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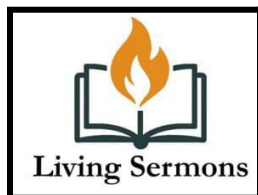
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Foreword

There are messages that do not merely inform the mind; they confront the foundations of how a believer lives in the world. This manuscript is one of such messages.

In this teaching, the preacher draws a necessary line between spirituality and responsibility, between church activity and national impact, and between personal devotion and public influence. It is a clarion call to believers to mature beyond inward expression of faith into outward demonstration of kingdom relevance.

At its core, this message restores balance. It challenges extremes that have often weakened the witness of the Church—whether in withdrawal from societal responsibility or in neglect of spiritual discipline. Here, both dimensions are brought into harmony: prayer and productivity, holiness and intelligence, worship and work, consecration and competence.

The emphasis is clear and urgent: the advancement of God’s Kingdom is not abstract—it is carried through individuals who understand responsibility. Families, nations, systems, and institutions are all placed within the scope of divine expectation for believers who will rise as salt and light in every sphere.

May every reader encounter a renewed sense of assignment, and may the Spirit of God stir within us both the will and the grace to faithfully play our part in the advancement of His Kingdom.

— *Wisdom Epsi*
Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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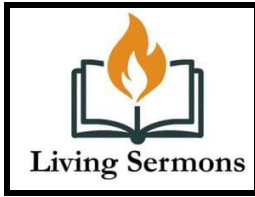
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Main Message

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Opening Worship and Thanksgiving

Thank You for today. Thank You because You are God—God all by Yourself.

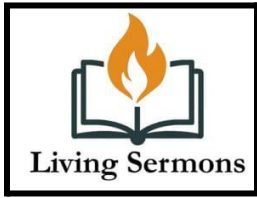
Someone lift your hands and thank Him. Lift your hands and praise Him. Lift your hands and worship Him. He is the God of all flesh; there is nothing too hard for You to do. One generation declares Your name to another. From everlasting to everlasting, You are God. Lord, we bless You.

With your hands lifted and your voice raised—unto the King eternal, unto the King immortal, unto the King invisible, the only wise God, the Captain of our salvation—lift your voice and bless Him.

If I were you, I would pray in the Spirit. I would sing in the Spirit and also in my understanding. Lift your voice and pray in the Spirit for one minute. “I have searched and searched all the earth... and I found there is no one like Him.” That is my testimony—there is no one like You. Ask Him for a mighty encounter tonight:

Father, let the veil from my eyes be lifted so that I will see. Let my ears be open and attentive to hear. Let my heart be inclined to understand. Change me, raise me, build me, refine me, reform me, realign me by the power of Your Word tonight. Let tonight’s service be my service for an encounter—for healing, for lifting, for deliverance.

You are praying. You are connecting yourself to the flow of the mighty things God is already doing. Hallelujah.



Welcome to the Presence of God

Welcome to church. Welcome to the house of God. Welcome to the presence of God.

Welcome to a place where you will be transformed by the power of God's Word. Welcome to the place of intelligence—the place of illumination. Welcome to the place where faith is planted in your spirit, where the haziness about life and destiny is lifted from you—where you are given exactitude and understanding as to the Kingdom, as to life, and your destiny.

For those coming for the first time, you are welcome. God brought you here to change you and to transform you.

For those of us who are part of this fold, it is never something to be taken for granted—every time we are in His presence. The Bible says:

“They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.” — *Psalm 84:7 (KJV)*

Now we have appeared—we must be prepared to go from strength to strength.

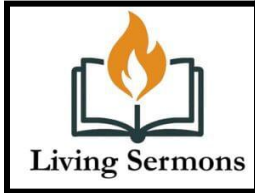
Honour to Guests

We honour and welcome our international guests:

His Excellency, Mr Walde Natangu, High Commissioner of the Republic of Namibia.

Her Excellency, Miss Filda Nani Kereng, High Commissioner of the Republic of Botswana to Nigeria. We are honoured to have you with us.

To everyone who has travelled from far and near, and to our global audience connecting online—we celebrate you. God bless you.



Pillars of a Complete Teaching Ministry

Tonight's teaching feels more like a lecture than a sermon. It is as though we are in a global classroom, delivering a keynote address on a very important subject. To build a thoroughly furnished apostolic community of believers—people who are mature, enlightened, and empowered—the teaching ministry must focus on **four critical areas**.

Many teaching ministries, especially in Africa, are rich in zeal, but we have not fully captured all the dimensions required to produce balanced believers.

The Four Pillars of a Complete Teaching Ministry

1. Doctrine — The Foundation of Faith

Doctrine refers to the **fundamental beliefs of the Christian faith**.

There are non-negotiable truths that define Christianity. We may differ in other areas, but certain foundational truths must be believed for one to be called a Christian. These include truths about God, Christ, sin, salvation, the Church, and eternal judgment.

2. The Principles (Mysteries) of the Kingdom

These are not the same as doctrine. Jesus did not primarily teach doctrine; much of doctrinal teaching came through the Pauline epistles. Jesus focused largely on **the mysteries of the Kingdom**.

