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Preface

There are many Christians who live a defeated life, and many of them have backslidden because they did not see the benefits of being a Christian. Surely, many of them were tempted by the devil to disregard the importance of living a righteous life. Indeed, many of them have not grasped the Bible truth, 'Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.' Anyone who hungers for the way, the truth, and life, will find it in Jesus. Jesus is our righteousness and if we abide in righteousness there is nothing that can deny us. When we abide in the righteousness of God, we will all be successful in whatever we want to do. We would be successful because the presence of the Lord will always be with us.

The presence of the Lord means everything to us, and it will give us anything that we need from Him. We could only maintain the presence of the Lord when the Lord is pleased with us. God could only be pleased with us when we make His word our Lord. We need to allow God to rule us through His word. The word of God must be our standard of what is good and acceptable to Him, and we would always be victorious when we are totally controlled by His word.

Our Father has also promised us eternal life that comes through the blood of the Lamb of God, who was sacrificed on the cross so that we may not die. We can only achieve the promised eternal life when the word of God is our God. The word of God is everything to those who understand the mysteries of heaven. To them, everything must bow to the word of God because they understand that when they reject the word of God, they would be rejecting God. We can never separate the word of God from the Lord. The Lord watches over His word to perform it. And anyone who rejects the authority of the word of God will live a defeated life because life is only possible through the word of God, Jesus.

This book clarifies the wisdom of God in a simple language, and it makes us understand what the whole Bible is saying in a language that would be understood by many. It illuminates the word of God in a way that could be grasped by many people. This book has captured all that the Holy Spirit wanted us to know. It does this through brief and simple statements of wisdom that clarifies the mind of God for us. The Holy Spirit is not substituting the Bible through this work, but He is shedding more light to all that has been written in the Bible.

Anyone who reads this book will be blessed by the deep revelations that the Spirit of the truth has made in this work. This book is a must read for every kind of Christian. It would be profitable to those who have just known the Lord, and it would immensely help those who have walked with the Lord for many years.

Introduction

“Then Moses led Israel to journey away from the Red Sea. They went out to the Desert of Shur, walked for three days into the desert, and found no water.

Then they came to Marah, but they were not able to drink the waters of Marah, because they were bitter. (That is why its name was Marah.)

So the people murmured against Moses, saying, “What can we drink?”

He cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When Moses threw it into the water, the water became safe to drink. There the Lord made for them a binding ordinance, and there he tested them.

He said, “If you will diligently obey the LORD your God, and do what is right in his sight, and pay attention to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, then all the diseases that I brought on the Egyptians I will not bring on you, for I, the LORD, am your healer” Exodus 15:22-26, NET).

The state of the church is in a serious decay. When you look at the surface, all things seem to be rosy in our Christian world, but when you go to the word of God, you begin to see the terminal state of the church. There is a lot that is wrong with us, and if we do not turn from our ways, the wrath of God is awaiting us.

It is estimated that there are more than 40 000 different Christian churches around the world. At the turn of twenty century, there were approximately 1600 churches. It is also estimated that there are now more than 2 billion Christians around the world. The kingdom of God seems to be increasing at an alarming rate, but this is not true. The number of churches and the followers is increasing, but the calibre of the churches and the followers leave a lot to be desired. Indeed, the church collective has regressed from the progress made in the past centuries, and it will continue to decline if there are no bold men and women who could wake up and stand for what is true, a gospel that preaches a pure version of righteousness.

There are countless books that have been written about God, and there are many preachers who stand in the pulpit every Sunday and preach about God. However, many Christian books and the sermons that are preached in the pulpit are doing more harm than good. These books and many sermons that are preached around the world preach a different version of Christianity. It is a version that is making man the center of everything. They elevate man above God, and if we continue this way, there is no hope for the coming generation of believers. We could change the course of history by rewriting the wrongs of our past. To do this, we all need to go back to the supremacy of the word of God, which has a central message of righteousness. A life of a Christian must be centered around holiness and nothing else.

Our God is very concerned with the state of the church. And it is for this reason that the Lord inspired me to write this book. I am just a simple prophet of God who has been tasked with the simple message, 'Let my people return back to the supremacy of the word of God, and let righteousness be their rod of strength.'

This book is a log that the Holy Spirit is throwing at the church that tastes bitter. Many of those who do not know the Lord are not able to drink from the church that was given to them to be a place where they would find rest. Many of them are dying because the church has lost direction, and it cannot offer them the solutions they are looking for. The church is the center of the kingdom of God on earth, it is where the Lord is able to impact upon those who hunger for salvation. But if the church is bitter, no one will get true salvation from it.

1. Heart

“God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me” (Psalm 51:10, HCSB).

1.1

Your tongue and body are conveyor belts that convey what has been manufactured in your heart. They both reflect the conditions of your heart. Righteousness and wickedness are both manufactured in the heart of your soul. The thrones of righteousness or wickedness are both seated in our spiritual hearts. If you speak and walk in righteousness, the throne of Jesus is fully established in your heart, but if your tongue and body behave sinfully, then the throne that is seated in your heart belongs to the devil.

1.2

The power that transforms our lives must be planted by God in our hearts. The Lord plants the Holy Spirit in our hearts so that the Spirit of the Lord could establish God’s dominion in our lives and conduct. When the Spirit of the Lord has been firmly planted in our hearts, our hearts are able to listen to the voice of God and act in accordance with His word. But if the devil’s throne is the one that rules us, our conduct and lives would be drawn towards worldliness. The battle between the Light of God and the devil happens in our hearts because our hearts are the battleground of goodness and evil. If we allow God to rule our hearts, we shall be like Him by walking in victory all the time. But when the devil’s throne rules us, we shall forever swim in the pool of tears and sorrow.

2. Love

“If you love Me, you will keep My commands” (John 14: 15).

2.1

Many people confuse God’s love with their own love for Him. The two are not the same because we can never love God the way He loves us. Our hearts can desire to have the same love He has for us, but we can never achieve such depths of love because God’s love for us is immeasurable, but our love for Him is limited. God measures our love for Him through His word. We manifest our love to Him by loving His commandments. When we obey the word of God, we manifest our love for the Lord. Our obedience to His word is all the proof of our love for Him. If we reject the word of God through our conduct and utterances, we do not know Him. We are called the children of God, for the Lord rules over us through His word. When we reject His word, we reject His Lordship over us, and we also cease to have a Master by the name of Jesus.

2.2 Your love for God determines all, and your love for others reveals all. Indeed, your love for others reveals your true spiritual state, and it reveals your love for God. Your love for God determines your love for others. If you do not love God, you will never love anyone.

