

Your Relationship And Mission With God

When Ignorance Humbles The Soul To Deception And Exploitation

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Introduction

Deception and manipulation dominate the world. Many leaders continue to manipulate their people in order to promote selfish agendas and wicked schemes. Those voted to represent certain groups of people manipulate opinions for selfish gains and individual benefits.

In many countries, the government communication channels and protocols cannot be fully trusted due to intentional falsification and manipulation of opinions and information with the aim of causing people to believe something entirely different from the truth. Some regimes wilfully miscommunicate field realities and lie about events in order to promote their fame and remain in power.

Despite the abundance of resources in the world, most people lack the most basic survival necessities. Intentional inequalities are created between nations and communities in wicked political agendas. Most of the world's resources are reserved, utilized and enjoyed by a minority.

Unfortunately, worldly techniques have infiltrated the Body of Christ. *'How to accumulate riches and material things for oneself'* – that's the most appreciated message in the Body of Christ today.

Nowadays, there're many men and women of God who in their eagerness to amass riches manipulate their flocks. It's a common thing to sell the Word of God and miracles in many churches today.

False prophets and teachers in the church prey on spiritually poor, hungry and thirsty souls for wealth and material things. Instead of being leaders who lead others to maturity in the way of holiness and according to



God's will, they have become leaders who exploit their followers through mind manipulation and control techniques for personal interests and fame.

Millions of believers are currently trapped in countless human-inspired spiritual movements which restrict their liberty in Christ and suppress their ability to depend on God and be used by Him in advancing His kingdom.

Many people trapped in these man-made systems have no visions for themselves and their communities. Consequently, they neither have positive impacts nor bear Godly fruits in their personal lives and communities.

That's a little picture of the current world we live in. Whether you like it or not, you have to face these common realities in our societies. It is either you conquer or are conquered.

This little message is written for those who want God to truly change their lives and use them to overcome the world. It's for those who want to positively impact people and their communities.

Your Father in heaven loves you so much and wants you to come out of all those wicked man-made traps and agendas. He desires to free you from the captivity orchestrated against your life and mission on earth by Satan and his agents.

God desires that you know Him and obtain specific revelations about your walk with Him in this world. He created you for a reason. He is the only One who can reveal His purpose for your life to you. By realizing God's plans daily, you make meaning out of life and live a fulfilled life in Jesus Christ. Also, your purpose helps you to diligently prepare to dwell eternally with God.

May God help you find your way through the mess and chaos in this world!



Chapter 1

God's Relationship With You

A few weeks ago, I was on my usual prayer walk across the woods. I noticed a young lady accompanied by her little dog. Like most dogs in those moments, her pet seemed to enjoy the time spent outside after many hours locked up in the house. It jumped into the grass, sprinted and wandered from one place to another.

As I observed the actions of the little dog, I noticed that it paused frequently to carefully observe the position of the young lady. Although it often entered in and out the tall grass, it ensured it didn't lose focus on the actual position of the young lady.

When they moved towards a junction, the little dog observed intently to determine the direction its owner walked before continuing its activities.

Suddenly, two people approached towards their direction on bikes. Its owner called it by name and commanded it to sit quietly on a corner of the road. As the little dog sat, it starred directly into the young lady's eyes waiting for the action sign from her to continue exploring the woods. As soon as the bikers crossed them, the lady signalled with her hand and the dog was free to move around again.

I was amazed to see that a little animal had a very beautiful relationship with a human being. Even more phenomenal is that their relationship was characterized by obedience and mutual respect. It is evident that the bond between the young lady and her dog was very strong. It had been diligently developed over a certain period of time. Both the young lady and the dog had



known each other so well and were able to agree, communicate, understand each other and move in the same direction despite exercising lots of freedom.

If a human being can build such a relationship with a dog, how much more do you think your heavenly Father can build a relationship with you? If the relationship between the young lady and her dog is that meaningful, how much better and profitable can the relationship between you and Your Creator be?

Many people in the world have good relationships with their parents, siblings, friends and spiritual leaders. But the most special and unique relationship you can have on earth is the one with God. Your relationship with God is the Master relationship from which you build solid foundations for all other relationships in this world.

Unfortunately, not everyone properly relates to God nor enjoys the uniqueness, blessings and joy that come as a result of properly relating to Him. Sad to say, but the relationship between the young lady and her dog is far better than the relationships of many people with God.

Don't get angry to hear that a dog has a better relationship with a human than some of us have with God. It's indeed a sad reality. Many people don't even know or care about God. How can you have a relationship with Him if you don't know or neglect Him? Some know that God exists but are too stubborn and negligent to seek His face. God knocks the doors of their hearts every day to reveal Himself to them. But they're busy pursuing the lusts of the flesh. Unlike the little dog which carefully considers the direction and instructions of its mistress, these people neither pause to hear from God nor pay attention to His messages of repentance, faith and guidance.



How can you build a genuine relationship with God if you don't seek Him, listen to what He says, communicate with Him in prayers and apply those things He reveals to you?

Now you agree with me that the little obedient pet and its relationship with its owner is far more significant than those of millions of human beings with God.

In the next chapters, you will learn more about things that can stand between you and God. In this chapter, however, you will discover certain things that pinpoint the uniqueness and importance of developing a genuine relationship with God.

When Jesus started His ministry, one of the most important things He did was to choose twelve Apostles whom He taught deep things concerning the Kingdom of God. Contrary to what many people think, the twelve Apostles were not chosen by Jesus to be the only ones to be equipped with Godly powers and a mandate to reach out to the lost. Rather, Jesus chose those twelve out of many He trained to serve as the foundation to the Christian faith movement.

These Apostles' mission was to go into all the world, win souls and teach believers the appropriate doctrine they learned from Jesus. Those who believed were expected to grow to spiritual maturity and, in turn, teach the younger generations and also lead them to Christ and maturity as they themselves were led by the Apostles.

The whole process of winning, training and sending out believers into the field will continue until Jesus returns to take His bride (true and obedient believers).



Notice that Jesus did not send the disciples into the world immediately after choosing them. He, first of all, allowed them to stay around Him for a while and then explained and taught them specific things concerning God's kingdom and His will for the world.

