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Ergates International Ministry is a Christ-Centered, non-denominational organization committed to fulfilling the great commission through evangelism, discipleship, and ministerial training. Our mission is to raise true disciples of Christ who embody the principle of the Kingdom and are equipped to impact their community with the gospel.



ERGATES INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

We are a group of Christians passionate about bringing unbelievers to the knowledge of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus of our Lord Jesus Christ and helping believers become like Jesus through the teaching of sound Biblical principles and disciples.

EDITORIAL **A NEW SEASON** - BRO. WOLE OWOLABI

Leviticus 26:3-4

If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them, then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

January slipped away like a fleeting sigh, almost too quick to hold. Now February stands before us, carrying with it the quiet thrill of nearness. Something is approaching. The earth knows it. Farmers know it. Seasons always announce themselves first with expectation before they arrive with evidence.

Preparation has begun. Hands are busy, hearts are alert. The sky may still be hard and blue, the ground still dry beneath our feet, but no dry season has ever been permanent. Soon the heavens will open. The first rain will strike the soil, and overnight the land will remember how to live again. Grasses will rise boldly. Trees will clothe themselves in green. God has spoken, and His word is clear, the land will yield its increase.

There is joy even in anticipation. Lovers of roasted corn already smile, knowing that by Abib, around April, the early maize will appear, announcing that the long wait is over and the new season has fully arrived.

Yet God's language of seasons reaches far beyond agriculture. He once said to Abraham, "I will certainly return to you when the season comes round." That word carried time inside it. And when the season arrived, Sarah's laughter broke forth, not the laughter of doubt, but the laughter of



fulfillment. Promise kept. Hope vindicated.

So I rejoice with Abraham. January is behind us. February has welcomed us forward. We are closer now, closer to the promise, closer to the turnaround, closer to the moment God has already scheduled.

As farmers ready their fields, let faith ready its heart. What God has spoken is tied to a season, and that season will arrive. Dust may still cling to our roads. Roofs may yet wear their grey coats. Children may still cough in nearby houses. But even now, the sound of coming rain is already whispering in the spirit.

Let the rains come Lord, right on time.
Let a new season burst forth upon the Sarahs in our midst.
Let mercy fall freely.
Let joy rise early.
Let harvest speak loudly that You have revisited Your people.

Missions & Outreaches



Widows Outreach - Dibe Christian

Ergates International Ministry's Widows Outreach is a program designed to nurture, support, and empower widows, helping them become independent and productive members of the community. This outreach takes place once a month specifically on the first Sunday of every month. It is a vision birthed to care for widows and encourage them to strive for the best despite the challenges that naturally come with widowhood.

Ergates International Ministry has taken it upon itself to ensure that these widows are cared for not only by encouraging them with the Word of God but also by attending to their welfare. The primary purpose of the monthly meetings is to teach the women more about the Bible. We live in a world where even widows are exploited, with religion presented to them instead of Jesus - mountains and valley pilgrimages, taking money from them from the little they have. And because they are vulnerable - being widows with children to care for and limited financial resources - they are easily taken advantage of. We, therefore, embarked on these monthly outreach meetings to teach them the truth about the Gospel. As Scripture says, "My people perish for lack of knowledge."

The Ministry supports widows with interest-free loans to start or grow their businesses, promotes a culture of shaving among them, organizes empowerment programs, and hosts an annual Christmas party where they are celebrated and gifted with food items, clothing, and household essentials.

At the most recent Widows' Christmas Party, over 120 widows were in attendance. This special year-end event is designed to celebrate widows who have committed themselves to being nurtured by God's Word and empowered through

the ministry. The program also featured memorable moments where dedicated attendees were honored with substantial gifts such as clothing, food items, and cash to encourage them further.

All widows present were fed and received general gifts, including financial support to help them during the festive season. It is also important to note that the last meeting attracted more widows than anticipated in our budget. By God's grace, we were able to cater to everyone who attended, and this singular act has strengthened the commitment of both long-time participants and newcomers. God cares for these ones; we can see it in His word in Psalm 68:5, "A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling."

We are confident that in this new year, 2026, Ergates International Ministry's Widows Outreach will experience exponential growth, reaching and empowering even more widows in our community.



Uganda Outreach

Bro. Micheal Olatunji

The Uganda mission trip organized by Ergates International Ministry was a Spirit-led, impactful outreach



that spanned multiple cities and communities, including Kampala, Kawempe, Irundu (Buyende), and Bweyale. The trip was marked by sound teaching, deep convictions, heartfelt repentance, deliverance, and a strong emphasis on true biblical ministry.

From the onset, the Lord went ahead of the team, opening doors among youth leaders, ministers, churches,

families, widows, and children.