2.3

What is the secret of a great relationship? It begins and ends with God. To love the Lord with all your heart, mind and soul is the ingredient of any great relationship. When you love God, you will transfer that love to others. God is the mirror that reflects your love for Him to others. The depth of your love for God determines the depth of your love for others and the respect you have for the Lord will be reflected in your respect for others.

2.4

When you love God, you would hate sin so much that you would not even imagine yourself doing any kind of sin.

2.5

If you love God with all your mind, heart and soul, you will know the mysteries of Heaven. When your mind is tuned to the frequency of heaven, you will hear the voice of God speaking inside you.

2.6

You cannot do anything to increase God, for He has created everything. The best thing you can do for Him is to praise Him. You praise Him by living a life of righteousness, not by saying nice things about Him with your mouth. It is good to say nice things about God. However, the nice things you say about Him must complement the nice and righteous things that are happening in your life.

2.7

Those who would one day see the Lord are those who do not care about what the world is doing and saying, or what the world is doing to entertain itself. They are not drawn towards the world, but they gravitate towards the heart of God. Their preoccupation is to live for the Lord and to please Him in all things.

2.8

Love helps you to be obedient to God. If you love God with all your heart, mind, and soul, you will never want to do anything that would upset Him. When your heart bursts with love for Jesus, you would always want to put a smile on His face by doing what is right all the time.

2.9

You can live for a million years and you will never find anyone who loves you like Jesus. He is the only One who loves you unconditionally, and He bears the scars of the cross of Calvary to prove the depth of His love for you.

3. Worship

“Don’t you know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

3.1

There is no better way of worshiping God than to do so in your own body. Your body is the temple of God and must be totally dedicated to His service. You serve God when your mouth and conduct glorify His name. The Lord is glorified when you live a life that is totally controlled by his word.

4. Success

“Now if you faithfully obey the LORD your God and are careful to follow all His commands I am giving you today, the LORD your God will put you far above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come and overtake you, because you obey the LORD your God” (Deuteronomy 28:1-2).

4.1

Jesus is the Anointed Saviour and He is also the blessed Son of God. Heaven and the earth are all His inheritance. Anyone who is in Jesus is anointed and blessed. If you are in Jesus and standing in one position spiritually and materially without progress, this is not caused by the lack of blessings in your life. It is caused by the lack of the breakthrough power of God that must break through into your blessings. This breakthrough power of God comes only through righteousness. If you want to be successful in life, you need to live a holy life so that the breakthrough power of God could work in your favour. When you experience failure in your life, God does not have anything to do with your failure, your life that is against righteousness is to blame for all the predicaments you are facing in your life. Righteousness is the only magnet for success, and if you want to be successful, you must walk in total obedience to the word of God.

4.2

Rest assured in God’s ability to provide you with anything that you want from Him. The Lord wants all the good things for you. He wants them more than you do. His perfect will for you existed before you were born. You need to know that the Lord always has your best interest at heart. If there is something that is not moving well in your life, the fault is not with God, it has something to do with you. Look inward and

you will find what you must do to succeed in your life. If there is anything in your life that contradicts the word of God, that thing will work against your success. In this regard, if you contradict God, you will become your worst enemy. And when you fail, don't look for any other culprit, the culprit would be standing right where you are standing. The blessings of God are linked to the obedience of His word, and if you want to be successful in whatever you want to do, make the word of God your God. Let it rule your life, and it will make you prosper in whatever you want to do.

4.3

If you want breakthroughs in your life, you must give the word of God the chance to break through against the power of sin in your life. Sin is the biggest stumbling block of prosperity. If you want success, you must hunger for righteousness because righteousness is the only magnet of great breakthroughs.

4.4

Your number one preoccupation in life must be to allow God to change you into the nature of Jesus. All the promises of God for us are in Jesus. If you need the blessings of God or you need the power of God to work in your favour, you must be like Jesus. Jesus is the only standard of what is right and acceptable to God. He is also the heir of heaven, and if you want to inherit the treasures of heaven, you can only do so if you are like Him in all respects. Your will must function within the will of God, and you must be obedient to God even though that obedience might cost your life. Jesus is the secret of God's power, and for you to access that power, you must be conformed into His nature. Jesus also gives eternal life to all who are like Him, those who have died to themselves and are now alive in God through Him.

4.5

All those who want to receive the blessings of the Lord must understand the rules of heaven. Heaven can heal you or deliver you in an instant from any sickness or demonic oppression. God heals you in order to bring you into the knowledge of His power and existence. He reveals His glory or power when He heals you. However, all other blessings from the Lord will only come to pass when certain spiritual milestones have been fulfilled in your life. Each blessing has its own spiritual milestone. Some of these milestones are general whilst others are specific.

The Lord wants to release to us all the promises He has made for us. If we want to receive something from Him, His will, and our will must be the same.

All the children of God are blessed in Jesus. Jesus is our resurrection, He will resurrect anything that is dead in our lives. Our dead marriages and other relationships will be alive and so will be our finances. And the dormant spiritual gifts we have will also be alive when Jesus abides in us.

We are already blessed in Jesus, but some of us are not able to access their blessings from God. We need to understand the first principle on blessings. The Lord blesses the bloodline, and everyone who comes from a certain bloodline will have the blessings of their bloodline. A certain bloodline might be very rich and yet all the members of that bloodline might all be poor. They might be poor not because of the lack of blessings, but because they lack the Life that will give life to those blessings. Jesus is the life and the light of God, and when we make Him our Master and Saviour, He will resuscitate all that was dormant in our lives.

Many children of God are unable to access their blessings. This is caused by their lack of understanding of the rules of heaven. The principles of heaven are easier to understand if you want to understand them. If you could meet all the expectation of heaven today, you could access all the blessings that are in your life. The only stumbling block to us receiving our blessings is the ignorance of the principles of heaven on blessings.

There are spiritual milestones that you must reach before you could access your blessings from God. What are these milestones that you need to reach in order to access your blessings? One milestone could be to receive Jesus, and when you make Him your Lord and Saviour, God might give you access to some blessings. Those blessings could be good health, a job or any other blessing. There is a general milestone that applies to all the blessings. It is spiritual maturity, which is your knowledge of the word of God and to live in accordance with it. The world of God includes many virtues; it includes love, patience, forgiveness, self-control, a giving heart, being prayerful and so forth. The knowledge of God is in His word. If you know God, it means you know His commandments and your life is geared towards pleasing Him.

To know the commandments of God is when those commandments are one with you. If you want to access all the promises of God for your life, you must be united with the word of God. If patience is the milestone God expects you to achieve before you receive a certain blessing, you would only receive that blessing when you have been perfected in patience. The same is true for all other milestones. In some instances, your milestones could be an experience God wants you to go through before He could give you access to your blessings. These milestones are spiritual or relate to your character. Sometimes, your spiritual journey requires you to be betrayed now so that when the biggest betrayal comes, it will not shake you. In this case, the Lord would only give you access to your blessings when you have dealt with your betrayal in a way heaven approves. Betrayal will strengthen your character and faith when you have dealt with it correctly. If we deal with any milestone in accordance with the word of God, the Lord would open the drawers of heaven for us.

