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Foreword

There are truths in God's Word that inspire, truths that instruct, and truths that completely transform a believer's life when embraced with understanding and obedience. The Secret Behind Tithing Explained is one of such messages.

In this timeless teaching, Bishop David Oyedepo unveils the covenant principles that govern supernatural breakthroughs, placing particular emphasis on the mystery of tithing as a divine system for keeping the heavens open over an individual's life, business, career, and ministry. Beyond financial stewardship, this message explores the broader foundations of kingdom prosperity—divine direction, self-discipline, prompt obedience, passionate love for God, and wholehearted commitment to His Kingdom.

As editors, our responsibility has not been to reinterpret or rewrite the message, but to preserve it faithfully. Every effort has been made to retain the preacher's voice, passion, and spiritual emphasis while carefully proofreading, organizing, and formatting the transcript into a clear, readable ebook suitable for study, meditation, and reference. Scripture quotations have been aligned with the King James Version (KJV) where appropriate, and unnecessary transcription artifacts have been removed to enhance the reading experience without altering the original message.

Readers are encouraged to approach this book prayerfully. The principles contained in these pages are not presented merely as financial ideas or motivational concepts, but as covenant truths that invite personal obedience and practical application. Throughout the sermon, Bishop Oyedepo repeatedly reminds us that every commandment of God is ultimately for our benefit, and that obedience remains the pathway to experiencing the fullness of God's promises.

Whether you are a business owner, minister, professional, student, or believer seeking greater understanding of God's covenant ways, this message offers biblical insights that challenge complacency and inspire a deeper walk with God. May the Holy Spirit

grant you understanding, strengthen your faith to act upon His Word, and cause the truths you receive to produce lasting fruit in every area of your life.

It is our prayer that, as you read these pages, you will not only gain knowledge but also experience fresh encounters with God's Word that result in enduring transformation.

May the Lord richly bless you as you read.

Grace and peace,

— Wisdom Epsi

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The Covenant of Acknowledging God's Blessings

If you are selling pepper and you make a profit of ten naira, one naira is your tithe. One naira is not a burden; it is simply a function of percentage. Now your business has increased to one hundred naira. Then your tithe becomes what? Ten naira. It doesn't create trouble. What is God doing?

He is saying, *"I have sent you a ten-naira blessing. Acknowledge it by returning your tithe so I can send you the next blessing."*

Tithing is simply a covenant medium for acknowledging the receipt of God's blessings. When you fail to acknowledge it, God knows He is not getting through to you. And He hates waste. He will not keep sending blessings that are not acknowledged. He will simply leave you alone. Please understand this mystery and keep the heavens open over your business.

You Are Chosen

Chosen people are dangerous. Anytime you fight a chosen person, you are bound to fail. Pharaoh could not kill Moses because Moses was chosen. Joseph's brothers could not destroy Joseph because Joseph was chosen. Pontius Pilate could do nothing against Jesus because Jesus was chosen. Jesus said:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you..." (*John 15:16, KJV*).

Shout: **"I am chosen!"**

The Power of Word

One word from heaven can turn anyone's life around. Just one word. My young son testified that six months of practicing tithing brought into his life what he could not achieve in five years.

He had never been part of it before. Then one day, one word came from heaven. He received it, acted on it, and everything turned around.

Just one word. The word that came to Joseph changed his destiny.

Today, pray this prayer:

"Lord, just as the word came to Joseph, let my word come today."

You may have done many things, but there may still be one thing lacking.

May you discover that one thing today that will cause everything in your life to turn around.

Jesus said:

"...One thing thou lackest..." (*Mark 10:21, KJV*).

Lift your voice and pray:

"Jesus, let the word concerning what I lack come to me today and turn my life around forever."

Joseph received his word. He came out of prison. He stood before Pharaoh. From the age of thirty until one hundred and ten years old, he lived in greatness.

May your word come today.

May your word come today that will change your life forever.

The Secret Behind High Flyers

Every true lover of God ends up a high flyer. No one ever loves God at a loss. The love of God can turn any ordinary person into a global phenomenon.

The Scripture says:

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9, KJV).

The larger your heart for God, the larger your coast on the earth. The hotter your heart for God, the higher you fly in life. I am telling you this out of the prophetic function of my life. The one thing many of us need today is to turn our hearts completely over to Jesus. The principles are already in your hands.

You know them. But when you surrender your heart to Jesus, He takes over everything.

Everything.

Every struggle.

Every unrest.

Every war.

Jesus takes it all over.

Staying in Love with Jesus

Make this your prayer:

"Jesus, this is my desire. Empower me to stay in love with You, loving everything You love."

Joyfully.

Tirelessly.

Unreservedly.

Pray again:

"Jesus, empower me to stay in love with You."

That is your jackpot in life.

