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Foreword

At the core of this teaching confronts one of the most persistent struggles of human experience: the battle around sufficiency. It does not present wealth as a mere social achievement, nor as a product of chance or environment, but as something deeply connected to divine order, redeemed identity, and spiritual understanding.

From the opening lines, the reader is drawn into a sobering reflection on systems—visible and invisible—that shape human outcomes. Yet the message does not leave the reader in analysis alone. It moves steadily toward revelation: that in Christ, provision is not an accident, but part of redemptive intent.

The Scriptures are carefully woven throughout this message to establish that God is not distant from the economic realities of His people. As it is written:

“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth.” — Deuteronomy 8:18 (KJV)

This is not a text that glorifies wealth for its own sake. Rather, it restores understanding to the believer that destiny requires resources, and that God Himself is the source of both vision and enablement. Redemption is therefore presented not only as salvation from sin, but as restoration into capacity, clarity, and productivity.

Yet, the message also balances revelation with responsibility. It repeatedly calls attention to diligence, work, and wisdom. The Gospel is never portrayed as an excuse for passivity. Instead, it affirms the dignity of labour under grace, reminding the believer that the hand of God blesses the work of human hands.

Equally important is the emphasis on spiritual alignment—seeking first the Kingdom. This remains the governing principle that protects the heart from distortion, even in seasons of increase. The instruction of Christ remains central:

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” — Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

In this balance lies the strength of this manuscript: revelation without imbalance, prosperity without distortion, and faith without presumption.

The reader will also encounter the power of covenant practice, generosity, and prophetic declaration—not as isolated spiritual exercises, but as expressions of a heart aligned with divine principles. The spoken word, as presented here, is not mere optimism; it is framed as a spiritual force shaping direction and experience.

Ultimately, this work is an invitation into alignment. Alignment with redemption. Alignment with responsibility. Alignment with Kingdom priority. And alignment with the understanding that life responds to both revelation and action.

As you engage these pages, may your understanding of sufficiency be refined. May your perspective on labour be strengthened. And may your walk with God remain central, even as your hands are established in productive labour.

In the spirit of the message carried herein, it is our prayer that every reader not only gains insight, but also steps into a clearer expression of purpose, stability, and fruitfulness in every righteous endeavour.

Grace and peace.

— Wisdom Epsi
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Main Message

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The Warfare of This Present Evil Age

This evening, I just want to share with us briefly what the Lord has put in my spirit to share, and I have titled it *The Battle of the Age*.

We are in the midst of a very serious warfare, and until believers are conscientised and trained to engage in this battle, their existence will continually be undermined by the devil.

One of the reasons for which Jesus came into the world was to deliver us from the dominion of darkness. Therefore, we cannot deny the reality of the dominion of darkness.

The Bible says in John 10:10:

“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...” (John 10:10 KJV)

The devil has a clear agenda. He came to kill, to steal, and to destroy.

But Jesus said:

“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10 KJV)

He did not just come to give you life; He came to give you life to the full. The evidence of that life ought to be made manifest. Unfortunately, there are many who have received

life but are not manifesting that life because they do not know how to walk in the victory that Jesus procured for the saints.

Hallelujah.

God has mandated me to begin teachings and prayers that will help us come into the experience of the victory we already have in Christ.

If you study Galatians 1:3–4, you will discover that one of the reasons Jesus died was to deliver us from this present evil age.

This world—this *aeon*—is called an evil age.

“Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world...” (Galatians 1:4 KJV)

Jesus did not die merely to restore your relationship with God or simply to guarantee that you do not go to hell. What He did was to secure for you a victory that can be demonstrated in this present evil world.

A man who is living life to the full will live victoriously in this world—not only in heaven.

Spiritual Civilisations and Invisible Bondage

As this teaching progresses, I will show you many things about this universe, about the entities that operate in this realm, and about the civilisations they have created.

You may be walking through Abuja thinking you are merely in the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria, but within the context of the physical universe there are spiritual cities. There are spiritual civilisations that govern the souls of men and bring them into diverse captivities.

When you read Scripture carefully, you will discover that some nations mentioned in the Bible are revelations of spiritual entities and the civilisations they built. For instance, Egypt is not merely a geographical location. Egypt is first a spiritual civilisation, and there is a spiritual prince called Egypt.

