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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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The Chief Aim of Man

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Jeremiah 9:23-24

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.



The Apostle Paul once voiced a prayer that reveals the deepest hunger of a true believer: "that I may know Him." This was not the cry of a novice in the faith. It came from a man who had walked with Christ through revelations, persecutions, imprisonments, and extraordinary labors. Yet after all he had seen and done, his heart was still fixed on one pursuit—to know God.

Profound! This tells us that no matter how far a man has walked with God, there is always more of Him to know. The Lord Himself made this the true ground of glory. Through the prophet Jeremiah He declared: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me."

Men boast in many things. Some glory in intellect. Others in power. Many in wealth. But heaven does not measure greatness by these scales. The Lord says if a man must glory at all, let him glory in this one thing, that he understands and knows his God. The prophet Hosea spoke the same truth in another form:

"For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." (Hosea 6:6)

Religion often multiplies activities. It builds systems, rituals, and endless ceremonies. But God is not satisfied with mere religious performance. Burnt offerings may fill the altar, yet heaven still asks a deeper question: **Do you know Me?**

Even our Lord Jesus defined eternal life in the same language: "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (John 17:3)

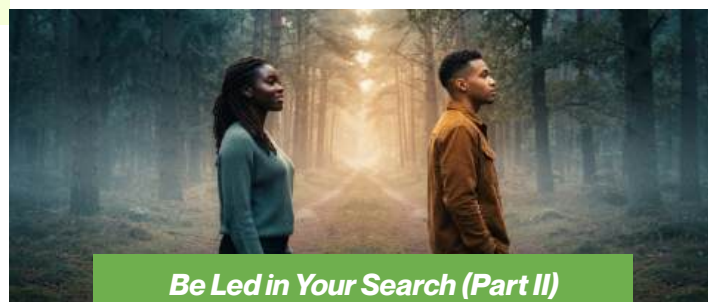
Notice this carefully. Eternal life is not merely the promise of living forever. It is the privilege of knowing God. To know Him is life itself. To grow in knowing Him is spiritual maturity. To delight in knowing Him is the highest joy of the soul.

Many believers know about God. Few truly know Him. Information about God can fill books, sermons, and debates, but the knowledge of God is born in humility, obedience, and fellowship with Him. Therefore the prayer of the apostle must become the prayer of every serious Christian:

"Lord, that I may know You." Because wisdom will fade. Strength will decline. Riches will pass from hand to hand. But the man who knows his God possesses a treasure that cannot decay.

And in the end, when every earthly glory is stripped away, one truth will remain: The knowledge of God, is the chief aim of man.

SINGLES' CORNER



Be Led in Your Search (Part II)

Bro Wole Owolabi

More than Genotypes.

Dear Friend,

Here in Nigeria, we have grown wise enough to question genotypes before marriage. We do it for the sake of the children, that they may not inherit unnecessary pain. But I believe we must question more than genotypes, for while those concern the blood, there are deeper ones that concern the soul.

What about the family background? The single parent who had to play both father and mother, shaping a son too tough to be tender, or a daughter too guarded to be loved? What about the only child who grew up without learning how to share space or adjust to another's vibe? What about the one raised in a home where love was war and peace was foreign?

These are not to condemn anyone, far from it. Many who come from broken homes have met the Healer Himself, and now walk in wholeness. But that's exactly the point: they met Him, and healed. The danger is when two unhealed hearts meet at the altar, each hoping marriage will mend what only God can.

If one is whole, he can help heal the broken. But if both are needy, each drawing from an empty well, love soon becomes warfare. The marriage becomes a field of unmet expectations and recycled pain.

So, before you say yes, go beyond the surface. Don't just test for AS or AA, test for spiritual maturity, emotional health,

and relational wisdom. Listen to how they speak of their parents, how they handle correction, and whether they can forgive. These are the true indicators of readiness. The Bible says, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

Agreement is more than liking the same worship songs or attending the same church, it's about shared wholeness, shared values, and a shared submission to the Potter who alone can fix our cracks.

Remember, it's better to marry late and healed, than early and broken twice. Don't be pressured by age, culture, or peers. Be led. Wholeness attracts wholeness; desperation attracts damage.

Let the Lord lead you, not your fears, not your hormones, not even your loneliness. He knows where His sons and daughters are, and He delights in divine pairings that will glorify His name.

So, before you walk down the aisle, walk first with the Healer until your heart is whole. Then, when He joins you to another, your love will not be a cry for help, but a river that gives life.

You and Your Mental Health

LIVING WITH UNCERTAINTY

Temidayo Owolabi

Uncertainty is a part of life we all must face, whether it's the results of a medical test, the future of a relationship, job security, or the outcome of a long-held prayer. For many, not knowing is one of the hardest emotional burdens to bear. Psychologically, uncertainty can increase anxiety, impair decision-making, and lead to emotional exhaustion. Our brains crave control, prediction, and stability. When life becomes unpredictable, we often respond with worry, restlessness, or even paralysis.

