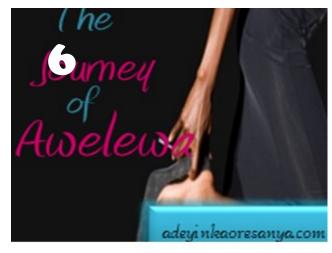




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Remember Samuel: the guy whom God called over and over, yet didn't know who was calling? It was not just that he did not know who was calling; he took him to be someone else.

Thank God for Eli's direction.

Remember the Spirit saying after He had spoken: "he that has an ear, let him hear what the spirit is saying?" It was not a question of "if He would speak," but if those He had spoken to, would hear.

How long has God been trying to reach you and you have been offline?

When you stay online, God will make you, use you for others and prove his might in your life.

Calling your attention again in this edition of *grenepages* to some of the issues God wants to discuss with you. Do you have some time? Come online!

This is our 17th issue. Once again, welcome!





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"He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength." Isaiah 40:29 NKJV

MEDITATION:

Through all of life's trials and temptations, sometimes we get distracted from our focus but we must never lose our faith and the courage to get back up.



Been a long journey from where I did start
Now I'm here, wondering if I would last
My hands look frail, my feet now shake
Keep me wondering if I wouldn't stray

My hope is You won't let me go

Just because You love me so

I've said the vow but still I know

It's Your grace that will make me grow

So I take my mind off failing
I take my mind off straying
My focus on You alone
It's amazing the strength from Your throne

I win
Though this struggle is real
Still I win
Because You live in me

Yes this battle is fierce

Still I will not fret

Knowing my victory in You is sure

You alone remain my trust.



"Hello." This young lady, clad in a pair of blue jeans and black top, said to me as she tapped her well-manicured index finger on my desk.

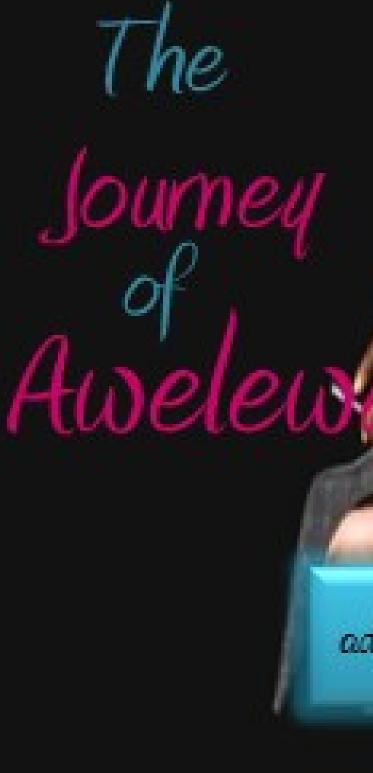
"Hello. Please, hold on," I replied with a smile. Two elderly couple were already on seat and I was attending to them.

She shifted from one foot to the other, mumbling and grunting, letting me know her issue couldn't wait another second more.

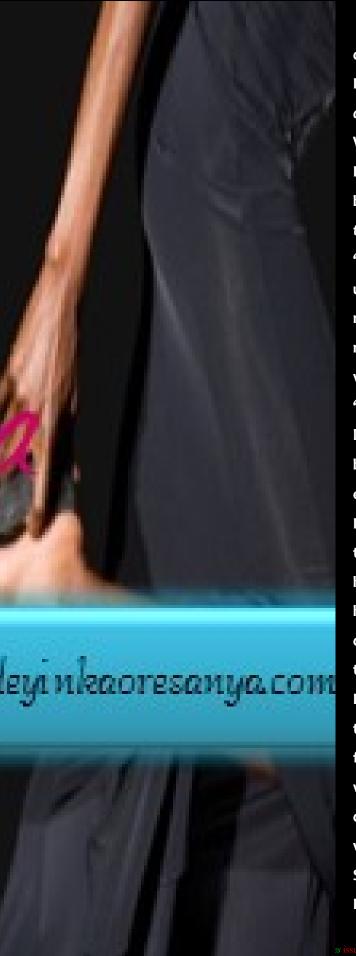
I pretended not to see. I was so used to this attitude in my line of job and I had learnt to deal with it in the calmest way I could.

