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Foreword

Give All Diligence is not merely a sermon; it is a spiritual awakening. Through these pages, the preacher unveils a powerful truth often forgotten in modern Christianity: that God has already provided everything necessary for life, godliness, dominion, and impact through Christ. Yet, many believers continue to live beneath their possibilities because diligence has been neglected.

With deep apostolic urgency, this message calls believers back to spiritual seriousness – diligence in guarding the heart, diligence in prayer, diligence in personal growth, diligence in obedience, and diligence in cooperating with the Holy Spirit.

One of the most striking dimensions of this message is its emphasis on the believer's inward life. The preacher reminds us that destiny is not built primarily from external opportunities but from internal formation. The heart, according to Scripture, is the fountain from which the issues of life proceed. As such, this book challenges every reader to examine the condition of their spirit, thoughts, convictions, and discipline.

The message also delivers a strong warning against spiritual ignorance and unhealthy extremes that distract believers from the simplicity of the Gospel. While affirming the place of prayer, fasting, prophetic instruction, and spiritual warfare, the preacher carefully redirects the believer's confidence back to the finished work of Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and the power of God's Word.

Beyond instruction, these pages carry deep prophetic intensity. There is a strong emphasis on restoration, reactivated seasons, recovered opportunities, broken limitations, and awakened destinies. The declarations and prayers captured in this manuscript are charged with faith, expectation, and Kingdom authority.

As editors, we have preserved the flow, burden, urgency, and spiritual weight of the original message while refining the transcript into a clear and readable manuscript for study, meditation, and spiritual growth.

We encourage you not to read this book casually. Read prayerfully. Read attentively. Pause often and reflect deeply on the truths communicated. More importantly, respond with action.

The central charge of this book is simple yet life-changing:

Give all diligence.

May these pages stir you into renewed hunger, greater discipline, deeper consecration, and a fresh experience of the grace already made available in Christ Jesus.

***— Wisdom Epsi
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Main Message

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Introduction

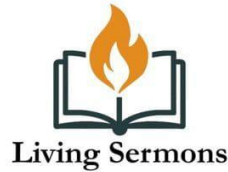
This evening, I want to share with us something very critical that the Lord has put in my spirit. As you know, we are currently on a series on effectual prayers, or praying effectual prayers, or effective praying and prayers. We are trying to see how we can maximise spiritual things because we have come to understand that, in recent times, most of the things we do do not command commensurate impact—and that is not the plan of God.

God did not ordain us to live in this world merely to act dramas or to excite ourselves without definite implications for the things we do. Everything we do sustains implications because that is how God functions. And so, we are trying to examine Scriptures very critically to see what we need to do in order to make our lives consequential.

You cannot deny the fact that the things that happen to you have existential implications. Therefore, whatever you are doing must sustain the same capacity to alter things in your everyday life. Unfortunately, this is not the testimony of many.

This evening, I want to touch on something else that will help us maximise the spiritual things that God has made available to every one of us who is His child and who engages the principles of the Kingdom.

I believe somebody will learn something this evening that will change his or her life forever, in the name of Jesus Christ.



Like Precious Faith

Let us begin from 2 Peter 1:1–5.

“Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.” — *2 Peter 1:1 (KJV)*

When I read this Scripture, it blessed me so much that Peter—whose shadow was healing the sick—would write to the Church and say, “*We have the same faith.*”

I thought this faith was for special people—apostles who walked with Jesus. But Peter said no. The faith that raised the dead, the faith that took nations, the faith that operated in dominion, is the faith every one of us has.

Paul corroborated it in 2 Corinthians 4:13:

“We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken...” — *2 Corinthians 4:13 (KJV)*

Now, I want you to be emboldened by Scriptures like this. It means whatever Peter did, you can do. Whatever anybody did in Scripture, you too can do, because Peter said we have *like precious faith*.

The faith is precious, but it is the same faith all of us have. Paul said this is the faith Jesus Himself operated with:

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me... and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God...” — *Galatians 2:20 (KJV)*

So Paul had the faith of the Son of God. Peter said we have like precious faith. Therefore, you have the same faith as Peter. You have the same faith as Jesus. No mountain can defy you. No devil can defy you.

You live here tonight a conqueror. You live here tonight more than a conqueror in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Strategic Season of the Earth

We are in the most strategic season of the earth’s existence. We are the last generation. We have seen everything. The only thing remaining is the coming of Jesus.

All the promises have been declared. Jesus has come. The Holy Ghost is here. The Church has been established. There is nothing else we are waiting for except the second coming.