Some other times, the Lord would want to show you the folly of trusting people. He would expose you to a situation that will make those who are close to you to betray your trust. And if you deal with this betrayal in a godly way, and you have learned all that the Lord wanted you to learn from such an experience, a drawer of a certain blessing would be open for you.

At times, the Lord would want certain people to move away from us before He could open the drawers of heaven for us. It just depends on what the Lord wants to teach you or change in your life. All the milestones you must go through will either teach you something or confirm something about you. What is the key to your blessings? Learn all that you can about God, and live your life in accordance with His word. Allow the Lord to change your character so that you may be like Jesus. All those who have been conformed into the nature of Jesus shall eat all the choicest fruits of heaven. They shall possess more blessings than those who are still stuck in the mud of ignorance and sinfulness.

4.6

In the world, survival belongs to the fittest. Victory belongs to those who are strong. In the kingdom of heaven, victory belongs to those who abide under the Vine Tree. It belongs to those who are nourished by the Lamb of God

4.7

Anyone who teaches you about blessings and prosperity, but omits to tell you about the righteousness of those who believe in the Lord is a false teacher. If you want people to prosper, you must teach them about righteousness, which is the only thing that attracts the blessings of God. Anyone who teaches people about worldly materialism is not sent by God. The one who is sent from above will teach people about spiritual possessions. Spiritual possessions are the keys to a life of prosperity. If your focus is in heaven and its righteousness, your life will be a magnet that attracts all the good things in life. Do not focus on worldly possessions, focus on living a righteous life that is pleasing to God. When God is pleased with you, He will release all the material things you need in your life.

4.8

If you live in righteousness, you shall move from one glory to the next glory. You shall move from one breakthrough to the next. And those who live in sin move from one desert to the next. They move from one hill of dryness to the biggest mountain of parched forests.

4.9

Those who move from dryness to dryness do not understand the cause of their dryness. They do not realise that the consequences of sin have piled mountains of bareness in their way. These mountains are the guarantee that they will never eat the honey and

milk that God has promised them. Stay away from sin, and you shall see the power of God's breakthrough in your life.

4.10

What is the secret of walking like Jesus? You must be everything that you want God to be to you. He is merciful, be merciful towards others. God is faithful to you, be faithful to Him; He loves you so much, love Him with all your heart, mind, and soul; God is your provider, provide your body and life wholly acceptable for the service of the Lord; He is your healer, sooth the mind of God by living a righteous life and do not let God worry about sinfulness in your life; God is your holiness, walk in the holiness of God by being holy as He is; God is your Master, you must lord over sin and if you do so, you would testify about the power of righteousness over sin. Jesus is your Master so that He could help you to bring sin under your control. Sin must run when it sees you because you are the light of God.

4.11

What is the secret of success in the kingdom of God? Know your God and understand His righteousness, and know that God expects you to be righteous as He is. Live every second of your life to please Him in everything and be mindful of the cross of Calvary. Remember that the cross of suffering set you free from the world. Find a place in your heart for that precious cross of the Lamb of God. When you eat, think about the cross; when you walk, meditate on the cross; and when life is good or bad always think about Jesus. The cross means everything to those who have been crucified with Jesus. It sets us free from bondage and gave us rest in the arms of Jesus.

4.12

An effective prayer is the preserve of those who walk in accordance with the counsel of the word of God.

4.13

The obedient love you have for God determines your successes and failures in life. And the more obedient you are to the counsel of His word, the more effective and successful you would be. The less love you have for Him, the less said about your doomed destiny.

4.14

Faithfulness to the word of God is your guarantee of success.

4.15

You will only be able to access all the promises of God for your life when God has matured you in His word.

4.16

You do not have because you choose outside the will of God.

4.17

Obedience to the word of God seems to be harsh on you, but is the only thing that will open up all treasures of heaven for you. It will also give you a bonus of eternal life.

4.18

Be careful when you evaluate your success in life. Any success that does not give you peace of mind is not a success at all, it is a curse. If it does not give you peace, it becomes your prison and will torment you for the rest of your life. And when you ultimately die, you would think that death has finally given you rest from your troubles, only to find that the fire of judgement is awaiting you in hell. When that happens, you would have lost twice, in this world and beyond. Those who know the mysteries of the word of God know that God is your peace for eternity.

5. Honouring God

“For though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless minds were darkened” (Romans 1:21).

5.1

We honour God when we remember what He has done for us at the cross of Calvary. Calvary is where we broke through against our Egypt of sins. It is a place where we Passover from death into life through Jesus. The devil wants to blot out our mind so that he could prevent us from remembering what Jesus did for us at the cross of Calvary. Every time we forget the cross of Calvary, we come closer to the cross of condemnation. Every day that passes without us remembering the work of the cross, brings us closer to eternal death. When we remember the work of the cross, we give thanks to God who gave us life through Jesus. Our remembrance of the cross of Calvary is not an ordinary remembrance, it reveals our thankfulness to God for rescuing us from the path of self-destruction.

5.2

What is the number one rule of heaven? Take pride in God and let God be glorified in your life. You must only take pride in God, not in anything that you have. The fullness of your joy and peace is God. Anything that is good about God must make you proud of being associated with Him. Delight in the beauty and splendour of God because His glory is covering you all the time. You are surrounded by the power and beauty of God all the time. Every part of your must glory in God, for you live in the presence of His glory. You are part of all that is good about Him. Jesus has joined Himself to you. And let God be glorified in everything that you do. You are one with God and

everything you do has a bearing on Him. It can be good or bad. Your name is in the name of God. They do not see your name for you are a servant of God, they only see your Master in everything that you do or say. Let the name of the Lord be honoured in your actions and speech. Let there be nothing that would be found in you that shames the name of the Lord. And let the Lord delight in your life. If you do all for the glory of the Lord, not self, the name of the Lord would be lifted high above the sky. Delights in the righteousness of God and let all that is associated with you be holy.

6. The knowledge of God

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no plans to satisfy the fleshly desires” (Romans 13:14).

6.1

Jesus is the word of God. We read the word of God so that we may develop into Jesus. We do not read the word of God to understand it, but to develop into it. The knowledge of the word of God is not in the mind, it is in your life. If you know God, your life must be one with His word.

6.2

Your knowledge of the word of God is not in your ability to quote Bible verses, but in the ability of others to quote scriptures from your life. You must be a mirror of righteousness. If you know the word of God, people must be able to read the Bible in your life.