Later on in the process, Jesus gave the disciples the opportunity to experience a bit of life as believers through on the job training. In the final step, Jesus commanded them to wait to be empowered by the Holy Spirit before attempting any mission into the field. Only after these steps did Jesus finally send them into the world to make disciples of all nations and win souls until His return.

Why did Jesus go through all these steps before mandating the disciples and early believers with His Gospel?

Well, the answer is obvious and simple.

Jesus wanted to, first of all, build a unique and special relationship with each one of His disciples before mandating them with the Great Commission Mission.

Think of it for a while. If these disciples had no good relationship with Jesus, how would Jesus teach them the things of the kingdom? How would they know the Father's will and apply it?

A disciple plays the role of an ambassador of a country. The disciple represents the master (Jesus) in ways carefully defined by Him. To truly represent Jesus, His disciples, therefore, must have sufficient knowledge of Him. Jesus' true representatives are people who understand what He requires of them and put those things into practice.



Your relationship with Jesus is of paramount importance because it enables you to learn about God and His will for mankind. This relationship also embeds authority, power and everything else you need as a disciple to be successful in the Great Commission Mission field. Without an appropriate relationship with Jesus, the disciples wouldn't be equipped to face the world. They would fail fatally at the feet of Satan, the intimidator and oppressor of mankind.

Therefore, as a child of God, the most important relationship you can think of in this world is your relationship with your Father in Heaven. Out of this relationship with Him sprouts everything else. Without this relationship, all your endeavours are meaningless. Those who have no relationship with the Father are completely lost. The Psalmist emphasises this when he says;

*'The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.'*

(Psalm 19:7-11)



If you desire true and pure success in life, put your relationship with God as your number one priority. Nothing in your list of priorities in this world should come close to it.

Unfortunately, many have not understood this basic reality and truth. For the most, building a proper relationship with God is a bunch of fairy tales. Priorities are set on things such as obtaining a good education, getting married, becoming rich, having the best job, building modern houses, buying the latest car, travelling the world, etc. Although we need some of these things in life, none of them should compromise your relationship with God.

Of course, practically, it isn't easy to find the right balance and maintain a rich and healthy relationship with God. In fact, like a construction project, your relationship with God is a continuous process. It doesn't become perfect in an instant. Your relationship with God is improved on a daily basis as you live His will. Along the way, there're ups and downs and moments when you feel like completely giving up.

The disciples of Jesus did not find it easy either.

All of a sudden in their lives, they met this strange Man (Jesus) and felt like they needed to follow Him after His call. All these disciples had a past life. They were ordinary men in the society. Most had occupations and families to feed.

Moreover, these disciples were sinners by nature when Jesus called them into ministry. They had been living a past life which consisted of pursuing the selfish desires of their hearts. The disciples' past life and priorities were tools



the devil constantly used to try to lure them away from the knowledge of the truth (Jesus) that was in front of them.

None of the disciples had an idea who Jesus was, where He came from and why He was in the world. Even though Jesus told them again and again, they had difficulties understanding who He really was, His real mission and desires for the world.

This lack of understanding and difficulties in perceiving who Jesus is can be seen for instance, when Jesus asks Philip “...*Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’*” (John 14:9).

Even after Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to many, Thomas would still not believe (John 20:25). Jesus had to appeared to Thomas to convince him.

This shows the degree to which one’s heart can be blinded and hardened by the devil to believe and accept the things of God.

These disciples needed a special revelation from Jesus in order to understand who He was, why he came into this world and the things He accomplished for them. This understanding was the turning point of events in their relationship with Him.

Despite seeing many miracles, signs and wonders in Jesus’ ministry, it was still not easy for the disciples to make proper sense out of all they experienced.

It is tempting to blame Phillip or Thomas for being so dull during those days as trainees. But their mindsets were exactly as those of many people in the world today including many professing believers in Christ. Most have not



received a proper revelation of God and His desires for their lives. They're, therefore, negligent or disinterested in putting a relationship with God as priority number one on earth.

Like Jesus' disciples, most of these people are still caught up in their past lives. Many are still busy pursuing their old dreams even after embracing and tasting the New Life in Christ.

Is the Holy Spirit whispering some concerns in your relationship with God in your conscience? Now is the time to trust God and put things right with Him.

There're three main reasons why your relationship with God is special, profitable and of supreme importance:

First, your relationship with God does not begin with you but with Him.

Like Jesus calling His disciples, God initiates this relationship between you and Himself. In your past life, you lived without considering and embracing Godliness. You loved this world and the things of this world and were in constant pursuit of worldly things.

John describes some of the things you enjoyed doing as “...*the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life...*” (1 John 2:16).

You enjoyed satisfying your fleshly desires but that wasn't the Father's will for you.

Paul mentions some of the evils deeds you partook of as “...*adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand,*



just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God” (Galatians 5:19-21).

The verdict that was hanging upon your neck as a partaker of such things was eternal doom. In fact, Paul describes the fate of all those who pursue such things as being “... *by nature children of wrath*” (Ephesians 2:3).

You were lost in your disobedience and lustful lifestyle. You were destined to end up in hellfire forever.

Nevertheless, God started a love relationship with you even though you were an object of disobedience and wrath. “*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*” (Romans 5:8).

Jesus is the link between you and the Father today. By dying for the sins of the world, Jesus provides the opportunity for everyone who lives in sin to obtain righteousness through faith in His shed Blood on the Cross of Calvary. When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, it marks the starting point of your relationship with God in heaven and the beginning of a whole new faith era.

Second, ***God provides the ability, wisdom and strength to sustain the relationship between you and Himself in Jesus.***

One of the characteristics of your fleshly and carnal past lifestyle is that you depended on your strength and power. There’s a natural tendency to import this notion into the New Life in Jesus.

Unfortunately, the world is filled with many unrealistic and illusionary concepts on how to succeed in life. Most of these concepts don’t appeal to the spiritual part of man. They’re limited to the person’s intellect and flesh.



Therefore, anyone who depends on worldly concepts is primarily guided by emotions and feelings (five senses).

In Christ, however, you learn to live a life of faith – a life in the spirit – a life in which you focus on things unseen, not seen.