After attending to the couple, I turned to her. "Yes, how can I help you?"

She flipped her weaves back as she sat down. "I tried to use the ATM this morning. It gave me a dispense error yet I got the alert that my account had been debited." She tossed her hair back. "The worst is that when I tried to retrieve my card, it won't come out, so I was told to come here." She leaned in and tapped my desk again. "I need my card like yesterday. I



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don't have time for all this."

I did all I could not to roll my eyes. Like yesterday, seriously?

When I went through the form I gave her to fill, I discovered she had used her card in another bank. Madam, it looks like your needs will have to wait.

"Sorry for the inconvenience, Miss. Since you used another bank's ATM, you won't be able to retrieve your card anymore, so you will have to request for another one which will take eight working days to process."

"What!" Her eyes grew wide. "I need my card like yesterday! What about my money that has been deducted? Oh God, isn't there someone else I could talk to?"

I gave her a cold stare. Did this girl just suggest that I was incompetent at my job? I shook my head to step down the rising anger within me. I had been mastering how not to let customers determine my mood or spoil my day. I wasn't there yet; I would get there some day.

I pulled a plain paper from the pile on my desk, thrust it towards her and said calmly. "Please fill in your request and come back after eight working days, your card will be ready and the debit on your account would have been reversed."

She grumbled but started to write.

I turned to my work and began to file away.

When she was through, she pushed the paper forward and stood up to leave without waiting for me to cross check what she had written.

I went through the form and it was alright though.

"Hello," a rich, deep voice said.

I looked up and my breath caught in my throat, again.

"Hello," I croaked.

He smiled. "Awelewa?"

I nodded.

He thrust out his hand. "I am Joba Adebiyi. The guy welcomed back into church yesterday."
"I know who you are." I placed my hands in his.
Warmth travelled through my body. I took my hands back. "Welcome back." I managed to say.

His smile was syrupy. "Thank you. How are you today?"

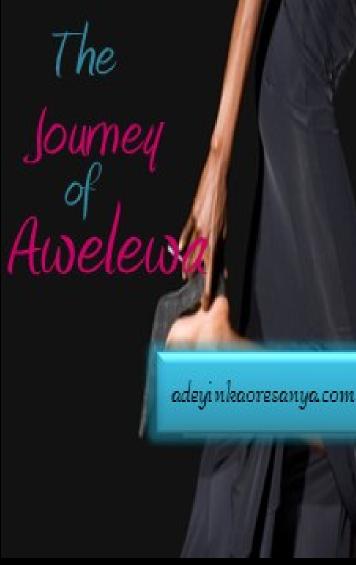
"I'm great, thank you. Please, sit down, how can I help you?"

He pulled out the chair a little and sat down with his back straight, confidence exuding from him.

God help me through this.

He fixed his cute eyes on me. "Well, I need help in reactivating my dormant account so P.Segz directed me to you."

"Oh, okay. You will need to present a regulatory ID card and recent utility bill of your current



home address," I said.

"Don't worry," he smiled. "I came prepared."
I smiled back. "Okay. I will give you a reactivation form to fill now. Once completed, we can move from there."

"Yes, Ma'am." He kept that syrupy smile on. I hope I get through this.

I opened my drawer and brought out the form for him. He perused the form while I pretended to work on my PC, stealing glances at him from time to time. Then, he took out a fountain pen and began to write, his focus totally on the