6.3

What is the evidence that you know Jesus? Your likeness to Jesus determines the extent of your knowledge of Him. You must love what He loves and hate what He hates. The more you walk like Him, the more you will be like Him.

6.4

How can you say the preaching or sermon was powerful if that preaching or sermon did not flood your spiritual heart with God’s transforming power? If any preaching is powerful, it must make you prostrate before the Lord and declare His majesty. The word of God or the preaching that releases it is more fruitful when it transforms you into the likeness of Jesus.

6.5

Anyone who knows the Bible but does not live according to it does not know it. Anyone who does not live according to the word of God is not convinced of its truthfulness and wisdom. The word of God is a treasure and anyone who does not recognise that treasure has made sin his treasure

7. Your position in God

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” John 1:12-13, KJV).

7.1

If you are born again, you are a son of God. Being a son of God is not a gender issue, it reveals your position in God through Christ.

7.2

Jesus is my promise land. He is my hope and destiny. In Him, I have found the path that leads to eternal life. The Lamb of God is my honey and milk, for He nourishes me with the sweetest water of life, the Spirit of truth. I have really found rest in His wounds that have made me one with God.

8. Life

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6, HCSB).

8.1

You might have all the best treasures in your life, but if you do not have Jesus, you are dead even though you might appear to be alive. Life is only in Jesus. Jesus gives all who believe in Him life that abound in plenty. When you are in Him, everything that was dead in your life would be alive and your joy would also be full.

9. Faithfulness

“Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the Devil is about to throw some of you into prison to test you, and you will have affliction for 10 days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Revelations 2:10).

9.1

Our God is very faithful indeed. He will always come through for you no matter what might happen to you. Our Father is faithful even though you might not see His hand of salvation upon you. The Lord will always give you any grace you need, even though those answers might not be what you were looking for. The Lord is the only one among us who is sighted, and the rest of us are blind like a bat. Our minds are too small to comprehend the love of God for us. And the Lord will always come through for those who live to please Him. They will always walk in the presence of the Lord and there is nothing that could prevail against them.

9.2

No matter what happens to you, you must always be faithful to the Lord. You must be faithful to Him no matter what they do to you. They might make you to drink the bitter water of hate and some might betray you. They might stab you with different kinds of daggers, but you must always be blameless before the Lord. In the midst of all the pains around you, do not defend yourself nor justify yourself before any man. There is a just God in heaven, and He will repay all those who are wicked. You do not serve any man, but you serve the living God. The only thing that must occupy your mind in the midst of all the pains you might go through must be to please God all the time. To please Him is to do what is right even though that might feel wrong. You are faithful to the Lord when you walk right when the circumstances dictate otherwise.

9.3

When Jesus calls you into His ministry, you are not supposed to worry about the ministry you are called for, remember that it is not your ministry but it is His. Everything you need to succeed in the ministry you are called for will come from the Lord. All the money and all the spiritual power you need will come from Him. If you think the ministry of Jesus is your ministry, you will fail dismally. You must also remember that you cannot do anything for God, you can only serve Him. It is His ministry and God has the power and the will to make everything He builds to be successful. Your responsibility is only to do all that you are called to do diligently and faithfully in line with the word of God. If you are faithful to what the Lord has called you to do, all the blessings of God will soon follow you.

9.4

You must have the mind of Jesus and be ready to lay down your life for the gospel of truth. If you are ready to lay down your life for righteousness, no sin will have power over you.

9.5

Our God is faithful when you are faithful to Him. He is more loving when you love Him. If you honour His name, He would lift you high above your peers. When your love for Him cools down, His love would still be in flames, but He would rebuke you in order to put you back to your first love for Him. When you decide to terminate the love affair you have with Him, your fortress would be broken and all your nakedness would be exposed for all to see and ridicule.

10. The absolute God

*“The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation”
(Psalm 33:11).*

10.1

Our God is the God of absolutes. His commandments are absolute. He can either allow something or forbids it. When He allows it, He allows it absolutely, and when He forbids it, He forbids it in full measure. When He forbids fornication and adultery, He forbids these in totality. Fornication and adultery are forbidden in all circumstances, and in every generation. When the Lord says you must be sober at all times, He does not make any room for intoxication of any kind. Soberness is of the mind and all who are called by the name of the Lord must at all times be sober so that their vigilance could thwart any temptation from the devil. All the children of God must avoid anything that will intoxicate their judgment. God's call for soberness and vigilance is done to protect us from falling into sin. Anything that affects our mind negatively will make it easy for us to fall into the trap of temptation. Many things can intoxicate your mind. Many people have been intoxicated by pride, alcohol, the love of money, and lust. These are the major vices that the devil uses to trap us into sin, and anyone who wants to avoid sin must shy away from them.

11. The Blood of Jesus

“For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from the fathers, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was chosen before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the times for you” (1 Peter 1:18-20).

11.1

I want to speak about the blood of Jesus, but my mind does not allow me to do so. My mind is so overwhelmed by the thought of the blood of Jesus. And Every time the blood of Jesus crosses my mind, it manifests in me the anointing so powerful that I am left crying, smiling, feeling a deep sense of shame, and feeling honoured to be associated with such a powerful blood, the blood of God. This blood is so divine and so powerful that there is no power comparable to it on earth and in heaven. Indeed, this wonderful blood has all the mysteries of heaven. It is the blood that is able to do all that we cannot do. It liberates, it assures, it overcomes and it comforts.

11.2

I do not understand the rules of language. I will never understand why the blood of Jesus is not written in capital letters. The blood of Jesus is the Blood of God, and it is not only the blood of God but it is God himself.

12. The mysteries of God

“I have become its servant, according to God's administration that was given to me for you, to make God's message fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints. God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery,

which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:25-27).

12.1

All the mysteries of God are in Jesus. Jesus is the manifestation of the invisible God. The unseen God becomes physical in Jesus. God’s plan of manifesting Himself in a form of a man does not end with Jesus, it ends with us. His purpose is to manifest Himself in us, and when He does this, what was physical becomes spiritual. In Jesus, what was spiritual became physical, and in us what was physical becomes spiritual. Those who believe in Jesus have been transformed from their physical nature into the spiritual nature of God. All those who are born again have spiritual genes of God. We live in heaven even though we walk on earth. We have become one with God who exists in all. That limitless power of God exists in all who have made Jesus their Master. And that power which is in us, equips us to be the messengers of God on earth, and it is also the power that helps us to stand against all the temptations of the devil. The devil’s power is not comparable to our power, for the one who dwells in us is more powerful than all the powers of the enemy. Temptation can only succeed in those who are devoid of the glory of God. Those who have been transformed into the likeness of God can overcome all the powers of darkness.

