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*This manuscript carries a solemn weight of instruction drawn from a prophetic teaching on the principle of transition—how one season closes and another begins, and how believers are to posture themselves in those moments of divine shift.*

*The message preserved in these pages is not merely a sermon for reflection; it is a call to alignment. It speaks to the believer standing at the threshold of a new day, and by extension, a new year, where spiritual responsibility is required in place of passive expectation. It draws attention to the necessity of order, discernment, gratitude, and intentional spiritual engagement as one season gives way to another.*

*At its core, this teaching presents a biblical rhythm embedded in creation itself: that evenings precede mornings, and that preparation is often completed before manifestation arrives. It calls the reader into a disciplined posture—one that values thanksgiving over complaint, clarity over confusion, forgiveness over emotional burden, and divine instruction over assumption.*

*As you journey through this book, you will encounter a strong emphasis on prayer as governance, gratitude as spiritual intelligence, and divine direction as protection from unseen dangers. These are not abstract concepts; they are practical spiritual tools for anyone seeking to step into a new season with wisdom and authority.*

*May this manuscript serve not only as reading material but as a spiritual guide for transition. And may it position every reader to enter their next season with clarity, stability, and renewed devotion to God.*

**— Wisdom Epsi**  
**Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com**

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## ***Main Message***

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## *Introduction*

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### **Genesis 1:5**

*“And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.” – KJV*

Father, we give You the praise. Father, we give You the honour. In Jesus’ precious Name.

I welcome everyone to this exciting moment in God’s presence, and I believe our lives will never be the same.

What you will hear today are concluding instructions, and concluding instructions are instructions never to play with. In the village in those days, your father could call you sometime late in the night or very early in the morning and say, “I have something very important to tell you.” It is not normally in the heat of the day. It is not in the daytime. It is normally in the middle of the night or at dawn in the morning.

Today, we are here for very strategic concluding instructions.

I am speaking on the subject:

# Objective

Our objective in this study is to understand what it takes to prepare for the beginning of a new day, which literally is the beginning of a new year.

It is important for us to know that we are in the evening of a passing year. Actually, we are in the night of a passing year.

If January is considered morning, then December will be considered evening, and December 31st will literally be considered the nighttime of a year that is passing.

As it is well known, the best time to prepare for a day is not when the day has arrived. The best time to prepare for a day is before the day arrives.

You identify and orchestrate the day's work before the day arrives.

Anybody who wakes up in a day and does not know what to do with that day is an unserious entity — a failure waiting to happen.

You do not prepare for war at the sight of war. You prepare for war before war arrives.

You do not prepare for rain at the gathering of the clouds. You prepare for rain before the rain clouds gather.

A woman does not prepare for delivery in the labour room. Pregnancy already gave her and her husband nine months' notice. They buy the baby things, the olive oil, and everything necessary in preparation for delivery.

When you see a man running up and down while the woman is in the labour room, looking for money for the hospital bill and searching for baby things, that is a mismanaged man. Even if he needed to do labourer's work to prepare for the arrival of the baby, he should have done it.

That is how it is regarding the arrival of a new day or a new year.

It is interesting to note that God's day begins in the evening.

Throughout Genesis 1, the Bible repeatedly says:

*“And the evening and the morning were the first day.”*

God begins the day from the evening. He begins to handle the day from the evening. He begins to prepare for the day in the evening.

Now, what I am saying applies both to the preparation of a new day and the preparation for a new year.

We are in the evening of a passing year. What do I do before the morning, which is tomorrow?

Tomorrow is the first of January.

Give the Lord a praise!

## **Appreciating God For His Goodness And Mercies**

You prepare for the morning by appreciating God for His goodness and mercies in the passing day or year.

You appreciate God for His goodness and His mercies in the passing day or year, preferably in the night, in the evening, or at the conclusion of the day or year before the next arrives.

In Genesis 1:4–5, before God could declare the day, the Bible says:

*“And God saw the light, that it was good...”*

Before God could declare the next day, He identified what was good in the previous one.

Before He could arrive at the third day, He saw what was good in the second day. Before He arrived at the fourth day, He saw what was good in the third day.

**Psalm 92:1–2** says:

*“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.”*

This is the nighttime of a concluding year.

What faithfulness have you seen throughout the year from January until now?

Today is the day for spiritual stocktaking.