form as if he was writing an exam. I turned my nounced. "But, you will have to pay in or withfocus back to my PC. draw from the account to complete the reactivation." "Here," he slid the form towards me. "Completed." "Okay, I will do that downstairs," he replied. "Alright. Let me have your ID card and utility "Thank you so much, Awelewa. How do I rebill." turn the favour?" "Okay." He brought out a brown leather wallet I chuckled. "It's nothing, Pastor. I just did my from his pocket and fished for his driver's liwork." "It's Joba, please." cense, then opened his moleskin notebook and took out the utility bill. Everything about this I nodded, unsure of what to say. guy, from his wallet, to his stationery, to the "You know," he said, smiling, "I should buy you shoes peeking at my side of the desk, reeked of dinner sometime, to appreciate you?" alpha masculinity that made my heart sing hal-"Oh no," I said quickly, "you don't have to do lelujah. that, Pastor, er, Joba." I stood up and made for the ground floor, the He smiled. "Okay. Thanks all the same. Have a form and other documents in hand. Once I was week filled with good things." out of sight, I stole a glance at his driver's li-"Amen!" He shook my hand, looked at me with an incense. He was 30 years old, just two years older than I was, and 1.8 meters tall. tense gaze that melted me all over and walked Some minutes later, after persuading Henry to away. attend to the account urgently, I went back up-Like I said yesterday, I am in deep trouble.

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stairs, proud of my achievement.

"Your account has been activated," I an-

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I will tell you why you don't have all the time to join the train of salvation and godliness.

I understand your human logic.

If I tell you that you can always graduate from the university, whether you take the first year exam or you jump in for the final year paper alone, a rational human would probably opt for the latter.

It is easier and calculative.

And the salvation experience is always sold like that often times than not. It is partly true, but deeper than that.

It is the 'milk concentration' that has been sold to you. The surface form of it.

On a post that I made long ago, my friend Ayomide reminded me how I would teach as a Sunday school teacher during our Master's degree few years ago where I met her in the UK.

She reminded me of a statement I made.

It brought gladness to my heart.

You know I could have convinced myself that salvation could wait till I am 78 and I am about checking out?

But I would have missed the meat of the matter.

Can you imagine if I am still struggling with fornication and the issue at hand is still how they are trying to force me to join the Choir so I can attend Church regularly let alone yield to Jesus?

I would have lost the privilege to impact all the people I have. If it sounds like a boast to you, trust me, it is in the Lord. I gave my life to Christ many times too until I did once and for all.

I wish that unlike Joshua, your report card would show that you were able to possess all the lands you were designed to conquer.

It is why I say, get on the road on time.

There is still room!

Come in!





Barnabas who was sent by the church to the believers in Antioch worked amidst them for a while before seeking out Saul to join him. The two spent a year with these believers fellowshipping with them and teaching them. The result was that people recognize the believers and started calling them Christians. They were called Christians because they saw them reflecting Christ. People could see them as images of Christ. They moved from being believers to Christians during the course of that one year.

Generally, people are asked of their religion and some reply being Christians. However, not all with such response are Christians. Being part of the church does not make one a Christian. Being a worker in church does not make one a Christian. Being born in the church to church leaders does not make one a Christian. Being buried in the church does not make one a Christian. The many calling themselves Christian are not all

Christians. One might be a believer and still not be a Christian. Being born again makes one a believer.

Initially the Antioch group was called believers but after that one year became Christians. They believed in the work of salvation, eternal life through Jesus. However, they next stage, which was living out the life of Christ made them a Christian. There are so many that claims they are born again but you cannot see any Christ in them. A Christian is a Christ. If you have not become Christly, you are not a Christian. It might be accepted in official forms but you are not one. Those forms should have indicated something like 'churhianity' rather than Christianity.

Fellowship is not to come having opening prayers, praise worship, testimonies, choir, message, and benediction. That is not fellowship but worship service. It is to have one on one contact-communion. You can come around and spend



hours together and not fellowship. In fellowshipping, we notice one another. In fellowship, we are observant of one another. It is about personal relationships.

The reason many are not becoming Christians is that they are only meeting with us but not fellowshipping. They partake in the services but no relating. It is possible to come to meetings together for hours to make the service run fine and not yet fellowship with one another. People are not fellowshipping when they do not know about one another. Fellowship starts from relationship; doing things together, talking together, sharing together and praying together.