Likewise, Babylon was not only a geographical territory. Ancient Babylon may correspond to present-day Iraq, but beyond geography are spiritual operations that continue to hold men captive till this day.

The events that happened in those territories merely modelled the nature of the spiritual systems behind them. Therefore, what believers must do is fight the good fight of faith and ensure that we walk in the victory Jesus has procured for us.

Because it is possible for Jesus to have died to deliver you, and yet you still walk in captivity. As I show you undeniable proofs this evening, you will realise that many people who profess Jesus are still in bondage. You do not even need theology to confirm it. Look around you. Bondage is everywhere. That is why believers must be taught how to fight. Paul said:

“Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.” (Ephesians 6:10 KJV)

He further said:

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:11 KJV)

And then he declared:

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” (Ephesians 6:12 KJV)

We are still in a battle. The assurance we have is that we fight from victory; we do not fight for victory. In Christ, we have already been proclaimed victors.

Legal Victory Versus Experiential Victory

Colossians 1:12–13 states clearly:

“Giving thanks unto the Father... Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”
(Colossians 1:12–13 KJV)

Ephesians 2:6 also says that we are seated with Christ in heavenly places, far above principalities and powers. Legally speaking, victory has already been declared and secured. But experientially, many believers are not walking in that victory.

This is why warfare must still be fought. The devil is rebellious. Even though he knows something has been given to you, he will still challenge you until you prove that you know what belongs to you. If you do not stand your ground, he will fight you over what has already been legally secured for you. Take healing for example.

The Bible says:

“By whose stripes ye were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24 KJV)

Not “you are being healed,” but “you were healed.”

Yet there are still sick Christians.

Why?

Because although healing has been legally secured, many do not know how to stand in that reality.

The fact that Jesus made something available does not mean you sleep and automatically experience it. It means you must stand your ground and insist on experiencing what He procured for you.

Unfortunately, many believers do not know we are in a battle. They assume that because Jesus accomplished it, it will happen automatically.

No.

You must engage.

Some believers think that because they belong to a church, they will automatically walk in victory. It does not work that way. You can be in a powerful church and still be defeated by the battle of the age.

You can be in a fiery church and still live in bondage. Until you make up your mind personally to engage in warfare, you may never experience victory.

You have been declared free. The price has been paid. But are you walking in freedom?

If not, then you must rise up and possess what belongs to you. Imagine if someone transferred one million naira into your account, but you never learnt how to withdraw it. The money is yours, yet you could still die of hunger. Many believers are like that spiritually. What Jesus provided belongs to them, but they do not know how to take possession of it. And taking possession sometimes requires warfare.

This is the lingering battle of the age.

The First Battlefield: Sin and the Flesh

One of the major spheres of this warfare is the battle against sin and the flesh. Many believers, though delivered from sin and the flesh, still find themselves helplessly trapped in sin.

If our lives were projected publicly on a screen, some people would not have the courage to walk the streets afterwards. And when I say this, do not think I am speaking only about people in the congregation. You would be shocked at how many people on the pulpit are enslaved.

Satan is deploying his arsenals strongly in the area of keeping believers in sin—not because they have not been delivered, but because they have not risen to walk in the victory already secured for them.

Galatians 5:17 says:

“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other...” (Galatians 5:17 KJV)

The flesh has been crucified, but before it was crucified it educated your consciousness. This is the issue many believers do not understand. Though the old man has been crucified, the consciousness programmed by the flesh still remains, and Satan manipulates that consciousness to keep believers enslaved. That is why the battle involves reprogramming your consciousness.

Romans 6:6 says:

“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him...” (Romans 6:6 KJV)

And Romans 6:14 declares:

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

Yet many believers still struggle because they do not understand that there is a battle to fight. You must fight until the consciousness left behind by the flesh is reprogrammed. Because the day Satan stirs that consciousness, a man may fall miserably and become a puppet in his hands.

The Crisis Within the Church

Many people sitting in church today are still deeply bound by lust and compromise. Some are agents of seduction while claiming to follow Christ. Others appear spiritual outwardly, but inwardly they are enslaved.

Job said:

“I made a covenant with mine eyes...” (Job 31:1 KJV)

But many believers have not yet won the battle of the eyes, the thoughts, and the soul. And this is why believers must wake up and fight. Because if lust remains unchecked, even blessings can become tools in the hands of darkness. Money, influence, and opportunities in the hands of an unbroken man can become instruments for building dark civilisations.

