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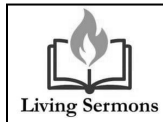
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Foreword

Church growth is one of the clearest evidences of spiritual vitality. Wherever the life of God is flowing, increase follows. Yet, growth in God's Kingdom is never accidental—it is the product of divine patterns, spiritual labour, and intentional leadership.

*In this timely teaching, **Dr David Ogbueli** presents with clarity, depth, and apostolic precision the foundational principles that make for genuine church growth. This is not a motivational discourse on numbers; it is a spiritual blueprint for raising healthy, impactful, and expanding assemblies.*

From the burden of prayer to the ministry of the Word, from problem-solving preaching to faith-filled communication, and from the place of signs and wonders to the strategic administration of church life, this book exposes the practical and spiritual systems that sustain kingdom increase.

One of the greatest strengths of this message is its balance. Dr Ogbueli does not merely emphasise activity; he stresses accuracy. He reminds us that the Church does not grow simply because people gather, but because they are fed, strengthened, transformed, and established.

This book will challenge pastors to return to the place of prayer, to sharpen their study lives, to understand the needs of their people, and to minister with wisdom, revelation, and power. It will also help leaders recognise that church growth is not just about attracting crowds, but about building disciples.

At LivingSermons.com, we believe that teachings like this are vital for the strengthening of the Body of Christ in this generation. It is our joy to preserve and publish messages that carry kingdom weight and practical relevance for the global Church.

As you read these pages, may fresh vision be birthed in your heart. May your understanding be enlarged. And may the Spirit of God grant you wisdom to build according to divine patterns.

The harvest is plenteous. The labourers are still few. And the call to build has never been more urgent.

— Wisdom Epsi
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

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Introduction

Jesus was going about preaching and healing. At that time, He was the only one doing it. He alone was carrying the burden.

But in **Matthew 9:36 (KJV)**:

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

He identified the problem immediately—the lack of shepherds.

We need more labourers. We need more hands. We need more pastors. We need more people to help care for the multitude.

Even Jesus, the Son of God, recognised that He alone was not enough. The people were scattered. Their needs were not being met because one person cannot handle all that.

Then He said to His disciples:

Matthew 9:37 (KJV)

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;"

See how He cast the vision. See how He mobilised them.

The first thing He did was not to tell them to go. The first thing He did was to tell them to pray.

Matthew 9:38 (KJV)

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

Before deployment comes prayer.

It is when they start praying that they catch the burden.

It is when they start praying that they catch the vision.

Apart from talking about it, some people hear it and it does not move them. But prayer changes that.

In the next ninety days, two prayer points are essential:

- Praying for Nigeria.
- Praying for souls.

And then going out to get them.

The Power of Prayer

The moment they began praying, something shifted.

Matthew 10:1 (KJV) says:

"And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power..."

Notice the sequence.

Prayer came first.

Power followed.

Deployment came after.

As leaders, you will never grow until you have vision. Your church will not grow until you, the pastor, carry a vision. Writing it on paper is not enough. It is when you take that vision into prayer that it enters you.

As you pray, the Holy Spirit impregnates you with that vision. Then you become possessed by it.

And when that happens, your behaviour changes.

The Quality of What You Serve

I have talked about prayer. I have talked about worship. Now let us move to another critical component. Anybody who wants growth must pay attention to content.

What are you serving the people?

You do not mobilise people into a restaurant only for them to eat nonsense. The quality of your service matters. If it is a cell meeting that lasts one hour, that one hour must be life-changing. At this point, I want to focus on one major component of what you serve: **The ministry of the Word.**

If you combine it with prayer, you will notice that this is exactly what Peter said.

Acts 6:4 (KJV)

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."

These two things are non-negotiable. Everything else can be delegated.

Delegating Administration, Retaining Spiritual Responsibility

In Acts chapter 6, administrative problems arose concerning welfare distribution, and it almost distracted the apostles.

So they said:

Acts 6:3 (KJV)

"Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom..."

These became the first deacons. They were assigned to oversee welfare matters.

Notice the qualification:

- Integrity
- Anointing
- Wisdom

Not every believer is wise. Then Peter said:

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."

Prayer is not what you delegate. People will pray, yes. But the pastor must pray. The power of God must rest on your life. And praying alone is good, but praying corporately is also necessary. Have your private prayer time with God. But also join the corporate prayer meetings.

Pray with the people.

Pray over the service.

When the pastor joins the prayer, something shifts.

Word Explosion Produces Discipleship Explosion

Peter said they would give themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

Then look at the result.

Acts 6:7 (KJV)

"And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly..."

Did you see that?

As the Word increased, disciples multiplied.

Write this down:

Word explosion results in discipleship explosion.

When the pastor gives attention to study, transformation follows. The ministry of the Word begins in your study life. You cook the food in the kitchen before serving it.

The Secret of Great Pastors

David Yonggi Cho pastored the largest church in modern church history—over one million members.

Yet he was a school dropout.

When asked his secret, he said:

Prayer.

The way they pray there is intense. He said his minimum was five hours. For you, maybe your minimum should be one hour.