Say:

"Jesus, empower me to remain in love with You all the days of my life, loving what You love, seeking first Your Kingdom and Your righteousness, and engaging wholeheartedly in every Kingdom opportunity."

Lord, empower me to love You and to remain in love with You throughout my life.

Thank You, Jesus.

In Jesus' precious name we have prayed.

Amen.

The Greatest Proof of Loving God

The most authentic proof of your love for God is loving what He loves. What does God love most?

Souls.

The Bible declares:

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

God sent His Son to rescue mankind from destruction and to give them abundant life.

Jesus' greatest passion on the earth is that lost souls should be saved.

When Jesus asked Simon Peter:

"Lovest thou me...?" *(John 21:15–17, KJV).*

Peter answered,

"Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee."

Jesus replied:

"Feed my lambs."

Again He asked,

"Lovest thou me?"

Peter answered,

"Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee."

Jesus said,

"Feed my sheep."

Jesus also declared:

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring..." (*John 10:16, KJV*).

Go after them. Bring them. That is the greatest proof of loving God. To love God is to love what He loves. When you are genuinely in love with God, you naturally develop a passion for souls. You do not struggle with it. In the name of Jesus, you will not fail this love test.

Amen.

Our Breakthrough Heritage

My case is different because I am redeemed of the Lord. What affects others is not permitted to affect me. Congratulations. We have been examining the subject: **Gateways to Supernatural Breakthroughs**. Today, prepare yourself for an encounter with God's Word that will change your story forever. One genuine encounter with God is worth more than a lifetime of human effort.

When God's Word comes specifically for you and enters into you, everything about your life changes. We have already established that redemption qualifies us for supernatural breakthroughs.

Jesus said:

"Ye are the light of the world..." (*Matthew 5:14, KJV*).

We are redeemed to show the world the way out. We are redeemed to show the world the way forward. We are redeemed for the top—not for the valley. Redemption positions you as a mountaintop individual.

Declare it: **"I am for the top. I am not for the valley."**

Source of Being Extraordinary

Jesus said:

"Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matthew 11:11, KJV).

This means every child of God carries greater potential for impact than all the Old Testament saints.

Greater than Abraham.

Greater than Isaac.

Greater than Job.

Greater than Daniel.

That is your breakthrough heritage in redemption.

You are not an ordinary person.

You are redeemed to become a sign and a wonder to your world.

You are redeemed to be:

- A pace-setter.
- A pathfinder.
- A trailblazer.

That is what redemption has made you.

Every Promise Has Two Sides

It is one thing to possess this rich heritage. It is another thing to know how to access it. Every promise of God has two sides. There is the spiritual side. There is also the practical side. Too often, we blame everything on God or on the devil.

You have a job, but you refuse to work diligently. You blame the devil. You own a business but keep no records. You blame the devil. Is the devil your accountant?

The earlier we accept responsibility, the better. The truth of what belongs to you is one thing. The truth of how to obtain it is another.

For example, on the Day of Pentecost the people asked:

"Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (*Acts 2:37–38, KJV*).

Peter did not tell them to do nothing.

He said:

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you..."

Likewise, Jesus declared:

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved..." (*Mark 16:16, KJV*).

Prayer also requires its covenant partner.

The Scripture says:

"But let him ask in faith..." (*James 1:6–7, KJV*).

Without faith, prayer cannot produce results.

Every truth has a scriptural mate before it can produce.

Nothing in Scripture works in isolation.

There are always at least two covenant dimensions required to take delivery of God's promises.

That is also true of our breakthrough heritage.

There is the spiritual side.

There is the practical side.

Every coin has two sides.

Without both sides, it loses its purchasing power.

The Scripture declares:

"Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate..." (*Isaiah 34:16, KJV*).

Look for the mate. That is what we have been studying.

The Power of Divine Direction

Today we are examining the spiritual side of breakthrough. We are looking at **the power of divine direction in provoking breakthroughs**.

Every breakthrough story in Scripture can be traced to divine direction. Abraham became a generational wonder by following divine instructions.

God said:

"Get thee out of thy country..." (*Genesis 12:1, KJV*).

Abraham departed.

Later God instructed him:

"Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac... and offer him there for a burnt offering..." (*Genesis 22:2, KJV*).

The Bible says Abraham rose up early in the morning and obeyed.

Then God declared:

"...Because thou hast obeyed my voice... in blessing I will bless thee..." (*Genesis 22:16–18, KJV*).

His faith was joined with action.

The Bible says:

"...Faith without works is dead." (*James 2:26, KJV*).

Please understand this:

Anything you claim to believe that never moves you into action is not genuine faith.

Prophetic Declaration

You are changing levels by force today. Your business and career will not crash. The work of your hands will not fail. You will never again suffer setbacks in your life. If you came with any point of contact as instructed, place it beneath your seat.