This is why holiness matters. This is why the battle matters.



A Generation That Refuses to Drown

The good news is that there is a way out. Do not wait until the devil disgraces you before you rise. Fight now.

The Bible says:

“For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again...” (Proverbs 24:16 KJV)

A righteous man may fall, but he rises again. There must come a point where a believer says:

“I will not drown in lust. I will resist it. I will fight until I walk in holiness.”

The Scripture says:

“Be ye holy; for I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:16 KJV)

And again:

“Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.” (Isaiah 52:11 KJV)

Holiness is possible. Holy men walked the earth before us.

The Bible says:

“Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Peter 1:21 KJV)

Therefore, holiness is not fiction. A generation can rise and fight iniquity. A church without spot or wrinkle can emerge. And we must become part of that generation.

The Law of Sin and the Law of Life

Paul continued his discourse in Romans 7, unveiling the warfare that takes place within the believer. He said:

“For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.”
(Romans 7:19 KJV)

In other words, the very thing he desired to do was what he failed to do, while the thing he hated was what he continually found himself doing. Then he said:

“Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.” (Romans 7:20 KJV)

Paul was revealing something profound: there was a force within him operating like a remote control, pushing him toward actions he truly did not desire.

He continued:

“I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.”
(Romans 7:21 KJV)

These are laws at work.

The Law of God Versus the Law of Sin

Paul explained that within him existed the law of God operating through the inward man.

“For I delight in the law of God after the inward man.” (Romans 7:22 KJV)

Every genuinely born-again believer desires righteousness. That is why when a believer sins, there is grief within. The inward man longs to please God. But another law was operating simultaneously.

“But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind...” (Romans 7:23 KJV)

There was the law of God pulling him toward righteousness, yet there was also the law of sin and death resisting that desire. Notice carefully: this struggle was happening even after Paul had already acknowledged in Romans 6:11 that he was dead to sin.

He had reckoned himself dead to sin, yet he was still struggling because the process of transformation had not yet matured. The law of sin continued to war against the law of the mind.

“O Wretched Man That I Am”

Eventually, Paul reached exhaustion.

“O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” (Romans 7:24 KJV)

This is where many believers arrive after repeated cycles of failure.

A person may fast repeatedly, make countless resolutions, and apply various disciplines, yet still find himself trapped in the same habits. Paul understood this frustration deeply. But then he began to reveal the pathway to activating the law of life.

Activating the Law of the Spirit of Life

Paul declared:

“I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord...” (Romans 7:25 KJV)

Then he moved into Romans 8 and made a powerful announcement:

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus...” (Romans 8:1 KJV)

The moment Paul embraced the reality of Christ’s finished work, something shifted. Previously, the law of sin had been overpowering the law of God within him. But now, as he rested in Christ, another law became activated.

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:2 KJV)

Paul showed us that the law of life is activated when a man comes to the end of himself and fully depends on Christ. As long as a man trusts in his own strength, he will continually fail. But when he relies on Jesus and His finished work, the law of life begins to overpower the law of sin and death.

What Rules Cannot Accomplish

Paul further explained:

“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh...”
(Romans 8:3 KJV)

Rules and regulations alone cannot produce holiness. A man may create systems for himself, yet still remain bound internally. Yes, there is a place for sanitising your environment and fleeing occasions of sin, but true victory comes through:

1. Reckoning yourself dead to sin and alive unto God.
2. Coming to the end of self-effort.
3. Relying completely on the finished work of Christ.

When this happens, the law of life becomes active within the believer.

Renewing the Mind

Paul then moved further into the journey. He said:

“To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” (Romans 8:6 KJV)

Now that the law of life has been activated, the believer must begin the process of renewing the mind.

Many minds have been saturated with the information of sin for years. Transformation therefore requires new revelation and new spiritual information. This is why believers must continually expose themselves to:

- The Word of God
- Prayer
- Sound teaching
- Worship
- Spiritual fellowship

As the mind is renewed, the Holy Ghost begins to mortify the deeds of the flesh. Romans 8:13 says:

“...if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”
(Romans 8:13 KJV)

The appetites that once dominated a man can truly die. Things that once stirred lust can eventually provoke compassion instead. What once controlled the soul loses its grip as the Holy Spirit transforms the believer internally.