The Holy Spirit, also known as the Comforter, Teacher, Helper and Guide in all spiritual matters, is a special gift from God. He (the Holy Spirit) performs the miracle of regeneration causing you to become a new creature. Furthermore, He indwells your spirit and lives within you (Romans 5:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

The role of the Holy Spirit is to guide you to all truths, teach you the things of God, help you make good choices and decisions and strengthen you in times of weaknesses as you study, meditate and practice the Word of God in your life.

As you meditate and apply the Word of God in your life, the Holy Spirit empowers you and impacts your life with special revelations and gifts along the way to render you useful to God. He enables you to live an accomplished life in Jesus, overcoming all obstacles brought your way by the devil.

Therefore, God does not only initiate the relationship between you and Himself and leave things in your hands. He also ensures that you have enough capacity and strength to stay in that relationship to the end.

Jesus's disciples were sustained in ministry by the help of the Holy Spirit who came when Jesus ascended into Heaven.

“For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted” (Hebrews 2:18).



Third, *out of this relationship with your Father comes everything else you need in life.*

The appropriate description of wise people is not those who are smart and good in subjects such as mathematics, physics and philosophy or smart in obtaining worldly things. Rather, a wise person is one who has an appropriate relationship with God, diligently listens to Him and applies what He says.

Wisdom, therefore, is the proper application of Godly knowledge. You, first of all, need to know God (have an appropriate relationship with Him) and then God will reveal His will and desires on a daily basis. By so doing, you pursue His plans for your life and live an accomplished and fulfilled life.

Scripture reveals that *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding”* (Proverbs 9:10).

The wise man further emphasises that *“Wisdom is the principal thing...”* (Proverbs 4:7). In other words, if wisdom is obtaining deep knowledge and understanding of your Father and practising what He says, that should be your primary pursuit.

Jesus says the same thing when He teaches *“...But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you”* (Mathew 6:31-33).

Even more interesting is the fact that as you continually get revelations about your Father, He opens doors for all types of blessings you need in your life and mission on earth;

“Happy is the man who finds wisdom,



*And the man who gains understanding;
For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver,
And her gain than fine gold.
She is more precious than rubies,
And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her”
(Proverbs 13-15).*

This looks simple on the outside but not that easy to practicalize. If it were, many would be doing what God requires of them. But it isn't always the case. In fact, many have gone astray and need to repent.

When I was still a soccer player, our club purchased the services of a new young and versatile player from another continent. Despite being very talented, this new player had no past professional soccer experience. In this new environment, he was eager to display his qualities and talents. When in possession of the ball, he always wanted to do something special to be noticed. Sometimes, he kept the ball for too long and attempted to do things that frequently caused him to lose possession. This attitude wasn't welcomed by us (his teammates).

In his past environment, the young player used to dribble many defenders to score goals. He was smarter than many of his teammates and obtained liberty from his coaches to do what he wanted when in possession of the ball. He loved to obtain praises for himself and be distinguished as the best player of his team. In fact, he was their superstar.



In this new reality, however, he was far from repeating those past glories. He found difficulties dribbling a single defender and was far from being the centre of attraction and acclamation.

With time, the new young player lost his confidence and plunged into serious doubts. He began to play with fear. As weeks passed by, his progress was negative and everyone could notice that he was having serious difficulties adapting to his new environment.

What was the cause of this degradation?

As you must have noticed, the player's foundational upbringings were poor. In his past environment, his selfishness was encouraged. His trainers delighted in the fact that he was being praised as the best instead of helping him build team skills. Added to this, players in his past environment were relatively less-skilled and less-competitive.

Obviously, in order to succeed in this new environment, he had to learn to see things differently. He had to focus on teamwork and stop being the centre of attraction.

In this new and professional environment, he learned that teamwork has pre-eminence over personal glories. When players work as a team, they generate greater collective effort and win games easily. Moreover, the high level is far from being the place you dribble everybody to score goals. He learned that he must work harder, grow smarter, understand his teammates and make timely and appropriate decisions during games in order to contribute meaningfully to help his team win games. For these things to become a reality in his life, he had to let go of his old ways and embrace a new professional



vision. This new professional vision was more efficient and profitable for the player as an individual and to his new team.

In the same way, knowing God will cost you your life and everything else you'd been planning before meeting Jesus Christ. In Christ, you must learn to see things differently – as God wants you to see them, not as you want to see them.

This is where difficulties in walking with God begin with many people. Many come to Christ with their wrong past motives and old visions and try to impose those beliefs on God.

God is the One who started the relationship between you and Him. He is the One who empowers you to stay in the relationship. He is also the One who teaches you how you should live and conduct yourself in the relationship. You cannot do these things on your own. Quite believing that strength and power can help you achieve something significant. You've got to keep the old lifestyle far away from you and allow God to teach you His will from scratch. You must let God work through you to transform those old realities into new spiritual blessings in your new life with Him.

You also need to ask Peter's question in your own life *"See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"* (Matthew 19:27).

Asking this question will enable you to give yourself completely to God. It will enable you to die to yourself so that you can experience God's abundant riches. The answers you get from God will change your life completely and bring fulfilment *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me"* (Galatians 2:20).



As a conclusion, God is your everything. Nothing in this world should take His place in your life. Without Him, your life is miserable and useless. Through His Son Jesus Christ, He begins an amazing relationship with you. This relationship begins as you understand Jesus' mission and receive Him in your life as Lord and Saviour, repent of your sins and are baptized.

Not only does God initiate the relationship between you and Himself, He equips you with special abilities and gifts with the help of the Holy Spirit to sustain the relationship to the end. The more your knowledge of God and His will for your life increases, the more He uses you on earth, opens doors of blessings and multiplies your joy.

Therefore, knowing God is your number one task in your priority list of projects to accomplish in this world before you die. No one puts this better than Paul when He says;

“But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death” (Philippians 3:7-11).

May the Name of the Lord be praised and glorified in you!



