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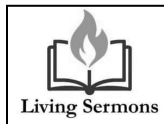
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Foreword

There are seasons in life when destiny demands more from a man than mere existence. There are moments when comfort must give way to courage, weakness must bow to resilience, and excuses must surrender to responsibility. It is in such moments that the spirit of championship becomes indispensable.

*In this powerful teaching, *Fueling the Spirit of Championship*, Bishop David Abioye brings timeless wisdom with remarkable simplicity, drawing from the inspired observations of Solomon in Proverbs 30 to unveil four essential traits that define true champions.*

These are not optional virtues for anyone who desires to fulfil destiny. They are spiritual and practical necessities.

What makes this message particularly compelling is its ability to speak to every stage of life – whether you are a student, leader, minister, entrepreneur, or believer seeking to rise above limitation. The truths contained in these pages challenge the reader to confront fear, embrace endurance, refuse defeat, and carry the consciousness of dominion.

At LivingSermons.com, it is our joy and responsibility to preserve and amplify Kingdom voices whose teachings continue to shape lives across generations. This publication stands as one of those vital resources – a call to awaken the champion within.

As you journey through these pages, may your spirit be stirred, your faith strengthened, and your resolve sharpened. You were not born for defeat. You were born for dominion. You were born for championship.

– Wisdom Epsi
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

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Introduction

Glad to come your way again today, my good friend. What a joy.

At this particular moment, we want to go into some issues of personal development. I want to share with you what I have titled: Championship is not a state but an attitude.

It is not just about winning a cup or winning a medal. Of course, that may be a description — it may be a season when you are recognised as a champion — but the real champion is in you.

Championship is first an attitude before it becomes a manifestation.

I want to use some analogies from Scripture, from the wisest man in the Old Testament — Solomon. At the concluding part of his writing in Proverbs chapter 30, precisely from verses 29 to 31, he tells us about four things that have remained champions in his view.

There be three things which go well, yea, four are comely in going.

Who is the champion?

The champion is the one who is going well irrespective of circumstances around him. He has an attitude that keeps him going — and going well.

A champion is attractive. A champion is beautiful in motion. A champion is unruffled. Things are working for him, even when people think they are not.

And he mentioned four examples.

The Lion: The Spirit of Boldness

The first is the lion. The lion is the strongest among beasts and turns not away for any. That is a champion. The lion does not know the way backward. When you find somebody going backward, he has lost his strength; he has accepted defeat.

A champion does not accept defeat. Even when others are mourning and sympathising with him as though he is defeated, the champion still refuses to surrender. What do we learn from the lion?

The lion is known for boldness.

Proverbs 28:1

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion."

To fuel your spirit of championship, you need lion-like boldness. What does it mean to be bold?

First, it means to be daring. It means being prepared to face challenges. Remember, the lion does not know the way backward. Be daring.

Live intimidation-free. Do not cry when you are faced with challenges. Be ready to confront the issues that come your way. Challenges come the way of everybody — even in school, in programmes, and in daily life.

Sometimes you are asked questions and you feel, *I do not have the answer*. Just step out. You may discover that something is already inside you, and all you need to propel it is boldness. Boldness also means courage. There are people who dare to face challenges, but they cannot sustain momentum.

Courage is the ability to stay on. Persistence. Patience. Holding your ground while things are working. That is the first element of the spirit of championship.

Be bold.

The Horse: The Spirit of Resilience

The second example is the greyhound, which Bible scholars explain to be the horse. What is the horse known for?

- Strength.
- Energy.
- Drive.

David described it like the strength of a unicorn — another term Bible scholars have linked to the horse. Science describes engines in terms of horsepower because the horse represents power. The horse depicts energy. The horse depicts strength.

You will never see a horse bent over like many other animals. It is always standing. Even while giving birth, the horse stands. Even while sleeping, the horse stands.

Its strength is enormous. The spirit of championship is fueled by resilience. You need to be resilient. You need to be driven. You need to endure.

- Number one: be bold.
- Number two: be resilient.

If you want to become and remain a champion.

The Goat: The Spirit of Positive Stubbornness

The third example is the he-goat. Perhaps many people may not understand the traits of the he-goat. But in the places where I grew up, and in many parts of Africa, we saw them often — in marketplaces, farms, and many other places.

The goat is known for headiness.

If you like, call it stubbornness.

And I think all of us need that.

If you are not heady, you cannot have headway. The head is what comes ahead of the body. Wherever your head cannot penetrate, your body cannot pass through. Champions are heady. Champions are stubborn. They never give up. They are never discouraged. They are consistent fighters. That is what they are known for.

Micah 7:8

"Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me."

Do not give up. Paul the Apostle was a very heady man in pursuit of his mission. He was persecuted, yet hear what he said:

2 Corinthians 4:9

"Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."

The Scripture makes provision for us to fall seven times. Yet the righteous rises again. God does not give up on us until we give up. We need positive stubbornness. There were many places Paul was driven out from, but Paul would still return. One night he was taken across the border in a basket, but that did not stop him.

In the next place he got to, he started again. If you are driven away from one place, go to another. If you are cast down in one place, rise again. Keep trying.

I say humorously:

The worst failure in life is failure to try. It is those who try who triumph. Those who do not try will be trapped.

The King: The Spirit of Authority

The fourth example is the king. The king represents authority. In Proverbs chapter 30, it speaks of the king against whom there is no rising up. A king is known for authority.

Remember:

- The lion is known for boldness.
- The horse is known for resilience.
- The he-goat is known for headiness.
- The king is known for authority.

You need the attitude of authoritativeness. Not arrogance. Authority. To be authoritative simply means to be assertive. When you speak, speak authoritatively. You can be tough in your language without being rough. You can be assertive without being arrogant. This is confidence.

Not self-doubt. You talk as a ruler. You talk as one in dominion. Your language is action-driven. That is what kings do.

Ecclesiastes 8:4

"Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?"

Speak with audacity. Approach life with affirmation. Declare your direction without fear. And you will find people following you.

Conclusion: You Were Born to Be a Champion

I do hope this insight from the wisdom of Solomon has been of help to you. You have that spirit in you. You were born to be a champion.

Do not live less.

Do not wait until you are given a medal before you regard yourself as a champion. Championship is an attitude. And that attitude will ultimately result in the physical delivery of all you are looking for — medals, grounds, positions, and every other thing.

I am waiting to hear your testimony. Until then, God bless you.

Enjoy every moment of your life.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.



About the Speaker

David Abioye is a respected Nigerian cleric and the Global Lead Pastor of the Living Word Conquerors Global Assembly.

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