Therefore, all the resources of God are here for us to spend from. Somebody will leave here a wonder in the name of Jesus Christ. What Moses did not have, you have. Men like Moses looked forward to the day when God would live inside a man. But today, you are walking with God inside you.

They will look down from heaven and say, “How we wish we were part of their generation.”

You will not go to heaven regretting that you did not maximise what you have, in the name of Jesus Christ.

“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.” — *2 Peter 1:2 (KJV)*

These men were deep. Every line they communicated carried secrets.

Look at the way Peter spoke in this verse. He is showing you how to multiply grace. That means the amount of grace you receive initially does not matter. Even if it is tiny, you can multiply it.

And he tells you how: *through knowledge*. The more I know about Jesus, the more grace is multiplied in my life.

That means I can study Jesus and become a skilful banker. I can study Jesus and become an excellent public speaker. I can study Jesus and begin walking in the miraculous.

Grace multiplies through charge knowledge. That is why Christians are supposed to take over the world. You will take in the name of Jesus.

Peter also said peace is multiplied through knowledge. Therefore, I cannot live in perpetual turbulence and anxiety. Whatever happens, my heart can remain stable because knowing Jesus furnishes the soul with peace.

When men are cast down, you say there is a lifting up, and they wonder what is happening. A knowledge has fortified your soul.

These were ordinary fishermen speaking like this. Yet some believers today allow one demon to whisper, “Can you really succeed?”

Tell that demon to go to hell.

If fishermen operated like this, then you have no excuse.

All Things Have Been Given

“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness...” — *2 Peter 1:3 (KJV)*

What an assurance.

He did not say He *will give*. He said He *has given*.

Right now, you already possess all things that pertain to life and godliness. Peter then excavates another secret:

“...through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.” — *2 Peter 1:3 (KJV)*

The same knowledge that multiplies grace is the knowledge that unlocks everything already deposited in you.

The outcome of that life is glory and virtue. Three verses of Scripture solve the whole problem of humanity:

- You have the faith of Jesus.
- Grace can be multiplied.
- All things pertaining to life and godliness have already been given to you.

But Peter did not stop there. He now introduced the realm of application.

Partakers of the Divine Nature

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature...” — *2 Peter 1:4 (KJV)*

The Bible is a deep book. Every verse is wealth.

While you are celebrating that He gave you faith, grace, and all things pertaining to life, Peter goes further and says God did not merely give you gifts—He brought you into Himself.

You are now a partaker of His divine nature.

That means you are no longer operating merely as an ordinary human being. Eternal life elevates a man into the realm where he functions from God’s reality.



Giving All Diligence

Now we arrive at the emphasis of tonight.

“And beside this, giving all diligence...” — *2 Peter 1:5 (KJV)*

You have the faith of the Son of God. You have the grace of God. You have the nature of God.

But Peter says: *giving all diligence*.

One of the major crises of believers is the absence of diligence. At the end of this discourse, Peter explains that the diligent believer will be fruitful and lacking nothing. Therefore, if a believer lacks, the lack itself is an alarm system revealing an area where diligence is absent. The moment a believer becomes diligent, fruitfulness becomes inevitable.

God designed His programme so that His children should lack nothing.

Six Reasons Why Jesus Came

1. To Give Salvation and Eternal Life

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...” — *John 3:16 (KJV)*

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” — *Luke 19:10 (KJV)*

Jesus came to save us and to give us eternal life. Every creature possesses life, but man was designed to function with three dimensions of life:

The Life of the Flesh — *Bios*

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood...” — *Leviticus 17:11 (KJV)*

The Life of the Soul

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life...” — *Genesis 2:7 (KJV)*

This is why even unbelievers can understand sciences, economics, mathematics, and philosophy. There is life functioning in the soul.

The Life of God — *Zoe*

God planted this life in the Tree of Life in Eden. Man was expected to partake of it and function like God on the earth.

When Jesus came, He became that Tree of Life.

Eternal life elevates a man into the God-class of operation—walking in righteousness, authority, dominion, and victory.

Have you ever heard that God suffered lack?

Have you ever heard that God was defeated?

Jesus demonstrated this life perfectly. He walked on water, multiplied bread, healed the sick, and operated continually in dominion.

That is the life He came to give us.

2. To Destroy the Works of the Devil

“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” — *1 John 3:8 (KJV)*

Sin, sickness, bondage, destruction, and death are works of the devil.

Jesus came to destroy them.

“For sin shall not have dominion over you...” — *Romans 6:14 (KJV)*

“...that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.” — *Hebrews 2:14 (KJV)*

Christ came to give absolute victory.