12.2

The name of God, ‘I am,’ reveals how difficult it is to explain the glory of God. It reveals the deficiency of human language to capture who God is. The more we speak about the name of God, the more we discover the depth of His glory. God’s name is a mystery that will take more than one lifetime to explain. God is unlike any created thing. The more we explain any created thing, the more we understand it. But the more we try to explain who God, the more we discover how great the mystery of His being is. God gave us Jesus so that we may understand the mystery of His being. In Jesus, the Lord concretises this mystery and helps us to easily comprehend Him. Jesus is the explanation of the glory of God, and through Him, we are able to comprehend how big and wonderful our God is.

13. Glorify God

“Don’t you know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

13.1

You must be very worried when people praise you instead of praising Jesus. When people praise you, they are perpetuating a lie. It is a lie that steals from God and it is also a lie which is a trap that will suck you into a false state of pride. When they praise you, they are overemphasising your power and achievement, and they are at the same time undermining the power of God in your success. All the successes you have in

your life have been engineered by the Lord. If you allow people to steal the glory of God, you will always expect them to lift your name above the name of God. This is a vice that will destroy your faith and position in God.

13.2

When you glorify the name of the Lord, He will glorify you among your peers. He will lift you high and all will marvel at the works of God in your life. But if you humiliate His Holy name, brokenness, failure and powerlessness shall all be your friends. You glorify the Lord if you live a life of righteousness

13.3

Do not settle for being an ordinary Christian who goes to church every Sunday, but desire to be like Jesus in all respects. God can only use you when you have the attributes of Jesus. Love righteousness with all your heart and desire to be used by God for the glory of His kingdom.

14. The grace of God

*“Who stands up for me against the wicked?
Who takes a stand for me against evildoers? If the LORD had not been my helper,
I would soon rest in the silence of death” (Psalm 94:17).*

14.1

The love of God is extraordinarily higher than it is supposed to be, for God loves everyone, including those who reject Him. His love is totally out of sync with our actions. He loves us even though we insult His Holy name. He even protects those who mock His Holy name. His patience with us is unheard of, it is unparalleled, and it stretches over many years. Like all the good things in life, these mercies will not abound forever, they will at some point in time come to an end. There will come a time when the attitude of heaven will be in sync with our action, where God will reject those who reject Him. At this point, those who are still rejecting Him will rue ever being born of a woman. When God gives you the same bitter pill that you have been giving to Him all the years, you would be exposed to all sorts of dangers. When you continue to reject Him, His presence will depart from you. And when the presence of God departs from us, all that kills people would be on our doorstep sooner than we might think. The love of God is so steadfast but it will not stay that way forever to those who rejects it.

14.2

God heals you so that He may heal your soul. Your soul, not your body is the target of His healing. When He heals your soul, He wants to help you to access your promise of eternal life. When He heals you, He draws you near to His throne. The Lord heals your body from the repercussions of worshiping sin or when He wants to reveal His glory.

Sin attracts sicknesses, for sickness is death and so is any kind of sin. It is the law of the likes, the bad attracts the worst, and the good attracts the best. If the Lord heals you, you must shy away from sin, for sin might have been the reason you were sick in the first instance. If He heals you, and you go back to a life of sin, your sickness will come back to you multiplied and it might even kill you. When you live in sin, you are playing with death, and unfortunately, death does not play games, it kills.

14.3

The love of God and His grace upon you do not give you a license to live in sin, on the contrary, they are given to you so that you may be like Jesus and walk in righteousness all the time.

*“Because of the indecency of your uncleanness—
since I tried to purify you,
but you would not be purified from your uncleanness—
you will not be pure again
until I have satisfied My wrath on you. I, Yahweh, have spoken.
It is coming, and I will do it!
I will not refrain, I will not show pity,
and I will not relent.
I will judge you
according to your ways and deeds.
This is the declaration of the Lord GOD” (Ezekiel 24:13-14).*

14.4

God would give countless graces to save those who do not love Him. To love Him is to love the counsel of His word. But God will pay you back for what you have done to Him. He loves those who love Him and rejects those who reject Him. In Him, your success is measured by the depth of your love for the counsel of His word. The more you love it, the more wings you would develop to soar above the sky.

14.5

Beware of the graces of God. They are given in love, patience and abundantly, but they can kill you. They were given in order to save you from a path of death. If you abuse the love and the patience of God, Jesus would not die for you for the second time. He has already paid the price for you on the cross of Calvary. If you ignore the counsel of the word of God and take lightly what the blood of the Lamb has done for you, next time someone has to die it will be you who would be crucified on the cross of the rebellious.

14.6

Watch out for the time. It might deceive you due to its delicate nature. Time flies quicker than the speed of sound, but it seems to be still. When you look at yourself, you do not see any visible sign of getting old. You are dying without realising it, and

you would not be aware of it until you are dead. At which time you would not have the time to put your life right before God. Be careful to live your life in a way that pleases the Lord. Live in righteousness every day of your life, because you might not have an extra day to put things right with God.

15. Marriage

“Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the body. Now as the church submits to Christ, so wives are to submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her”
(Ephesians 5:22-25).

15.1

In a marriage, there could only be a perfect balance when both partners are under submission. The woman must submit to the man and the man must likewise submit to God. When both of them are under submission, they are both submitting to God. And in this case, that marriage would be solid as a rock. If the man does not submit to God, the woman is still bound to submit to the man. The issue of non-submission of the man belongs to God and the Lord will deal with it the best way He knows how.

15.2

If you are faithful to God, you would be faithful to your wife or husband, but if you are not faithful to God, you would be faithful to the lustful desires of your body.

15.3

All men must understand one thing, all women are territorial, and because of this, they cannot share a man. There is nothing that you can do to make them behave otherwise. You cannot use culture to make your woman to share you with another woman. Culture is a learned behaviour, and their territorial nature is genetic, it comes from your rib. You could live a thousand lives, but you will never change this reality. If you force her to accept what is genetically unacceptable, you would never have peace in your marriage. And when she fights you because of this, she is not demon possessed nor influenced by anyone. She is programmed by God to be your only woman. Others have forced their woman to share them with other women, but history is a good judge of what happened in their marriages. There is no peace when women are sharing a man, and sin will always lurk around. You might do it for whatever reason, but it will defile you and all who are involved. You might succeed to force them to share you, but the resultant sin will prohibit you to enter into eternal life.

