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What makes this message particularly compelling is its direct confrontation with the subtle roots of moral decline. Rather than treating character as surface behaviour, the message traces it back to its origins—fellowship, obedience, desire, spiritual alignment, and man’s relationship with God. In doing so, it becomes more than instruction; it becomes a mirror.

As you read through this book, you will notice that the tone is not theoretical. It is pastoral, urgent, and deeply reflective of the realities of our present world. It speaks to a generation constantly negotiating pressure, distraction, and moral compromise, yet still called to reflect the image of God.

This edition has been carefully prepared to preserve the original flow and emphasis of the preacher while presenting it in a clean, readable, ebook format suitable for personal study, ministry use, and discipleship.

May this message strengthen your conviction, refine your walk with God, and realign your character with the standards of Scripture.

— Wisdom Epsi
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

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Introduction

We give You the honour, we give You the adoration. Breathe upon this service tonight. Let not one person leave here the same way they have come. Be glorified, be honoured, in Jesus' precious name.

Give the Lord a big clap of hand and be seated in the presence of the Lord.

I welcome everyone here tonight into this auspicious presence of the Lord, as the glory is light has come and the glory is risen through positive character this evening.

We are commencing the journey on character this month with a subject: **The Challenge of Character.**

The Challenge Of Character

Our objective tonight is to understand the root of character challenge. What is the root of character challenge?

Genesis chapter 3, verses 1–6:

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, “Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

And the woman said unto the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.”

And the serpent said unto the woman, “Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

The Lord bless His Word, in the name of Jesus.

A World Plagued With Character Challenges

We live in a world today that is plagued with a myriad of character challenges—starting from the plague of lovelessness and wickedness.

A world filled with lack of love for people. Plagued with wickedness.

The other day I was ministering in the Inland River service, and I prayed for a young man. I stood with him, with my hands on him, and I said, “Someone here that God is setting free from cultism...” and suddenly he responded—he was the one.

Unbelievable things. He had run from his village years ago because of terrible events.

We live in such a world: plagued with lovelessness, wickedness, dishonesty, falsehood, insincerity.

I was talking with someone today about a person who is completely given to lies—everything a lie. And I said, there is something true about that person: that nothing is true.

We see people relocating abroad on the basis of lies. Marriages arranged on falsehood. Financial indignity. Fraudulent living.

A plague of moral decadence.

The Root Of Character Challenge

What is the root of character challenge?

There are two things to establish:

1. The Fall Of Man In Eden

The root of character challenge is traceable to the fall of man in the Garden of Eden.

Character problems manifesting as iniquity are rooted in Eden's calamity.

2. Once The Root Is Addressed, Character Can Be Adjusted

Once the root is understood and addressed, character can be adjusted. It is like a medical diagnosis—once the cause is known, treatment becomes easy.

Roots Of Character Challenge

We will consider what we see from the fall of man.

1. Company And Communion With The Enemy

Company, communion, communication with the enemy. Eve began a conversation with the serpent in Genesis 3:1.

First Corinthians 15:33 says, *“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”*

No matter how good your character is, wrong company destroys it.

2. Lack Of Understanding Of Divine Instruction

The lack of understanding of God's Word. God gave Adam instruction in Genesis 2:17, but misunderstanding crept in. The Word of God keeps a man in character. The absence of the Word produces corruption of character.

When the Word is abundant, character is adjusted. When the Word is absent, character is lost.

3. Following The Desires, Passion, And Leadership Of The Flesh

When a man follows the cravings of the senses, he steps out of character. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food..." (Genesis 3:6)

The decision to gratify the cravings of the senses leads to loss of character. Uncontrolled passion leads to moral collapse.

4. Crave For Self-Assertion

The craving for self-assertion—becoming a law to oneself. When personal will clashes with God's will, character collapses. One of the most dangerous positions is: "Nobody can tell me what to do with my life."

That mindset destroys destiny.

5. Decision For Independence From God

When man decides to live as though God does not exist. Genesis 3:5 reveals the temptation: "You shall be as God."

This generation increasingly desires independence from God. But consciousness of God produces caution and right action.

6. Loss Of The Nature Of God Through Disobedience

When man fell, he lost the divine nature. Romans 6:23 — *“The wages of sin is death.”*

Spiritual death is the separation of man from God.

7. Gain Of The Nature Of The Devil Through Rebellion

Jesus said, *“Ye are of your father the devil.”* (John 8:44)

When man loses God’s nature, another nature takes over. This explains extreme wickedness in humanity.

8. Loss Of The Presence Of God

God drove man out of Eden (Genesis 3:24).

Distance from God produces disaster in character. The farther man is from God, the worse his behaviour becomes. Peter followed afar off and began to deny Jesus. Distance from God produces denial in lifestyle.