The Journey Into Holiness

This victory is not always instantaneous. It is a journey. A believer may spend months continually declaring:

“I am dead to sin.”

“Sin no longer has dominion over me.”

“I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.”

This is warfare.

As the believer persists:

- Self-dependence dies.
- Reliance upon Christ grows.
- The mind becomes renewed.
- The Holy Ghost mortifies the flesh.

Eventually, righteousness stops being a forced behaviour and becomes a genuine nature. At that point, holiness is no longer maintained merely by rules; it becomes the believer's reality.



The Warfare of Consistency

The reason this process is called warfare is because Satan continually fights every stage of the journey. When a believer attempts to sanitise his environment, temptations increase.

When he begins renewing his mind, distractions intensify. Even casual encounters, conversations, social media exposure, and worldly systems become battlefields.

The enemy pushes continually, hoping to weary the believer into surrender. But the believer must continue reckoning, renewing, and yielding to the Spirit until victory manifests fully.

The Holy Ghost and the Pathway of Escape

God does not leave believers helpless in this warfare. The Holy Ghost creates systems of escape and preservation. Sometimes the Spirit prompts a believer to fast. Sometimes He urges prayer. Sometimes He directs a believer toward a meeting, a message, or a spiritual environment designed for transformation.

Galatians 5:16 says:

“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” (Galatians 5:16 KJV)

The Spirit continually leads believers away from destruction and into life. Many people miss these moments because they ignore the promptings of the Holy Ghost. Yet when believers respond to the Spirit’s leading, new dimensions of transformation are activated.

The Battle of Thoughts and Imaginations

The warfare also occurs in the realm of thoughts. The enemy whispers accusations, temptations, and imaginations into the mind. At such moments, believers must fight spiritually. The Scripture says:

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.” (2 Corinthians 10:4 KJV)

And again:

“Casting down imaginations...” (2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV)

When the enemy speaks lies, the believer must answer with truth. When temptation arises, the believer must continue declaring:

- “I am the righteousness of God.”
- “Sin has no dominion over me.”
- “My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.”

This is part of the battle.

Dependence Upon Grace

Another trap Satan sets is pride. After victories begin to manifest, the enemy tries to convince believers that their strength or spirituality produced the results.

But Scripture declares: “By strength shall no man prevail.” (1 Samuel 2:9 KJV)

Paul himself said: “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13 KJV)

The believer must continually rely upon grace and never trust in self. The moment a man becomes self-dependent, he becomes vulnerable again.

Transformation Through Renewed Fellowship

Satan also fights believers during the season of renewal. Discouragements arise. Offences come. Trials emerge. Sometimes people abandon prayer, fellowship, or the Word because of disappointment or offence. But the journey of transformation requires consistency. Romans 12:2 says:

“Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...” (Romans 12:2 KJV)

Renewal must continue until the Holy Ghost fully establishes dominion over the flesh.

The Second Battlefield: Health and Sickness

Another major sphere of the battle of the age is the battle concerning health. If Satan cannot stop a believer through sin, he often attempts to discourage him through sickness and affliction.

Yet two convictions must remain firm in the believer's heart:

1. Even if healing delays, devotion to God must not cease.
2. God is still able to heal.

The devil seeks to weaken faith through sickness and fear.

This was evident in the life of Job.

The Bible says concerning Job:

“That man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.” (Job 1:1 KJV)

When Satan could not bring Job down through sin, he attacked his health.

Thus, the battle shifted into another dimension.

Jesus came not only to save from sin, but also to deliver from sickness and death.

Hebrews 2:14–15 declares:

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

And:

“...deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” (Hebrews 2:15 KJV)

Satan keeps many in lifelong bondage through sickness and fear.

But Christ came to destroy that oppression.

Acts 10:38 says:

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil...” (Acts 10:38 KJV)

Sickness is described here as oppression.

Therefore, believers must understand healing as part of Christ’s redemptive victory and stand their ground in faith against every oppression of the enemy.

The Battle Against Sickness and Affliction

If you are sick and you justify it, you may remain there for a long time. Some people say, “Mosquitoes are disturbing me, so I understand.” A Christian should not wait until medical science is overwhelmed before exercising faith. Many people only begin to cry, “My Lord and my God,” when doctors can no longer help them.