3. To Reveal God’s Nature and Ways

Humanity had many contradictions concerning God’s nature and will. So Jesus came to reveal the Father perfectly.

Philip said:

“Lord, shew us the Father...” — *John 14:8 (KJV)*

Jesus answered:

“He that hath seen me hath seen the Father...” — *John 14:9 (KJV)*

Jesus revealed the clearest expression of God.

“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.” — *Colossians 2:9 (KJV)*

Every argument about God ends with Christ.

4. To Reveal God’s Idea of a Man

Before Jesus came, humanity was functioning below God’s original intention.

At Jesus’ baptism, heaven spoke:

“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” — *Matthew 3:17 (KJV)*

Jesus became God’s visible definition of man as God intended him to be.

Therefore, we now model our lives after Christ.

If Jesus was never sick, then sickness will not dominate me.

If Jesus laid hands on the sick and they recovered, then my hands become instruments of healing.

Christ is now the standard.

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image...” — *2 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV)*

As we behold Him, transformation takes place.

5. To Fulfil the Law and the Prophets

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.” — *Matthew 5:17 (KJV)*

Everything spoken by the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms concerning Christ found fulfilment in Him.

When Jesus said on the cross:

“It is finished...” — *John 19:30 (KJV)*

He was declaring that every prophetic requirement had been completed. This is why no promise of God concerning your life can be hindered. Christ has already fulfilled the requirement. Therefore, the language of the believer changes:

- I am blessed.
- I am healed.
- I am lifted.
- I am delivered.
- I am victorious in Christ.

Everything is now in the finished work of Christ.

“Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” — *1 John 4:4 (KJV)*

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world...” — *1 John 5:4 (KJV)*

God has already done everything through Christ. Our assignment now is to maximise what has been made available.

That is the Gospel.

One Spirit With God

Christians are panicking:

“Satan... demons... they took my name to a native doctor.”

If it happened after Christ came, then that native doctor is the one in trouble—not you.

The problem is that he lacked discernment when demons brought your name to him.

“But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.” — *1 Corinthians 6:17*
(*KJV*)

When they invoke you, they will not see you alone—they will encounter God.

Go and invoke my name and see what happens. Thunder can manifest. Light can manifest. Anything from God can manifest because he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

He did not merely say you *have* the Spirit of God. You are now a mingled entity.

You cannot separate me from God. I am one spirit with Him.

That is why Christ came.

Do you think God would leave heaven, take off the garments of divinity, enter the womb of a woman, humble Himself for nine months, suffer hunger, rejection, and crucifixion merely so that you could own a suit?

No. There is more.

You will have the suit, but there is more.

Jesus did not come simply for you to drive a car. Why would God step down from heaven merely so that you can own a car?

You may have the car, but there is more.

Until I become like Him, it has not ended.

“Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh...” — *1 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)*

He came as God into man and ascended into heaven as Man glorified by the Spirit.

Spirit became flesh so that flesh could inherit spirit.

This is why He came.

Grace for Victorious Living

Finally, why did Jesus come?

He came to make grace available for victorious existence.

The resources in God that apply spiritual realities to your life are released through grace. You receive by faith, but grace performs the operation.

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us... full of grace and truth.” — *John 1:14 (KJV)*

Jesus came full of grace.

“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.” — *John 1:16 (KJV)*

The resources required to live like God are made available through grace.

Titus 2:11–12 says:

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live
soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.” — *Titus 2:11–12 (KJV)*

Notice this carefully: in *this present world*, you can live above Satan and live like God.

That is what Christ came to provide.

So if a Christian is not living like God, then something is wrong—not with God’s provision, but with the believer’s diligence.



What Is Diligence?

Peter said:

“And beside this, giving all diligence...” — *2 Peter 1:5 (KJV)*

There are specific areas where Scripture commands us to exercise diligence in order to become everything Christ died for us to become.

The word *diligence* carries the idea of:

- Earnestness
- Zealousness
- Eagerness

You must be wholehearted in your devotion. You must be passionate. You must be enthusiastic. Many believers are too casual about the things God has already made available to them. That is why they never walk in those realities.

In the spirit, even what is given must still be taken. God gave Jesus for the salvation of the whole world, yet only those who receive Him earnestly walk in the benefit.

That is why many believers never become what God said they are. Their devotion is not wholehearted. Tonight, God wants to show us specific areas where we must become passionate, eager, and fully committed so that we can manifest everything Christ died to provide.

When I speak about wholeheartedness and passion, I am not talking about works-based righteousness. I am not saying you earn something from God.