He revealed systems, patterns, and ways the Kingdom operates—often contrasting them with the ways of the world. For example, the Beatitudes (Matthew 5) introduced a completely different approach to life and success.

3. Wisdom for Living

This is the dimension that guarantees **efficiency and victory within the world (the cosmos)**. The cosmos extends beyond the church—it includes society, systems, institutions, and human interactions.

A believer may be sound in doctrine and understand Kingdom principles, yet fail in real-life application due to a lack of wisdom for living.

This is where you learn:

- Human nature
- Leadership dynamics
- The law of honour
- Systems of influence

For instance:

Influence follows attention. Wherever attention goes, influence follows. This is not doctrine. It is not even a Kingdom mystery. It is **wisdom for living**.

4. A Word-Compliant Worldview

A worldview is the **lens through which you interpret life**. It shapes your understanding of:

- Justice
- Leadership
- Nation-building
- Responsibility
- Global systems

A Word-compliant worldview means interpreting life through the lens of Scripture—without becoming fanatical or disconnected from reality.

The Danger of Imbalance

Many believers are both **knowledgeable and ignorant at the same time**.

- Some are doctrinally sound but lack practical wisdom—placing them in leadership can lead to failure.
- Others excel in business and leadership but lack spiritual depth and consecration.

A deficiency in any of these four areas produces a **lopsided believer**.

Why This Matters

To raise a vibrant, relevant, and responsible generation of believers, these four dimensions must be intentionally taught:

1. Doctrine
2. Kingdom Principles
3. Wisdom for Living
4. A Word-Compliant Worldview

Without this balance, we risk producing believers who are passionate—but irrelevant.

You cannot raise people beyond your level of understanding. The greatest way to be a blessing is **to grow**. Out of your growth will come the growth of those under your care. Where your understanding is limited, your impact will also be limited—no matter how sincere you are.

Relevance Beyond Church Walls

We live in a global, interconnected world. Within this audience alone, there are:

- Pastors
- Professionals
- Politicians
- International leaders
- People from diverse cultural backgrounds

This is where the teaching ministry must go beyond spirituality and demonstrate **transformation**—the ability to communicate Kingdom truths in ways that influence systems, nations, and cultures.

Because when a leader listens, a nation listens.

The Making of a Complete Believer

Any man who submits himself to be mentored in these four areas becomes a champion—one whose relevance cannot fade. This is the pattern:

- Doctrine
- Kingdom Principles
- Wisdom for Living
- A Word-Compliant Worldview

As you are trained across these dimensions repeatedly, like a furnace refining gold, something begins to happen:

You become a **spiritually vibrant, responsible, and thoroughly furnished believer**—whose influence extends beyond church walls.

If we ignore this pattern, we will produce a generation of believers who are disconnected from their world. This is already happening. There is a rising generation where even two young people of the same age cannot communicate effectively—because of a divergence in worldview.

And those young people... are our children. We now live in a world where almost everything is being redefined.

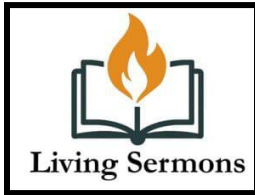
A Call to a Kingdom Worldview

It is important that believers are cultured to have a global, yet Kingdom-compliant worldview.

My prayer for you tonight, in the name of Jesus, is that these submissions—our discussions and this presentation—will build you, so that you step further into becoming a confident, vibrant, and robust believer who is not only prepared to live victoriously and serve the purposes of the Kingdom, but also to be relevant in your world.

If that is you, shout a loud believing amen.

Amen.



Introduction to the Teaching

Let us go straight to our discussion. I intended for this teaching to be a single session, but from the depth of study, it has become a two-part series. Tonight, we begin:

Church and State – Part One (*Impact Beyond Church Walls*)

I want to teach you how the Church can be impactful beyond the church walls. For those following online, gather everyone—pastors, politicians, professionals. Tell them God wants to speak to them.

Whether you are a Christian or not—Muslims, freethinkers, philosophers—you are welcome. Tonight's service is for you. Let us learn the ways of the Kingdom.

The Identity of the Believer: Salt and Light

Let us begin with Scripture:

“Ye are the salt of the earth...” — *Matthew 5:13 (KJV)*

This is not a comparison—it is a declaration. You are not *like* salt; you are **the salt of the earth**.

Understanding the Nature of Salt

There are key truths about salt:

1. **Salt can lose its savour**

It is possible to be authentic salt, yet lose the capacity to influence.

2. **It is never too late to add salt**

Even when a meal is already served, salt can still restore its taste.

3. **Salt adds value and taste**

It brings relevance and meaning.

4. **Salt preserves**

It prevents decay and corruption.

This means the Church is designed to remain perpetually relevant—never declining, never losing influence.

Yet Scripture warns:

“But if the salt have lost his savour... it is thenceforth good for nothing...” —
Matthew 5:13 (KJV)

The Second Identity: Light

“Ye are the light of the world... A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.” —
Matthew 5:14 (KJV)

You are not *a* light—you are **the light**. You are not merely a member; you are **a city**—a system of influence.

“Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel...” — *Matthew 5:15 (KJV)*

Anything that suppresses your influence is abnormal.

“Let your light so shine before men...” — *Matthew 5:16 (KJV)*

The word *let* means: permit, allow, do not restrain. Your light must shine before **all men**—across cultures, nations, and boundaries.

Light does not need to be everywhere to impact everywhere. From one point, it illuminates an entire space. In the same way, you can be in one nation, yet your influence reaches others.

You are light.

Two Classifications of Believers

Believers are classified in two ways:

1. By Identification (Oneness with Christ)

- Joint heirs with Christ
- Raised with Christ
- Seated with Christ

This reveals your identity.

2. By Function (Assignment and Responsibility)

- Salt
- Light
- Ambassadors
- Kings and priests
- Witnesses

These are not just identities—they are **calls to duty**.

Understanding the Concept of the Church

To properly discuss Church and State, we must define the Church. Clarity of language is essential, especially when speaking to a global audience.

Biblical Foundation of the Church

“Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” — *Matthew 16:18 (KJV)*

The Church is built upon the revelation of Christ. Other scriptural expressions of the Church include:

“The mountain of the house of the Lord...” — *Micah 4:1–2 (KJV)*

“The household of God...” — *Ephesians 2:19 (KJV)*

“An holy temple in the Lord...” — *Ephesians 2:21 (KJV)*

Three Definitions of the Church

1. The Church as a Spiritual Strategy

The Church is not primarily a building—it is a **spiritual strategy**. “Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war...” — *Jeremiah 51:20 (KJV)*

The Church is God’s instrument for advancing His purposes on earth.

- God’s strategy for revival
- God’s strategy for restoration
- God’s strategy for salvation
- God’s strategy for nation-building

When God wants to act, He uses the Church.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves...” — *2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)*

When things go wrong, God calls the Church—not the government. The condition of a nation is tied to the condition of the Church. You are God’s strategy.

2. The Church as Believers in Christ

The Church is the **collective body of believers**. Not a building—but people in Christ.

“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house...” — *1 Peter 2:5 (KJV)*

“We, being many, are one body in Christ...” — *Romans 12:5 (KJV)*

Wherever believers gather—whether in a building, marketplace, or parliament—that is the Church.

3. The Church as an Institution

The Church is also an **institution** with societal relevance.

“The church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” — *1 Timothy 3:15 (KJV)*

The Church carries the responsibility of preserving and communicating truth.

- If governments seek truth, they should find it in the Church.
- If businesses seek truth, they should find it in the Church.

The Church must never become a place of falsehood. It is the **pillar and ground of truth**, mandated to preserve truth across generations. Many times in Scripture, especially in the Old Testament, when God moved in a certain way, He instructed leaders to build monuments, offer sacrifices, and establish memorials.

These were not mere rituals—they were **institutions of remembrance**. God would say, “*When your children ask...*”, you would recount how He revealed Himself. These became memorials to all generations. This is why the Church is:

The pillar and the ground of truth.

The Church as an Assembly

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...” — *Hebrews 10:25 (KJV)*

The Church is also the **assembly of believers**—beyond buildings and structures. It is a gathering that provokes:

- Love
- Good works
- Encouragement

The Pattern of the Early Church

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship...” —
Acts 2:42–47 (KJV)

The early Church demonstrated:

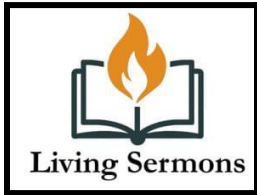
- Commitment to doctrine
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Unity
- Generosity
- Daily communion

“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” — *Acts 2:47 (KJV)*

A Summary of the Church

The Church is:

1. **A Spiritual Strategy** — God’s instrument on earth
2. **A People** — Believers in Christ (the Body of Christ)
3. **An Institution** — A custodian of truth and relevance



The Declining Relevance of the Church in Society

Let us now consider a critical subject:

The Declining Relevance of the Church

It is a paradox.

There has never been a time with:

- So many churches
- So many preachers
- So many programmes

Across Africa and globally, church activities are increasing. Yet, it appears that **the influence of the Church beyond its walls is declining**. There is a growing perception—especially among younger generations—that the Church is becoming obsolete, like a typewriter in a digital age.

A Global Observation

In parts of the West:

- Many still believe in God
- But no longer believe in the Church

Some statistics suggest that a significant number of people believe in God but have disengaged from church entirely.

Why?

Many testify that:

- They sat under teachings for years
- Yet those teachings did not translate into victory in real life

As a result, disappointment set in.

A Generational Shift

There is a generation rising that:

- Attends entertainment events
- Engages in global conversations
- Participates in innovation and technology

But increasingly sees **no need for church**. This must not continue.

In the name of Jesus, the Church will not go down.