Do not just attend services. That is why there is no change, no transformation to become Christ. Little wonder many people remain who they are, because they are not fellowshipping with the body. What joins you together with the body is that you are fellowshipping with the body.

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:15-16 KJV

Every nutrient you need to grow to become
Christ comes from the head through the joints
and ligaments. If you are not joined to the body,
you cannot grow because there would be no nutrients flowing to you. A separated part of the
body cannot receive what the body is eating.
Therefore, the body grows but the cut off part
would not grow. When you are not joined to the
body, you cannot be nourished. You cannot get
form the head- Jesus Christ from whom all nourishment flows. The body is not the one that is
famished but he/she who refuse to be joined to
the body.

There is a lot of feeding going out there but you are missing out by staying away. Your fellowship life joins you together with the body. When you join yourself with the body through fellowship, whatever nutrients, virtue, grace is present in the body will flow to you. You will not know how it works but because you are fellowshipping with others, you just see that your life becomes better. You begin to improve, thinking differently because of the people you have joined yourself with.

When you walk with the body, you become part of the body (Proverbs 13:20). The nutrients flowing in the body will flow to and through you. Therefore, if you are part of Christ you become Christ. Stop hanging; join the fellowship. This not about becoming a member but joining the body. Some might be registered members, serving in one capacity or another but not joined to the body. They are not part. You may be known by name, face, activities, and punctual to meetings but are you actually fellowshipping?

As each member does its own part, the whole body will grow. What makes you to grow is when everybody does his or her own part. If the mouth does its work well, the food goes into the stomach. The hand will function well because the stomach functions well. If the stomach does not play its part of processing the food and redistributing, the hand will have a problem of

growth. The heart is to pump blood to the whole body, e.g. the hand. If the heart does not perform its own function, the heart will not get any supply.

One of the reasons why some join fellowship and yet there is no difference is because some people are withholding their part. When everybody carries out his or her own function, we all grow. Some have given themselves new functions of sitting down and leaving not playing any role in the body. That part being held back is denying others enough nutrition hindering Christ formation. Therefore, people are not becoming 'Christs' because someone that holds a class of nutrient is not releasing it.

Amidst the choral group, there are the alto, soprano, tenor and the likes. If one of these parts refuses to participate, keeping quiet during a rendition such as the Hallelujah chorus, you can imagine what will happen. Some feel that there are enough people there already they are not needed. They have enough hands and so they might not be needed, thinking what difference you will make by joining; it will make a lot. As everyone does their part, the whole body grows. There is a circulation of Christ that must be on, as Christ is not localized to one person. He gave parts to everybody, so we only get the fullness when we come together.

However, beyond the spiritual virtues (1 Corinthians 14:26), there are other parts, which are needed in character formation that we pass on to one another. When you come together in true fellowship you see the way another sister is dressing without exposing her body yet she looks beautiful, you will learn from her. She has donated a part to you. She is fulfilling her own part; she knows how to dress well and passes it on to you. Then you too will soon begin to dress like Christ. You might not know how to do some things but when you see someone behaving like that you wonder how he or she is able to do it. Soon in your interaction, you learn. If you are close, you will learn informally.

However, if you do not fellowship together you cannot even know the strengths possessed by your brethren. Therefore, learning cannot even take place. Closeness will make you know how people respond to different situations. Every character you think is deficient in you is strength in someone in the fellowship. You might not have borrowed it and make it part of your life because you have not joined yourself with the person. Avenues offered by our believers' groupings are designed by God to allow a rubbing of virtues on one another.

The three and a half years the disciple spent with Jesus, Jesus rubbed his character on them.

The character of Jesus you need will be rubbed

on you when you fellowship with your brethren. When you stay away from fellowshipping, you are staying away from being rubbed.

There were two dimension of fellowship amidst the Antioch believers. One, Paul and Barnabas were fellowshipping with them and they themselves were fellowshipping with one another. They were referred to as a congregation, a church. They were fellowshipping with themselves and then the apostles came with what was lacking to fellowship with them.