Let it come into contact with this breakthrough ground. Let the breakthrough unction upon this ground rest upon it. That career escapes failure today. That trade experiences a turnaround today. That business enters a new realm of breakthrough today.

In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Key to Unending Breakthroughs

Divine direction is the key to commanding unending breakthroughs. As long as the Lord remains your Shepherd, you shall not want. He will prepare a table before you in the presence of your enemies. Your cup will run over.

Even though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you shall fear no evil, because His presence will be with you. As long as He continues to lead you, goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life.

And you shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Amen.

You will never entertain any alternative when God's leading has brought you into fortune. The Scripture paints this picture beautifully in **Deuteronomy 32:9–14 (KJV)**.

The Bible says:

"For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance." (*Deuteronomy 32:9, KJV*).

God found Israel in a desert land, in a waste howling wilderness.

He led them. He instructed them. He showed them the way to go. The Bible says He kept them as the apple of His eye. They became untouchable. They became unmolesable. The Scripture continues:

"As an eagle stirreth up her nest... so the LORD alone did lead him..." (*Deuteronomy 32:11–12, KJV*).

And because the Lord alone led them:

"He made him ride on the high places of the earth..." (*Deuteronomy 32:13, KJV*).

As long as the Lord is the One leading you, you are on your way to your high places. You are on your way to your high places. The Bible says He made them suck honey out of the rock and oil out of the flinty rock.

In other words, they experienced impossible favour in the midst of impossible situations because the Lord alone led them.

I pray that you will never again miss the leading of the Lord in your life.

Beware of the Way That Seems Right

The Bible warns us:

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (*Proverbs 14:12; Proverbs 16:25, KJV*).

The way may appear right.

It may even look attractive.

But if God is not the One leading, it eventually leads to destruction.

However, when the Lord continues to lead you, He is leading you to your high places.

There will be no dryness.

When God is leading, your business will no longer experience dryness. There shall be no more dryness in your career, in the name of Jesus Christ.

God Makes Rivers Flow in the Desert

The Scripture declares:

"And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them..." (*Isaiah 48:21, KJV*).

Today, the world is fast becoming a desert. Major corporations are collapsing. Large businesses are closing.

Many organizations are declaring bankruptcy. The world is increasingly becoming a howling wilderness where there appears to be no safe place.

But if you allow the Lord to lead you—into what to do, into what to trade, into what to invest, into what to pursue—He will always lead you into your high places.

The impossible will become possible. Water will gush out of dry rocks. That is supernatural breakthrough rooted in divine direction. As the Lord leads you, impossible things will begin to happen in your business. Impossible things will begin to happen in your career. That shall be your testimony.

In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Don't Follow Popular Opinion

Don't let popular opinion lead you. Don't let business trends lead you. Don't let the latest fashion in the marketplace determine your decisions. Let the Lord lead you.

Then your breakthroughs will become unlimited. Your breakthroughs will become unending. Everyone who was led by God ended up commanding supernatural breakthroughs.

God told Isaac:

"Go not down into Egypt... dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of." (*Genesis 26:2, KJV*).

Isaac obeyed. Within one year, he became the envy of the world around him. In one year. You will not miss your step.

One Wrong Step Can Change Everything

A man of God once shared something with me. He said, *"I took one wrong step in 1985."*

From that moment, his life and ministry began to decline. One wrong step.

Just one.

I pray for you today: You will never take a wrong step in your life. You will never miss divine direction.

Jesus Walked in Continuous Divine Guidance

Jesus Himself revealed the secret behind His endless breakthroughs. He said:

"I can of mine own self do nothing... as I hear, I judge..." (*John 5:30, KJV*).

Jesus was constantly directed by the Father. That is why, over two thousand years later, His impact continues to increase. Then He declared:

"...As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (*John 20:21, KJV*).

If you and I remain genuinely led by God, we too will command generational breakthroughs. That shall be your testimony. Amen.

The Dignity of Divine Guidance

This church did not plan to build this facility. God directed it. And because He directed it, He built it. He never waited for our budget. Our budget could never have matched the mandate. Our annual budget could not have handled such a project. But when God gave the instruction, He also released the resources. That is the dignity of divine guidance. When God leads you, you stop struggling to make things happen.

Instead, you are guided into divine happenings. Whenever God directs a man, He places His own integrity behind that instruction. From today, struggle shall disappear from your life. The greatest events of your life from this day forward shall be struggle-free.

Amen.

The Power of God's Word

Look at our journey. The old church auditorium seated about three thousand people. It took years to build. Then God instructed us to build a fifty-thousand-seat sanctuary. Naturally speaking, such a project was impossible. But when God speaks, everything falls into place. From today, you will never miss His guidance again.

Suppose God tells you to begin trading in printing paper. Within a short time, you could become a billionaire.

Why?

Because you would become the supplier everyone needs. Not because of luck. But because God commanded it.