Someone feels pain in the head and immediately reaches for paracetamol. I am not saying you should not take drugs, but do not let drugs become your first line of hope. Scripture says, “*Woe to him that trusteth in man.*”

The pain continues. They go to the hospital and hear words like tumour, MRI, malignant growth, cancer. Suddenly, they begin searching for pastors and prayer warriors. But where was your faith when it was only a headache? If you could not confront pain, how do you suddenly expect to confront cancer?

Some people begin emergency midnight prayers only after the situation has escalated. But we must stop deceiving ourselves.

Do not misunderstand me. I am not against medical science, but I am saying it must never become your god.

Three weeks ago, after miracle service, I went home to drink water and suddenly felt a sharp object-like pain in my neck. Every swallow was painful. I knew how Satan works. Before they would begin giving the sickness a medical name, I addressed it immediately.

I went inside and declared:

“Satan, how dare you put your hand here?
Pain, I kill you in the name of Jesus.
My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.
You cannot operate here.”

I drank water repeatedly and kept confronting the pain. The next morning, the pain intensified. But the just shall live by faith.

Some people would already have been arranging hospital visitation for me. But I refused to become a demonic laboratory rat. Every cell, tissue, and fluid in my body belongs to God. There is no vacancy for Satan.

I fought that pain like it was cancer.

After several days, it disappeared completely.

If taking medication became necessary, I would have done so, but I would first fight spiritually because we are in a real battle.

When you hit your leg against a stone, do not casually dismiss it. Declare healing immediately. When pain appears in your body, resist it immediately. Do not give Satan room for experiments.

When my son was born, doctors began suggesting possible complications and even surgery. I rejected it immediately because Genesis says everything God created was good.

Another time, while my wife was seven months pregnant in Rwanda, doctors said the amniotic fluid had dried up. They gave two options: induce rapid organ growth or bring the baby out prematurely.

I called her and declared over the phone:

“I call forth amniotic fluid.
Your systems are perfected.
The God who created the child ordained the full term.”

Within twenty-four hours, the diagnosis changed completely.

Do not keep quiet. Small symptoms can grow into major afflictions. A swollen eye can become blindness. A simple pain can become terminal disease. Fight immediately.

The enemy shoots arrows every day, but a warring believer refuses those arrows access.

The Bible says Jesus walked the earth and none of His bones were broken. No organ, tissue, or system in your body should be surrendered to the devil.

I know some of you have fought battles and suffered losses before. I am not calling you weak. But never change your disposition. Never accept defeat as normal.

If you have lost any health battle before, I stand as a priest and declare: affliction shall not rise a second time. Before that tumour becomes cancer, let it dematerialise now in Jesus' name.



How to Fight the Battle of Hell Against Your Health

1. Stop It at the Point of Arrival

The moment you notice a symptom, confront it immediately. It is easier to stop Satan at the entrance point than after he settles.

The Bible says:

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.” — Isaiah 59:19

Do not wait for the condition to grow stronger. Every symptom is warfare. Even if you intend to see a doctor, fight spiritually first.

2. Stand on Spiritual Legality

Your advantage over Satan is covenant legality. The Bible says:

“He was wounded for our transgressions... and with his stripes we are healed.” — Isaiah 53:5

And again:

“By whose stripes ye were healed.” — 1 Peter 2:24

If Christ already paid for healing, then sickness has no legal right to remain.

3. Remind Satan That He Is Defeated

Satan is already a defeated enemy.

Hebrews 2:14–15 says Jesus destroyed him that had the power of death.

1 John 3:8 declares that the Son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil.

Colossians 2:15 says Christ spoiled principalities and powers publicly through the Cross.

Tell Satan plainly:

“You are fighting a lost battle.”

When Satan realises that you know he is defeated, he stops wasting time around you.

4. Exercise Your Authority

Jesus said:

“These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils.” — Mark 16:17

You have authority over Satan. Stop behaving helplessly.

Do not always run to your pastor before resisting the devil. The Holy Ghost is with you. Any day, any time, you have authority over darkness.

Command the devil to leave. Speak with conviction.

“Be bound. Get out.”

The devil fears believers who know their authority.

5. Keep Speaking Life

Do not only fight symptoms. Fill your life continually with words of life.

Tell your body:

“You will remain healthy.”

“My eyes will see clearly.”

“My organs will function perfectly.”

The Bible says:

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue.” — Proverbs 18:21

Jesus also said:

“The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” — John
6:63

Speak life until your body becomes programmed for health.