Jesus said:

"Could ye not watch with me one hour?" — **Matthew 26:40 (KJV)**

Find that time.

Morning or evening.

But find it.

Then he said:

Seventy percent of his personal time was spent preparing sermons. Thirty percent was spent counselling and dealing with people. Look at the balance.

- Prayer.
- Study.
- Word.

That is what these men were talking about.

The Anointing and The Revelation

There are two things that must be on you:

- The anointing
- Revelation

Both must flow like water. You have watched me, so you have no excuse. At the very least, take one of my messages.

- Play it on Monday.
- Digest it on Tuesday.
- Meditate on it on Wednesday.
- Cook it on Thursday and Friday.
- By Sunday, it becomes breast milk.

1 Peter 2:2 (KJV)

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:"

But milk comes from what the mother has eaten. The richest part of your house should be your library. When a pastor does not study, ministry suffers.

Study to Show Yourself Approved

The man who wrote more than half of the New Testament was bi-vocational. Paul the Apostle was a tentmaker, a missionary, and a minister. Yet look at his depth.

See what he told young Timothy:

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God..."

Today, you can study.

You can listen.

You can learn.

How can a man of God not have an effective ministry of the Word?

Without it, there is no growth. The Holy Spirit can draw people. Evangelism can draw people. Outreaches can draw people. But what keeps them is the Word.

Green Pastures Keep Sheep

Psalm 23:1–2 (KJV)

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures..."

Why green pastures?

Because that is where the food is. Sheep settle where food is. They stop wandering where the pasture is green. That is where they stay.

And Jesus said:

Matthew 24:28 (KJV)

"For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together."

Make the feast. God will command His sheep to come and settle. Create the feast.

Feed My Sheep

Jesus asked Peter:

"Lovest thou me?"

Peter said, "Yes, Lord."

And Jesus replied:

"Feed my sheep." — John 21:17 (KJV)

That is the command to every pastor. Feed the people. Until you are feeding the sheep properly, you are not discharging your duty. The ministry of the Word matters. Where the pastor is great in the Word, God will cause the sheep to settle.

Pastors After God's Heart

Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

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

That is why the man of God must be studious.

The First Skill for Church Growth

Now let me give you three skills.

1. Need Meeting

If you want your church to grow, your message must be need-meeting.

Your messages must solve problems. They must address what people are going through. You can preach all kinds of superlative revelations and eschatological mysteries, but if they are not helping the people, you are wasting time.

If a church is not growing, it is dying. A church is a living organism. It grows when you feed it. So the first skill is this: Preach what is relevant.

Preach what solves problems.

Problem Identification is the Key

A powerful message begins by discovering the problems of the people. Ask yourself:
What problem am I solving with this message?

If you cannot answer that, drop the message. Go and find something that will help the people. Food must nourish. It must carry nutrients. People do not eat just to chew. They eat to be strengthened. So what is the problem you have identified that this message is solving?

That is the question. Problem identification is the key to developing powerful messages. And if your message is disconnected from what the people are going through, throw it away. It is a useless message. Do not come to church and spend your time preaching politics. You may have five minutes at the beginning or towards the end to address issues like voting or national matters, because the society people live in affects them. That is important.

But go back and solve people's problems. Do not waste your time calling yourself a minister while ignoring the real needs of the people. Some years ago, we started this National Transformation movement, and one pastor took that as his central theme. That was all he preached for a whole year.

His church dropped to half. Then that half dropped to half again. He came to meet me and said, "But sir, you preached national transformation."

I said, "Yes—but during the summit. When people come to service, I feed them."

Even in the so-called National Transformation Summit, that topic might only take one or two sessions. What we actually do is analyse the problems of the people. Why do the youths come?

Because we have studied their problems:

- Unemployment
- Career development
- Studying abroad
- Talent discovery
- Personal development

That is what we package. That is why we capture the Nigerian youth. Problem identification. Analyse your people. Look around.

This present age is full of fear. People are living under intense pressure. So you preach on divine protection. There is economic hardship. You preach solutions.

This is not the time to talk prosperity simply because you want people to give to you. Add value first. Help people solve financial problems and life issues. Then you can teach them about giving to God. Add value.

Try this for the next three months and you will be shocked at the growth.

Source of Multiplication

Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

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

And then verse 16:

Jeremiah 3:16 (KJV)

"And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land..."

Do you see the connection?

When you feed people, they multiply. The church explodes when people are fed. I showed you in **Acts 6:7**: *"And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied..."*

It is the same principle farmers use. Those who raise poultry feed them daily. And what happens?

They multiply. Those raising cattle do the same. That is what you are supposed to do as a shepherd. Feed the flock.

2. Every Message Must Carry Faith

Now let me give you another secret. How do you measure the effectiveness of a message?

First, it must solve problems. Second, it must add value. But there is another ingredient. Every message must be flavoured with faith. Or at the very least, with hope. Joel Osteen may not emphasise power demonstrations or visible manifestations like many others, but one thing he specialises in is hope.

And hope is powerful.