When God Commands, He Puts You in Command

Someone once asked me, *"How do you accomplish things so inexpensively in this ministry?"*

I replied,

"We do nothing except what God commands." When God commands something, He puts you in command.

Whenever God gives an instruction, He also gives the empowerment to accomplish it.

You are going places.

You are going places.

You are going places.

Therefore, commit your ways unto the Lord.

Trust also in Him.

He will direct your path.

He will tell you what choice to make.

He will show you which road to follow.

Then life becomes stress-free.

I decree today that your journey through life shall become a walkover.

In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Practical Side of Breakthroughs

Self-Discipline

The second practical requirement for commanding supernatural breakthroughs is **self-discipline**.

What do I call it?

Self-discipline.

Among other things, self-discipline means **setting order over your life**.

You are not meant to live carelessly.

You are not supposed to drift through life.

You live with purpose.

You organize your life to fulfil the purpose for which God created you.

Self-discipline means programming your life today to secure the future you desire tomorrow.

It is vital.

Very vital.

You are never simply available because someone says,

"Let's go somewhere."

If it is not in your schedule, it does not happen. Your days should have structure. Your weeks should have structure. Your months should have structure. That is setting order over your life.

Set Boundaries Around Your Life

Self-discipline also means setting boundaries around your life. You refuse to become involved in activities that add no value to your future. You deliberately make profitable choices. The Apostle Paul wrote:

"All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient..."

(1 Corinthians 6:12, KJV).

He also declared:

"...I will not be brought under the power of any."

You have a right to choose. Choose what is profitable. Choose what adds value. Again Paul wrote:

"All things are lawful for me, but all things edify not." (1

Corinthians 10:23, KJV).

So choose what edifies. Do not embrace everything that comes your way. Boundaries create the future.

Set Order Over Your Finances

Self-discipline also requires setting order over your finances. Many people cannot distinguish between capital and profit. Everything is treated as spending money.

That is not wisdom.

Order.

At the beginning of this ministry, we established a policy:

Never spend more than **thirty percent** of our income on overhead expenses.

That policy determined what anyone could earn. It determined how many staff members we could employ. At one point, my monthly salary was only three hundred naira.

My wife's salary was one hundred and forty naira.

Why?

Because there was a limit to what could be spent.

That is one reason this ministry has never gone into the red.

Never.

There was a limit.

Don't Destroy Tomorrow for Today

You do not need an accountant to teach you basic financial discipline. At a very small level, it is an abuse to spend beyond your capacity. Imagine installing an air conditioner in an office when the electricity bill costs more than your salary.

You are not yet qualified for air conditioning. Open the windows. Use natural ventilation. Buy a hand fan if necessary. Set order over your finances.

You cannot succeed in business without financial discipline. Beware of seeking public image at the cost of personal damage. Do not consume your future today. If you eat tomorrow's resources today, you will arrive at tomorrow empty-handed.

Financial Order Creates Lasting Success

In this ministry, a certain percentage of all income is classified as **unspendable**. It remains untouched until a major project requires it.

Set order.

We started Covenant University with substantial funds already reserved. We built Landmark University from reserve funds.

Set order.

You are sitting on comfortable chairs today. Nobody was pressured to give an emergency offering. Everything came from properly planned reserves. Nobody was asked to contribute money just to install air conditioning.

Why?

Set order.

Many financial problems today are products of disorder.

Gross disorder.

Gross indiscipline. Even in this ministry, I cannot sign a cheque alone. Every cheque requires another authorized signature before it is valid.

Why?

Because financial discipline protects the future. Order preserves prosperity.

Set Order Over Your Business

Set order.

Set order over your business.

If you continue to run your business as though it were your personal cup of tea, that is where it will stop.

Set order.

Turn it into a corporation. Don't run it like a market woman's trade.

Set order.

Don't carry your company's cheque book in your pocket and sign cheques at random simply because someone asks for money. A business account is not your personal account. You have no right to spend business money anyhow.

Ask yourself:

Is it covered in the budget?

And if there is no budget, where is the order?

A budget is one of the primary ways to establish financial order.

The Power Of Order: It Removes Confusion

My accountant does not need to ask me what my offering should be. Whether it is a midweek service, a Sunday service, or a special thanksgiving service, everything was already determined from the beginning of the year.

From January 1st, the order has already been established. My offerings are already planned. My thanksgiving seed is already planned. Even my tithe requires no calculation. Whatever comes in, ten percent belongs to God.

It is His portion.

Not ours.

That continues every time.

That is order.

Order Creates Time for Purpose

I have never gone to buy a pair of socks for my children.

Why?

Where would I find the time?

Life is about order. That responsibility belongs to those assigned to manage it. Children have their manager. Let each responsibility remain where it belongs. There cannot be progress without order. Please understand this:

Self-discipline extends beyond your job. It governs your entire life.