Understanding the Problem

This is not about God's relevance. God remains sovereign. But the **perception of the Church's relevance in society is declining**. Governments, institutions, and systems are gradually disengaging from the Church as a contributor to:

- Nation-building
- Policy
- Societal transformation

Reasons for the Declining Relevance of the Church

1. The Decline in Moral Character Among Ministers

The first major reason is the **character disposition of ministers**. A decline in:

- Integrity
- Moral excellence
- Personal discipline

Repeated moral failures at a visible scale have weakened trust. Influence is governed by laws—and one of the greatest is **trust**. People will not give you:

- Their attention
- Their loyalty
- Their followership

Until they trust:

- Your authenticity
- Your integrity
- Your relevance

Trust is not declared—it is **demonstrated**. The loyalty of a generation is a report card of your character. Consider Jesus gathering 5,000 men—excluding women and children. They stayed with Him for days, even in hunger. That level of followership was not accidental. It was a product of **trust**.

2. Poor Quality of Sermons and Teachings

The second major reason is the **low quality of teachings from the pulpit**.

This includes:

- Lack of depth
- Lack of relevance
- Lack of practical application

The power of transformation lies in the **quality of teaching**. Balanced, Scripture-based, life-applicable teaching produces:

- Mature believers
- Responsible leaders
- Relevant individuals

But poor teaching produces the opposite. People may love you—but they will leave if your message no longer serves their growth. There is still much work to be done in:

- The content of sermons
- The structure of teachings
- The balance of spiritual instruction

Many conflicts in the Body arise because:

- Some emphasise doctrine alone
- Others emphasise success and worldview
- Others focus only on Kingdom principles

This creates competition instead of completion.

The Danger of Imbalance

Teaching only doctrine is dangerous. It may produce:

- Consecrated people
- Yet ineffective in society

To raise a complete believer, all four dimensions must be present:

1. Doctrine
2. Kingdom principles
3. Wisdom for living
4. A Word-compliant worldview

So, the poor quality of our sermons and teachings... and many of these sermons do not come from wicked people. Please, do not get me wrong. Not every man of God is wicked. Not every man of God intends to deceive or mislead. But sometimes we are limited by the structure of our own mentorship and understanding.

Are we together?

You cannot raise a people beyond your level of transformation. You can never raise a people beyond your level of enlightenment. And when I speak of enlightenment, I do not mean becoming more Western. I mean becoming more Word-compliant.

3. The Third Reason: Inefficient Believers

Number three: the inefficiency of the witnesses produced from faulty or incomplete teachings. The inefficiency of the witnesses—our products—the believers who emerge from our systems, reflecting fanaticism, imbalance, inaccurate understanding, and a poor worldview.

Let me repeat that.

The third reason for the declining relevance of the church in society is the inefficiency of the witnesses—the by-products of our teachings, seminars, conventions, and prophetic programmes. After years of teaching, praying, and shouting, it seems the quality of believers produced is largely inefficient.

They reflect fanaticism instead of passion.

They reflect imbalance instead of truth.

They reflect defeat instead of victory.

They reflect irresponsibility.

With all due respect, many broken homes today are homes of Christians. Many lawless children come from Christian families. Many corrupt individuals in society are churchgoers.

It means something is wrong.

Foundational Institutions of Society

There are at least three foundational institutions that shape society:

1. The family
2. The educational system (schools)
3. The church

And if we add a fourth:

4. Government

Every time society falls into decadence, these are the institutions to examine.

The first revelation of God should come from the home. The relationship between father and mother should model God's love. When that fails, God looks to schools. When schools fail, God looks to the church.

And the church is the most potent of all—because it intersects both family and education.

A Call to Responsibility

Parents, invest in your children—not only academically but morally. An educated but corrupt child is not a blessing; it is a danger. Attend meetings. Ask questions. Be present.

Men, be good men. Women, be good women.

The Power and Danger of the Word

The church carries immense responsibility. Many people are shaped almost entirely by what they hear from the pulpit throughout their lives. Pray for ministers. Do not just honour them—pray for them. That they may not destroy destinies using the Bible. Because the Bible is powerful. It can build, and it can destroy—depending on who uses it and how it is interpreted.

The Word must be rightly divided.

Integrity and Skill

The Bible says:

“He shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.” (Psalm 78:72, KJV)

It takes both sincerity and skill. You can have a good heart and still lack the capacity to lead effectively. Everything hate can do, love can do also. Love can build—but love can also destroy if not guided by wisdom. There are people who were over-loved into irresponsibility. Love without discipline can produce disaster.

It takes love and capacity to produce results.

The Chain of Influence

Family.

School.

Church.

Government.

Every leader in government passed through these systems. That is why the quality of believers matters. If the “product” is defective, society suffers.

A Call for Balanced Transformation

If our sermons are corrected, balanced, and upgraded, they will produce:

- Refined believers
- Spiritually vibrant people
- Enlightened minds
- Responsible citizens
- Nation builders

Transformation begins from the pulpit—but it must be holistic.

Summary of the Decline

The reasons for the declining relevance of the church:

1. Moral failure of ministers
2. Poor quality of sermons (content and delivery)
3. Inefficient believers produced from faulty teachings

The Problem of Imbalance

We now have different “hybrids” of Christians:

- Those who are doctrinally sound but lack worldview
- Those who are exposed but lack consecration
- Those who are neither grounded nor growing

None of these groups is entirely wrong—but all are incomplete. And when imbalance meets pride, people build walls around their limitations. The result? Poor representation of Christ in society.