God has already provided it. Your responsibility is to become zealous in possessing it.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith... not of works...” — *Ephesians 2:8–9 (KJV)*

However, grace does not produce laziness.

Paul said:

“But by the grace of God I am what I am... and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all...” — *1 Corinthians 15:10 (KJV)*

You are not working to earn it. It is already available. But you must refuse to rest until you possess it.

Diligence in Your Calling

“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure...” — *2 Peter 1:10 (KJV)*

Every one of us has been called of God.

You were elected for purpose. “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee...” — *Jeremiah 1:5 (KJV)*

There is an ordination upon every life.

Scripture says you must give diligence to make that ordination stand.

Nobody should live a purposeless life. You should search, seek, and fight until you discover why you came.

There are dimensions of Christ's provision that will never manifest until you enter your calling.

Finding Your Calling

When I was younger, I wanted to become a pilot. At different points, I wanted to become a soldier, a lecturer, and many other things. But I do not believe the resources flowing through my life today would have manifested if I had remained outside my assignment.

Why?

Because I am called to impact nations and lead a generation. Such a calling requires divine supply.

God touches the hearts of people to support what He ordained. And they do it joyfully because they recognise grace. If I had not found this calling, many of these things would never have happened.

This does not mean another profession is inferior. Every calling has its own provision. But the key is to find what God ordained for you.

“...for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.” — *2 Peter 1:10 (KJV)*

When you discover your calling and commit yourself to it diligently, failure loses its grip over your life.

Four Areas of Diligence for Your Calling

1. Diligence in Light

God told me:

“Keep accessing revelation.”

Know Jesus more.

Know the Word more.

Know the ways of God more.

Your inheritance is tied to light.

“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ... may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation...” — *Ephesians 1:17 (KJV)*

The more light I gain, the more I understand the hope of my calling. That is why studying, listening to messages, prayer, worship, fasting, and solitude became my lifestyle.

Light comes in dimensions and frequencies.

There is light released through worship.

There is light released through prayer.

There is light released through study.

There is light released through fasting.

“Then shall thy light break forth as the morning...” — *Isaiah 58:8 (KJV)*

That is why I live fasting. It keeps me sensitive in the spirit.

2. Diligence in Consecration

God told me my path must remain narrow. Certain assignments demand consecration. There are people offended because you do not always answer calls or engage in endless conversations.

But destiny requires focus.

I speak more with men I have never met through their books and messages than with many people physically around me. Some dead men have disciplined me deeply through their teachings.

I excavate their revelations, study their convictions, and learn the secrets behind their impact. You have a calling on your life. Have you found the consecration necessary for that calling?

Kings do not come merely because you exist. They come to the brightness of your rising.

“And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.” — *Isaiah 60:3 (KJV)*

3. Diligence in Character

Light without character becomes dangerous. Character sustains destiny. You cannot claim to represent Christ while lacking integrity, discipline, and purity.

Consecration shapes character.

4. Diligence in Strategy

God also taught me strategy.

How you speak matters.

How you present yourself matters.

How you plan matters.

Nobody impacting the world for Christ lives carelessly. Many believers assume things will happen automatically “if God wants it.”

But diligence is part of the Kingdom system.

Many believers talk endlessly about greatness while refusing to prepare for greatness. Some say they are prophets, apostles, or marketplace leaders, yet they have never studied the demands of those callings.

Calling is not imitation.

You must understand the consecration, wisdom, discipline, and power structure connected to your assignment.

“Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called... and whom he justified, them he also glorified.” — *Romans 8:30 (KJV)*

The end of every genuine calling is glorified existence. I have seen people who sew clothes sit with presidents. I have seen mechanics influence territories for Jesus. The issue is not your profession. The issue is your diligence.

Find your calling.

Study it.

Pray over it.

Fast over it.

Grow in it.

Christ came, but you must give diligence to make your calling sure.

5. Diligence in Your Faith

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue...” — *2 Peter 1:5*
(*KJV*)

It is not enough to merely possess faith. You have the faith of the Son of God. Nevertheless, Peter says you must add to it:

- Virtue
- Knowledge
- Temperance
- Patience
- Godliness
- Brotherly kindness
- Love

Paul said:

“Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.” — *1 Corinthians 13:2* (*KJV*)

Faith works by love.

“...faith which worketh by love.” — *Galatians 5:6* (*KJV*)

Many people have faith, but they have not developed character alongside it. They can move mountains, yet their hearts are full of envy, competition, bitterness, and slander.

Peter said we must add to our faith. Faith reaches its highest expression when it is perfected in love. When you look at a brother who is hungry and you say, “Be blessed, be thou comforted,” and you give him no food, you must tell God to tamper with your heart.