Chapter 2

God's Mission With You

Gone are those primary school days when we used to project far into the future. Once our teacher asked; *“what do you want to become tomorrow?”* Without any hesitation, I answered, *‘a soccer player or doctor or pilot’*. *‘A rich businessman, a minister, the president of the republic, a university professor’* my friends also proclaimed. We were fully convinced that we will become what we desired. As far as I am concerned, I had no single doubt in those days.

As we move to secondary school, these dreams were still alive in some of us. We worked very hard in school to pass our courses.

But during the high school moments, it was finally time to decide a concrete career direction. Only then did most of us realize that things don't just happen as we think. At this stage in life, we understood the importance of proper orientation from childhood. We discovered how uncertain we were concerning what to do in life. We were finally exposed to the complexity involved in making the right decisions. This was our first real test in life.

In fact, we lived most of our past years in illusions. We deceived ourselves that we shall become one thing or another. We never really considered what those things entail or mean. We simply pursued the desires of our hearts. The wise Ecclesiast once said;

*“Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,
Before the difficult days come,
And the years draw near when you say,*



“I have no pleasure in them”

(Ecclesiastes 12:1)

This wise man tested the events of life and got everything right with this statement. Rough days are coming ahead. The preparation to confront those approaching cyclones is now.

But let's dig even deeper into his words.

There's no preparation you can do on your own that will help you survive those unprecedented storms coming your way. You need to walk hand in hand with God, Your Creator, right from the young age. Only then can you better prepare to mingle through the turbulences awaiting you.

That's why we all missed it. Sad to say that those childhood dreams were ours, not God's. We didn't care about an existing Creator of the universe and His opinions and reasons for creating us. We cared about our selfish desires only – nothing more, nothing less!

Talking to the Philippians, Paul mentioned his past lifestyle and the objectives he set for himself *“circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless”* (Philippians 3:5-6).

From his early ages, Paul's desire was to become a blameless Pharisee. Having conceived the desire to become a very religious person in his mind, the devil crafted a very beautiful religious mission for him – that of persecuting true Christians in the Body of Christ.



It never occurred to Paul that he was doing the wrong things and walking in the wrong direction in life. In his position of authority, no one could argue with him and convince him of his erroneous mission. He was a man of power, authority and great stature. Isn't this the type of success many are after? How could Paul be wrong in his career choice? He was accomplished in the eyes of many.

Yet, he was nothing in God's kingdom. In fact, he was not better than an ordinary sinner. His social status, religious knowledge, political power and administrative authority could not save him.

As a matter of fact, all that Paul was before his conversion was everything except God inspired. His case was the same as ours with our selfish childhood visions and plans.

But when Jesus appeared to him, Paul realized he had been walking a direction not intended by God. Only then did he truly discover that he made a fool of himself and was destined to perish with his selfish ambitions.

That's exactly the situation with most people in the world today. This includes many professing Christians. Some have plans for the next 25 years. They've carefully examined each coming year and deduced certain targets and objectives. They're currently working hard to achieve those objectives. They're working hard to realize their man-made dreams at all cost.

Unfortunately, God is nowhere to be found in those dreams of theirs. In fact, for most of them, God has prepared a mission entirely different. But they're busy chasing fantasies and illusions. They're very occupied doing the wrong things. What a sad story!



Why are many people missing it? Truth is, many of us take the things of God for granted. Many parents are not interested in acquiring wisdom. By neglecting wisdom, these parents have nothing of value to teach their children and younger generations.

We all have a responsibility – to seek the Lord from childhood. The psalmist says;

*“How can a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed according to Your word.”*

Psalm 119:9

Like many of us in our primary school days or Paul in his zeal to become a good Pharisee, most of us have gone astray. Many are pursuing their selfish desires and walking down the dark tunnel. It wouldn't take long until they realize they got it all wrong. Unfortunately, for the majority, they'll only discover at the point of no return.

After meeting Jesus, Paul asked two very important questions;

- *“Who are you Lord?”*
- *“Lord, what do you want me to do?”* (Acts 9:1-9)

The answers to these questions transformed Paul's life for the best. He was never the same again after Jesus revealed mysterious things concerning his life and ministry.

To walk with God today, everyone must also answer these two questions. The earlier you start answering them the better for you.



In chapter 1, you saw that the new young soccer recruit had to radically change his way of thinking and doing things in order to be successful in his new club and environment. In the same manner, in your New Life in Christ, you must answer these two questions effectively in order to understand your relationship and mission with God and be obedient to His voice.

We dealt with the first question in chapter one where you discovered that your relationship with God is the most important thing on earth. In this chapter, you'll learn about the characteristics of your mission with God. In the next chapter, you'll discover four things that can prevent you from truly fulfilling God's plans for your life.

Let's face reality. Satan has a strong influence in this world. We must acknowledge and take this satanic influence into account as we trust God on a daily basis. Through Paul, the Holy Spirit reveals that Satan is responsible for blinding people so that they wouldn't obtain true knowledge. He doesn't want people to discover and live by the truth (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

In one of his confrontations with Jesus, Satan mentioned that he has authority over many worldly things and also has the capacity to bless those who obey him with material possessions (Luke 4:5-8).

At the moment, Satan has legal right to operate in this world and is responsible for all the evil schemes orchestrated by humans beings who obey him. Given that his powers and dirty wisdom were not taken away from him when he was cast out of heaven, Satan can operate in canny, subtle and crafty ways not easily detectable. Through his deceiving techniques, he lures people into sinful actions in this world.



His mission is to steal kill and destroy human beings and those who minimize Satan's ability to obtain deadly results are wrong and easily preyed upon by him.

In this world, Satan has infiltrated politics, the music and movie industries, sports, promotes pornography and many other evil organizations and agendas in life. His influence on humans can clearly be seen in wars and other man-made disasters, famines, sicknesses, inequalities, poverty, wickedness, materialism and worldly distractions.

Most people are caught up in one or more of Satan's traps. If you think you're too strong not to be touched by this eternal enemy of mankind, let your confidence rest upon your total surrender to Jesus and His will and not a mere display of power and strength. You can neither fight and win Satan in a physical battle nor stand by yourself in a spiritual battle with him. Satan is wiser than all human beings who don't have Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and uses them in diverse ways to accomplish his plans.