A Prophetic Hope

But I believe God is doing something. God is breaking down these walls. God is restoring balance. God is raising a generation that is:

- Spiritually grounded
- Intellectually sound
- Morally upright
- Societally relevant

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

God is breaking down those walls so that there will be a mixing of truth—not a corruption of it—but a blending in its right proportions, producing balance and power.

And I believe with all my heart that in this generation, God will raise believers who will be an accurate portrait of the kind of believer He died for.

If that describes you, shout Amen.

A Cry for Balance and Depth

“Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders;
let me walk upon the waters wherever You will call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander,
and my faith will be made stronger in Your presence.”

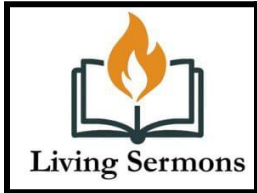
We are tired of excellence without godliness, and godliness without knowledge. We are tired of imbalance. We are tired of a consecrated believer who is not a reformer. Revival is not built on one dimension alone. Elijah is not enough. Daniel is not enough. Joseph is not enough.

It takes a complete expression of God’s purposes.

Until you see God’s programme from a higher perspective, you may not understand the damage caused by imbalance. You can literally programme people for defeat through incomplete truth. Balance is a miracle.

Having examined the decline, we must now consider restoration. There must be a clear, Scripture-based pathway that leads the Church back to relevance, influence, and impact.

This is the heart of the matter.



The First Miracle: The Humility of Pastors

One of the greatest miracles needed in the Church today is not signs and wonders—it is the humility of pastors. If pastors can truly humble themselves, it will account for the majority of transformation within the Body. Pride has stood like a wall, limiting growth and punishing generations.

Authenticity does not reduce honour—it increases it. There must be a willingness to say:

“I did not see this clearly before, but I am learning.”

This is strength, not weakness. Pride resists correction. Humility attracts growth. If you do not understand a dimension—whether finances, leadership, consecration, or prayer—do not trivialise it. Learn. Honour those who know. Grow in it.

A lecturer can still be a student. That is not an insult—it is wisdom. Pride in leadership has caused unnecessary delays in the lives of many believers. What could be learnt in minutes is stretched into decades. The tragedy is not ignorance—it is refusing to learn.

Sometimes, ministry becomes a place of identity and validation, and growth is sacrificed to preserve an image of invincibility. But true leadership requires continual learning.

The First Key to Restoration

There must be a **threefold restoration within the priesthood**:

1. Restoration of Character (Moral Excellence)

Integrity must return to the pulpit. A blameless life is foundational.

2. Broadness of Knowledge

Knowledge must go beyond doctrine alone. It must include:

- The mysteries of the Kingdom
- Wisdom for living
- Leadership and life principles
- A Word-compliant worldview

No more narrowness. No more imbalance.

3. Restoration of Supernatural Power

We must not produce only intellectual believers. The supernatural is essential. Power is necessary to confront real spiritual challenges.

Scripture (KJV):

“Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life...” (*Philippians 2:14–16*)

The Second Key: Upgrade the Quality of Teaching

There must be a serious upgrade in both:

- **Content**, and
- **Method of teaching**

Teachings must capture:

- Doctrine
- Kingdom principles
- Wisdom for living
- A Word-compliant worldview

For some, this requires balance. For others, addition or subtraction. For some, a complete change of approach.

The Science of Communication

Preaching is not just spiritual—it is also intellectual.

There is:

- A theology of communicating truth
- A science of transferring knowledge
- A psychology of influence

People do not retain most of what they hear instantly. This means teaching must be intentional, structured, and strategic. It is not enough for people to nod in agreement—the truth must enter, remain, and transform.

The true value of wisdom is not in hearing it—but in using it. Wisdom proves itself by producing:

- Superior decisions
- Right actions
- Victorious outcomes

If truth does not influence your decisions, it has not fulfilled its purpose. Wisdom must become a lens through which you think, decide, and act.

Upgrading the Quality and Method of Teaching

There needs to be an upgrade in the quality of teachings and the method of teachings from our pulpits so that they capture doctrine—the foundational truths of the Christian faith—strengthening the foundations of believers. They must also capture the principles and mysteries of the Kingdom, impart wisdom for living within the world, and ultimately give believers a Word-compliant worldview.

Let me explain what this means.

When we say *justice*, when we say *equity*, when we say *prosperity*, when we say *advancement*, all believers should think in similar ways. Their understanding should be shaped by the Word of God. But when these terms produce widely different interpretations, it reveals a lack of unified training from the pulpit.

For example, if I pray and say, “In the name of Jesus, may God prosper you this week,” a properly disciplined believer should already understand that this is not a licence for materialism, nor a substitute for responsibility, nor a shortcut through prophecy. It assumes a mindset that combines faith with action—like Nehemiah, holding a sword in one hand and working with the other.

But sadly, many believers today reflect the teachings they have received:

- One says, “I will take care of my family purely by the works of my hands—prayer is unnecessary.”
- Another says, “Prophecy will provide everything.”
- Another abandons responsibility entirely.