15.4

There are two sensitive pillars of any marriage, the headship and authority of a man, and the respect your wife enjoys in marriage. These are very sensitive areas that can

strengthen or destroy any marriage. A man who does not have authority over his wife is an absent man. He is no longer part of that marriage, even though he has not divorced. Any assault against his authority will make him to withdraw in the marriage without divorcing or he might choose the path of divorce. A woman must at all time be mindful that a man's authority counts more than anything in a marriage. And if she does not respect the headship of her man, she would not have any marriage to talk about. A man must also understand that a woman can share anything except her man. If a man forces her to share him with another woman, there would be no peace and joy in that marriage. To a woman, a faithful husband counts more than anything as it defines her womanhood. The devil knows about these sensitive pillars of marriage, and when he attacks any marriage, he would aim for these pillars. He would encourage the wife to undermine the authority of a man, and would encourage the man to have other women in his life.

15.5

All married people must understand the meaning of respect as it relates to their marriage. A man must respect his wife. A man is the pride of his wife, as all married women cannot stop speaking about their husbands and family. Their husbands are everything to them. A man needs to understand that he is everything to his wife. If the man behaves improperly, that will reflect badly on her wife. He carries the dignity of his wife all the time. If he does anything that negatively affects his wife, he will injure her dignity and pride. The man is not only carrying the dignity of his wife but the dignity of all members of his family. Any foolish thing that a man does will say something about his wife and children. If he does what is good and dignified, it will reflect well on the dignity of his family. When a man respects his wife, he behaves in a way that will not harm the dignity of his wife. What injures the dignity of the wife is known by the woman not the man. Culture does not define what would embarrass the woman, a woman would be embarrassed when her husband behaves contrary to her expectation. A man must know what will embarrass her wife, and try his best to avoid it. A woman also carries the dignity of his family, and she must also respect her husband. Everything she does will impact positively or negatively on her husband. When a woman respects her man, she respects the authority of her man. A man is the head of the family because he has authority over his family. Any action of his wife would either affirm the authority and dignity of the husband or will tarnish it. A woman is a window that reflects the headship of her husband. The behaviour of a woman can embarrass his husband's headship or it might give it honour.

15.6

There is something that all married couples must understand. There is a lot that you have in common with your partner, but there is also a lot that is different about you. You were not raised by the same parents and you grew up in different environments. Your background is part of you, and there is nothing except God that can separate you from all the influences of your environment. When you are married to someone, you

have married that person's background too. However, there is a cause for comfort. You have been married to a person, not a stone. You are married to a person who can understand your likes and dislikes. And in the midst of all that is different about you, you have a wonderful love that unites you as one. The differences you observe from your partner have nothing to do with love. Your partner loves you despite all the differences you have, and due to this, do not confuse your partners' love with their background. All the things that your partner is doing, have been influenced by your partner's background that might not be palatable to you, but they are not a reflection of their love for you. They are caused by the background they come from. Remember this, in the midst of all the confusion and hurt you might experience in your relationship, your partner has always had that background. That background is part of your partner unless the Lord helps your partner to realise that it is time to change. If there is something that you want to change in your partner, ask God to change your partner so that the word of God can be the only influence in his or her life.

15.7

Man, do not expect your wife to think and act like a man, she is a woman and she can only behave the way all women behave. If you expect her to be like you, you would be frustrated for the rest of your life. You cannot change her, she is a woman and will behave like a woman. The only thing that you must do is to understand how women behave and to make peace with how they are. You must also remember that a woman is very fragile no matter what she says or does. Be more considerate towards her and let patience be your best friend all the time. Bare in mind that every discussion you have with her is not about winning against her. You can win her by understanding her and being considerate towards her feelings. Sometimes saying nothing is all that it takes to defuse tension in your home. And when you really have to assert yourself, do so without hurting her heart. Acknowledge her views, but assert what you consider as important, and do all with a lighted heart and face.

15.8

Woman, be humble to your husband. If you want to fix problems in your marriage by shouting and yelling at him, you would not have peace in your marriage. When you yell, you will only make him worse instead of fixing him. Shouting and yelling do not decrease problems, they multiply them.

“In the same way, wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, even if some disobey the Christian message, they may be won over without a message by the way their wives live when they observe your pure, reverent lives. Your beauty should not consist of outward things like elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold ornaments or fine clothes. Instead, it should consist of what is inside the heart with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very valuable in God's eyes. For in the past, the holywomen who put their hope in God also beautified themselves in this way, submitting to their own husbands” (1 Peter 3:1-5).

15.9

Do not let sin fool you, there is no better wife or husband than the one you have. And if you think otherwise, it is because the devil has cast a big net of temptation in your way. This net seeks to hook you into destruction. If the devil cannot stop you from getting married, he would want you to marry and remarry as long as you live. If you fall into the trap of the devil, he will chain you into perpetual failure, which would cause untold suffering to you and all who are linked to you.

15.10

If you experience problems in your marriage, pray to God for His intervention. Do not ask God to change your partner so that your partner may be good to you, ask God to change your partner so that your partner may be good to Him. If your partner knows God, your partner will treat you well. If your partner is ignorant of God, your partner would be ignorant of you. God is the centre of everything, and when everything is right with him, it will be right with everyone.

15.11

When you experience problems in your marriage, don't focus on those problems, but focus on living a more righteous life that pleases the Lord. If you live in righteousness, all your problems would be God's problems, and in no time, the Lord will lift all the burdens that weigh heavily on your shoulders.

15.12

You must be married to one partner. If you want to be married to multiple partners, this reveals that your soul lacks faithfulness. If you cannot be faithful to one partner, you will never be faithful to one God.

16. Leadership

This saying is trustworthy: "If anyone aspires to be an overseer, he desires a noble work." An overseer, therefore, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, self-controlled, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an able teacher, not addicted to wine, not a bully but gentle, not quarrelsome, not greedy—one who manages his own household competently, having his children under control with all dignity. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of God's church?) He must not be a new convert, or he might become conceited and fall into the condemnation of the Devil. Furthermore, he must have a good reputation among outsiders, so that he does not fall into disgrace and the Devil's trap" (2 timothy 1:1-7)

16.1

A spirit of lust disqualifies anyone from holding any leadership position in the church of God. You cannot lead others if you have not developed self-control. Self-control is righteousness as it helps you to always behave in a manner befitting a child of God. A leader with a spirit of lust is always thinking of sleeping with the flock of God instead of leading them to eternal life. When you have a spirit of lust, there is no one who is

out of your sight. If you have a spirit of lust, the only thing you can teach others is unrighteousness. You will teach them to be children of disobedience. Surely, you will teach them that faithfulness to God is not possible, and if they learn this bad lesson, their faith might be damaged forever. If their faith is damaged forever, their portion will be the lake of fire in hell with the devil.