That is why it is called **self-discipline**.

Planning for the Future

Today this church is increasing its power capacity to about **6.5 megawatts** so that future expansion is already covered. When completed, we will have about **12 megawatts** of electricity available on this property.

Was any special offering raised?

No.

That amount of electricity can power an entire town.

Set order.

Then you live relaxed.

Someone may ask me, *"How much was last week's offering?"*

I honestly do not know. Did they even bring the report to me?

I don't know.

That is not my department. My assignment is what I am doing right now—teaching God's Word. I cannot transfer that responsibility to anyone else.

Likewise, others faithfully carry out theirs.

Set order.

Your business will grow.

Your market will expand.

Know Your Numbers

Even if you sell pepper in the market, you must know:

- How much you bought it for.
- How much you sold it for.
- The transportation cost.
- Every other cost involved in the sale.

Only after deducting all expenses will you know your true profit. Order is the key to progress.

And order is a product of self-discipline.

Discipline Your Appetites

Discipline your taste. Why are you buying an expensive wristwatch on credit?

Who is even looking at it?

Time is everywhere.

It is on your phone.

It is on your tablet.

It is on your computer.

Most of the time it is hidden beneath your shirt sleeve.

So why go into debt because of it?

Life is about making disciplined choices.

Disciplined choices.

You will not fail.

Declaration Over Businesses

Today is our Covenant Day of Business Breakthrough Banquet. At a banquet, everyone is free to receive. Take what you need. Take as much as you desire. But let me tell you this:

If you will receive and practice what God has been teaching throughout this series, your business will never experience a downward trend again. You will keep changing levels—from glory to glory. The Bible declares:

"But we all... beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory..." (*2 Corinthians 3:18, KJV*).

You will never beg in your life. Your generation will never become beggars. The doors of progress shall never again be closed against you. The doors of favour shall remain permanently open toward you.

Amen.

The Master Key to Unending Breakthroughs

Let us examine another vital truth. It is clear from Scripture that **obedience** is the master key to a world of unending breakthroughs.

What do I call it?

Obedience.

That was Abraham's secret.

Whatever God told him to do, he responded immediately.

Prompt obedience.

Every Revelation Is a Knock

Nobody keeps knocking on a closed door forever. You knock. No answer. You eventually leave. No matter what you intended to bring, you take it back with you. That is how revelation works. Every revelation is a spiritual knock on your heart.

God is asking, *"Are you interested?"*

"Will you respond?"

If there is no response, the revelation simply passes by.

Obedience.

But not merely obedience—**Prompt obedience.**

Delayed Obedience Is Dangerous

Prompt obedience is the spiritual key to maximizing every instruction from God. When the angel stirred the waters at Bethesda, whoever stepped in **first** received the miracle. The man at the pool remained there for thirty-eight years. Many believers do not have a problem with obedience. Their problem is **delayed obedience**. If God tells you to move today and you postpone it until next week, you may only end up taking a swim.

The miracle was tied to the timing. Run with God's instructions. If you observe my life carefully, every time God speaks, I move. I had no previous plan to enter the ministry. God spoke on the second day. By the eighth day, we had relocated. By the twenty-fourth day, fellowship had already begun. No prior preparation. Just prompt obedience.

Again, God spoke to me about the Mission to Africa. On May 4, He gave the instruction. By May 8, we dedicated the Mission to Africa. By June 14, the office had already opened. Delayed obedience is one of the greatest problems among believers.

Dragging your feet will cost you your destiny.

Don't Be Slow

Many people lose great opportunities because they are simply too slow. They are slow to respond. Slow to decide. Slow to act. Slow people rarely leave lasting marks. I curse every spirit of slowness in anyone's life today.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Total, Unreserved Obedience

God instructed Naaman to dip himself seven times in the River Jordan. Suppose he dipped only six times. Would he have been healed?

No.

Obedience must be total.

Obedience must be unreserved.

Say:

"Jesus, I am completely Yours."

No matter how costly His instruction may appear, there is always a future in it. Abraham believed that if necessary, God could even raise Isaac from the dead. So he obeyed. Unreserved obedience.

Cheerful Obedience

Obey joyfully.

Celebrate God's instructions.

If God says,

"My son, give Me that car."

Your response should be,

"Thank You, Jesus!"

I remember telling my wife,

"God just instructed me to give away that car."

She replied,

"Praise the Lord."

On my way home, the Lord spoke to me.

He said,

"My son, even if you don't want to be rich, it is too late."

Glory to God!

By His grace, I have given away many vehicles.

What is in it?

Nothing.

There is nothing in God's demand except your lifting.

Nothing.

For many years we have travelled by aircraft around the world. There is nothing in what God asks of you for His own benefit. Everything He asks is for your benefit. Your promotion is hidden inside His commandments. Your next level is hidden inside your obedience. Whenever you respond, you are the one who benefits.

