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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.



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EDITORIAL

The Excitement of the New

**BRO. WOLE
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Hebrews 13:9 (KJV)

Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

There was once a great debate in the Church when tobacco was first introduced into the market. Some voices warned of caution and restraint, while others, eager to appear enlightened and progressive, applauded the novelty. Time eventually settled the argument, as it always does. What once seemed harmless slowly revealed its true nature.

The Church has seen this pattern repeatedly. Every new trend, every fresh enthusiasm, and every strange teaching arrives with its chorus of admirers. Those who love novelty celebrate it as progress, while those who fear the Lord often step back and ask for patience. It is not that caution always proves correct in every matter, but it is often the wiser posture when the soul of the Church is at stake.

This modern generation is not exempt from this ancient tension. New and curious doctrines circulate freely, carried on the wings of charisma and amplified by confident voices. Self-acclaimed apostles arise with exciting revelations, presenting insights that promise to elevate the Church into some supposed new dimension of spirituality. To the restless heart, such claims sound refreshing. Yet the wise believer remembers that the gospel handed down to us was never lacking.

The kingdom of God has never depended on novelty for its power.

Truth does not need to reinvent itself every generation to remain alive. The faith once delivered to the saints possesses a quiet durability that does not shout for attention. It stands firm while ideas come and go like passing winds. The loud movements of one decade often become the forgotten curiosities of the next.



Time has a way of exposing both error and authenticity. The fruit of a teaching rarely reveals itself in the excitement of its birth. It emerges slowly in the character it produces, in the humility it cultivates, and in the reverence it inspires for Christ. What is truly from God deepens holiness and magnifies the Lord. What is merely the invention of men eventually collapses under the weight of its own ambition.

For this reason, caution has often been the guardian of the Church's health. Those who insist on testing every spirit may appear slow or resistant to progress, yet they are often preserving the flock from subtle poison. Not everything that glitters with revelation carries the fragrance of heaven.

And so, the wise believer watches, listens, and waits. Excitement alone is not proof of truth. Titles and claims of authority cannot replace the quiet witness of the Spirit and the steady confirmation of Scripture.

Time will reveal what is genuine. It always does. The only prayer is that when the unveiling comes, the Church should not have wandered so far into fascination with the new that she has forgotten the ancient path where Christ Himself walks.

Missions & Outreaches



East African Mission – Dible Christian

Our Mission to East Africa in 2026 is fast approaching, and we are not only excited about this work but also expectant that the God who has entrusted it to us will, as always, go before us to make it fruitful.

We will be engaging in mission work in Uganda, building upon the foundation that has already been laid. The brethren there are eager to fellowship with us once again, and the field itself is calling, for it is ripe. Our hands are already on the plough, driven by a burning desire to harvest as much as the Lord enables us. Four major meetings have been planned for this year's outreach and these are:

• Ministers' Conference

A special meeting designed to train and equip pastors and ministers so they can be grounded in the Word and effectively function in the work of the ministry. The conference will be held in both Entebbe and Kampala under the theme: **"The Kingdom of God Has Come Upon You."**

Kampala Ministers' Conference

Date: 5th & 6th May 2026

Time: 3:00 PM daily

Venue: Kingdom Builders Community Church, Maganjo Mawu, Wakiso District, Uganda

Entebbe Ministers' Conference

Date: 30th April & 1st May 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM daily

Venue: Afaayo Bible College Center, Plot 29/31 Katabi Busambaga Road, Off Mayor's Garden, Next to SFC Service Battalion.

• Couples' Retreat

This retreat is a burden God has placed in our hearts to set right the structure for marriage and family life. It is designed to strengthen the bond between couples and to teach biblical principles on marriage and family.

- **Theme:** "Building Kingdom Marriages"
- **Date:** Saturday, 9th May 2026
- **Venue:** TICK Hotels, Ketifalawo, Kawempe Bambo Road, Kampala

• Youth Convention

A meeting specially organized for the youth. The Lord has laid it in our hearts to reach out to

the young people of this region—to stir up an intense love for God, bring revival, and lead many unsaved youth and young adults to salvation.

- **Theme: The Outpouring**
- **Date:** 15th & 16th May 2026
- **Venue:** Kingdom Builders Community Church, Maganjo Mawu, Wakiso District, Uganda

Therefore, brethren, we ask that you continue to pray for us as we go about the King's business. If you feel led to support us with your resources, kindly reach out to us through our contact details.

Widows Outreach - Dible Christian

March's outreach was glorious! The widows turned up in their numbers, exceeding February and January's attendance. God is indeed adding to these precious ones. There was a moment of intense prayer and teaching, and they received the word with meekness. You can see their keenness to learn and grow in faith.