If what you preach builds fear, discouragement, or despair, then you are puncturing people's tyres. They came to church ready to move forward, and you are deflating them. People often come to church already confused. Already burdened. Already down. Your message must lift them.

- It must inject faith.
- It must destroy fear.
- It must reinforce confidence.
- It must help them know who they are.
- It must build them up, not tear them down.
- Messages that edify.
- Messages that inspire.
- Messages that build hope.

Those are powerful messages. Those are positive messages.

Even Prophecy Must Carry Faith

During the lockdown, the Lord told me to launch a Prophecy Summit. For three months straight, I taught prophecy every day in my house for three hours. My children went through the books of Daniel, Revelation, Matthew, Mark, and the prophets. Every day. Except Sundays.

And while teaching, the Lord spoke to me. He said: **Anything that comes from Me carries the spirit of faith.**

Many people teach prophecy in a way that intimidates and frightens people. That is not the way. They take the terrors of the last days—things meant for the world—and turn them against God's people. No. Prophecy is a strategy document. It is a tool of foresight.

Even if I am teaching prophecy at a banking summit, political summit, or legal summit, I can still bring insight that empowers people.

That is the point.

Always Show the Way Out

Even if you are teaching on hell, do not leave people depressed. Balance it with heaven. Show them what Jesus did on the Cross. Show them the escape route. Show them mercy. Even if you preach on sin, show them the solution. Show them grace.

Show them that there is a way out. Do not leave people helpless. Do not leave them hopeless. Even if you teach on demons, balance it with the authority of the believer.

Show them that we already have victory. Do not magnify the devil. If you sell fear, your church will not grow. If you sell despair, your church will not grow. But if you sell hope, faith, and confidence, growth will come.

Spiritual Gifts Need Spiritual Skill

Many people have spiritual gifts. But they lack spiritual skill. There is a difference.

God said:

Jeremiah 3:15 (KJV)

"I will give you pastors... that will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Understanding matters. Even bitter medicine can be administered in a wise way. If you package it properly, people will receive it and thank you for it. The truth may be hard.

But wisdom in delivery matters.

How You Deliver Matters

There were two prophets. One confronted a king directly and lost his head. That was John the Baptist confronting Herod Antipas. But another prophet confronted a king through wisdom.

That was Nathan confronting David. He used a parable. He told a story. And through that wisdom, the king repented. That is where **Psalm 51** came from.

How you deliver the message matters.

Do Not Curse Your People

When you preach, do not insult your people. Do not condemn them in the name of correction. People often behave according to their level of knowledge. Do not tear them down. Inspire them. Speak greatness into them. Show them that you believe in them.

And they will rise to that level. Parents who constantly tell a child, “You are bad,” eventually drive that child into becoming what they keep hearing. People rise to the level of expectation imposed on them. That is why when God saw Jacob—a swindler—He changed his name.

Jacob became Israel.

God invested faith in him before the manifestation. That is how God works. He calls you righteous before you fully walk in it. And as you hear it, you rise into it. Preach to people according to what they can become—not merely where they are now.

Call them what God calls them. And they will rise to it. Preach faith. Preach hope. Preach love. Preach inspiration. And the church will explode. Even sinners should find hope when they hear you.

Do not condemn the people God has sent to you.

Plan Your Next Ninety Days

For the next ninety days, plan your Sunday messages carefully. Every message must be:

- Relevant
- Value-adding
- Faith-building
- Problem-solving

That is how growth comes.

The Supernatural Grows the Church

Now let us move to another dimension: The ministry of signs, wonders, and healings. Nothing grows a church like the supernatural.

John 2:23 (KJV)

"Many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did."

And again:

John 6:2 (KJV)

"And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles..."

Do you see that?

A great multitude followed because they saw. Not heard. Saw. Miracles attract.

The supernatural draws people. But hear this: Do not just do miracles.

Make sure people see them. A miracle may happen in private, but it must not remain private. That is why testimonies are important. If the miraculous is happening, it must be backed by testimonies. Without testimonies, the growth will not match the grace.

Declare His Wonders

Psalm 96:3 (KJV)

"Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people."

When God does something, publicise it. Let the community hear. Let the city hear. Let the nations hear. Do not keep it inside the church. Declare His glory among the heathen.

Declare His wonders among all people. When you do this, people will move. And when people move, growth follows. Even finances will increase. Because when the power of God is visible, people respond.

Psalm 110:3 (KJV)

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power..."

Nothing mobilises people like power. Nothing activates people like the supernatural.



About the Speaker

Pastor David Ogbueli is a respected Christian leader, teacher, and visionary whose ministry has impacted countless lives through sound biblical teaching, leadership development, discipleship, and humanitarian service.

*He serves as the President of **Dominion City Church Global**, a dynamic ministry committed to raising Kingdom-minded believers who influence society through godly character, spiritual maturity, and transformational leadership. Through his teaching ministry, Pastor Ogbueli has consistently emphasised practical Christianity, Kingdom values, discipleship, family life, leadership excellence, and national transformation.*

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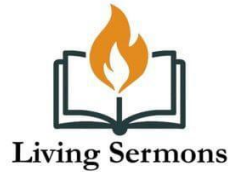
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