Now imagine such individuals occupying positions of influence in society—governors, judges, leaders. The result would be confusion and dysfunction. People deliver according to what they believe.

This is why the quality of teaching matters.

A believer who is only taught that wealth comes through tithing and giving, without understanding productivity, skill, and wisdom, may be sincere—but will be limited and frustrated.

Redefining Service to God

Preaching is not the only way to serve God. This is a dangerous misconception. Many have been conditioned to believe that spiritual passion must lead to the pulpit. It is not so. There are inventors who should be solving problems but are struggling to preach. There are leaders who should be shaping policy but are misplaced behind pulpits.

Service to God includes:

- Being a kingdom financier
- Serving in government
- Raising a godly family
- Excelling in career and industry

All are valid expressions of Kingdom service. Until we restore honour to these expressions, we will continue to overcrowd the pulpit and neglect other vital areas of influence.

Many people step into ministry not by calling, but by pressure and misunderstanding. When they later discover the absence of grace, pride keeps them from stepping back. The result is frustration—and sometimes, damage to others.

If you are not called to the pulpit, you are not inferior. You are positioned elsewhere for impact.

The Third Key: From Prayer to Action

Believers must be trained not only to comment on issues or pray about them—but to actively engage in solving them. Prayer is foundational, but it is not the conclusion.

Do not see societal decay and respond only with complaints. Prayer should produce wisdom, and wisdom should produce action.

If there is corruption—act.

If there is immorality—intervene.

If there is poverty—create solutions.

Start something. Take responsibility. Daniel prayed, but he also acted with excellence, rising to positions of influence. We must raise believers who are both spiritually vibrant and practically effective.

It is not enough to say, “Nigeria is bad.”

Believers are called to be solutions.

- If young people are struggling, create opportunities.
- If society is decaying, initiate reforms.
- If families are failing, rebuild structures at home.

Talking changes nothing. Action does. You earn the right to speak when you are contributing to change.

Correcting the Definition of Impact

Not every zeal must end at the pulpit.

A prayerful businessman is powerful. A prophetic mother is impactful. A righteous politician is a witness. A disciplined professional is a light. We must redefine success and impact. Do not look down on those outside the pulpit. The Kingdom advances through diverse roles working together.

The Principle of Strategic Placement

The Kingdom operates like an army:

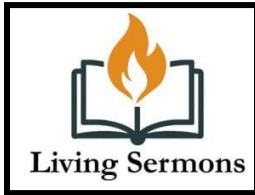
- Some are on the frontlines
- Some provide resources
- Some offer intelligence
- Some handle logistics

All are essential. Not everyone will preach—but everyone has a role. Media teams, financiers, intercessors, leaders, educators—all contribute to the same mission. To elevate one role above all others creates imbalance and weakens the system.

A Call to Alignment

Preaching is not the only way to serve God. Giving is service. Excellence in career is service. Innovation is service. Leadership is service.

As this end-time army rises, may you find your place. For those called to the pulpit—receive grace for faithfulness. For those in business—receive empowerment for impact. For parents—receive grace to raise godly generations. For educators—receive strength to shape minds with truth.



The Urgency of Excellence, Responsibility, and Nation Building

There must be a visible manifestation of excellence among believers—across every sphere of influence. Not just in words, but in results that speak.

When people see a well-tailored outfit, let it be said, “*A believer made this.*”

When systems work efficiently, let it be traced back to kingdom values.

When governance reflects integrity, let it be known that such men learned discipline, not just in institutions, but from the house of God.

This is the testimony we must produce.

Excellence as a Witness

Not a Christianity that excuses failure, but one that confronts it.

“I will not deny you, but I will rebuke you.”

This is the balance—love with accountability.

Make up your mind:

- To pray like your life depends on it
- To fast like your life depends on it
- To study like your life depends on it
- To build character, leadership, and competence with the same intensity

This is the making of an apostolic people. A people who are not only spiritually alive—but mentally sound, professionally competent, and morally grounded.

Beyond Complaints: The Call to Action

Nigeria is full of believers, yet much of the expression has been reduced to:

- Complaining
- Criticising
- Observing from a distance

But the Kingdom does not advance through commentary—it advances through responsibility. Church is not the only platform for Kingdom expression. There is a generation rising:

- Whose worship will be heard in offices
- Whose influence will be felt in industries
- Whose values will shape systems beyond church walls

This is that generation.

Spirituality That Produces Solutions

Do not reduce spirituality to activity without outcome. If you pray in the Spirit—what ideas came out of it?

- Where are the innovations?
- Where are the solutions?
- Where are the systems that improve lives?

Let your spirituality translate into:

- Housing solutions
- Food security systems
- Job creation platforms
- Economic transformation

Spiritual power must produce tangible value.

The Discipline of Responsibility

Many societal problems persist not because solutions don't exist—but because responsibility is avoided.

It is easy to talk. It is harder to act. You cannot:

- Neglect your home and fix a nation
- Fail in parenting and lead a people
- Avoid responsibility and demand change

National transformation begins with personal responsibility.

There is a serious concern about declining intellectual and moral standards. The response is not panic—it is intentional training. Churches must:

- Go beyond preaching
- Build training systems
- Develop minds
- Equip professionals
- Raise thinkers, not just listeners

A strong nation is built on trained minds, not emotional reactions.