Celebrate His Instructions

When God speaks, celebrate His instructions.

Do not complain.

Do not negotiate.

Celebrate them.

When God lifts a man, no human being can bring him down.

Anyone who fights against God's lifting only destroys himself.

The Lord said to Abraham:

"I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee..." (*Genesis 12:3, KJV*).

Leave your enemies with God.

Do not waste your time fighting them.

Carry on with your assignment.

When God lifts you, He becomes responsible for defending you.

That has been the story of my life.

You are going places.

Amen.

Every Commandment Is for Your Benefit

Every commandment in Scripture is absolutely for your benefit. God gains nothing from your obedience. He is the Most High. He is complete in Himself. Everything already belongs to Him. Therefore, every instruction He gives is designed for your good.

Walk in obedience. Enjoy obeying God. Celebrate obedience. Remain tireless in obedience. Remain unreserved in obedience. Be prompt in obedience. That is how the Kingdom works.

Respond Immediately

God said we would dedicate this sanctuary on **September 18, 1999**. He spoke that word on **September 17, 1998**. The very next day I came to this site. We began marking the foundation immediately. Some people said, *"The roof has not even been designed."*

I replied,

"Forget the roof. Let us begin with the foundation."

Prompt response to every instruction empowers you to maximize every promise.

Delayed obedience is often proof of doubt.

The Bible says that the double-minded man should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

If you truly believe God has spoken, then move.

The Overriding Law of Unending Breakthrough

Now, as we begin to close, let us consider the overriding law of unending breakthroughs.

What is it?

The law of tithing.

I pray God grants me grace to pour my heart into yours concerning this truth. I had a supernatural visitation that completely changed the destiny of this Commission.

On **September 4, 1987**, while studying **Hebrews 7:1–8**, which speaks about Abraham paying tithes to Melchizedek, the Lord spoke to me.

He said:

"Wait a minute, My son."

Then He revealed this mystery:

Tithing does not only open the heavens over individuals. It is also ordained to open the heavens over organizations. Over corporations. Over companies. Over businesses. Even over churches. The Bible declares:

"And all the tithe of the land... is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD." (Leviticus 27:30, KJV).

Notice the words:

All the tithe.

Personal tithe.

Business tithe.

Corporate tithe.

Everything belongs to God.

Then the Lord directed my attention to His promise:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse... and prove me now herewith... if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10, KJV).

This promise is not limited to individuals.

It also applies to businesses, organizations, corporations, and ministries that honour God with **all the tithe**.

That is one of the greatest secrets behind supernatural and unending breakthroughs.

Corporate Tithing Opens the Heavens

Corporate tithing provides a covering over your business and your career. It opens the heavens over your business.

Amen.

You will never truly know the reality of this covenant until you prove it. And how do you prove it?

By doing it. The Bible says:

"...prove me now herewith..." (*Malachi 3:10, KJV*).

You do not prove God by argument. You prove Him by obedience. Suppose you are selling pepper and you make a profit of ten naira. One naira is your tithe.

That one naira is not a burden. It is simply a percentage. Then your business grows and your profit becomes one hundred naira. Your tithe naturally becomes ten naira.

There is no struggle. What is God saying?

"I have sent you a one-hundred-naira blessing."

"Acknowledge it by returning My portion, and I will send the next blessing."

Tithing is God's covenant system for acknowledging the receipt of His blessings.

When you refuse to acknowledge Him, He knows the blessing is not being appreciated.

God does not waste resources.

If there is no acknowledgement, He stops sending.

Please understand the mystery of corporate tithing and keep the heavens open over your business.

The Covenant Works

Of course, there is another problem. Some people do not even pay their personal tithe. How then will they honour God with the tithe of their business?

Many keep saying, *"I don't have enough money."*

Yet they continue searching for financial breakthrough without embracing God's covenant. Do you know why many pastors end up depending on members for survival?

Because they are not faithful tithers. I thank God.

Since the inception of this ministry, I have personally ministered to the needs of members. Sometimes, while I am preaching, I notice someone sitting quietly with a troubled countenance. After the service I ask that person to see me. I greet him. Before long, he begins to cry. Then I place something in his hand and declare:

"In the name of Jesus, you will never beg again."

That has been my lifestyle.

Why?

Because I am walking in the covenant of abundance. Since 1987, the tithe of this Commission has never failed. What a privilege.

What a covenant. We have never borrowed. We have never operated on bank overdrafts. We owe no one—living or dead. Yet multibillion-naira projects continue year after year. You will not suffer again.

The Testimony of Faithful Tithers

History records that **John D. Rockefeller**, the first American billionaire, was a committed tither from the beginning of his career. When he earned his first income, he honoured God with his tithe. He continued tithing throughout his lifetime.

