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## **Foreword**

*It is with a deep sense of responsibility and spiritual sobriety that I present this message in written form to the body of Christ and to every reader who will engage it.*

*This is not merely a transcript of a sermon; it is a preserved prophetic warning and a practical guide to destiny preservation. Within these pages is a clear unveiling of how character—whether positive or negative—quietly determines the outcome of a man’s life, destiny, and spiritual journey.*

*The subject handled in this message is both timeless and urgent. It confronts realities that are often overlooked in contemporary Christian experience: the silent power of strife, the hidden danger of pride, the subtle destruction in dishonesty, the devastating end of rebellion, and the irreversible consequences of betrayal and covetousness. These are not abstract ideas; they are spiritual forces that have shaped the rise and fall of men across generations.*

*At the same time, this message also brings light to the preservation power of godly character. Integrity, humility, faithfulness, and consecration are shown not as religious ideals, but as spiritual safeguards for destiny. In a world where compromise is often normalised, this message calls the believer back to the path where life is preserved and purpose is secured.*

*As you read, you will notice that the tone is direct, uncompromising, and deeply scriptural. This reflects the urgency of the truths being communicated. The intention is not to entertain, but to awaken; not to impress, but to correct; not to add information, but to bring transformation.*

*Every section of this book points the reader back to a fundamental truth: character is not optional in the kingdom of God. It is central to preservation. It is the invisible foundation upon which visible destiny is built or destroyed.*

*My prayer is that as you engage this material, light will shine into every area of your life where correction is needed. May grace be released to embrace truth, reject compromise, and walk in the path that leads to life, stability, and fulfilment in God.*

*May the Lord use this message to preserve your steps, strengthen your convictions, and establish your destiny in righteousness.*

*In Christ's service,*

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## ***Main Message***

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## *Opening Welcome And Declarations*

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I welcome everyone here tonight in the precious name of Jesus Christ. I welcome all our youths from across the country. We believe that your life will never remain the same in Jesus' name. We also welcome foreign delegates from across the world. We are happy to see you and to have you in Jesus' name.

Where are you from, sir? From Cameroon. We appreciate you.

We also have members of the Tanzanian Parliament—two of them: Honourable Jelli James T and Honourable Christiana Mava. We appreciate you. We met with them in our trip to Tanzania, and we shall be in Tanzania shortly in Dar es Salaam again for a massive crusade. You are welcome. God bless you.

Give the Lord the praise as they take their seats.

## *Preservation Service And Monthly Theme*

Tonight is our preservation service, and we are going to deal with a very important subject. The month is titled: **Light Has Come and Glory Is Risen Through Positive Character.**

It was by virtue of positive character that Joseph became what he became. He shined by positive character. Daniel became what he became by positive character. That is the theme of the month.

However, tonight, in order for us to experience the preservation power of positive character, we must consider the destructive power of negative character. To experience preservation, a man must avoid destruction.

That is correct and accurate.

If a person must experience preservation, they must escape destruction. That is why we are considering this subject: **The Destructive Power of Negative Character.**

## *Objective Of The Message*

Our objective is twofold:

1. To understand the destructive power of negative character.
2. To understand the preservation power of positive character.

We begin by understanding the destructive power of negative character.

## ***Scriptural Foundation***

**Proverbs 11:3 (KJV)** says:

“The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.”

The integrity of the upright shall guide them and cause them to escape destruction, but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

Scripture makes it abundantly clear that positive character preserves, while negative character destroys.

Positive character preserves. Negative character destroys.

# **People Preserved And Destroyed By Character**

Examples abound in Scripture of people destroyed by negative character, and those preserved by positive character.

We shall begin with examples of those destroyed by negative character.

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## **Lot: Destroyed By Strife, Greed, And Disrespect For Authority**

Lot lost his life and destiny on the platform of strife, greed, and lack of value for authority. God called Abraham, not Lot. Yet Abraham took Lot with him.