Some of us need tender mercy. Some of us need compassion. Even our family members, we are not compassionate towards them. I know the place of focus. I know the place of hard work. But don't excuse your wickedness by saying people are not hardworking.

Anybody who reaches out for help, you say, "All this lazy generation. Me, I don't encourage laziness." Yet you see somebody selling corn under the scorching sun, and you still collect the ten naira change. That one is hardworking. Why are you like that?

So God looks at you from Heaven and says, "Is this the person trusting Me to give him a nation? Is this the person trusting Me to give him a system?" No. His heart cannot accommodate it.

Peter is telling us that, as powerful as faith is, our hearts must be large enough to accommodate the powers that faith generates. That is why many people are nowhere.

He said, "Give all diligence in adding things to your faith." What have you added to your faith?

Some of us, the faith we have is exactly as we received it from Christ — enough for salvation. The one that hit us at the evangelism ground and brought us to Jesus. That is all.

That faith has not grown enough to heal a headache. That faith has not grown enough to give somebody one thousand naira out of mercy or love. That faith has not grown enough for us to participate in Kingdom advancement.

The only thing that faith has done for us — and it is good enough — is procure salvation. But that is not how God planned for you to live.

Your faith must grow:

- Grow to work wonders.
- Grow to impact your generation.
- Grow to help people.
- Grow to push you into Kingdom advancement.

You need to see how excited people become when you prophesy or decree God's blessings upon them, and then how quickly the atmosphere changes when you tell them about the needs of the Kingdom and their responsibility to participate financially or personally.

The atmosphere dies because that faith is selfish and self-centred.

If you want to become everything Christ died for you to become, Peter said, "Add to your faith." It is an area of diligence:

- Learn virtue.
- Learn patience.
- Learn kindness.
- Learn love.
- Ask God to help your heart.
- Study these things.
- Listen to people who teach about them.
- Develop them.

Some of us call our pursuit "hard work," but in truth it is selfishness. We want to have everything in the world. God is not in view. No other human being is in view. It is only us.

Your destiny is too big for you alone. When God gave you your ordination, He included your generation in it. Make room for them. The second area to be diligent in is the development of your faith.

The third area of diligence is the development of your mind. There are people we call "spirico". Anything you say, they shift it to angels, encounters, and Heaven, as though they are already living there.

Why did Jesus die for you? Was it only to carry you to Heaven? If that were the case, He would have taken you immediately after salvation. But He left you here. While it is

important to engage the spirit, you are more profitable to God when you engage the earth.

So engage the spirit to develop spiritual capacity, but deploy it to the earth. That is where the mind comes in. Read your Bible carefully. While I respect all the Apostles of Jesus, look at the contribution of Paul, who did not physically walk every street with Jesus the way the others did.

Out of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament, Paul contributed thirteen, and Hebrews was arguably written by him, making fourteen.

Thank God for the labour of the other Apostles. I am not dishonouring them before you set me up with God. Peter did what God wanted him to do. I am only opening your understanding.

Paul's mind was refined. He was learned. So your mind, if refined and submitted to God, becomes impactful.

That is why you must develop your mind.

Do not say you are fasting and praying while there is nothing upstairs intellectually, and then expect God to keep opening doors for you.

Some people have fasted for fifteen years. They have encounters, no doubt. But if they are taken before a president and told, "The nation is in trouble; help us," they will not know what to say. You ask them about the Nigerian economy and they reply, "Tomorrow about this time at the gate of Samaria..."

There is no Samaria in Nigeria. We have Abuja. We have Kano. I am not undermining prophecy, but for God's sake, you should be able to engage at an intellectual frequency. You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth.

What do you know?

The only place many Christians are bold is on the altar because nobody questions them there. But when it is time for intelligent engagement and debate, they suddenly lose their voice.

Christ is not only about taking people to Heaven.

How does Christ impact the economy?

How does Christ impact the nation?

There is character. There is power. And there is intelligence and strategy. Those who walked with God before us impacted nations. Develop diligence in mental development.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God...” — 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

The word “study” there means diligence in accessing knowledge. We need people with mental capacity. You are in the bank? Be the best. Didn’t you read about Daniel? He was a prophet, yet he possessed uncommon wisdom.

Daniel’s Excellence

Daniel 1:18–20 tells us that after examination, none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. In all matters of wisdom and understanding, they were found ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers in Babylon.

These were scholars of a whole empire.

Please hear me:

- Don’t be the banker who makes all the mistakes.
- Don’t be the doctor who is careless.
- Don’t be the businessman whose strategies always fail.