Things to appreciate God for. Things to be grateful for in 2023.

Do not ever allow the devil to fixate you on the things that did not work, on the expectations that did not turn out as planned, or on the negativities that crossed your path.

How many people saw January 1st this year but did not see December 31st of the same year?

Was it because you were more educated? More anointed? More talented? More prayerful? More connected?

Some people travelled the same road you travelled just thirty minutes before you passed, and they died on that road, yet here you are alive.

The devil is a liar. He wants to cause depression, discouragement, and frustration because certain things have not happened.

Show the devil the things that have happened.

*“To him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.”* — Ecclesiastes 9:4

It does not matter how bad life is; there is always something to thank God for. Anywhere you are today is somebody's prayer request. Your current position is somebody's future expectation.

Between now and the crossover service, one of your major assignments is spiritual stocktaking:

- Appreciations for yourself
- Appreciations for your family
- Appreciations for your children and loved ones
- Appreciating God for hope

In the midst of destructive and devastating conditions, there are people who cannot smile because they do not have God.

But you are seated in dignity, colourful and celebrating, because you have God and you have hope.

## **Identifying What Needs To Be Done**

How do we prepare for the morning?

By identifying what needs to be done in the morning — the new day or the new year.

The evening or night is the best time to plan for the day. Before you go to bed at night, identify what you are waking up to do in the morning. Maybe the best time to prepare a to-do list is not the morning of the day, but the night before the day arrives.

Habakkuk 2:1–2 says:

*“I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me... And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.”*

First, identify where you want to direct the bulk of your life's energy, resources, time, abilities, and potentials in the coming year.

Second, identify what constitutes the necessities and priorities of your life and destiny.

This begins with spiritual necessities and priorities.

The spiritual must be placed ahead of the physical.

**Matthew 6:33** says:

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

An unplanned day or year will end as an unprofitable day or year. You cannot find what you cannot define. You cannot possess what you cannot pursue.

## **Refusing To Be Discouraged About Unfinished Pursuits**

How do you prepare for the morning?

By refusing to be discouraged about unfinished pursuits in the passing day or year. Without any doubt, there will be things you pursued that were not completed. There will be expectations you had that did not materialise.

But you enter the new day and the new year by making up your mind never to be discouraged about the unfinished tasks of yesterday. Many times in my life, if I had a lot to do today and could not finish it, the next day paid for it. The next day recovered it.

The end of the day is not the end of the game. The end of the year is not the end of the game. There are games that could not finish today that continue tomorrow.

Look at creation itself.

God Almighty, the most powerful entity in the universe, did not finish the world in one day. What He did not finish on the first day continued into the second. What He did not finish on the second continued into the third. If God could continue from day to day, what makes you think you failed because you did not finish something in one day or one year?

Refuse to be discouraged about pursuits that are yet to be concluded.

## **Keep Going Until Everything Changes**

Remember Naaman the Syrian. Elisha sent him to River Jordan to dip himself seven times.

The first dip produced no change.

The second produced no change.

The third, fourth, fifth, and sixth — still no change.

But at the seventh time, everything changed. Beloved, if it did not change the first time, go again another time. If your story does not change in one day, move into the next day.

If it does not change in one year, move into the next year. Keep at it until everything changes, because something must change. When the children of Israel marched around Jericho:

- First time — nothing
- Second time — nothing
- Third time — nothing

But eventually, the wall collapsed. There are efforts you are making now that are not producing visible effects, not because they are wasted, but because they are being accumulated. At times, it takes the synergy of repeated effort until the day of explosion.

# Your Effort Is Not Wasted

Jesus spoke to the fig tree, but the result did not appear immediately. The leaves remained intact until the following day.

**Mark 11:20** says:

*“And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.”*

There are efforts of today that only produce effects tomorrow:

- Prayer efforts
- Prophetic efforts
- Declaration efforts
- Investment efforts

Not immediately, but eventually. Not instantly, but ultimately. The fig tree dried from the roots first. The roots are the place you do not see. In the realm where you see nothing, something is already happening. There is divine activity beyond human visibility when you release commitment.

Keep at it.

What was not finished yesterday, continue today. If it is not completed today, continue tomorrow. It must be completed.

## The Chinese Bamboo Principle

Many years ago, I came across the story of the Chinese bamboo as documented by John Mason in the book *An Enemy Called Average*.