Some believers have spoken life consistently for years. Even if they jokingly say, “Let me die,” their spiritual atmosphere rejects it because life has been invested too deeply.

Speak life continually.

Build an Altar of Prayer Around Your Health

After speaking life, surround your health with God's presence. Expose your body continually to divine glory. Moses came down from the mountain with his face shining because he had stayed long in God's presence. At 120 years old, his eyes were not dim and his strength was not diminished.

Glory preserves.

That is why healing flows through people saturated with God's presence. The devil will not kill you. Sickness will not destroy you. You will live above affliction in Jesus' name.

The Battle Against Poverty and Lack

The final major battle of this age is the battle against poverty. Human beings are constantly fighting one of three battles:

1. The battle against sin to remain holy
2. The battle against sickness to remain healthy
3. The battle against poverty to remain sufficient

The devil uses the last two to distract people from the first. Many believers become vulnerable because they are desperate. That desperation opens doors for false prophets, manipulative ministries, and spiritual deception. That is why people run after fake miracles, magical objects, and manipulative religious practices.

But believers who understand truth cannot be deceived. If you know how to fight sin, maintain health, and walk in sufficiency, nobody can manipulate you religiously.

That is why truth matters.

In this church, nobody can manipulate you emotionally for money. If we present a project, we tell you to go and pray first. Give from revelation, not pressure. Giving is worship and partnership in Kingdom advancement.

Poverty Is Artificial

Poverty is not God's original design.

The first man God created lived in abundance.

Many systems of oppression in the world were intentionally designed. Nations rose by exploiting weaker nations. Wealth was extracted, identities were reshaped, and economic systems were structured to maintain control.

Many people are mentally bankrupt before they even become financially bankrupt.

But hear me carefully: there are powers that produce favour, inspiration, opportunities, and destiny connections.

God's power may not suddenly drop money into your account, but it can place favour upon your life. It can open doors that merit alone could never open.

That power causes you to see opportunities where others only see problems.

It causes lines to fall for you in pleasant places.

It connects you with the right people and positions you for supernatural advancement.

The Battle of Sufficiency and the Power to Prosper

Go and read about Israel. They were in Egypt for over 400 years and they were slaves. But the Bible says God gave them favour. In Exodus 12:36, in one day they became wealthier than they had ever been in 400 years.

There is a power for wealth. That is why Deuteronomy 8:18 says: “But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth.” — KJV

The devil fights at different levels. He fights individuals, nations, and even continents. There are systems in the world designed to keep men in bondage.

There are businesses people do in Africa that do not enjoy the same advantages as those doing the same businesses in developed nations. Part of it is mental slavery. The chains may be gone physically, but the mind is still enslaved. Part of it is wickedness and self-hatred. Part of it is oppression through global systems.

That is why power is necessary.

This power brings favour. It opens doors. It connects men to the right people. It grants inspiration to navigate systems successfully. Men who rise here rise by favour, inspiration, honourable connections, and opportunities. That is how wealth comes, and it takes power because the devil has created systems designed to keep men down.

Even in developed nations, there are people sleeping on the streets. Poverty is not merely geographical; it is spiritual and systemic. If a man cannot catch inspiration, recognise opportunities, or build honourable relationships, he may still remain a slave regardless of where he lives.

Poverty is artificial. That is why power is required.

What This Power Does

1. It Opens the Potential of Wealth in Redemption

The first thing this power does is reveal wealth as part of redemption.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 8:9:

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” — KJV

Paul also said:

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” — Philippians 4:19

He was speaking about practical provision, not merely spiritual riches.

Redemption opens the potential for sufficiency. One of the first steps into victory over lack is recognising the legality of provision in Christ. Jesus died not only to save souls, but also to ensure that His people have enough to fulfil destiny.

This is not greed. It is kingdom responsibility.

You must come to the place where you say:

“I will have enough to prosecute destiny.”

2. It Opens the Channels of Wealth

When this power is activated, God begins to open channels of wealth.

A man can sleep and receive ideas. Angels can whisper solutions. What others call problems may become opportunities in your hands because your eyes are open.

Every problem is an opportunity in disguise.

Even waste can become wealth when revelation comes. Opportunities are everywhere, but only enlightened eyes can see them.

The same water that destroyed others lifted Noah's ark.