Because Lot followed Abraham, he also became rich. But when wealth entered his hands, strife entered his heart. Strife arose between the herdsmen of Abraham and the herdsmen of Lot. Abraham said, "Let there be no strife between us... separate yourself from me."

Lot lifted up his eyes and saw the well-watered plains of Jordan, even like the garden of the Lord. And he chose for himself. That decision became his greatest mistake. When you leave your covering, your covering leaves you. Lot moved into contention, competition, and bitterness against his uncle.

Instead of humility, he chose advantage. Instead of honour, he chose gain. But he did not know that the land he chose was already marked for destruction. Sodom and Gomorrah were already appointed for judgment. In the end, everything Lot laboured for was consumed overnight. He escaped with his life, but lost everything else.

He left with regret, and his family line was corrupted. This is what strife, greed, and disrespect for authority can produce. Avoid strife. Avoid contention. Avoid unhealthy competition. Avoid greed. Avoid disrespect for authority. Do not bite the fingers that fed you. Do not kick away the ladder that lifted you.

## **The Amalekite: Destroyed By Lies And False Impression**

Another example is the Amalekite who claimed to have killed Saul. Saul actually fell on his own sword in battle. Yet this man came claiming responsibility, presenting himself as the one who killed the king.

He created a false impression.

When David heard it, he mourned deeply. But when the truth was revealed, David said, “How were you not afraid to stretch your hand against the Lord’s anointed?”

And the man was struck down. He died because of his own words. This confirms Scripture:

**Proverbs 18:21 (KJV)** — “Death and life are in the power of the tongue...”

Many people have cut short their destinies through lies and false impressions. A lying tongue destroys destiny. God has declared in His Word that the one who speaks deceit shall not dwell in His house. Lying can terminate a future.

## **Achan: Destroyed By Covetousness, Theft, And Disobedience**

Achan lost his life and his entire family because of covetousness, theft, and deceit. God instructed Israel that everything in Jericho was accursed and must not be taken.

But Achan saw a Babylonian garment, silver, and gold. He coveted them, took them, and hid them. Israel suffered defeat because of his sin. Eventually, the truth was uncovered. Achan confessed: “I have sinned...”

But it was too late.

He and all that belonged to him were destroyed. Covetousness led to theft. Theft led to deception. Deception led to destruction. Beware of covetousness. A man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. What is not yours does not add to you—it removes from you.

The thief does not finish his days.

## **Samson: Destroyed By Compromise And Misplaced Confidence**

Samson lost his destiny on the platform of compromise and careless exposure of secrets. Delilah pressed him until he revealed the secret of his consecration. He told her everything—what should have remained hidden between him and God.

Once his secret was exposed, his strength departed.

The Philistines captured him, blinded him, and reduced him to a spectacle. The strength of Israel became a toy in enemy hands. This shows the danger of speaking too much to the wrong person. Not every ear is safe for your secrets.

Some revelations are strictly between you and God. Samson's downfall was not only Delilah—it was his loose tongue and broken consecration. Be careful who you talk to. Be careful what you reveal. A strange voice can destroy a strong destiny.

If you want a guaranteed future, avoid strife, bitterness, greed, lies, theft, and compromised relationships. Negative character does not build destiny—it destroys it.

Do you hear what **Proverbs 13:3 (KJV)** says?

“He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.”

He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life, but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

Wow.

Everything is in the Bible. He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life, but he that opens wide his lips—like Samson—cannot escape destruction. There are questions people ask you, and you simply respond with wisdom: *“Sir, I am not able to answer this now.”*

In politeness.

When are you travelling? When will you leave? At times, people even ask: “Has the crusade finished? Are you on your way?”

Why should I announce my movement?

Even in churches, someone says: “Where is the pastor?”

“He has travelled.”

“He is on his way.”

Who sent you? What is your assignment?

There is no such job description anywhere. Too much talking. Talking unnecessary things. Saying what does not need to be said. I saw someone seated waiting. He said, “I want to see you.”

So I said, “You see me... so what?”

There are things that must not be over-explained.

Let us read together:

“He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.”

Somebody shout: **God forbid!**

That was how Samson lost his life—through excessive speech and exposure to the wrong person.