Barnabas brought his goodness, fullness of the Holy Ghost and faith to the congregation as his contribution (Acts 11:24). When they fellowshipped together, they all received that goodness, fullness of the Holy Spirit and faith and they manifested these, and people saw all these in them and labeled them Christians.

Barnabas brought his own strength and joined it with them, what strength do you have both physically and spiritually? Join these strengths with the body and let's become better. When you see someone amidst us who is not a stable disciple, not growing well, the fault is not with him or her, it is those who have refused to join with such. Look for the weak ones, join yourself with them, and pull them up. Let something flow out of you into their lives.



i regret

I stopped being a church member and I became a church worker.

I gave my life to Jesus 10 years ago. What a time that was in my life. I enjoyed every day of nothing less than 3 hours of prayers and sweet bible study times. In church, I enjoyed the corporate prayers. There was something about them.

I used to sing wholeheartedly when it was time for hymns. I would listen attentively to the preacher, speaking exactly what God had sent him to say to me. I would feel as if the Holy Spirit was seated next to me, even at work...I felt the joy of salvation. How sweet!

What a joy to be born again!

Soon I realized that only the "JJCs" live my kind of life. People graduate from church members

to church workers. "Brother, you have been around for some time" I was told. "You cannot continue to sit like a 'baby in Christ' during services. Therefore, I joined the work group: Bible Teachers Unit, Transport Unit and Ushering Unit all at once. I started, as they say, "working for God." I graduated to the next level.

Hence, instead of the sweet hour of prayer that I used to have in my closet with the Lord early on Sunday mornings, I had to start coordinating buses that will convey members to church as early as 5:30 a.m.

Half past 8 was bible study time. I was no longer a student; I had become the teacher, teaching what I never had time to learn, telling the church what I was not very sure God said.

The Bible study ends and the service begin. I would walk up and down the aisle from start to finish. I would count the members present and



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count how much they gave. Never again did I have time for the things that really count!

Before I knew it, I had lost that inner joy I used to have. The direction and companionship of the Holy Spirit was lost. I wondered what my prayer points were, those days of 3 hours per day. I seemed to have 'worked for God' so much that I had lost my grips on God himself. I wish I never graduated from being a church member.

Much more, when I realized Jesus warned Martha in the scriptures about this.

And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried

and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:39-42 NKJV

No Christian is too big to do the basics of our lifestyle. You will never outgrow prayer. You will never be experienced so much that you will not need the bible. Do not outgrow listening to God. No activity, not even church activities should take these away. Be a church worker, but never at the expense of being a church member first.

Yes, a joy comes from being engaged in several church activities. There are blessings attached as well, but none of these compare to the joy of salvation. Never lose your hold on that one important thing.





I was not home when it began to rain and for the first time the rain spilled from one of the passages into a kitchen then to the sitting room.

It was the first time this will happen since I came into the apartment. It was a torrential

downpour; the whole place was filled with water.

While I was coming home late that night, I had to pass through a place where there was a large drainage leading to a stream. The floor was so much that I was terrified by noise that I felt like running. The water gushed out with force and it was as if it would run over its banks towards me. I was afraid.

It was then that Psalm 93:3-4 made a lot of



"The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea" (NKJV)

Obviously, the writer was in the midst of some floods. He must have experienced floods from rain or travelled on the sea. He was accustomed with the sounds of storms and waves.

Another way to look at this Scripture is that maybe the Psalmist found himself in a life situ-

ation that can be likened to the floods.

I also experienced floods that night and I knew how I felt when I saw the speed and force with which the water was running. There was panic as the noise terrified me. It was as if something was going to happen to me.

There are times in our lives when we experience floods too. I am talking about experiences replica to floods of rain. It could be floods of lack, debt, delay, unemployment, discouragement, fruitlessness or sickness. There are times



when you are in situations and it seems as if the storms, floods and waves of life will carry you away.

There are moments in our lives when the voice of the challenges we are facing can silent the voice of the Lord and the Lord seems so far away. You cannot hear Him. You cannot see Him. You cannot feel Him. All you see, hear and feel is fear; the fear of the unknown and the fear of failure. You feel hopeless, depressed, and discouraged.