16.2

When you have a spirit of lust, no one can trust you with his wife. No one can trust their wives under your care, for you are always a hyena looking to devour any woman who passes by. People will always suspect you of mischief every time you speak to a woman in private. You might be innocent at times, but people will always take for granted that you are sleeping with every woman you are speaking to. This will destroy your ministry and will decrease all the favour you have in heaven. One lustful leader can corrupt many sheep that God has entrusted to him to shepherd. The leaders who have a spirit of lust are the enemies of the flock of God, they are not their shepherds. They can only shepherd the flock of God to hell. A leader with a spirit of lust can know all the mysteries of heaven, and be imbued with all the powers of heaven, but he can never lead anyone into righteousness. He is the poison that will kill all the flock of God. Anyone who has a spirit of lust must find a proper person to pray for him so that he may be delivered from such a spirit. This spirit of lust is the one that makes people to sleep around with the opposite sex whenever they get the opportunity to do so.

16.3

No one must serve God if the word of God does not control their lives. A leader must lead others in the ways of the word of God, which is the ways of righteousness.

17. The word of God

*“Every word of God is pure;
He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him” (Proverbs 30:5).*

17.1

Have you considered your life objectively? Have you considered the disadvantages of ignoring the counsel of the word of God? What have you gained by making God a fool? Did you gain peace in your life or are you in better health for it; is there any peace in your family; did it increase your wealth. If you die now what will God say when He sees you? I do not have to know you personally, but I know that anyone who ignores the counsel of the word of God would cry more often than not; they will not be in good health; they might be rich but be poor in peace; their families are always grieving. I know that you have nothing to show for being a slave to sin, because a sinful life has made you poor in all respects. Sin is attractive, but it will bankrupt your soul and will rob you of the love of God. The Lord loves those who follow the counsel of His word and reject those who fight against it.

17.2

If the word of God is not your God, you do not love Jesus and He would reject you the same way you are rejection Him. The word of God is the only thing that connects you to Jesus. If you love the word of God and are obedient to it, you love Jesus. If you worship the word of God, the heavens consider you as a distinguished child of God. Your citizenship of heaven would be in good standing in line with your standing with the word of God.

17.3

The word of God is my hope, my strength, my comforter, my life, my delight. It is my everything because it is my God.

17.4

I am married to the word of God and I have my ring of blood that testifies about the vow I have made to my Lover, my Lord, my Jesus.

17.5

Ignorance is the reason people perceive God differently. When people express different views about the truth, the problem is not their interpretation of scriptures but lies in ignorance. How can you speak about the truth without knowing the truth? The word of God is the total truth of God, and anyone who has read one verse in the whole Bible can never know God. You can only know God when you have read the whole Bible. And every time you speak about the truth that you understand little about, you would speak or argue in blindness which will expose your ignorance in the process.

17.6

The greatest responsibility of a prophet is not to tell you about the future, but to tell you about God who is the past, the present, and the future, and to tell you how your destiny is linked to the obedience of the word of God.

17.7

The word of God can only change you when it makes you uncomfortable about the things that you are doing which God does not like.

17.8

When you are perfected in the love of God, you would love and pray for your enemies. They are your enemies not because they hate you, but because they are lost, living in the land of the lost.

17.9

The word of God is spirit and is alive. To meditate upon the word of God is to ask the Spirit of God to reveal the mind of God to you.

17.10

Reading the Bible without an inquisitive mind would profit you less. An inquisitive mind searches for the mind of God in any verse and wants to discover the relationship and unity of all scriptures.

17.11

The greatest knowledge you can ever possess is the knowledge of God, and to be transformed by such knowledge from living for yourself into a life that is dedicated to the word of God.

17.12

You cannot love God and reject the counsel of His word. God is found in His word and if you reject His word, you have rejected Him.

17.13

A cure for any dreadful disease is found in the word of God. Those who abide in the word of God abide in power and good health.

17.14

In times of peace, prosperity, laughter and thrills, prepare for eternity by preparing for death. You prepare for eternity by abiding in the word of God, which will transport you to eternal life.

17.15

God can be your greatest enemy if you ignore His word. It depends on the path that you choose. You can choose His ways or rebellious avenue. Another name for the path of God is Milk and Honey Street and rebellious avenue is also known as the road of death.

17.16

To fight against God is not taking arms against Him, it is doing far worse than that. It is ignoring the counsel of His word. When you ignore the word of God, you are making the Lord a liar and you are reducing Him to nothing. If you fight against the word of God, you are not only fighting a losing battle, but you are committing the worst suicide a fool can ever commit.

17.17

More often than not, when people say the Bible or the word of God is confusing, it is not because they need clarity on the word of God, but because it convicts them of the sins they are not prepared to sacrifice. Instead of bowing down and repent before the Lord, they pretend to be confused. If they were really confused, the Bible would easily clarify itself to them.

17.18

The Law of Moses is so called not because it was written by Moses, but because it was given to Him by God. The Lord is the author of the Old Testament. Both the Old and New Testaments have been written by God using men to do so.

17.19

There is no confusion between the Old and the New Testament. They both come from God. The word 'old' and 'new' in them does not mean God is different in the two covenants. It only reveals that the agreement or covenant God has with us has changed. The nature of God has not changed. What has changed in the two covenants is the form of worship; the atonement of sin; and the laws of purity; how we fellowship with God; and the promise of eternal life in Jesus. All other commandments of God have not changed a bit. The Old Covenant was preparing people for the New Covenant, which is Jesus. All the things that came before Jesus are the shadow of the substance which is Jesus. If we look at Jesus in light of the Old Covenant, we are able to have a deeper understanding of the New Covenant. If we do not understand the Old Covenant, our faith would be shallow. Everything that is in the Old Testament points to Jesus. It makes you to understand Him better and to appreciate the sacrifices He made for us. Circumcision has a deeper meaning in the New Covenant. It is the circumcision of the heart, not the flesh. The Passover feast has a deeper meaning that reveals Jesus as our Passover Lamb that took us from the land of sin into the promised land of righteousness and fellowship with God. The physical temple we used to worship at has now become Jesus. It has moved from a physical structure into a mystical body of Jesus. The stones that were used to build the temple are now people. We are those stones that constitute the temple, Jesus. The Old Testament emphasises the outward, and the New Testament emphasises the inner, what is hidden. The clothes of worship that symbolise purity are now invisible, they are in the heart. We still offer tithes and other free offerings, but now the greatest offering we could give to the Lord is ourselves. When we offer ourselves to the Lord, we are offering what is unseen. We offer our spiritual hearts holy and acceptable to the Lord.

17.20

If you want to know whether the word of God is accurate, true, infallible and dependable, write down all the mistakes you have made, which sometimes made you cry, and also note all the successes of your life that have given you peace of mind. Evaluate each according to the word of God. You will find that the word of God is perfect and accurate to the left and to the right. You can do this exercise for all the people you know and you will come to the same conclusion, the word of God is accurate. The word of God is dependable and can predict any success or failure of any action or thought. All your failures came from ignoring the counsel of God and all the successes you have in life come from following His counsel. The word of God reveals

the nature of God who is all knowing. If you need certainty and success that gives you peace of mind, you need to depend on God. The word of God is God because God abides in His word.