You have an excellent spirit.

Daniel maintained this testimony in Babylon. In Daniel 5:11–12, the queen testified concerning him:

“There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods...”

They acknowledged his spirituality, but he did not leave his spirituality in the realm of visions and encounters. He applied it to real human and societal issues.

He had:

- Light
- Understanding
- Wisdom
- Interpretation of dreams
- Ability to solve hard sentences
- Capacity to dissolve doubts

Imagine someone saying:

“If you think he is only religious, let him talk to you about geopolitics. Let him speak on economic strategy and leadership.”

That is the excellency of God.

Why did God send you into your profession? Beyond preaching Christ there, He sent you to manifest the light of His realm through excellence.

Whatever has blocked your intelligence, whatever has blocked your mind, I decree by the Spirit of prophecy that it is lifted now in Jesus’ name.

Before we talk about favour, at least have something to offer. When favour opens the door and you are brought to the table, what value will you bring?

May God refine you and exalt you to realms of value in the name of Jesus Christ. Some of you are called into the five-fold ministry, but how many of us are actually in the five-fold?

Look around. Only one person may be preaching publicly, but thousands are called into different platforms:

- The bank
- The hospital
- The marketplace
- Government
- Education

That is where you manifest the excellency of God. But before you preach Christ there, there is a tool that gives you legitimacy on that platform: competence.

You must be an expert.

You already have an excellent spirit, but Scripture still says:

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God...”

Precision does not come until study happens.

Paul told Timothy:

“Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.” — 1 Timothy 4:13 (KJV)

He acknowledged prophecy and the laying on of hands, but he also insisted on reading. The spiritual is more important, but the mental must not be neglected. Then in verse 15, he said:

“Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.” — 1 Timothy 4:15 (KJV)

The reason many things God deposited in us are not visible is because we have not done what it takes for our profiting to appear.

Read.

Learn.

Develop your mind.

Do not let any day pass without learning something new. If it is not directly related to your calling, let it at least empower your career or help humanity.

6. Diligence in Maintaining Peace and Unity

Another area where Scripture commands diligence is peace and unity. We have a corporate inheritance in Christ. There are dimensions of God we can only experience together.

If we tear ourselves apart through envy, bitterness, slander, and division, entire dimensions of God can be lost in a generation.

The Bible says:

“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” —
Ephesians 4:3 (KJV)

Your identity is connected to the Body of Christ.

An eye detached from the body becomes useless. A heart removed from the body cannot function. Our relevance is connected to our corporate existence.

Pride makes people think they are self-sufficient, but there are graces and dimensions no individual can carry alone.

There is:

- One body
- One Spirit
- One hope
- One Lord
- One faith
- One baptism
- One God and Father of all

The same Holy Spirit in you is in your brother. How then can bitterness, envy, and unhealthy competition dominate the Body of Christ?

That spirit is strange. Fight for the unity of the saints. Unity is not compromise, and it is not uniformity. We stand against error, but we do not destroy wounded soldiers in the process of defending truth.

Jesus told Peter:

“Simon, Simon, Satan hath desired to have you... but I have prayed for thee...” — Luke 22:31–32 (KJV)

Peter still denied Jesus, yet after the resurrection Jesus specifically said:

“Go tell the disciples and Peter...”

He did not endorse Peter’s fall, but He refused to leave him there.

That is wisdom.

Some blessings do not come merely by prophecy or impartation. They come by understanding the ways of God.

Some of you, the key to unlocking ten years of prophecy is simply removing bitterness from your heart. Some of you need to restore peace with family members. Your sister has offended you for five years, yet you are serving in the prayer team.

Go home and make the phone call. Do not allow hatred to rob you of destiny.

7. Diligence in Maintaining Good Works

Another area of diligence is maintaining good works.

“They which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works.”

— Titus 3:8 (KJV)

Do not be an unproductive Christian. Be committed to good works both personally and corporately. Good works are profitable.

Dimensions of Good Works

1. Character

Show:

- Mercy
- Integrity
- Temperance
- Kindness
- Patience

Do not always speak harshly or vulgarly. Let your words be seasoned with grace. Do not always be the one taking. Become the one giving.

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” — Acts 20:35 (KJV)

2. Spirit-Inspired Service

Good works also include:

- Almsgiving
- Soul winning
- Discipleship
- Intercession

In Colossians 4:12, Epaphras was commended because he laboured fervently in prayers for the saints.

Sometimes people stand because somebody else prayed for them. There are unseen Kingdom labourers whose prayers, sacrifices, and hidden service uphold entire assemblies.