Strategic meetings were held with campus youth leaders at the University of Makerere, where the Word of God was shared, impartations were made, and fellowship strengthened, laying a foundation for sustained discipleship and partnership.



Several ministers' conferences were conducted, notably at Trinity Church, God's Love Church, and Bweyale, where ministers were taught on critical themes such as:

- Capacity building in ministry
- Faithfulness and stewardship
- Prayer as a foundation for spiritual growth
- Sexual purity and moral integrity
- Ministry relationships
- Family life and ministry balance
- The sacraments
- Staying delivered and walking in holiness

These sessions were accompanied by seasons of prayer, repentance, impartation, and prophetic intercession. Many ministers testified to renewed clarity, conviction, and a hunger for truth and purity in ministry.

In Buyende (Irundu), the mission took on a strong apostolic and prophetic dimension. The Lord shifted meetings into community-focused gatherings where prayers were made for the land, deliverance was administered, hearts were restored, and declarations

were made over the territory. The power of God was evident as lives were touched, burdens lifted, and hope restored.

The Bweyale phase featured a structured three-day ministers' conference, outreach to schools, special sessions for widows, and a final ministers' gathering that emphasized calling, faithfulness, and partnership. Certificates were issued to committed participants, and a significant number of ministers expressed willingness to partner with Ergates going forward.

The mission concluded with a final ministration in Kampala and a time of fellowship with the Ugandan Ergates team before the safe return to Nigeria. Throughout the journey, the Lord preserved the team, granted favor, unity,

strength, and joy, and confirmed His Word with visible fruit.

Overall, the Uganda mission reinforced Ergates International Ministry's mandate of raising sound ministers, restoring biblical order, deepening discipleship, and advancing the Kingdom of God across nations. The trip stands as a testimony that the Lord is at work in Uganda, preparing vessels for revival, truth, and lasting transformation.

SINGLES' CORNER

HOW FAR IS TOO FAR?

- Bro. Wole Owolabi

In a world where "everyone is doing it," many young singles are left asking a quiet but heavy question: How far is too far? Not because they want to rebel against God but because no one seems willing to explain where the line truly is.

The church often says, "Don't do it," while the world says, "Do whatever feels right." Caught in between, many young believers struggle with confusion, guilt, and secret compromises. Listen, but God's standard is neither vague nor cruel. It is loving, clear, and protective

First, let's settle this, desire is not the problem. Feeling attraction, desire, or sexual interest is not a sin. God created desire. He wired the human body with emotion, chemistry, and longing. Ignoring that truth only creates shame.

The issue is not feeling desire it is feeding it in ways God never designed for outside of marriage.

So, Where Is the Line?

A simple biblical principle helps clarify this, If it awakens sexual desire meant for marriage, it has gone too far.

Physical actions are not neutral. Touch, prolonged intimacy, and certain forms of closeness are designed to lead somewhere. When physical contact shifts from affection to arousal, the boundary has been crossed even if "nothing serious" happened.

This means it's not just about avoiding intercourse. It's about avoiding stimulation that prepares the body for it. It's about protecting your heart, not just your reputation.

God's concern is not appearances; it's purity of intent and direction. God's boundaries are not punishments. They are protections. When physical intimacy is shared too early, it often:

- Creates emotional bonds that wisdom cannot manage
- Clouds judgment in relationships
- Leads to pressure, guilt, or regret
- Makes walking away spiritually and emotionally painful

What God reserves for marriage is powerful because it is meant to be permanent. Using that power casually always costs more than expected.

Instead of asking, "How far can I go without sinning?" Ask, "How can I honor God and the person I'm with?" Love that pressures purity is not love it is appetite. True love protects futures, not just feelings.

What If I've Already Crossed the Line?

This is where grace speaks loudest. Crossing a boundary does not disqualify you from God's love or purpose. The Christian walk is not about a flawless past but a surrendered present. Repentance is not humiliation it is restoration.



God does not shame those who turn back to Him. He heals, forgives, and strengthens those who choose a new direction.

Purity Is Direction, Not Perfection

Being sexually pure does not mean you have never fallen. It means you are committed to walking in obedience now. Boundaries are not signs of weakness. They are signs of wisdom. Waiting also is not about denying yourself joy, it is about trusting God with it.

Finally, if something pushes you closer to temptation than to God, it has gone too far. If it steals your peace, clarity, or confidence before God, it has gone too far. Holiness is not about how close to sin you can stand it's about how close to God you choose to walk.

Couple's Corner

SEX: A BAROMETER

- Bro. Wole Owolabi

Let's be honest, without pointing fingers or casting blame: we are living in a pandemic of sexual confusion and immorality. And the Church, sadly, is not immune. From subtle compromises to open absurdities, the decay is steady, deepening, and alarmingly fast.