The Chinese bamboo tree must be watered daily for five years. Every day, every month, every year — consistently. At the fifth year, although it still appears small, suddenly it

grows ninety feet in five weeks. But if the watering stops for even one day during those five years, the growth will not happen.

So it did not grow in five weeks. It grew in five years and five weeks.

The effort of the first day counted.

The effort of the third year counted.

The effort of the fifth year counted.

You are not wasting your prayer.

You are not wasting your commitment.

You are not wasting your faithfulness.

## **Do Not Carry Old Baggage Into A New Year**

How do you prepare for the morning?

By entering the new day or year unburdened with the baggage of the passing day or year. To have a productive day, you must have a restful night. You cannot have a sleepless, stressful night and expect a productive day.

If you want to inhale fully, you must exhale fully. If a vehicle must carry new loads, it must first offload old loads.

Step into the coming year rested:

- Mentally
- Emotionally
- Psychologically

Download all the stress and distress of the passing year. Paul said in Philippians 3:13:

*“Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.”*

Release painful and hurtful experiences of the passing year. Do not carry them into another year. Let the year pass with its pain. You cannot walk backward into the future.

If you do not allow the past to pass, you will pass with the past. There is no future in the past. Focus on the past makes a person become history while still alive.

## **Forgiving Yourself And Releasing The Past**

If you can follow these keys, you will be shocked at how you walk into a new year with springs under your feet. First, unwind and download all distress and stress. Second, release all hurt and pain of the passing year.

Thirdly, forgive yourself for unfulfilled opportunities or missed openings caused by your own actions. Maybe there were opportunities you missed or openings you failed to maximise. Do not lament what you cannot amend. Do not perish with spilled milk. One door may have closed against you, but seven other doors are opening.

*“They shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.” — Deuteronomy 28:7*

As you forgive yourself, forgive anyone else you must release in order to advance.

Until you let go of the past, you cannot lay hold of the future.

Forgive husband.

Forgive wife.

Forgive people.

# Give The New Year A Chance

Give the new day and the new year the chance to deliver expected results. Do not suspect the year before it arrives.

Do not say:

“That was how my life was last year.”

“2021 was the same.”

“2022 was the same.”

“2023 was the same.”

Most things happen according to your faith.

*“According to your faith be it unto you.”* — Matthew 9:29

Never enter into the year with the mentality that another year has come and it will still be the same.

That shall never be your portion.

# **A Summary Of The Preparations For The Morning**

What are the things to do in preparation for the morning?

## **1. Appreciate God For His Goodness And Mercies**

Appreciate God for His goodness and mercies in the passing day or year.

## **2. Identify What Needs To Be Done**

Identify what needs to be done in the new day or the new year.

These are assignments to carry out before the crossover night.

## **3. Refuse To Be Discouraged About Unfinished Pursuits**

Where you stopped this year, continue next year.

Pastors, where you stopped in church planting projects, continue next year.

Where you stopped in your personal agenda with God, continue next year.

## **4. Enter The New Year Unburdened**

Download the baggage.

Release it fully so you can breathe in fully.

# Commanding And Directing The Morning

How do you prepare for the morning?

By commanding and directing the morning — the day or the year — at the place of prayer.

**Job 38:12** says:

*“Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place?”*

You command the morning and cause the day to know its place.

Job practised it.

Abraham practised it.

**Genesis 19:27** says:

*“And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the Lord.”*

Jesus Himself practised it.

**Mark 1:35** says:

*“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”*

# Ordering The Day And The Year

You command the day and order the day to know its place. You refuse to allow the day or year to proceed randomly. You refuse to leave the year to chance.

This new year cannot behave anyhow. At the place of commanding-the-day prayer, altars of death are shattered before they manifest physically.

Every grave dug for you is closed. The enemy is deprived of his power before manifestation. Tonight is not just about commanding the day – it is about commanding the year. We deal deadly blows to altars, ancient powers, demonic projections, and evil prognostications.

What the enemy predetermined ahead of time is dismantled before manifestation.

The devil that will not allow you to rest shall be roasted in pieces.

Every witch and wizard assigned against your rest shall be roasted in pieces.

## My Year Shall Be Directed

Lift your right hand and declare:

“My year cannot go the way it wants.

My year shall be controlled.

My year shall be coordinated.

My year shall be directed at the place of prayer.

In the Name of Jesus.”