## **Absalom: Destroyed By Pride, Disloyalty, And Rebellion**

Number five example is Absalom. Absalom lost his life and destiny through pride, disloyalty, and rebellion. He was very handsome. Once a year, they cut his hair. He had remarkable beauty.

Then pride entered.

He decided he should be king instead of his father. See Absalom’s operation in **2 Samuel 15:1–6**.

He prepared chariots, horses, and fifty men to run before him. He stood by the gate. Whenever people came to seek judgment from the king, Absalom intercepted them.

He would ask, “Where are you from?”

Then he would say, “Your matter is good and right, but there is no man appointed by the king to hear you.”

He created dissatisfaction with authority. He would say, “Oh that I were made judge in the land...”

He positioned himself as an alternative authority. And so he stole the hearts of Israel. That is disloyalty—the stealing of loyalty from rightful authority. First pride. Then disloyalty. Then rebellion. He eventually rose against his father. Anytime a man begins to lose respect for authority, destruction is near.

## **The End Of Absalom**

In battle, Absalom met the servants of David. He rode on a mule, and as the mule went under a thick oak, his head caught in the tree. He was suspended between heaven and earth. Heaven rejected him. Earth rejected him.

The mule beneath him ran away. That is what happens when pride is in motion—support systems disappear. A soldier reported his position, but refused to kill him. Joab stepped in and struck him with three darts.

Absalom died.

Pride, rebellion, and disloyalty destroyed him.

## *Scriptural Warning On Pride*

### **Proverbs 16:18 (KJV)**

“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.”

### **Proverbs 18:12 (KJV)**

“Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.”

When destruction is near, arrogance appears first. When honour is near, humility appears first.

## *Rebellion Explained*

### **1 Samuel 15:23 (KJV)**

“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft...”

Rebellion equals witchcraft in spiritual consequence.

### **Exodus 22:18 (KJV)**

“Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.”

Meaning rebellion carries the same consequence.

## *The Rebellious And Their End*

### **Psalm 68:6 (KJV)**

“But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.”

Rebellion dries up destiny.

## **Judas Iscariot: Destroyed By Theft And Betrayal**

Judas Iscariot lost his life and destiny through consistent theft and betrayal. He was a thief.

He carried the bag and stole what was placed inside. He betrayed the Master. He asked: “What will you give me?” and sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

He used the sign of love to deliver betrayal. He kissed the Master and betrayed Him.

When he saw what happened, he repented himself.

He brought back the money.

But it was too late.

He threw down the silver and went and hanged himself.

That was the end of Judas.

## ***Final Warning On Negative Character***

A consistent thief has no future.

A confirmed betrayer has no destiny.

A man who sells trust destroys his own future.

There are people who follow you and later destroy you.

There are people who know your secrets and use them against you.

May God deliver you from Judas.

## **Positive Character Preserves Life**

Positive character preserves life.

Two examples:

### ***Daniel: Preserved By Integrity***

Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself. They sought fault in him but found none. He was faithful, without error or fault. He was thrown into the lions' den, but the lions had no power over him.

Integrity preserves life.

# **Paul The Apostle: Preserved Through Faithfulness**

Paul said: “We behaved ourselves holily, justly, and unblameably...”

He endured persecutions, beatings, imprisonments, and dangers. Yet none of these destroyed him until his time. It pays to maintain positive character. It costs to live in negative character. Secure your destiny and prolong your days through positive character.

## **Deuteronomy 6:24 (KJV)**

“The Lord commanded us to do all these statutes... for our good always, that he might preserve us alive...”

Live right for your good.

## ***Closing Charge***

Receive grace to deny ungodliness and negative character.

## **Titus 2:11–12 (KJV)**

The grace of God teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts.

Grace to say no to lying.

Grace to say no to stealing.

Grace to say no to bitterness.

Grace to say no to rebellion.

Grace to say no to disloyalty.

Grace to say no to the strange woman.

Grace to say no to negative character.

Receive that grace.



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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.

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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