What a legacy.

Even today, long after his death, his influence continues through philanthropic foundations, medical research, education, and humanitarian work. As Scripture declares:

"...he being dead yet speaketh." (*Hebrews 11:4, KJV*).

Every act of obedience to God's truth carries lasting value. Its impact extends beyond one generation.

Wake up to this covenant.

Your tithe is not adding value to God.

It is adding value to your own future.

An Open Heaven Produces Supernatural Supply

This church operates under an open heaven. That is one reason no one has to pressure you continually for money. Your obedience is between you and God. No one issues receipts in heaven. No one monitors your heart. The evidence simply appears in your future. Whether you obey or refuse to obey, tomorrow will reveal it.

So the choice is yours. Enough of struggling. You have struggled long enough.

It is your turn to shine.

David Green: A Living Example

There is another man named **David Green**.

He started his business in 1970 with approximately six hundred dollars, selling arts and crafts from his home.

He was a committed believer. A passionate promoter of God's Kingdom.

A faithful tither. Today, *Forbes* has referred to him as a **biblical billionaire**. While many businesses were laying off workers during economic recession, he continued opening new stores. While others reduced salaries, he increased the salaries of his employees.

Why?

Because he was trading by a divine covenant that keeps the heavens open over a business. That is how God's covenant works. In the name of Jesus, I decree an end to every struggle in your life.

Amen.

God's Covenant Produces Stability

Today this ministry has nearly **24,000 employees** in Nigeria alone. We have never prayed for God to provide salaries. No employee has ever missed a salary payment.

Not once. One university lecturer once remarked,

"This is one place where you work without worrying about your salary."

It arrives in your account with dignity.

No reminders.

No anxiety.

No delay.

From today, every sleepless night concerning your finances comes to an end.

Amen.

Prophetic Blessing

Whatever point of contact you placed upon this altar today shall never again experience breakdown.

No matter the economic distress upon the earth, it shall not affect your life.

This season of global dryness shall become your season of overflowing waters.

In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The First Step Into a World of Breakthroughs

Before we receive the Communion, there is one important matter.

If you are here today and you have not yet surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, this is your first step into a world of supernatural breakthroughs.

Until you become a child of God, you cannot fully enjoy the breakthrough heritage of redemption.

The Bible declares:

"Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day..." (*1 Thessalonians 5:5, KJV*).

Light overcomes darkness effortlessly.

When you switch on the light in a dark room, darkness disappears immediately.

It leaves without argument.

Without noise.

That is the nature of spiritual light.

Every child of God is a child of light.

And breakthrough becomes his covenant heritage.

The Scripture says:

"...whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world..." (*1 John 5:4, KJV*).

If you desire to surrender your life to Christ today, stand to your feet.

If you desire to rededicate your life to Him, stand as well.

Partial connection with God produces a weak spiritual life.

Just as a poor electrical connection causes dim light before total darkness, partial commitment weakens your spiritual experience.

Reconnect with Him today.

Make God's Business Your Priority

Let me leave you with this truth. If you will be committed enough to make God's business your primary business, every other business in your life will begin moving from one level of glory to another.

If you put Him first, He will decorate your life. The prophet Elijah told the widow of Zarephath:

"Make me thereof a little cake first..." (*1 Kings 17:13, KJV*).

She obeyed. The result?

"And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail..." (*1 Kings 17:16, KJV*).

When God's Kingdom becomes your first priority, every other area of your life begins to flourish supernaturally. Jesus Himself said:

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

God will decorate your life with the very things people struggle to obtain. That is the catalyst for explosive breakthroughs. Make His business your primary business.

Make your own business secondary. Then His business will continue to prosper yours.

God Decorates Those Who Serve Him

David Green is still alive today. He remains a passionate Kingdom promoter. A faithful tither. Still flourishing. That is God's pattern.

"Make Me first."

And God will decorate yours. Everyone who truly serves God ends up decorated. God decorated Abraham. He decorated Job. He decorated David. And He is still decorating His servants today.

You are next in line.

Amen.

Prayer of Salvation

Let us pray together. Lift your right hand and pray this prayer from your heart:

Lord Jesus, Save my soul today.

I repent of all my sins.

Forgive me and wash me clean with Your precious blood.

I believe that You died for me.

I believe that on the third day You rose again for my justification.

Today I receive You as my Lord and my Saviour.

I am born again.

I am restored.

I am now a child of God.

I am free from the power of sin to serve the living God.

Thank You, Jesus, for saving my soul.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Be blessed in the name of Jesus Christ.

May today mark the turning point you have long desired.

The grace that brought you here today shall preserve you throughout your life.

I cover every one of you with the precious blood of Jesus.

Remain covered until His glorious appearing.

In Jesus' precious name.

Amen.

Congratulations!