When people are not busy doing God's will, they're obviously busy fulfilling Satan's schemes. Therefore, Satan's mission must never be taken for granted by anyone. This leads to seriousness and diligence on your part in the way you approach the issues of life. Careless mistakes in your endeavours can cost you a lot in this world and possibly eternal life.

God understands that you're living in a world of horror and terrifying evil orchestrated by Satan. Therefore, He requires that you understand and trust His ways. He desires to build a lovely relationship with you and empower you to accomplish something specific and special in the midst of evil.



Instead of conforming to the world and allowing Satan to use you, allow God to transform you through the renewal of your mind with the Word of God. In this way, you will become a wise man or woman who is able to understand Satan's strategies, take appropriate measures to overcome him and do the will of your Father.

This leads us to the five things you need to know about your mission with God on earth;

First, ***your mission with God is the work He prepared for you even before you were conceived in your mother's womb*** (Jeremiah 1:5, Psalm 139:13-16, John 5:30).

Your mission takes its origin from God and is defined by Him. He created you and knows everything about you even before you were born. He has a plan and purpose for your life. This purpose is in His hands, not in your hands or in the hands of someone else. One of the reasons why you should have a good relationship with God is to enable Him to communicate this plan to you.

It's important to know that Satan also has a plan for your life. When you don't have a good relationship with God and cannot understand His plans for your life, Satan uses that opportunity to keep you occupied and busy with unprofitable things that can lead you to destruction. There're many good things you can do in this world but not all of them are profitable in building God's Kingdom. In other words, you have been called by God to fulfil a specific mission on earth and not to continuously try things haphazardly.

Therefore, your mission in this world is in God's hands and He's willing to reveal His plans to you. He requires that you be diligent in desiring and



seeking His will for your life. He will open your eyes to see those mysterious things he prepared in advance for you.

Second, ***your Mission with God is not void of adventure and exploration*** (Daniel 11:32, Luke 10:19, Isaiah 40:31).

Many people miss the point when they believe that they cannot take initiatives as Christians. Some human-made religious systems transform people into spiritual lunatics. In those systems, people don't focus on adoring God and obeying His will. Instead, they're brainwashed to follow human laws and observe religious rituals.

God is not the God of religious people. He's the God of people who have FAITH and put it into action. He's the God of fearless spiritual adventurers and explorers.

When God called Abraham, no details were revealed to him about what he will go through in life. He answered the call of God by faith, walked by faith and received answers by faith. Abraham trusted God on a daily basis and took one step at a time into his future. He did not always know what lies ahead of Him. Many times He did not even know where he was going. Yet, because he obeyed the voice of God, he was not moved.

Abraham's life of faith and obedience is a big lesson for us today. He was not after his own will but God's. When you don't know what God has prepared in advance for you and you trust Him to reveal those things to you by faith, it renders you a spiritual adventurer for God. It is an exciting and very fulfilling journey. God will take you to places, help you to develop meaningful hobbies and direct your steps to accomplish specific services in the lives of people. Your life and the lives of those you serve will be blessed and accomplished.



Therefore, the journey with God on earth is far from being boring. On the contrary, be ready for the most enriching and exciting challenges and experiences you can ever imagine. All your five senses plus your sixth sense will be put to the test. Abraham, The Apostles and all great men and women of the Bible were adventurous, courageous, positive risk takers, people of faith and spiritual explorers for the Lord. That's why they're examples for us to emulate today.

A spiritual explorer is what you're also destined to be.

Third, ***God provides the resources and strength to accomplish your mission on earth*** (Deuteronomy 31:6, Joshua 1:6-9, Philippians 4:6).

Not all days will be sweet in your walk with God. Some of God's children are destined to face huge challenges. In fact, some people have only a few years of service and will die while in action. Good examples are Stephen, Jesus and John the Baptist (Acts 7:51-60, Matthew 14:1-12). But that doesn't imply that these faithful servants didn't accomplish their mission on earth. That was the time assigned to them by God to accomplish what He prepared for them.

The good news is that those who commit to exploring God and His mission for their lives always live an accomplished life. In the process, God does not only reveal His plans to them but also provides the resources to accomplish those plans and strength to go through the storms associated with the mission.

The Psalmist makes this clear when he says;

*"I have been young, and now am old;
Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his descendants begging bread"*



(Psalm 37:25).

Along the way, God will lead you to people who will play specific roles in your life. These people come with specific resources to help you accomplish God's plans. If God wants you to work, He will guide your steps and give you the right job at the right time. If He wants you to invent, he will give you the wisdom and knowledge to invent things that will help advance His Kingdom. If He wants you to lead people, He will equip you with leadership skills and guide you to the people you should lead. If He wants to use you to feed and support the poor, He will provide resources and finances. Whatever God asks you to do, He opens doors for resources to accomplish those things as you trust and depend on Him.

Fourth, ***your Godly mission on earth is to serve God and people in a positive way, not yourself or to satisfy mere human desires.***

As earlier said, many people do things that are good but aren't significantly impacting their environments and mankind in a positive manner. Your Godly mission contributes to building God's Kingdom on earth. God's mission for you leads people to Christ or contributes to the great commission in one way or the other. His plans help to build a generation of God-fearing people. It generally involves creating favourable environments for the propagation of the gospel or a valuable contribution to meet people's spiritual and physical needs.

Let's consider two engineering students who feel led to developing drone technology. **'Student A'** desires to develop drones that fly and deliver medical kits and items to hospitals and medical centres scattered across a 300km² area



in places affected by humanitarian crises. The drones will fly and deliver items in a few hours to places less accessible and remote that would normally require days, weeks and months to deliver items by road. If this student is successful in realizing his project, many lives will be saved and remote medical centres will be replenished easily and faster. The dignity of people in those affected communities will be maintained.

‘Student B’, on the other hand, desires to develop a drone for children and adults to play with. His aim is to construct the most efficient and effective drone to fly for fun. If his project is successful, he will sell the most drones, win engineering awards and become very rich. His fame will grow and many people will remember him for his invention. Young people and adults will spend many hours per week flying drones from one place to another JUST FOR FUN.