There are people whose relationships keep them trapped. Everybody around them is either spiritually dead or financially stranded. When one wealthy person enters their circle, everyone begins pulling on him until he escapes.

Poverty creates unhealthy pressure.

That is why redemption provides favour, inspiration, strategic relationships, and opportunities. But even with divine provision, the Gospel never teaches laziness.

Paul said:

“Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands...” — Ephesians 4:28

You must work. But when redemption backs your labour, your work becomes favoured and fruitful.

Seeking First the Kingdom

The second level is kingdom priority.

Matthew 6:33 says:

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” — KJV

No matter how wealthy you become, never allow wealth to disconnect you from God. The devil may not attack every day, but there is always an evil day. When that day comes, whether it becomes destruction or testimony depends on where you are standing spiritually.

The insurance for sufficiency is kingdom pursuit.

Many people pray, fast, and serve faithfully until money begins to come. Then suddenly prayer meetings become difficult to attend. The enemy fights relationships with God because once covering is removed, vulnerability increases.

Maintain your relationship with God. Advance His kingdom with your time, your energy, your expertise, and your resources. Seek first the kingdom, and all other things will be added.

Another key to sufficiency is diligent work.

Isaiah 1:19 says God blesses the works of your hands. If there is no work in your hands, there is nothing to bless.

Proverbs 10:4 says:

“He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.” — KJV

Everyone who will break out of lack must work hard, work wisely, and work under grace. Get something doing.

If you do not have a job, create one. This generation has opportunities everywhere. Some people have built platforms, businesses, and influence with nothing more than a phone camera and consistency.

Do not waste your tools. Use them productively. Work wisely. Work diligently.

Covenant Practice

Another dimension is covenant practice. Jesus said in Luke 6:38:

“Give, and it shall be given unto you...” — KJV

Proverbs 11:25 says:

“The liberal soul shall be made fat...” — KJV

People who escape the shackles of poverty are usually liberal people. Stinginess shrinks the heart, but generosity enlarges capacity. Paul explained this principle in 2 Corinthians 9. He compared giving to farming:

“He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” — KJV

A farmer who eats all his seed will have nothing in harvest season. There is a realm called leftovers — where a man has more than enough, enough to bless others continually. Covenant practice helps men enter that realm.

The Power of Prophetic Declaration

Finally, prophecy.

If you want to walk in abundance, do not keep quiet.

Dry bones became a mighty army because somebody spoke.

Many people constantly speak negatively:

“Nothing is working.”

“This country is finished.”

“Things are getting worse.”

Yet their tongue is still working. Men who rise do not speak defeat continually. They recognise opportunities even in difficult environments. Paul spoke over the Philippian church:

“My God shall supply all your need...” — Philippians 4:19

Words matter.

Enter your shop and speak life. Enter your business and prophesy. Do not sit down rehearsing failure.

The path of the just shines brighter and brighter.

You must speak upward and forward.

Declare:

“I am going higher.”

“I am becoming greater.”

“I am advancing.”

“I will not fail.”

“My tomorrow is greater than my today.”

The God who lifts men is still alive.

He is El Shaddai.

He is Jehovah Jireh.

He is Jehovah Shalom.

He is Jehovah Rapha.

Even if there is presently no food in the house, speak according to God’s promise.

Habakkuk declared:

“Although the fig tree shall not blossom... yet I will rejoice in the LORD...” —

Habakkuk 3:17–18

Sufficiency does not mean the absence of challenges. It means recognising opportunities even in the midst of adversity.

Prophetic Blessings

The Lord bless you and make you fruitful.

Every righteous enterprise you lay your hands upon is commanded to prosper in the name of Jesus Christ.

Receive the power to prevail.
Receive the power to prosper.
Receive the power to subdue the enemy.

May your delight remain in the Word of God.
May you walk in righteousness.
May evil stay far from your dwelling.

You shall not be barren.
You shall not be dry.
You shall be productive.

May your eyes open to opportunities where others see difficulties.

Receive supernatural speed.

Where men are cast down, you shall say there is a lifting up.

You will not lose the battle of holiness.
You will not lose the battle of health.
You will not lose the battle of sufficiency.

You are blessed.

Every demonic limitation operating against your life stops now in the name of Jesus Christ.

This is your season of rising.
This is your season of manifestation.
This is your season of advancement.

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

By faith, you overcome the world.



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