Marriage—ordained by God as a covenant of safety, intimacy, and joy—should be a stronghold against this wave. But too often, it becomes a silent contributor. Behind smiling photos and coordinated Sunday outfits are homes where sexual intimacy has quietly vanished. Over more than three decades of listening, I've heard the stories—six months, one year, even longer without sexual union between spouses who profess love and faith. The silence is loud. The danger is real.

Sex in marriage is not just physical. It is a covenant renewal. A spiritual and emotional barometer. When it fades, something deeper is usually broken: trust, connection, communication, or affection. But where there is no sickness of body or spirit, prolonged abstinence becomes a violation of the sacred trust between husband and wife.

Paul's words in 1 Corinthians are neither legalistic nor shallow. They are spiritual wisdom. He speaks of mutual authority, not selfish demand. Of consent, not coercion. Of unity, not distance. And of the real enemy—Satan—who exploits the cracks of distance and silence to tempt, divide, and destroy.

A healthy married man or woman, denied sexual intimacy for months, is not a rock—they are human. And unmet needs don't just disappear; they go underground, where Satan waits. This is not about excuses for sin—it's about preventing it. Obedience to God includes honoring your spouse with your body. Sexual intimacy is not optional—it is holy.

Let us rebuild the altars of affection in our homes. Let us reject the lie that passion and purity cannot coexist. Let us recover a vision of marriage where sex is not taboo, transactional, or tactical—but tender, mutual, and spiritual.

Married saints, don't withhold what God designed to bind you. Don't let cold bedrooms breed open doors to temptation. Your union is worth protecting, not just in public, but in the sacred privacy of your bed.

Heaven smiles where husband and wife hold each other in covenant love. Let Satan find no access.

1 Corinthians 7:35

“Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.”



Temple Thoughts

The Commonwealth of the Heavens

- BRO. WOLE OWOLABI

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

The commonwealth of the heavens is shared based on hunger. This truth was first revealed in the wilderness, when manna descended like mercy each morning.

Each man gathered according to his appetite, nothing more, nothing less, and whatever was taken without true hunger spoiled by sunrise. The lesson was divine and deliberate: heaven's



supply is not for storage but for function, and the measure of receiving is the measure of desire.

The same principle governs all that flows from God, revelation, power, intimacy, and grace. None is distributed by favoritism or status, but by appetite. The Lord fills only those who come empty; He feeds only those who long. Yet in our generation, the greatest tragedy is not scarcity of manna but loss of appetite. Many are full, but not with Him.

Our souls have been dulled by indulgence in spiritual junk food, sermons that entertain but do not transform, songs that stir the emotions but starve the spirit, pleasures that keep us busy but not burning. We have eaten so much of the world that we no longer hunger for the Word.

There are other hunger killers too, pride, which says “I already know”; offense, which hardens the heart; sin, which deadens the spirit; comfort, which lulls

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the soul into complacency; and distraction, which scatters the attention that should be fixed on God. These are the silent toxins of the inner life, numbing us until we no longer feel the ache of absence. Yet heaven's table remains set and full, waiting for those who still pant like the deer for living water.

Even closeness to the Divine, the greatest inheritance of all, is shared by this same law. God hides Himself from the indifferent but unveils His glory to the desperate. There is no monopoly in His kingdom, no private access for the elite, only varying degrees of desire.



The key to depth in God is not brilliance but brokenness, not fame but fervor.

When we find ourselves unmoved in worship and untouched by Scripture, it is not because heaven is closed, but because hunger has died. Revival begins not with noise but with appetite, when men and women start to crave again the presence of the Living God. Blessed indeed are the hungry, for they are the only ones heaven cannot ignore.

POETRY

ENOUGH FOR TODAY

- Bro. Micheal Olatunji

I asked You for tomorrow,
You gave me today.
I asked for clarity,
You gave me courage.

I asked for certainty,
You gave me trust.

Maybe faith
isn't knowing everything
maybe it's walking
with enough light
for the next step.

And today,
that is enough.

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Did You Know?

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- The word "Selah" appears over 70 times in the Bible, mostly in Psalms and scholars agree it means pause, reflect, or stop and think.
- Jesus asked more questions than He answered. The Gospels record over 300 questions asked by Jesus, showing that faith often grows through reflection, not rush.
- Waiting is a recurring theme in Scripture. Many biblical heroes, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David, spent more time waiting than acting.
- The shortest prayer in the Bible worked instantly. "Lord, save me!" and Jesus immediately reached out His hand.
- Doubt does not cancel faith. Some of the strongest believers in Scripture questioned God but they stayed in conversation with Him.
- Worship is not always singing. Obedience, stillness, repentance, and trust are all forms of worship.

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