You will likely begin to think something is wrong with you. You will beat yourself up and blame yourself for all the failures you have experienced. You will regret some actions you have taken and some you did not take. If this condition is not addressed quickly, it can lead to despair.

The Psalmist, also in a similar situation went to the Lord and cried out,

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

Paul also experienced the storms. Jesus and his disciples also experienced the waves of the sea. Floods, storms and waves are sometimes normal on the sea of life. We may experience the floods and waves in different degrees but no one is completely spared of it. On the sea of life, the key to victory is both prayer and prepa-

rations against those floods, waves and storms. With reference to Jesus' illustration recorded in Matthew chapter seven verses twenty-four to twenty-seven, both houses - the one built on the rock and the one on the sand were tested with the flood, the rain and the storms. What made the difference was the preparation (the foundation).

Our responsibility is to go to the Lord just like the Psalmist and report to Him. The apostles also went to Him when they were in the same crisis. Unfortunately, most of us worry and complain instead of praying. We allow the floods to get into the boat and we begin to drown. The floods and waters of fear get into our soul and we begin to sink. Peter began to sink when he took his gaze off the Lord and began to consider the storm.

What floods are you experiencing right now? I will ask you to go to the Lord and report it to Him. Tell him just like the Psalmist did,
The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

As the psalmist began to report the case to the Lord in verse 3 of Psalm 93, certain things began to happen;

1. His gaze shifted from the flood to the Lord.

He no longer saw the floods; he began to see the Lord. Verse 3 began with 'the floods' while verse 4 began with 'the Lord.'
Our challenges become miniaturized before the Lord when we go to Him. His glory swallows our gloom; His light consumes our darkness.

- 2. The floods were the ones that were lifted up in verse 3. The flood was on high but in verse 4, the Lord had taken over. The Lord was now on high. The Psalmist realized the situation was not as bad as He thought when He came to God's presence. It was not as high because the Lord is higher.
- 3. In verse 3, the flood was said to have a voice but before the Lord, the voice became a noise. The Psalmist in verse 4 said, "The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters..." The voice of fear is not from the Lord It is a noise meant to silence the voice of the Lord over your life and situations.

Moreover, the Psalmist said the Lord is mightier than the noise of many waters. At first, he was magnifying the strength of the floods but later he could see that the lord is mightier than the noise of many waters.

I can tell you that the Lord on high is mightier than the floods and noise of many waters that you may be experiencing right now. He is mightier. He is bigger. He is greater than whatsoever may be your experience.

Our responsibility is to go to Him and lift Him up. Take note that the Bible did not say, "The Lord is mightier..." It says, "The Lord on high is mightier...."

What is the implication of this difference? I infer that the reason we do not see the Lord act on our behalf is that we have not put Him in his rightful place. He has to be on high before He can act. We have to acknowledge his lordship over all the things.

Isaiah saw his woes and had an encounter that transformed his life but the first was that he "saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up" (Isaiah 6:1).

It is time we put Him in his rightful place in our lives. You must lift Him on high with your prayers, with your worship and with your life. Do not wake Him up with complains like the apostles but with your praise. He is the Master of the sea; the billows will obey Him.

Your victory depends on what you focus on.
When you cast your gaze consistently on the
Lord, you will realize that He is mightier than
the noise of many waters, than the mighty
waves of the sea.



Some decades back, 'righteousness' was a topic that many Christians feared to think about or discuss. At that time, only some denominations could freely talk about righteousness through various media and publicity materials. This they did freely because people gave them respect for their pious outlook. From what you saw on the outward, you would logically conclude that these people were righteous; they stayed away from virtually everything that looked 'worldly'.

The fear of discussing righteousness was because it seemed unattainable. People thought that no matter how hard they tried to pattern their lifestyle, one little thing was going to still prove them to be unrighteous.

Righteousness is defined as the state of being holy and just, to be in right standing with God. This is the point where God sees you and considers you as sinless and completely holy in His sight. The Greek word for righteous is **Dikalos** which means to be innocent or holy.