Clearly, you can see that both students have good ideas but Student A has a better vision, Godly mission and purpose. His aim is not to satisfy his human fleshly desires but to serve others and contribute to alleviating human suffering.

Student B’s vision, on the other hand, appeals to the flesh. He will contribute to raising a generation of people whose primary objectives are to satisfy the desires of the flesh and waste valuable time and resources that could be invested to help others in difficult situations.

These are God examples to show you the difference between what God’s mission looks like. There’re many things God has reserved for you to enjoy in your eternal dwelling. He expects you to use the time you have in this world jealously to seek His face and do exploits that bring glory to His Name.



Yes, we all need some rest and moments of relaxation but that's far from being your primary focus. The harvest is ready but the labourers are few. There's not much time to waste in accomplishing fleshly fantasies. Jesus spent all his lifetime preaching, teaching and healing people. Paul and other Apostles suffered all things, travelled to Europe, Asia and the Middle East to Spread the Gospel so that people can be saved. Abraham obeyed and travelled towards the promised land. A woman such as Lydia used her business to support and help meet the needs of some of the Early Church disciples. Joseph went through unwanted troubles to save his family and future generation. The list goes on and on.

One way to determine whether what you're doing is from God or not is to check your objectives. If people are blessed meaningfully in a Godly manner, it is one indicator that you're on the right track. If your motivation is to satisfy the flesh or human selfish desires, you're definitely off target. God's ways and plans are not our ways and plans.

Fifth, ***you must desire to know and courageously work towards your mission to accomplish it.***

Paul says it clearly *"For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power."* (1 Corinthians 4:20). Don't become like the Israelite who saw themselves as grasshoppers in front of their enemies whom God had already given them victory over. As long as you have God guiding and leading you, there's nothing in this world you cannot confront. If God is for you, no one can be against you.

God rarely forces people to do His will. He may chastise you if you are His son or daughter so that you can understand His will and desires and live by them. But He doesn't mingle into your affairs haphazardly. You've not been



created as a robot. You have some degree of liberty to make choices and decisions for yourself. That's why many people have become prideful and disobedient.

Things were made by God that way so that you can explore. Nevertheless, at the end of times, God will require an explanation for all your actions and deeds.

As earlier said, God wants us to approach Him by faith. The writer of Hebrews puts this clearly when he says *'But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him'* (Hebrews 11:6).

You have an adversary known as the devil who wants you to fail and be disgraced at the end of your physical life on earth. Satan will do everything in his power to distract and deviate your attention from seeking and accomplishing God's will for your life on every occasion.

Therefore, you must stand up courageously to face Him in this battle. Although Satan is already defeated by Jesus, he doesn't give up that easily. Your only chance of defeating Him is to practice a life of faith and trust in God on a daily basis. You must understand his schemes and resist him and his agents fearlessly in order to overcome the dark world and fulfil God's will. In everything, remember that you're not on your own. Jesus will be the one fighting for you. He will continuously lead you to daily victories.



Chapter 3

Things That Can Cause You Not To Fulfil God's Purpose

In 2013, we started implementing the Woteva Tree Planting Programme in Cameroon. The programme is originally scheduled to last 10 years and consists of planting fast-growing *Cedrela Mexicana* tree species from Latin America among local species. The main aim of the project is to revitalize the local forest and generate forest resources that will enable the realization of other major community development projects in the village.

The whole programme consists of ten main projects or phases with each phase representing a year of work and 10% of the whole programme. Each phase is further divided into sub-projects. The sub-projects are also divided into many small tasks.

The whole tree planting programme was designed to be managed by a programme manager. Each phase is designed to be handled by one or more project leaders. Sub-projects are also designed to be supervised by team leaders who will be in charge of recruiting workers and monitoring the accomplishments of tasks under each sub-project.

Each task is a specific work to be accomplished in a defined period of time. Usually, a task requires people with specific skill sets able to handle unique resources to accomplish it. As one moves from tasks to task across sub-projects and projects, skills, competencies and resources required vary significantly.

This configuration allows the creation of diverse teams based on required skill sets and competencies to accomplish tasks and projects. In this manner, the whole programme will be achieved after the set period of time.



In the same way, the Kingdom of God is a huge programme with billions of projects, sub-projects, tasks and areas of specialization. God is the Programme Manager of His Kingdom Project. Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Evangelists and Teachers are people handling huge projects and responsibilities. Endless lists of other human resource personnel such as administrators, helpers, missionaries, street preachers, humanitarian workers, authorities, engineers, designers, researchers, scholars and workers in many other fields also serve equally to promote God's kingdom in their areas of specialization.

God has a specific purpose for every individual on earth and that purpose fits at least one of the tasks or projects in His kingdom programme.

God has created you and called you to occupy yourself with one or more of the tasks involved in building His kingdom. Your task(s) is specific and it is something that you will enjoy doing. Just like the tree planting project above, your Kingdom project involves everything from uncertainties, challenges, discoveries and accomplishments to render it exciting and fulfilling in this life.

Like any common project in the world, no one accomplishing a task in God's Kingdom Project knows exactly what to do all the time. Sometimes you're just lost or find yourself in the middle of nowhere. But God requires us to trust Him and seek His will on every occasion. Hence the saying *'We live by faith and not by sight'*.

Apart from having a good relationship with God and understanding your mission, there're four things you need to be careful with. These things are common traps set by the devil to deviate your attention away from God's plans for your life. They include;



1- Neglecting Or Caressing Sin In Your Life

The journey with God is a lifelong process. As you stay in His presence and do His will, you grow in Holiness and move towards perfection. You aren't a perfect person yet – therefore, you can make mistakes sometimes – and we all do.

One of the biggest strategies of the Devil is to lure you into sin. Sin is detested by God and roughens the relationship and communication process between you and Him. The more you accumulate sins in your life, the more difficult it is to serve God appropriately or even communicate with Him.

Some deceive themselves by thinking that they can live their lives the way they want and still be in right terms with God.

Even in this world, not many things are left to self-regulate. Traffic is regulated by common principles everyone should obey. Employment is based on certain predefined criteria. Certain conditions are required to own a gun, hunt, fish, etc. You have to fulfil certain conditions in order to settle or live in towns and cities of your choice. In the process of raising children, parents set certain boundaries children must not cross. Educational institutions have rules and regulations students must obey.