9. Loss Of The Voice Of God

Man lost continuous fellowship with the voice of God. Genesis 3:8 shows they heard the voice of God walking in the garden. The voice of God carries the life of God. When the voice is lost, character collapses.

No matter how broken a man is, exposure to the Word of God restores character. The Word of God repairs what sin has damaged.

There is a restraining for us. There is a restraint, a restraint on your character. It is like a lion that is no longer in the wild, but in a zoo setting—still a lion, but the lion’s nature is under control.

That is how the flesh is. Until we leave this world, the flesh remains the flesh. And if it is allowed to express itself, you will be shocked.

The Danger Of Spiritual Drift

That is why when people stop coming to church, other things follow.

When they stop studying the Bible, when they stop reading the Word, when they become too busy for God, when they become too busy for church, when they begin to find fault with church, find fault with brethren, and find fault with everybody—then they begin to stay away. Other things will follow:

Bitterness will erupt. Hatred against those who go to church will rise. “They are all hypocrites,” they begin to say.

Then lawlessness sets in:

“I can do anything I want. I am not under anybody’s control. Nobody can tell me what to do.”

That is why D. L. Moody said, *The Bible will keep you from iniquity, and iniquity will also keep you from the Bible*. Whatever you do, never be out of touch with truth. This is root number nine of character challenge.

Existence In A Fallen World

Number ten is existence in a world of corruption and depravity. We live in a world that is wired for corruption and depravity.

Romans 8:20–21 says the creation was made subject to vanity—not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope that the creation itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

From the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

God made man in His image. He made the earth as a reflection of Heaven. But when man fell, everything under his jurisdiction fell with him. Everything lost order. Everything became out of course. The earth is out of course.

The Reality Of Depravity In Creation

Wickedness and lawlessness are evident everywhere. Even in creation, we see brutality: The lion hunting prey. The eagle striking its target. Animals feeding on one another.

But this was not the original order. In the beginning, when creation was under divine harmony, love pervaded everywhere. That is why Scripture says that in restoration, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and the wolf shall dwell with the lamb.

The Restoration Of Creation

Isaiah 11 describes a restored order:

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb.

The leopard shall lie down with the goat.

The calf and the young lion shall feed together.

A little child shall lead them.

The lion shall not destroy; it shall eat straw like the ox.

This is the regeneration of creation.

But now, we live in a world where depravity is evident. Kidnapping. Violence. Extortion. Bloodshed. Wickedness without restraint. A man is kidnapped and ransom is demanded. And even after payment, there is no guarantee of release. This is the bondage of corruption.

Even nature itself shows the effects of corruption: Mosquitoes causing disease. Invisible bacteria taking lives. Creation is no longer in original harmony. This is why Romans 8:19 says the earnest expectation of creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Dealing With Character Challenge

How do we deal with the root of character challenge?

We do the opposite of the root causes. Now let it be summarised in five points:

1. Receive The Life Of God Through New Birth

If you are not yet born again, receive the life of God.

1 Peter 1:23 says, *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

Receive the life of God.

2. Submit To The Will And Plan Of God

Submit your will to God. Romans 6:16 says, *To whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are.*

Surrender your will completely. The will of man must bow to the will of God.

3. Refuse The Leadership Of The Flesh

Refuse the leadership and lordship of the flesh. Romans 8:5–8 shows that the carnal mind is enmity against God.

The flesh must not rule your life. Present your body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God.

4. Submit To The Leading Of The Spirit

Be led by the Spirit.

Romans 8:13–14 says, *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.* There are moments when the Spirit will warn, redirect, or restrain.

Obey the voice of the Spirit.

5. Avoid Wrong Company And Communication

Proverbs 13:20 says, *He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*

First Corinthians 15:33 says, *Evil communications corrupt good manners.* Avoid wrong company. Avoid wrong communication.

Closing Exhortation

Even the communication you have received tonight has corrected thoughts, corrected lifestyles, and corrected direction.

Rise to your feet.

Give the Lord praise.

Give Him honour. Give Him adoration.

Prayer Declaration

Lord, I receive grace to avoid wrong company and wrong communication.

I submit my life to the leading and leadership of the Holy Spirit.

I refuse the lordship of the flesh.

I submit to the will and plan of God in all things.

In the name of Jesus.

Amen.



About the Speaker

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.

Born in Orokam, Ogbadibo LGA of Benue State, Nigeria, Dr. Enenche founded the Dunamis International Gospel Centre on November 10, 1996, beginning with a small gathering in Abuja. From those humble beginnings, the ministry has grown into a global work with branches across Nigeria and many parts of the world.

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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