# Receiving Divine Instructions

Finally, how do you prepare for the morning, the new day, or the new year?

By receiving and accessing instructions from the Almighty. Particularly, instructions in the night before the day breaks. **Job 33:14–18** says:

*“For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night... Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction.”*

God gives instructions for a purpose:

- To withdraw man from destructive purposes
- To hide pride from man
- To preserve the soul from destruction

David also spoke about instructions in the night. **Psalms 16:7** says:

*“I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.”*

We are presently in the night season of the year. Therefore, we are positioned for divine instruction and direction. **Isaiah 30:29–30** says:

*“And the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard...”*

# **Why We Need Divine Instructions**

## **To Discover Divine Purpose**

We need instructions to discover divine purpose for the coming year.

Where does God want your energy directed?

What does God want you to emphasise?

What is God saying to you for the coming year?

## **To Escape Destructive Directions**

Divine instructions deliver a person from dangerous paths.

God can show you:

- Friendships to disengage from
- Businesses to withdraw from
- Places to leave
- Wrong directions to avoid

## **To Rescue From Destruction**

There are paths that appear right but end in destruction.

God speaks ahead of time to preserve His people.

Before embarking on any major step, ask God.

# Staying Sensitive In The Spirit

Between now and crossover time is a very sensitive and crucial period.

Do not waste it.

Stay in the Spirit.

Surround yourself with worship.

Pray abundantly in the Spirit.

Any Scripture that comes to your heart, open and read it. Do not just read the verse — read the surrounding passage because there is a word coming for you.

If you become tired and fall asleep while praying, remain sensitive even in that light sleep.

There can be light in that sleep.

That junction between being awake and asleep is a place where many things can happen spiritually.

If God places the title of a book in your heart, open it.

A chapter or a segment may contain the word that will bring light to your life.

# Final Summary

If I am to prepare for the morning, what must I do?

## **1. Appreciate God For His Goodness And Mercies**

Thank Him for His faithfulness in the passing day and year.

## **2. Identify What Needs To Be Done**

Identify what must be accomplished in the coming year.

## **3. Refuse Discouragement**

Refuse to be discouraged about unfinished pursuits.

## **4. Enter The Year Unburdened**

Let the things of the past pass.

## **5. Command And Direct The Year**

Command and direct the year at the place of prayer.

## **6. Receive Divine Instructions**

Receive and access divine direction and instructions from the Almighty.

# Thanksgiving And Testimonies

The first thing we can do briefly in church now, but majorly in the night, is thanksgiving.

Come with a thanksgiving list.

Come with a spiritual stocktaking list.

Write down the things God has done for you:

- Preservation on dangerous roads
- Deliverance from attacks and afflictions
- Preservation of life
- Gift of salvation
- Gift of health
- The privilege of knowing God
- The privilege of being taught, directed, and covered spiritually

There are many people who would have been gone if not for God.

I remember being in Minna for a programme when I was informed about someone in the National Hospital with a sudden tumour in the abdomen. They said it was cancerous.

I went straight there, laid hands, rebuked the devil, and shortly afterwards, the results began to change.

Over twenty years ago, there was another terminal diagnosis. I looked at the person and said, "You are not dying."

Long story short, over twenty years later, that person is alive and healthy.

The person told me:

"That oil you gave me years ago has not finished. Whenever it goes down, I top it up."

Why would we not thank the Lord?

If only you knew how many devils are angry that you are still alive because what they planned did not work.

There are people shocked that you are still alive despite everything they attempted.

If you truly knew what God has saved you from, you would praise Him all the days of your life.

## **Prayer And Thanksgiving**

Use these moments to appreciate God for whatever you can remember from the passing year.

Thank Him for:

- The gift of life
- The gift of health
- Mercy
- Grace
- Preservation
- Salvation
- Deliverance

In Jesus' precious Name.

The Lord has heard, and the Lord has answered us in Jesus' Name.



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## *About the Speaker*

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Dr. Paul Enenche is a Nigerian pastor, teacher, and revivalist, widely known as the Senior Pastor of the Dunamis International Gospel Centre. He is recognised for his passionate preaching, prayer ministry, and dedication to advancing the Gospel across nations.

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Through his teachings and ministry, Dr. Paul Enenche continues to inspire believers to live by faith, pursue intimacy with God, and become instruments of transformation in their generation.



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