Imagine driving downtown knowing that no one obeys traffic rules or employed by a company that allows everyone to do what they want or living in a society that allows each individual to set his/her own standards. What a chaos that would be!

As you can see, your freedom in this world has boundaries and is sometimes, restricted by certain authorities and laws to protect you and



prevent you from harm. Although you're free, your freedom is valid only within a well-defined context.

If worldly people have rules and regulations to maintain healthy living, how much more will God require us to live by His principles as children of His kingdom? God's standard is Holiness. To enable us to live a holy lifestyle, He provided principles for us to follow in His Word. He has set boundaries we shouldn't cross. He made it that way to protect us and prevent the enemy from harming us. Excessive freedom is always abused by humans – that's the nature of the natural human being. God's warnings are like a signboard telling you *'you're not allowed to swim here due to the presence of sharks'*.

When you break traffic rules and are caught, you pay a fine or lose your license depending on the severity of your fault. In the same way, violating God's rules give the devil the possibility of harming you.

However, in Jesus, God has provided mercy and grace to help us go through sin and overcome it. As a child of God, you're not a sinner by nature and would not sin at will. Nevertheless, because you aren't perfect yet, you make silly mistakes once in a while. You have to deal with these mistakes appropriately. If you don't, the devil will have legal right to mess up with your life.

Even after you have known Jesus, sin still has consequences in your life. Jesus is no license for you to sin or live the way you want. The grace and mercy of God in Jesus are not to be taken for granted. God is not requiring you to use your strength in practising holy living. He is asking you to trust Him, stay close to His Word and put Him first in your life. When you do that, He'll give you the grace to overcome sin on a daily basis and live a fulfilled life.



When you make a mistake or sin, apply His Word immediately without delay. *‘If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleans us from all unrighteousness’* (1 John 1:8-9).

When it comes to our professional settings, some of us are quick to say sorry when we make a mistake. Why is it so difficult to run to God and ask Him to forgive us? Why do we delay in approaching the Father?

Keep in mind that no good parents in this world delight to have children that are continually rebelling against them. They would be pleased when their children admit their wrongdoings and confess those things to them. That will strengthen the relationship with their children and maintain good communication.

If children continue in their rebellion and refuse to admit their wrongdoings, their parents will be angry. The relationship and communication are also affected in the process. If appropriate measures of reconciliation are not taken, things can grow really worse with time.

In the same way, your relationship with God will be severely tempered with if you aren’t diligent in handling sin according to God’s Word.

2- Overdependence On Spiritual Leaders

Everyone needs some form of guidance to make it to maturity. But be careful with your definition of what leadership and spiritual guidance are. *“Spiritual leadership is serving others and helping them grow to spiritual maturity so that they become reproductive Christians... If we drive people, we*



will drive them until they can get out of our way. If we lead people, we will be able to lead them as far as we have gone ourselves. If we serve people, we will help each person develop their full God-given potential and equip each person for the ministry that Christ has prepared for every Christian” (Duane L. Anderson, 2003).

There’s a time to be led and a time to lead. You need to be led only as far as you have developed the qualities of being a true servant who can lead others to maturity also. That’s exactly what Jesus did with His disciples; and the Apostles with early Christians.

Jesus and the Apostles were not willing to have trainees by their sides forever. Their aim was to help the trainees develop as quickly as possible to become servants in their respective areas of calling and sometimes far away from them. Their sole desire was that people should grow to spiritual maturity and be used by God to explore, discover and advance His kingdom.

What’s happening in many churches and ministries today?

You’ve got a superstar prophet, preacher or overseer who is the best of the best. He or she is surrounded by a little core team of faithful followers for decades or even a lifetime. He doesn’t lead like Jesus and the Apostles. He’s less interested in you growing to spiritual maturity and leading others. He doesn’t want to give you appropriate responsibility or help you find your purpose through on-the-job spiritual training. He’s afraid you’ll take his place and become better than him. He wants you to stay where you are under his feet listening to him year in year out.

He dictates all the church programmes and ensures everything is organized to his taste. He wants you to honour him, call him by big names and



respectful titles and continually talk about him instead of Jesus. He writes books, articles, magazines and sometimes even records his sermons for you and others to buy.

He accepts praises from people and develops a prideful look. He receives the prayer requests of hundreds of people and promises to pray for them instead of teaching them how to approach God for themselves. He uses the Name of Jesus but he's the centre of attention and the brand everyone must see and promote. You're there only to promote his image and he's using you to enrich himself and strengthen his fame.

These are the things we find in many churches today. A bunch of believers obeying and following human concepts and functioning in human settings rather than doing what God prepared for them. They warm the seats of churches every Sunday, go from one conference to the other but do not have any good works in the field.

Remember that God has a specific mission with you. If He wants you to serve under someone, He will reveal those things to you and show you specific tasks you will accomplish. If His desire for you is to start a ministry, own a godly business to support God's work, help the needy, sponsor men or women of God or whatever the mission may be, He will reveal these things to you as you spend time in His presence and endeavour to practice His will in your life.

In this world, you don't go to school all your life. A time comes when you have to apply what you've been learning from primary school to university. You have to serve people and the communities you live in.

Moreover, you also don't stay with your parents and get trained all your life. You have to grow and become responsible for your own house and family



so that you can train your own children to maturity. No one likes to work for a company that doesn't promote people. There's a time to be led and a time to handle responsibility.

If you find yourself in a place where the Holy Spirit tells you He wants to use you but you're prevented by a leader or organizational settings, it's time you ask God for concrete direction and leading. It's your responsibility to approach God in sincerity to discover these things. God wants you to develop to full potential and contribute significantly to realizing your part in His Kingdom Project.

Don't let any spiritual oppressor, deceiver or human organizational settings block your mission, take advantage of you and prevent you from living your full potentials. God is your primary leader by the Holy Spirit's help, not human beings. All human beings should grow to maturity and become faithful servants of the Lord in their areas of calling.