Wow! Little wonder, Christians quickly humble themselves before God and say that they are unrighteous. We spend little time feeling righteous that the whole lot of time we spend feeling unrighteous.

Not one person can have God's approval by following Moses' Teachings. Moses' Teachings show what sin is. Romans 3:20 GW

The Knowledge factor is the most needed tool here. Over the years, the mind and intention of God has finally been brought to light (and we are still learning more and more daily).

In the course of this 7-part series, we will be looking at God's own perspec-



tive of righteousness and what He expects from us. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit to teach you and lay aside/discard every pre conceived

HOW CAN A MAN BE RIGHTEOUS?

It is true that God alone is righteous; He cannot withstand iniquity and sin. God knew that there was nothing that man could do (all by himself) to be righteous but He wanted to establish a union/relationship with man.

idea or notion which you have always thought about righteousness.

IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO BE FREE.!!!

For this to happen, man needs to be holy as God is and to be righteous as God is righteous before he could ever enjoy this union and fellowship with God.

So what did God do? God imputed in man His own righteous nature, not as a reward for anything that man has done or could do but as a free gift.

And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. Romans 11:6 KJV

But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Romans 5:15-17 KJV

On the part of man, the nature of righteousness was received as a gift but on the part of God, somebody paid the price.

Our sin nature and its consequences were dealt with on the cross of Calvary when Jesus Christ hung and died, tasted the penalty of sin on our behalf - as us. We paid the price for sin in Him. He was made the sacrifice for our sin so that we would be washed clean and be seen as cleaning

the sight of God.

God made him who had no sin to be sin[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 1 Peter 1:18-19 KJV

Because of the perfect sacrifice, which was offered just once, God forgave the sins of man. Not only has he forgiven but that he has forgot-



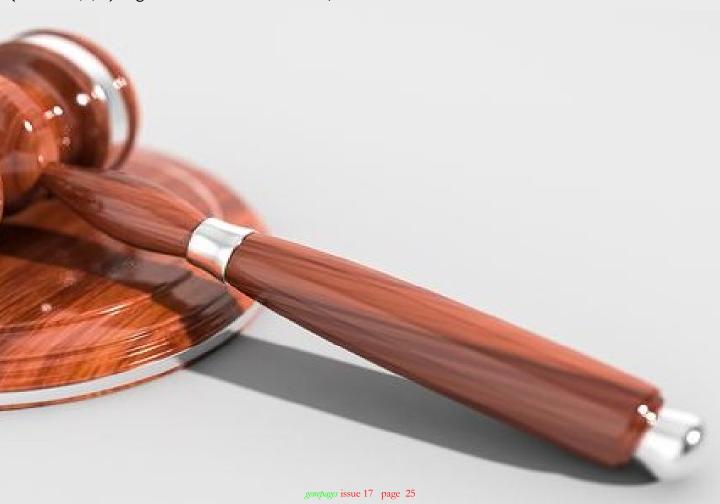
ten and will remember them no more (John 1:29; Hebrews 10:110 – 18; Romans 11:27; Isaiah 1:8; 43:25; Jeremiah 31:34).

Righteousness comes only on the account of Jesus' death on the Cross- He died for the sins of the world (1John 2:2; Romans 3:25; Colossians 1:14, 20; Ephesians 1:7). The blood of Christ forever makes intercession for us Before the Father (Hebrews 7:25 Romans 6:34). It will not be shed again; it was shed once and for all. This means that sins are forever taken care of.

Therefore, man becomes righteous by expressing faith in the finished work of the Cross (Romans 4:4-8). Righteousness is not a reward;

God did not owe humanity anything. Rather, righteousness is a gift from God. The prophet and King (David) foresaw this and spoke by the Holy Spirit that the only way man can become righteous is when God Himself actually does not reckon sin against that man. He says this man is highly favoured.

We are going to learn more about how man can be righteous in the succeeding parts of this series. Take some time to thank God because He alone has made it possible for human beings (though in the flesh) to stand holy and righteous before Him.