The Bible says:

“Let your light so shine before men...” — Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

Some people only appear during miracle services because they want healing, deliverance, or breakthrough. But when it is time for:

- Prayer meetings
- Evangelism
- Giving
- Service
- Soul winning

They disappear.

Yet Scripture commands diligence in good works.

What will be the basis of your reward in eternity?

Good works are profitable unto men.

Guard Your Heart with All Diligence

“I don’t know if you are an angel, but if you are a man, the Bible says one of the ways to enter profit is to be diligent in good works — first in character, then in kindness.

If you are doing it as an individual, great. And if you are doing it at a corporate level, even better. But this is the admonition of Scripture.

I'm showing you why Jesus came with everything you will ever need, yet very few are walking in it. One of the reasons is that we lack diligence. All of us can walk in it because there is enough for all of us. But how many of us are diligent?

Finally, what area did the Bible admonish us to be diligent in, in order to make the most of what Christ has provided? He said to be diligent in guarding your heart because the quality of your life emanates from there.”

Proverbs 4:20–23 (KJV):

“My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.
Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.
Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”

“The quality of a man’s life does not come from external things; it comes from internal things. Some of us are hoping that the day our helper comes, that day our life will change. But what provokes the appearing of your helper is inside you.

Your life is not determined from outside. It is determined from inside. The environment within is more important than the environment without.

Wise men say it does not matter the volume of water touching the ship from outside, but the one that enters can capsize the ship.

Most of us have suffered shipwreck because we did not guard the heart. And the Bible teaches us how to guard the heart. He said, ‘Put the Word there.’

You guard the heart by injecting it with the Word.”

Psalm 119:9, 11 (KJV):

“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.”

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

“What I am preaching that you are hearing here is not enough. Go and sit down and digest the Word. Choke yourself with it. Paul said your life will be profitable, and it will be profitable enough for all men to see it and affirm it.”

Do Not Be Beguiled from the Simplicity of the Gospel

“Sometimes the way we move around, it is as though our God is wicked — as though we have to beg and beg and beg before something little can happen. That is not the character of the God of the Bible.

You see people begging to succeed in the night. They are naked as though they are astrologers. They stand before the moon and say, ‘Father, look at me as I am.’ You wonder where they learned those things from.

They pour salt into water. They pour oil inside it and call it prophetic action. They bathe with it for twenty-one days so that oil will come upon their lives.

Don’t be beguiled from the simplicity of the Gospel.

As I’m talking to you now, it is important to pray. It is important to stay away from distractions and focus on God. But there are people on mountains who have been told to stay there for one hundred and twenty days and only drink water by midnight. If they miss it once, they start the whole process all over again.

They are expected to bathe with anointing oil bought from a particular place every day without fail so that Satan will release their prosperity.

There is a place for prophetic action. God can give someone an instruction to help the person’s faith. But when you turn those patterns into dogma, you create a strange dimension.

I am not saying God cannot tell you to fast for one hundred and twenty days. So long as it is not immoral, obey whatever He tells you to do. But many of these rigid patterns are simply products of ignorance.”

Bitterness Can Delay Destiny

“Guard your heart.

Some of us are backward in life because we are bitter people. Some of us are backward because we are unforgiving people.

You can list the thirty-five people who offended you in the last fifteen years. You know the date, you know the hour, and when you talk about it, the venom that comes out of your spirit reveals what you have been carrying for years.

How can you rise while carrying unnecessary loads?

God has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, but He has invited us to be diligent in accessing them because diligence shows maturity. It shows faith. It shows excitement and willingness to receive what He has provided.

Your life is more important than you think. And God has provided enough for you to be relevant. Don't let any devil make you feel that what he is doing is more powerful than what God has done.

Don't let any man make you feel as though unless he endorses you, you cannot amount to anything. All of those things are secondary and irrelevant. God will not put your destiny in the hands of any man so that that man becomes a second god over your life. God uses men to bless. God uses men to lift. But no man is your God.”

Everything You Need Is Already Supplied

“If you are failing, you are failing because you chose to — either by your actions or your inactions. If you make up your mind today, your life can change because everything you need to live a glorious life is already in you.

But He said, ‘Giving all diligence.’

Some of us need diligence in our calling. Some need diligence in developing faith. Some need diligence in developing the mind. Some need diligence in guarding the heart. Some need diligence in maintaining peace and unity.

Search for the one you are lacking. Correct it and see the way grace will flow into your life. Jesus came to make grace available for a glorious existence, and He gave it to us beyond measure. You have more than enough grace and more than enough faith for a glorious life. You just have not removed the hindrances to the supply.”