Don't let your direction be dictated by any human being. Spiritual dictators are causing much harm in the churches today. They're preventing people from effectively participating in the harvest. They're the reason why many cold Christians exist in churches and communities weaken and perish. You cannot accomplish God's plans for your life if you don't rely on Him yourself to know what He has prepared for you.

Please, lean on God to help you understand the times and phases of your growth and work in Christ. May the Lord guide you and use you!



3- Nurturing Pride And Selfishness

Before becoming children of God, all of us pursued selfish plans and desires. Once in Christ, we have to let go of our own plans and embrace what God has for us.

God owns your life. You owe Him your entire existence. He's the Potter. You're the clay. You've got to let Him fashion you the way He desires. If you don't let Him work through you, He won't be able to use you to accomplish His will for you. He must work through you, transform you and *"make you into a new threshing sledge with sharp teeth..."*; so that *"...you shall thresh the mountains and beat them small and make the hills like chaff"* (Isaiah 41:15).

Pride wouldn't let God work through you. It will cause you to develop a mentality that resists God's ways in favour of carnality. Pride will cause you to fear people more than God and motivate you to develop the attitude of preserving your worldly reputation at all cost. When you are proudful, you want your way to prevail, nothing else.

Growing in pride is one of the most efficient ways Satan uses to cause people to reject God's principles. Pride is a way of life that favours self-conceived notions over divine revelations and principles. Pride was specifically and carefully manufactured by Satan to help you subtly resist God and be destroyed. The wise man warned *"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before the fall"* (Proverbs 16:18).

Many people don't like to be humble. They want to be in control of everything. They think being the best is being at the forefront of everything they do. They want to occupy positions of honour and be seen. They desire to



prove their abilities and display their knowledge even when unrequired. They hate to receive instructions, reproof and corrections. They always want to be in positions of complete liberty so that they can use that liberty to deal with other at will. They hate chastisement and refuse to learn. They despise godly knowledge and instructions.

It is difficult for such people to discover and fulfil God's will. They must humble themselves and allow God to transform their lives first before being used by Him. Every effective and fruitful spiritual leader goes through a Godly transformation process in humility.

Paul says “...*present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God*” (Romans 12:1-2).

4- Laziness/Negligence In Studying And Applying God's Word

Many believers have developed a lazy attitude towards studying and applying God's Word. Some depend on the prayers of their spiritual leaders. Many love reading inspirational books, devotionals and living by what those books say. They have no Berean spirit in them (Acts 17:10-12). They don't like searching the Bible for themselves and depending on the Holy Spirit for explanations. As a consequence, they're tossed by waves of false doctrines and ideas here and there. This is one of the reasons why they're preyed upon and exploited by false prophets and teachers.



Many Christians complain that the church lacks the power to confront the world with efficacy at the moment. This belief is only true to those who waste their time speculating on the things of God and relying on human opinions. Those who put God first, who seek His face in all their endeavours and study and apply His Word experience unsearchable miracles in their lives.

Books like the one you are reading right now are good. In fact, some books can really boost your faith and motivate you to take positive steps in seeking and serving the Lord. But no book in this world, including this one, should ever replace The Bible. The Word of God in the Bible is your main guide in life. Without the Word, you're lost, powerless and paralyzed. How can you even think of becoming a victorious and overcoming believer without relying on the Word?

Worldly success is very different from Godly success. Some people define success and studying hard, choosing a good career direction, landing the dream job, marrying, building a family, buying a house and cars, travelling to beautiful cities for vacation and having good savings and an excellent pension. Although some of these achievements are good, they're far from defining what true success really means.

Success is not defined by your achievements, wealth and material possessions in this world. True success is determined by your obedience in listening to and obeying God's will on a daily basis. True success is never selfish. It impacts your life and environment in ways you cannot imagine. A successful life is a life of true Godly service. This is the life that finds fulfilment.

At the end of a truly successful life of service on earth, God will say to such a person *"...Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a*



few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord” (Matthew 25:21). A successful life is a life of trust and service to the Lord; a life of continual concern and occupation with the things God wants you to accomplish in His Kingdom Project. At the end of such a life, you’ll confidently say *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith”* (2 Timothy 4:7).

A successful life in God must be ready to suffer for God and be persecuted for God’s sake. It’s a life of numerous Godly sacrifices, not a life of abundant splendid vacations, material acquisitions and wealth. You’ll have to learn to let go of many fleshly desires for the sake of God’s Kingdom. The only reason why God blesses you with things in this world is that He wants you to use them to advance His kingdom. A successful life is a life of contempt. It considers the good and bad times and continually gives glory to God.

You cannot experience such a Godly life if you’re lazy in studying God’s Word and applying it in your life. No, you can’t! Godliness is a billion miles above material things and worldliness.

Human opinions and suggestions without godly knowledge are mere distractions. Many are confused and don’t know what to do because they have relegated God’s Word down the scale of preference. We all need support in life but you must realize that your primary source of support is from God who created you and knows all your needs. God knows how to lead and guide your steps to the people He has prepared to assist you in time of need. God didn’t create you to go from one conference to another, church to church, prophet to prophet and friend to friend in search of a solution. He created you to trust Him



and have faith in Him, ‘...being fully convinced that what He has promised He is also able to perform’ (Romans 4:21).



Conclusion

God has prepared specific tasks He wants you to accomplish on earth as you walk with Him. These tasks are part of His huge Kingdom Project. To be successful in your God-given mission, He has also impacted you with special gifts. These gifts are meant to accomplish that Godly purpose, not something else.

However, you cannot truly serve God and succeed in your earthly mission except you know Him. To work with someone, you need to know the person and understand his objectives. God, your Creator and Owner reveals His desires for your life as you build a unique relationship of trust with Him. In this relationship, God motivates you to study His Word and apply it in your life. In the process, He empowers you and brings resources your way to enable you to accomplish His plans for your life.

Don't let people deceive you. Refuse manipulations from false prophets and teachers. You have a role to play – that of seeking God with all your heart. Make it your objective to play your role in full, not in part. A lovely and adventurous journey with the Lord awaits you. You're born to explore with the Lord. Your fulfilment is right there, not somewhere else. Don't let the world hold you back.

May your light shine and shine and shine forever!



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