In March, we've seen increased attendance and a strong desire for growth. Quite encouraging! We're open to what the Lord will do. We know He's just starting with us. The transformation we've seen is just the beginning.



YOU AND YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Learning to Be Still: Rest for a Busy Mind

- Sis. Dayo Owolabi



Hello, beloved!

In a world that constantly demands movement, productivity, and quick responses, stillness has become unfamiliar, and for many, uncomfortable. After reflecting on overthinking and the restless mind, it is important to talk about stillness, not as inactivity, but as a vital psychological and spiritual practice.

Psychologically, stillness allows the nervous system to reset. When the mind is constantly stimulated by worries, screens, noise, and internal

pressure, the body remains in a state of heightened alert. This chronic activation fuels anxiety, irritability, fatigue, and difficulty concentrating. Learning to be still gives the brain permission to slow down, helping the body shift from survival mode into a state of calm regulation.

Stillness is not the absence of thoughts; it is the ability to pause without panic. Many people fear stillness because silence often brings unresolved emotions to the surface. Yet avoiding stillness only strengthens restlessness.

From a mental health perspective, intentional pauses create space for awareness, emotional processing, and clarity. This is where healing often begins.

Scripture invites us into this kind of stillness. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God." Notice the order: stillness comes before knowing. When the mind quiets, trust deepens.

Stillness is not withdrawal from responsibility; it is a posture of surrender, where you acknowledge that not everything depends on you.

Jesus modeled this practice throughout His ministry. Despite constant demands, He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. This practice was wisdom, not weakness. Spiritually and psychologically, stillness restores perspective, renews strength, and prevents emotional burnout.

Practicing stillness can begin with small, intentional moments, like slowing your breath, sitting quietly before God, limiting distractions, or taking short pauses throughout the day. It may feel strange at first, but with consistency, your mind will learn that it is safe to rest. Over time, stillness will become a refuge rather than a threat.

Beloved, you do not have to practice rest only when you are exhausted. You are not being lazy when you practice stillness. You are simply being aware of and obeying your natural limits. In learning to be still, you allow God to do what striving never could, like bringing peace to your mind, clarity to your thoughts, and rest to your soul. May you find courage to pause, grace to rest, and peace in knowing that even in stillness, God is at work.

SINGLES' CORNER

WHY ARE YOU SINGLE?

- Bro. Wole Owolabi

In many cultures today, singleness feels like something to escape rather than something to embrace.

Questions come constantly:

- Why are you still single?
- When will you settle down?
- Is something wrong?

Over time, what should be a season of growth can begin

to feel like a burden. But Scripture presents singleness very differently from how society does.

Singleness is not punishment. It is not delay. It is not proof that life has not started.

It is a season with purpose.

Throughout the Bible, God used people's single seasons for preparation, focus, and spiritual formation. Paul even described singleness as an opportunity for undivided devotion to God.

When not defined by comparison or pressure, singleness becomes a time to grow in identity, calling, and intimacy with God.

1 Cor. 7:32

But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

The danger is not being single, the danger is believing singleness makes you incomplete.

Your value is not determined by relationship status. Your life is not on hold until marriage happens. God works fully in every season, including this one.

Marriage is a gift.

But so is singleness.

Both require grace. Both require purpose.

Practical Wisdom

- Use singleness to grow spiritually, emotionally, and personally.
- Avoid comparing your timeline with others.
- Focus on becoming whole, instead of finding someone to make you feel complete.
- Trust God's timing without anxiety.

Reflection:

- Singleness is not waiting for life to begin, it is life itself, lived fully with God.
- What if this season is not something to escape, but something God wants to use?



Couple's Corner

WHEN FRIENDSHIP FADES INTO ROLES

- Bro. Wole Owolabi

Song of Songs 5:16

His mouth is most sweet, Yes, he is altogether lovely.

This is my beloved, And this is my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem! The Daughters of Jerusalem

In a counseling session, a young man, frustrated with his marriage, whispered, "I still love her, but she has changed. She was the most interesting person I knew until she started wifing. She was my friend, always having my back, until she became my wife, protecting her territory." There is a lot in that statement.

Many marriages begin with friendship, laughter, openness, support, and freedom. Then somewhere after the vows, husband and wife shift into roles. Instead of remaining companions, they begin to guard "territory." The wife becomes "the wife," engaged in professional wifing, while the husband becomes "the husband," garbed in husbanding, and the relationship becomes a negotiation of rights rather than a celebration of friendship.

But the truth is that a wife is never more a wife than when she remains her husband's friend. And a husband is never more a husband than when he never stops being his wife's companion.

Roles have their place, but roles without friendship feel heavy. The sweetest marriages are not run like kingdoms with guarded borders, they are lived like gardens, where friendship keeps blooming in the soil of love.

So, dear husband, don't stop being her friend.
Dear wife, don't stop being his friend. Guard not your territory, but your togetherness.