Prayer and Worship

“Can you bow your heads and pray?”

He’s the Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Living God...

Holy Ghost, sceptre of the King of kings...

Spirit of the age to come...

Bringing everything into obedience to God...

“Ask yourself this question:

How can Satan, who is attacking you from outside, be more successful than the Holy Ghost, who is helping you from inside?

It is a mystery that we are where we are. The advantages we have are too many. There are promises. There are prophecies. There is a supply of grace. There is the Spirit of God in you. There are angelic supports. How could we remain like this?

All we need is to cooperate with God.

Some of us just need to become determined, focused, and serious with our lives. All that we need has already been supplied.

Sometimes the Holy Ghost prompts someone for one whole month to do one thing, but the person refuses. The month passes.”

A Prayer of Surrender

“Can we pray one prayer?

Tell God that as He helps you, you are ready, and you will show it from today. Father, as You help me from tonight, I am ready. I become diligent in the things You have commanded me to do.”

The Reactivation of Lost Seasons

“There are two things that will happen now before I round up. Number one: there will be an activation of a season that you lost.

Be focused. This is not the time to lose concentration. Some of you had seasons when your destiny was calibrated by God to begin making global impact, but that window passed you. Some of you had seasons where access to authority and influence was opened to you, but you missed those moments. Others lost seasons of encounters and spiritual heights because there was no diligence.

The Holy Ghost drew you into prayer, fasting, and study, but you cut those dimensions short. You quenched the Spirit. Tonight, mercy has returned.

Seasons of awakening. Seasons of encounters. Seasons of open doors. Seasons of open heavens. Seasons of access.”

A Prophetic Release

“Wherever you are standing right now, by the authority of this declaration, by the authority of this message, by the authority of this commissioning:

Let that awakening come upon you now. Marathon warriors, wear your mantles. Carry your sceptres. Come into your ordinations. Take your garments. Receive your wings to fly.

Father, call them forth.

Great destinies and mantles that have been silenced under the cloud of darkness — awake!

Out of your belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Step into new dimensions.

Enter new powers.

Receive authority by the Spirit in the name of Jesus.”

Breaking Ancient Patterns

“Some of you, what you are fighting is spiritual and ancient. You are not lazy. You are not weak. But there is a pattern in the bloodline. Christ has invalidated it, but Satan’s rebellious nature causes him to keep fighting.

Every pattern of rising and falling, near-success syndrome, sickness, infirmity, backwardness, reproach, and sin — by the power of the blood and the authority of the resurrected Christ — they break now in the name of Jesus.”

What Has Been Delayed Shall Be Released

“I am seeing demonic resistance.

Some of you, Satan has created systems that either take what is coming to you or delay it from entering your hand.

Blessings and prophecies are coming, but something diverts them. But tonight, there is a testimony. Everything Satan has created a system of taking from you — in the name of Jesus — we command those systems to crash.

Every blessing, every opportunity, every resource withheld from your life, I command them: release now!

There are prophetic voices that should be blessing nations now, but their voices were buried somewhere. There are people who should be millionaires now because they have a heart for the Kingdom, but their opportunities have been seized.

But in the name of Jesus, whatever has been taken from you, I command release now.”

Take It by Force

“Satan knows he has no legal ground, but he will test whether you know — and whether you will insist.

The violent take it by force. There are things only violent men take. Something is about to break in the spirit. You cannot remain like this. This is not why Jesus came — struggling with sin, poverty, and reproach. There is a better version of your life, the version that looks like God.”



A Final Charge

“Jesus did not come all the way from heaven for me to remain like this. I must be exactly like Him.

I do not just have salvation; I live above sin. I do not just live above sin; I dominate this world. I prosper in life. I impact my generation. Some of you, there are demonic eyes monitoring your life. But in the name of Jesus, we blind those eyes and deafen those ears now.”

Closing Prophetic Blessing

“A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a great nation. I prophesy over you: the least you have from today is a thousand in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prosper. Flourish. Be empowered. Be blessed in Jesus’ mighty name. Some of you will be shocked at what will happen within the next week.

There are encounters, ideas, inspirations, and graces ordained for you that have been trapped. But as surely as the Lord lives, nothing ordained for you will escape again.

You will see wonders in the days to come.”

Final Exhortation

“As we round up, leave here with this consciousness:

You were ordained to live and function like God because you are His child.

And secondly, be committed to it until you begin to see it.

Give all diligence.

If you relax, Satan will destroy you. Don't give him the chance.

Welcome to the blessed phase of your life.”



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