The Danger of Empty Criticism

There is a difference between:

- Constructive correction
- And irresponsible insult

A culture built on constant criticism without contribution will never advance. Focus on your territory:

- Your home
- Your work
- Your influence

Do it well.

Understanding Nation Building

Policies are not just documents—they are belief systems translated into action.

- Justice is a belief
- Corruption is a belief
- Discipline is a belief

And beliefs are formed in hearts—before they are enforced in systems. This is why the Church remains central to nation building.

Because it shapes:

- Values
- Convictions
- Character

The Real Starting Point

Every national problem can be traced back:

- Nation → Region → State → Community → Family

If families are fixed, communities improve.

If communities improve, states stabilise.

If states stabilise, nations rise.

Transformation is built from the inside out.

No single leader can fix a nation. That idea has failed repeatedly in history. True transformation requires:

- Collective responsibility
- Distributed excellence
- Personal accountability

Every individual matters.

The Power of Personal Conviction

Reformation begins with a decision:

“I will not be corrupt.”

“I will be responsible.”

When enough individuals make this commitment, systems begin to change.

A Call to Africa

Unity is strength. Division weakens progress. We must reject:

- Tribalism
- National hostility
- Inferiority and rivalry

And embrace collaboration across nations. A stronger Africa is built when:

- Nigeria works with Ghana
- South Africa works with Kenya
- Rwanda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and others align in purpose

We are better together.

Stop complaining about leadership. Start raising leaders.

- Create training systems
- Mentor intentionally
- Build capacity

Because while complaints continue, new leaders are already emerging—either prepared or corrupted. The responsibility is ours.

Conclusion: The Mandate Before Us

We are:

- The salt
- The light
- The builders

Not a generation of noise—but a generation of impact.

Not spectators—but participants. Not critics—but solutions. And as long as we are still here, the assignment is still alive.

Our media giants, our arts and entertainment giants—from sports to every sphere—in the name of Jesus, may God bless your minds.

Praise God.

Who made this shirt for you? It is a believer? Look at the competence. Not just identity—competence. Excellence. Whose school is producing such dexterous, obedient, intelligent students? They took it as a vision.

Whose leadership results in a state marked by integrity, excellence, and minimal corruption? And when asked, the answer is clear: *“I learnt the principles from the house of God.”*

The results will speak. Not a believer known for compromise—but one known for excellence. I will not deny you, but I will rebuke you.

The Call to Excellence

Is someone learning?

Make up your mind:

- I will pray like my life depends on it.
- I will fast like my life depends on it.
- I will study the Word like my life depends on it.
- I will build character like my life depends on it.
- I will grow in leadership, family, parenting, and career like my life depends on it.

That is the apostolic family God is raising.

Beyond Church Walls

Church ministry is not the only platform for serving God's purposes. There is a generation coming:

The same worship heard on Sunday will be heard in companies on Monday—because the same people carry it. Their relevance will extend beyond the church walls.

Spirituality Must Produce Solutions

There are believers who will create applications, systems, and innovations. Do not reduce spirituality to activity—translate it into impact. What did the Holy Ghost put in your mind when you prayed?

Show me the solutions that came from your encounters.

- Housing deficits—solve it.
- Food scarcity—solve it.
- Economic gaps—solve it.

Let your spirituality create jobs. Let your spirituality feed families.

The Law of Responsibility

There are people deeply consecrated—and yet excellent in their craft. They do not beg for bread. They understand responsibility. Service in God's house is not a cover for failure—it is an overflow of purpose.

Competence Over Sentiment

Do not patronise incompetence in the name of familiarity. Excellence is the standard. Pray in tongues—but when you rise, carry that anointed mind and produce results.

A Wake-Up Call to the Church

Do not only preach—train.

- Train minds
- Train professionals
- Train leaders

Build systems that shape lives.

Responsibility Before Criticism

Do not make a habit of insulting leaders. Yes, hold them accountable—but understand this: A man failing at home cannot fix a nation.

If you cannot lead one, you cannot lead many.

Nation Building Begins at Home

Every national problem started as:

- A family problem not solved
- A community problem not addressed
- A state problem ignored

Change the family—change the nation.

Policies Begin as Belief Systems

Policies are simply convictions translated into laws.

Justice is a belief system.

Corruption is a belief system.

Integrity is a belief system.

If it is not in the hearts of men, it will not work on paper.

The Church as a Reforming Force

The greatest platform for raising responsible citizens is the church. If we fix what happens within us, we influence what happens around us.

Transformation begins with a decision:

“I will not be corrupt. I will be responsible. So help me God.”

We are better together.

Nigeria plus Ghana.

Nigeria plus South Africa.

Nigeria plus Kenya.

A united Africa is a stronger Africa.

Let love replace prejudice. Let unity replace division.

Balance, Love, and Unity

Say it:

Balance. Love. Unity.

Unity is not uniformity—it is strength in diversity.

Renewing the Mind

Do not generalise:

- Not every leader is corrupt
- Not every wealthy man is fraudulent
- Not every nation is hostile

Renew your perspective.