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.

Practical Counsel:

1. Laugh together often, humor lightens burdens and keeps love fresh.
2. Talk like friends, not managers. Share dreams, thoughts, and fears beyond house chores and bills.
3. Protect playtime. Friendship thrives in unstructured moments of joy, not only in planned duties.
4. Revisit your friendship roots. Do again the little things you enjoyed before marriage.

Bon voyage.



Temple Thoughts

THE JOURNEY BEGINS AT THE END OF YOU

- BRO. WOLE OWOLABI

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Christian journey doesn't really begin when you start attending church, join a group, or decide to "live right." It starts when your confidence in yourself finally collapses. It begins when the light of God exposes the poverty of your soul and you realize that without Him, you have nothing, no strength, no righteousness, no hope. Until that moment, you may be religious, but not yet reborn.

Peter's story in Luke 5 paints this clearly. After a miraculous catch of fish, he did not boast in success, he broke down in surrender. "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." That cry marked the real beginning of his discipleship. He had

heard Jesus before, but now he had seen himself, in the full image of human frailty. Divine revelation always brings self-revelation; and self-revelation always brings humility. It is when you see your unworthiness that you are finally ready to follow.

God does not build on human strength; He builds on ruins. He does not reform the old man; He crucifies him. The Spirit cannot fill a heart still full of self-reliance and pride. Grace only flows where the self has died. The bankrupt soul is the one who finds true riches in Christ. The more clearly we see our misery without Him, the more deeply we treasure His mercy.

So, the true Christian life begins with surrender, not excitement. It is not in motion, but in brokenness. It is not the loudness of your zeal that counts, but the depth of your dependence. When you finally whisper, "Lord, without You I can do nothing," heaven replies, "Now we can begin." For only at the end of you can the fullness of Christ truly begin.

So, the real question is not how strong you are, but how aware you are of your frailty.



FAITH & LIFE

Trusting God When You Don't Understand

BRO. MICHEAL OLATUNJI

We like clarity.

We want to know where life is going, how problems will end, and why difficulties come. But often, God does not explain; He does when He wills. But again, He invites us to trust.

Faith is most tested when life makes the least sense. Scripture repeatedly shows that God's people walked through seasons they did not understand.

Have you thought of Abraham? He left home without knowing the destination. Joseph endured betrayal before seeing purpose. Even Jesus' disciples followed Him without fully understanding His mission.

God rarely reveals the full picture because faith grows in dependence, not certainty. Therefore, trusting God does not mean having all the answers. It means believing His character when circumstances confuse you.

What to do in such times

1. Trust God's nature, not your emotions.
2. Obey what you know, even when you don't know everything.
3. Stay faithful in small things while waiting for clarity.

Remember: Faith is not understanding everything; it is trusting God in everything.

Reflection:

What area of your life is God asking you to trust Him with today?

The Myth of Independence

Bro. Micheal Olatunji

After so many wars
We were proclaimed 'free'
Hmmm
Free at last we said

But, a Sage asked
Are we truly free
And his response came
Almost Minutia

Here comes the myth
She says to herself, I'm nobody's
slave
But when a model is upgraded
She follows the trend
From D&G to Gucci to...

He says nobody should tell me what
to do
But when a damsel
With every virtue passes
Almost every time
His head is compelled to turn
'Not telling you what to do'

Our desires and habits
Have they not taken the steering
And I hear the big G say
Choose you today whom you will
serve

All men are serving
something/someone
You may not admit it
But the writings on the wall
Speak for themselves

If you don't choose success,
You have chosen failure
If you don't choose knowledge
You have chosen ignorance

If you choose darkness,
Of course it's a no to light
How about addictions
It's a no to normalcy

Are we as important as we like to
think?
Are you still living in the myth of
Independence?
Laugh smiles at you

Be deliberate about your slavery
Choose whom you will depend on
Choose life, Choose Christ
Cos everyone is a slave to
something.

But you have the right to choose
Choose right
Blessed week
#Limitless

Upcoming Events

KINGDOM PRINCIPLE SUMMIT

Registration Link:

<https://shorturl.at/8z14h>

This program is specially organized for youth and young adults who are entrepreneurs. The summit aims to teach young believers biblical principles of building and sustaining wealth. It has always been God's desire for His children to prosper, and this includes their finances. The Lord has laid it upon the heart of His servant to teach, in this season, the principles guiding wealth creation and how it can be sustained. If you are in or around Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria, you are welcome to join us for this meeting. Below are the details of the meeting

Date: Saturday, 11th of April, 2026. **Time:** 10am

Venue: House 1, Lane 3, Ergates House, Oke Alaafia Community Behind Tobi Rentals, Eleyele-Ologuneru Road, Ibadan, Oyo State.

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