Give the Lord a mighty hand of praise.

Final Prophetic Charge

The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it transformed an entire nation. May the word you have received today transform your own story. One of my sons received the revelation on corporate tithing while we were still in the old church.

The very first corporate tithe his company paid was from a profit of forty thousand naira. Today, by God's grace, he is a multibillionaire.

Yet he remains a faithful, committed tither. That testimony deeply humbles me. It is the beauty of walking faithfully in God's covenant. When my annual income was only **₦18,600**, my tithe was there.

My sacrifice was there. That was my level. But I never let go. Jesus took me by the hand, and I refused to let go. There was a time my wife and I personally provided for every worshipper in this church every Sunday throughout the entire year.

I will not tell you the amount. But I would not let go. I ran on motorcycles to preach the Gospel. I walked long distances to fulfil God's assignment. People thought I was foolish.

But I was simply pursuing God's purpose. Look at where God has brought us today. Listen carefully: You are going somewhere.

Every truth you have conceived in your spirit shall surely be delivered. There is always a gestation period. But if you refuse to let go of God's covenant, your appointed season of manifestation will surely come.

Amen.

The Gestation Period of Every Divine Truth

Every truth from God has a gestation period. You don't get pregnant today and deliver tomorrow. Keep nursing it. Keep nursing it. Keep nursing it. It will soon graduate into a baby.

Amen.

When you first see a baby in a scan, it doesn't even look like a baby. It looks like a tiny dot. Just a dot. After some time, it begins to take shape. Then you begin to recognize its form. Suddenly the face appears, and before long, the child is born.

Hallelujah!

Consistency Produces Extraordinary Results

We could not rent a house for ₦5,500 in 1986.

Five what?

₦5,500!

So I said, "If the landlord won't reduce it to ₦5,000, let him keep his house."

Today we are building estates.

Hallelujah!

It is not me—it is the Church.

But even then, the extra ₦500 was not covered in the budget, so it could not be spent.

I would not sign for it.

I told Zakeyo,

"If they won't take ₦5,000, leave the house. Go and look for another one for ₦5,000 or ₦4,500 so we can save ₦500."

Amen.

Do you know how many people live on this campus today?

Hallelujah!

Not in 1926—1986.

Consistency!

Yes, sir.

Consistency.

Consistency.

Consistency.

Amen.

This Church could not even contemplate a one-billion-naira expenditure then. It would have felt the weight of just **₦1,000** in 1986.

Hallelujah!

Calculate it.

It happened by **obedience**.

By obedience.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

Your Struggle for Survival Is Over

Your struggle for survival is over today. Lord, show these Your precious people exactly what You showed me. I don't want to leave anybody behind. I don't want to leave anybody behind.

No.

I'd rather be left behind than see you left behind. It is the cry of my heart that none of you misses what God has prepared.

Go after souls.

Run after them.

Give as though it is a privilege, not a burden.

Tithe with joy.

Serve God passionately.

I don't want to leave you behind.

God knows my heart.

I must not leave you behind.

Please, do what He tells you to do.

I cannot obey on your behalf.

Do what He says.

I cannot pray on your behalf.

I cannot win souls on your behalf.

I cannot pay your tithe on your behalf.

Do what He tells you to do.

Hear me:

I must not leave you behind.

Amen.

No.

You have been co-laborers with me in this Kingdom.

No.

You are serving this same God. The devil must not confuse you. Just do whatever He tells you to do.

Everything God Shows Me in Secret, I Do Openly

Everything God shows me in secret, I do openly.

Do it.

Yesterday we went out for soul winning and returned with **511 souls**. One of the transport operators brought **35 people** to church today.

Do it.

You must exceed where I stop. And I'm not stopping now. So imagine where you are going. You are going somewhere. Your mockers will go into hiding.

Amen.

When they eventually come out, they will join you in celebrating your God.

Begin from where you are. Stop planning only for tomorrow. What are you doing today?

I used to pay a tithe of ₦30.

What are you doing now?

I used to give a sacrifice of ₦5.

Five naira!

What are you doing now?

I used to sign vouchers authorizing ₦5 for transportation to Zaria for evangelism.

I signed them personally.

Today I pay airport landing charges.

I pay aircraft insurance.

You are going somewhere.

Rome was not built in a day, but it started in one day.

Start.

The longest journey begins with a single step.

Take that first step.

And never stop taking it.

This grace must not leave you behind.

Amen.

I shall not leave you behind.

The End of Your Struggles

Now wave those points of contact before the Lord.

This is the end of your struggles.

Just as you are breathing fresh air today, fresh air comes upon:

- Your work.
- Your business.
- Your family.
- The works of your hands.

No more tension in your business.

No more tension in your trade.

Every unemployed person shall become gainfully employed.

Every dying business receives a new lease of life.

In Jesus' name.

So shall it be.



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