Raise leaders. Raise reformers. Stop complaining—start building.

The National Pledge

“I pledge to Nigeria, my country,
To be faithful, loyal, and honest.
To serve Nigeria with all my strength,
To defend her unity,
And uphold her honour and glory.
So help me God.”

A Global Prayer

Pray for Africa.

Pray for unity, wisdom, and restoration.

Pray for:

- Leaders
- Systems
- Nations

Pray for the world:

- Europe
- Asia
- The Americas
- The Middle East

That the Church will shine—not just in power, but in solutions.

A New Day

Out of the ashes, a new day is breaking.

A day where:

- The Church is balanced
- The Church is powerful
- The Church is relevant

Final Charge

Pray for one another:

- That character be built
- That wisdom be increased
- That influence extend beyond church walls

Pray for:

- Leaders
- Families
- Education
- The economy

That the Church will truly be salt and light.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Say it:

The advancement of the Kingdom.

Say it again: **The advancement of the Kingdom.**

The advancement of Nigeria.

The advancement of my family.

The advancement of Africa.

The advancement of my destiny.

The advancement of the world—

Depends on me.

I have a role to play. And I obtain grace to play that role.

Say it again:

The advancement of Nigeria.

The advancement of my family.

The advancement of the Kingdom.

The advancement of Africa.

The advancement of my children.

The advancement of my spouse.

The advancement of the Church global—

Depends on me. And I obtain grace to play my role.

The Charge: Be a Nation Builder

Listen to me.

Be a nation builder.

Be a Christian.

Be a responsible individual.

Be a good person.

If it will not edify—don't post it.

If it will destroy—stay away from it.

If it will build—you are invited.

If it demands corruption—reject it. Be guided by conscience.

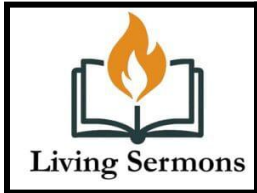
The Pillars That Build Nations

- Empathy
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Justice
- Equity
- Diligence

These build nations. And spiritually:

- Godliness
- Prayerfulness
- Study of the Word
- Faithfulness in God's house

When you merge both, you produce a **refined witness**.



Altar Call

If you love Jesus, your nation, and humanity, then take repentance seriously. You are here, and the Holy Spirit is speaking to your heart. You are saying:

“I heard the Word. I need Jesus.”

Wherever you are—come. Young or old, rich or poor, educated or not—come. Now is the hour of salvation.

Salvation Prayer

With your hands lifted, say:

“Lord Jesus,
Tonight I have heard Your Word.
I love You with all my heart.
I believe You are the Son of God.
I believe You died for my sin.

From tonight,
Jesus is my Saviour, my Lord, and my King.

I declare that the power of sin,
Satan, hell, and the grave
Is broken over my life.

From tonight,
I am a child of God.
I go forward ever and backward never.

Amen.”

Prayer of Blessing Over New Believers

Father, thank You for these precious ones. Their sins are forgiven. They are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. They go forward ever and backward never. The power of sin, Satan, hell, and the grave is broken over their lives. Grace is imparted for victorious living.

Final Charge and Blessing

The Lord bless you.
The Lord bless your week.
The Lord bless your children.
The Lord bless your spouse.
The Lord bless the works of your hands.
The Lord bless your mind.

May you have reason to rejoice this week. May you make progress this week. In the place of prayer, receive ideas. Receive strategies. You will not only be a miracle worker—**You will be a solution provider.** A combination of wisdom and power works in your life. You are a blessing everywhere you go.

Prophetic Declaration

The lines are falling for you in pleasant places.

Go and succeed.

Zaria—blessed.

Abuja—blessed.

UK—blessed.

Canada—blessed.

America—blessed.

Zambia—blessed.

Ghana—blessed.

South Africa—blessed.

Kenya—blessed.

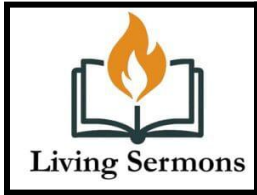
Uganda—blessed.

Africa—blessed.

The 36 states—blessed.

If it will destroy you, may God keep you away from it. If it will cause you pain, may God take you away from it. You will only move in the direction of greatness. You will only move in the direction of glory.

The grave is shut for your sake. You will not be a victim of accidents. Everything you lay your hands upon prospers. You return rejoicing. You return celebrating.

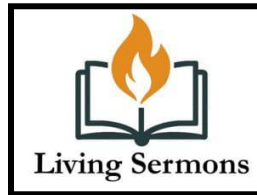


Closing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Rest and abide with us now and forever. Amen.

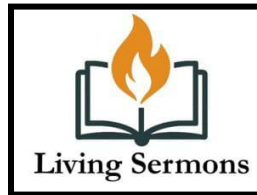
Surely, goodness and mercy follow us
All the days of our lives,
And we dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Amen.



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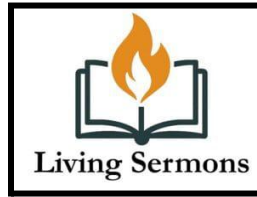
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