But what does the Word of God teach us about facing the unknown?

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." – Proverbs 3:5

In a world that constantly shifts, our foundation is not in circumstances, but in a faithful God who knows the end from the beginning. God doesn't always reveal every step, but He always invites us to walk with Him, step-by-step.



Couples Corner.

Marriage Must Be Learned: A Letter to Young Christian Couples

– Bro. Wole Owolabi

It's one of life's most bewildering moments: when the person who once made your heart leap with joy now makes it ache with confusion or withdrawal. How does love that began with so much laughter and depth become a battlefield of silence or a series of exhausting arguments? You start to ask: Was this ever God's will? Was this ever real love? Are we under attack?

And yet, sometimes the answer is much simpler and sobering: we did not understand what we entered into... because we never learned how to be married.

Marriage is not just a feeling or a season of romance—it is a discipleship school, and you don't graduate early. It's not a static blessing; it is a dynamic calling, one that must be learned and lived in Christ.

1. Marriage Is First Spiritual Before It Is Emotional

Yes, God brings hearts together. But marriage is not sustained by emotion—it is built on covenant. The vows are not promises based on present feelings; they are decisions of loyalty made in the presence of God, for better or worse.

Ephesians 5:21-33 tells us that marriage is patterned after Christ and the Church. This means the marriage model is not a romance novel but the Cross. The husband gives himself sacrificially; the wife receives and honors that gift.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." – Psalm 119:105. Notice it's a lamp to your feet, not a floodlight for your future. God often gives just enough clarity for the next step, teaching us to trust.

When You're Living with Uncertainty

- Name your fear – What exactly are you afraid will happen?
- Acknowledge your limits – You are not God. You don't have to know everything.
- Stay present – Focus on today. Tomorrow has its own burdens (Matthew 6:34).
- Pray persistently – Prayer doesn't always change the situation, but it changes you.
- Anchor your mind – Meditate on God's character: faithful, sovereign, loving.

In Closing

You may not know what tomorrow holds, but you know Who holds tomorrow. Let that truth quiet your heart. God is not confused about your life, even when you are. He is working all things (including the uncertain things) together for your good.

So today, instead of chasing clarity, pursue trust.



When both submit to Christ, they find the rhythm of grace needed to live together in peace.

2. Love Must Mature Into Understanding

Most people enter marriage with assumptions, not understanding.

Assumptions like:

- "If we love each other, it should be easy."
- "We'll automatically know how to meet each other's needs."
- "If there's conflict, something must be wrong with us."

But love, like a seed, must be nurtured into fruitfulness. Proverbs 4:7 says, "In all your getting, get understanding." Love without understanding turns into frustration. But love with understanding becomes wisdom—and wisdom builds a house (Proverbs 24:3-4).

This means learning:

- How your spouse processes pain
- How they communicate (or don't)
- What makes them feel respected or cherished and
- How to disagree without dishonor

3. Every Marriage Has Three Enemies

Yes, Satan hates godly unions. But most problems in marriage don't start with him. They often start with:

- Ignorance (we don't know how to love well)
- Selfishness (we want to win instead of serve)
- Pride (we don't want to admit we're wrong or learn a new way)

The enemy merely amplifies what we allow to remain unresolved. But when couples humble themselves and return to the Word, prayer, and community, what Satan meant to

divide can become a testimony of transformation.

4. Marriage Needs Maintenance, Not Just Memory

You may remember the wedding day, the honeymoon, the early laughter. But marriage doesn't survive on memory; it survives on intentional maintenance.

- Keep praying together
- Keep pursuing one another
- Keep learning new ways to express old commitments
- Keep forgiving, even when it's hard. Couples who thrive aren't the ones who never fight; they are the ones who never stop fighting for each other.

5. It's Okay to Ask for Help

God gave us pastors, counselors, mentors, and friends for a reason. Isolation is where many marriages silently die. Young couples must reject shame and ask for guidance.

Titus 2 speaks of older men and women teaching the younger how to live and love. Let your marriage be teachable.

In Closing

Marriage is not a fairy tale. It is a sacred journey of two imperfect people being conformed to the image of Christ, together. And yes, sometimes what feels like failure is simply a lesson in progress. Don't run from the silence or the struggle. Lean into the Spirit, who alone can make two truly become one. Marriage must be learned, and you have a Teacher who never gives up on His students.

Faith & Life

Who Does God Say I Am?

– Bro. Olatunji Michael

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." — Psalm 139:14

WHO AM I?

It is a simple question, but sometimes one of the hardest questions for a young person to answer.

Who am I?

Am I my grades?