Maximizing Teen-hood Ihukun Abraham

style in the midst of everyone around you. It's the act of using the word of God as your standard of living, not using the opinions or ideologies of people.

Now, let us interact.

Hi Teens!

Hope you enjoyed the last edition of grenepages, and I hope you have not forgotten that it pays to be separated unto God. The Holy Bible says that we should love not the world nor the things of the world. We live in a time where it is difficult to differentiate between a believer and an unbeliever because of the worldly lifestyle of many socalled believers. However, remember that God cannot be deceived; He knows those who belong to Him in truth and in deed.

So if I may ask you, does God know you belong to Him? If yes, can the people around you testify to it that you belong to God? Do you see why you have to be separated unto God? Being separated does not necessarily mean you will not talk to unbelievers. It simply means living a godly life-

How will your friends, neighbors and family know that you belong to God? After all, godliness is not written on people staces. In the last edition, I said desisting from evil communication is one of the ways of being separated with your friends or people around you? Do you peak vulgar words (dirty language), words of hatred or that could cause enmity between people, words full of condemnation of yourself or others,

Another way of separating yourself is LIVING A LIFESTYLE OF SINCERITY AND TRUTHFULNESS.

etc.? Your communications tells a lot about you.

The remnant of Israel shall do no unrighteousness And speak no lies, Nor shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; For they shall feed their flocks and lie down, And no one shall make them afraid."



to get a job or admission and youths lie that they are in love in other to take advantage of one another amidst other instances of falsehood. Nevertheless, beloved, the word and standard of God does not change. God is not a politician that says 'A' but means 'Z'. His word is the same forever.

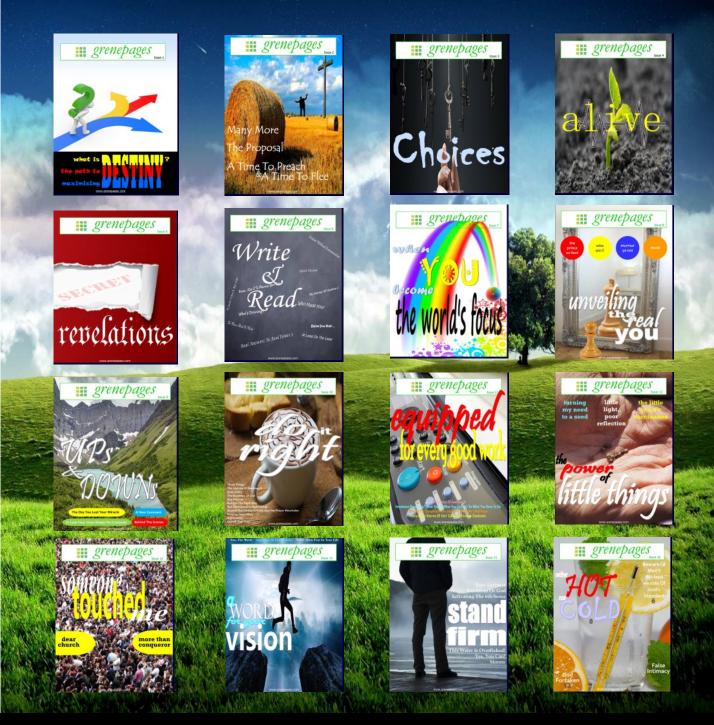
Those who tell lies do not belong to God, no matter your status in the church; be a Bishop's child or a prophet. Remember that Satan is the father of all lies and the father of everyone who tells lies irrespective of who you are.

ing a life of truth and sincerity. No matter what it will cost you, say the truth always. The truth will always prevail; it is just a matter of time. Try to desist from any situation or action that will subject you to telling lies. Its pays in all things to be truthful because God will bless and reward you and

Let your life of sincerity and truthfulness separates you from others as a child of God that you are! Be truthful in all situations!

sometimes men may reward you.

Bye! Until next time, let your lifestyle single you out for God.



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