instrument that God made for us is your voice and hands. Start by using them and when the need arises for you to get the equipment it will come.

... Go for the people. And the people will go for what they want.

2. Don't build for fame.

Jeremiah 45:5 says: And seekest thou great things for thyself? Seek them not: for behold I will bring evil upon all flesh saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

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It is a very dangerous thing to be famous because fame apart from robbing you of enjoyment (you cannot do things freely again); it will lead you to be afraid of people that are not afraid of God.

Read the account of King Saul in 1 Samuel 15: 16-24.

Once you are famous, if you are not careful you will begin to watered down your Messages because you want to favour your people.

3. Please make sure that you put yourself under Authority.

In Matthew 8: 5-13; it was an account of a Centurion whose servant was sick and came beseeching Jesus. And Jesus said that He will come and heal him. But the Centurion let Him know that he is a man under Authority that He should just speak a Word and his servant will be ok.

You are under the Authority of your Father in Heaven. The reason is such that you don't make a shipwreck of your Ministry.

Any car without a brake no matter how beautiful it was made will crash if it is driven without a brake.

The reason why so many Young Ministers crashed is because nobody can check them.

There are many things that may appear to you to be right but if subjected to Authority, you may not do it.

God put me under the Authority of my daddy in the Lord, Reverend Josiah Akindayomi.

... Learn to be under Authority and your Church will Grow and you won't crash.

4. Pay your Tithe.

Why? Because Jesus Christ said so.

Matthew 23:23 says: Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees, Hypocrites for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and Cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the Law, Judgement, Mercy and Faith: these ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone.

Some people say that Tithing is for the Jews. But you are a Jew - Jews in the Spirit - Romans 2: 28-29

28. For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh.

29. But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit and not in the lettee; whose praise is not of men but of God.

Galatians 3:29 says: "Then if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the Promise.

Don't listen to people that says Tithing is of the Old Testament. But they take all the Good Things in the Old Testament.

Or is you shall be the Head and not the Tail in Old Testament? What of No weapon fashioned against me shall prosper?

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If you want to take anything in the Old Testament; then you have to take everything.

Your concern always should be that you don't want God to curse you.

You as the Pastor MUST PAY TITHE.

Your Ministry also MUST PAY TITHE.

RCCG as a Church pay their Tithes also but I won't tell you the name of the Church/Ministry that we pay our Tithes to.

... If you do this, you cannot lack anything!

5. Honour God with Your First Fruit.

Proverbs 3: 9-10 says:

9. Honour the LORD with thy substance and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.

10. So shall thy barns be filled with Plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

If you Honour God; the Lord God Almighty said that He will bless you so much that your Bank Accounts will burst.

The Bible in 1 Samuel 2:30 says that: Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house and the house of thy father should walk before me for ever but now the LORD saith, Be it fae from me; for them that honour me I will honour and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

... You should aim such that your Ministry will Outclass You!

6. Watch Your Associations.

Proverbs 13:20 says that: He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Anyone that will not pull you higher in your Association; don't associate with them.

Daddy says that he has only few friends - about ten (10) of them and two (2) has gone to be with the Lord as we speak.

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Proverbs 27:17 - Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

1 Corinthians 15:33 - Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt Good Manners.

7. Make sure that you are Organised in your Ministry.

The Bible talked about five hundred (500) brethren who saw Jesus Christ after resurrection. Out of these numbers; only seventy (70) of them are Workers that He sent out in two's. Then there are twelve (12) Disciples and then the three (3) Special People that Jesus Christ selected for Special Occasions.

You need to get to be organised so that it will be easy for you to Delegate.

When the work is small, you can do it all alone. But as it gets bigger, you will need others assistance and so the need to delegate.

But you will say: If I delegate; what will happen?

All you need to do is to Delegate and Inspect.

Someone said that you get what you Inspect and not what you Expect.

Sometimes you will realise that they may do what you delegated them to do to the best of their abilities but it may not be up to what you expected them to do.

That is why you will need to Inspect them and offer valuable advise when they are deviating from the instructions you gave them.

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If I go to check the toilets for instance; I don't bother myself to see if the water inside is clean or not as I know that would be clean or check for water on the floors.

Rather, I will put my hands on the door or window frame. If I see any dust there then to me the toilet is not clean.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

In Matthew 26: 33-40; when Jesus asked Peter, James and John to come and pray with Him. He came back to Inspect them and found them sleeping.

Inspect your Choirs as not all of them sing what is acceptable to God.

Wisdom is a Spirit.

Deuteronomy 34:9 says that: And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the Spirit of Wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened into him and did as the LORD commanded Moses.

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Isaiah 11: 1-3 says:

1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

2. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, the Spirit of Knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.

Pastors, if you need Wisdom then you need the Holy Spirit.

You cannot do this Work without the Holy Spirit.

Zechariah 4:6 says: Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the Word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by Might nor by Power, but by my Spirit saith the LORD of Hosts.

We are called The Pentecostals because you need the Holy Spirit to Witness or else nothing will happen.

You need Holy Spirit to even pray correctly according to Romans 8:26 - Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

In 1 Thessalonians 5: 17-19; the Bible admonished us to Pray without Ceasing.

How can I Pray without Ceasing?

I discovered that the only way to Pray without Ceasing is to Pray in the Spirit. It will help you to Pray for what you want to have.

Many times, what you want that God has in stock for you; you need the Holy Spirit to Glorify Jesus Christ.

John 16: 13-14 says:

13. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all Truths: for He shall not speak of Himself but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.

14. He shall Glorify me: for He shall receive of mine and shall shew it unto me.

From the Text, He will Glorify Jesus by Producing Fruits/Evidence that He is the One that hears.

Acts 4:8 says: Then Peter filled with the Holy Ghost said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel.

Your Church cannot and will not Grow without the Holy Spirit Performing Signs and Wonders.

A Single Miracle will do more than what a thousand (1,000) Sermons can do.

Ephesians 5:18 says: And be not drunk with wine, wherein in excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

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You need to be drunk with the Holy Spirit. Drink it so much that you will be drunk in it.

So in the next couple of Minutes; let us go wild in the Presence of the Lord and talk to Him what you want Him to do in your Ministry.

... So shall it be in Jesus Name - Amen.

I believed very firmly that I heard from God saying - No Questions and Answers Session today.

... The Spirit of Counsel will give you Answers in Jesus Name - Amen.

This afternoon; I will lay hands on my two (2) sons (Rev Joe Olaiya and Dr. Paul Enenche) here together with my wife (Mummy GO) and Mummy Olaiya and they will lay hands on you all.

The Lord Jesus Christ took the five (5) breads, blessed them and later gave it back to the Disciples.

By the time the bread got to the hands of the people through the Disciples it Multiplied.

The Blessings will multiply on you as any of them lay hands on you - Amen!

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