Am I my appearance?

Am I my achievements?

Am I my mistakes?

Am I what people say about me?

Am I the number of followers, likes, or comments I receive?

Am I valuable only when someone loves or accepts me?



The world constantly gives us answers to these questions. Social media tells us what we should look like. Society tells us what success should look like. Friends may tell us what is "cool." Even our failures can make us believe that we are not good enough.

But there is a better question to ask:

"Who does God say I am?"

Because the One who created you is the One who has the authority to define you.

YOUR IDENTITY IS NOT YOUR PERFORMANCE

One of the greatest mistakes young people make is confusing what they do with who they are.

Temple Thoughts

– Bro. Wole Owolabi

FEAR AND FAITH USE THE SAME MUSCLES

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Whoever is capable of fear is also capable of faith. Whoever can overthink in the negative can just as well project in the positive. Fear and faith both feed on imagination, one magnifies danger, the other magnifies God's promise.

The anxious heart that rehearses defeat already knows how to meditate. It only needs to change its focus. The same energy used to build castles of doubt can be invested in building altars of hope.

Paul urged us: "Whatever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, meditate on these things" (Philippians 4:8). In other words, discipline your thoughts to run in the right direction.

How to Begin the Change

- Catch the thought. When fear or negative

imagination arises, don't let it pass unchecked. Pause and name it.

- Challenge the thought. Ask: Is this what God has said? If not, reject it.

- Change the thought. Replace it with a corresponding word of God. Speak a promise aloud. Write it down. Pray it back to Him.

- Continue the practice. Thoughts are like rivers. They carve their way deeper the more they flow. The more you direct them toward faith, the stronger the channel becomes.

Dear Saint, do not say, "I cannot believe." If you can fear, you can believe. If you can imagine the worst, you can imagine God's best. Turn your thoughts into prayers, your worries into worship, and your fears into fuel for faith.

Prayer

Lord, teach me to turn my fears into faith. When my mind runs to the negative, pull it back to Your promises. Give me grace to catch, challenge, and change my thoughts, until faith flows naturally in me. Amen.

Did You Know? – Bro Michael Olatunji

The Moravian Prayer Meeting That Lasted Over 100 Years?

One of the most remarkable events in Christian history took place in 1727 in the village of Herrnhut, Germany. A group of believers known as the Moravians experienced a spiritual revival that transformed their community.

Following this revival, they began a prayer meeting that continued day and night without interruption. Men and women took turns praying in hourly shifts, ensuring that prayer was maintained around the clock. What makes this event extraordinary is that the prayer chain did not last for days, months, or even a few years, it continued for more than 100 years.

This movement of prayer fueled one of the most influential missionary efforts in church history. Moravian

missionaries travelled to distant lands, including the Caribbean, Africa, Greenland, and the Americas, carrying the gospel to people who had never heard it before.

The Moravian example reminds Christians that great spiritual movements are often born not from large crowds or impressive programs, but from persistent prayer and wholehearted devotion to God.

Did You Know?

The Moravians sent missionaries across the world at a time when many Protestant churches had little organized missionary activity, helping to inspire the modern missionary movement.

You can fail an examination without being a failure. You can make a mistake without becoming a mistake. You can lose a competition without becoming a loser. You can experience rejection without becoming worthless.

Your achievements may describe something you have accomplished, but they do not determine your value. Your worth existed before your achievements. Before you won anything, God created you. Before anyone applauded you, God knew you. Before people accepted you, God loved you.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works..." — Ephesians 2:10

You are God's workmanship. That means your value does not come from people's applause. It comes from your Creator.



Mission & Outreaches

Widows Outreach

– Dibia Christian

The August Widows Outreach was truly a glorious and impactful gathering. To the glory of God, we had a successful medical outreach organized for our widows. The program commenced with comprehensive health talks and sensitization on common health issues affecting women, with emphasis on prevention, early detection, and healthy living.

As part of the exercise, participants had their blood pressure and weight checked. Following the screening, the widows had the opportunity to consult with doctors one-on-one. Based on the doctors' recommendations, medications were provided free of charge to those who required them.

The widows expressed deep appreciation and gratitude for the entire exercise, noting that it addressed key health needs that are often neglected. More than 80 widows were in attendance and were positively impacted by the outreach.



Coming Soon...

Ergates Radio Ministry

By the grace of God, we are pleased to announce that our Radio Ministry will soon be live! This means you will now have the opportunity to hear God's servant, Bro. Wole Owolabi, bring the Word of God to you weekly over the airwaves.

We encourage you to anticipate this new move of God with joy and expectation. It will be another channel through which lives will be blessed, strengthened, and transformed by His Word.

More details about the schedule and broadcast times will be communicated shortly. Stay tuned, and get ready to be richly fed with the Word of God through this new ministry platform.

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