17.21

Many people call themselves by the name of the Lord and they praise Him all the time, but they are the greatest enemies of God. They fight against the counsel of His word but appear surprised when their prayers are not answered by the Lord. How can they fight and praise Him at the same time? I guess only God knows what is happening in their heads. A friend of God is the one who is careful to do according to the counsel of His word.

17.22

In your entire life, you would rise or fall through the word of God. The word of God will determine your destiny whether you like it or not. You would rise and be glorified by the Lord among your peers if you follow the counsel of His word, and you will fall when you disregard the wise counsel of His wisdom

17.23

There is a reason the Lord allows other things to happen. God allowed Solomon to have riches beyond imagination, and He also allowed him to have seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines. The reason the Lord allowed Solomon to have everything Solomon wanted was to use him as a warning for those who lust for wealth and multiple sexual partners. The Lord allowed Solomon to walk through the path of plenty so that we may learn something from his life. Those who covet riches and the lure of multiple partners are able through the life of Solomon to see the vanity of material riches and multiple sexual partners. The Lord allowed us to walk in the path of plenty with Solomon as the Lord allowed us to die with Jesus on the cross. We are able through the life of Solomon to learn the most important lesson in our lives, 'Everything in life is vanity of vanity, and it is only God who is worthy of our praise.' The Lord allowed Solomon to write one of the most profound books of the Bible, the book of Ecclesiastes. Anyone who has read this book will understand the folly of riches and the traps of a lustful life.

17.24

If there is anything that you do which fights against the word of God, the word of God will not gravitate towards it, and it will not accommodate nor embrace it. The word of God is against any sinful action or thought. When sin meets the word of God, it must melt away or run for cover. Every sin must bow to the word of God because sin is darkness and death, but the word of God is the light and a life-giving spirit.

17.25

The word of God is everything to a child of God. It is our salvation, strength, joy, and peace. It is all sufficient truth that expresses the will of God for us. We are not supposed to add or subtract anything from it. The Lord evaluates our conduct through His word. Our Father in heaven expects us to do the same evaluation. We are supposed to evaluate everything according to the word of God. When you know the word of God, you could evaluate your life and conduct, and you could also evaluate the church that you attend. When you obey the word of God you are indeed a child of God. But when your conduct or life is not in accordance with the word of God, you are a rebel because you are fighting against the authority of God over your life. You could do the same evaluate for any church you want to measure according to the word of God. If your church preaches and promotes righteousness, it comes from the Lord, but if it does not preach righteousness and the truth, it does not come from God. It also does not come from the Lord when it teaches righteousness but promotes sinfulness.

The Lord has granted many people the grace to know the truth. Many of them have discovered that the church they attend do not promote the truth and the righteousness of God, but these people are still attending those churches because they do not want to lose their titles and financial support from those churches. You may gain titles and wealth, but if you are not standing in the will of God, you shall die and be condemned into the pit of hell.

17.26

The word of God is not dead, nor is it idle. It is Spirit and is alive. Jesus is the Word of God. He is the Wisdom of God. If you know the word of God, you know Jesus. And if you submit your life to the word of God, you are submitting it to Jesus. If you know the wisdom of God, you know what God knows. If the word of God abides in your heart and you are careful to do according to it, Jesus abides in your heart and you abide in God.

18. Affliction

“Now the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will personally restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little” (1 Peter 5:10).

18.1

Beware of any affliction. The time of affliction is the time that you must trust God more than you have trusted Him before. An affliction may cause embarrassment, pain, and frustration. These are all the challenges that the devil will use to tempt you to abandon the love of God so that you may run to him. In times of affliction, many people, including the ones you trust will come to you and suggest alternative ways of solving your problems. These alternative ways are ways of darkness that will initiate you into the kingdom of darkness. The devil might temporarily relieve your distress,

but he will add more afflictions to you. If you use those alternative solutions, it is just a matter of time before your life collapses before your own eyes. When you are afflicted, it is time for you to be closer to God, seek His face and guidance in the midst of your troubles. Let God tell you what you need to do in order to be delivered from your afflictions. There is always a reason why God allows us to be afflicted. Many a times, we are afflicted because the Lord wants us to draw closer to Him. He wants us to live a life of righteousness, continually praying for guidance and deliverance from any trouble. If you bear any affliction whilst you live a righteous life, it is just a matter of time before the Lord delivers you from such an affliction. After He has delivered you from such afflictions, you would have achieved two results, your faith in Him would have been strengthened and your afflictions would have been taken away.

18.2

Come to think of it, all the headaches, pains and all the sleepless nights I experienced in my life were all very good for me. In those painful moments, I did not realise that the Lord was with me, protecting me from the path of self-destruction. Those pains have made me what I am today. And I could not have asked for anything less than the pains God sent my way to shape me into who I am today.

18.3

In our everyday life, we live not in the absence of danger to our well-being, but live side by side with it, existing within the spiritual war terrain. Our fate is not in the hands of the forces of darkness but is in the hands of God. When we succumb to the arrows of pain and death, we do so not because the armoury of the enemy is mighty, but because the Lord's voice is communicating something to us. It might be a voice that rebukes, a voice that teaches or a voice of judgement against us. The enemy's fiery darts are aiming at us on a daily basis, but are unable to prevail against us for the Lord is on our side. Our fate is determined by God who hates disobedience and rewards obedience.

18.4

An affliction is a coded voice of God. You can only decode the voice of God when you have a spiritual password. It is a password of the knowledge of God. That knowledge is a tool that will help clarify your painful situation. It is knowledge that breaks all the walls of spiritual ignorance so that the inaudible voice of God could be heard. Ignorance is the root cause of many afflictions. To be ignorant of God, His will and His commandments is the glue that binds an affliction to you. An affliction is a coded voice of God that seeks to bring you to His knowledge, His will and to the obedience of His commandments.

19. My treasure

“Don't collect for yourselves treasures^[a] on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves

break in and steal. ²⁰ But collect for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

19.1

You can take all I have but please do not touch my Jesus. You can take away my children, my wife, my money and my property, but when I have my Jesus I have everything I need in my life.

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If you are not prepared to die for the truth, the truth is not your treasure. Jesus is the truth and He is worth more than your life. Love Him even though your love for Him might make you lose your own life. The Lord Jesus is more valuable than my own life, and I would rather be with Him than to have my own life. I will choose him over my life, and that is how valuable Jesus is to me.

19.3

Jesus is your promised land. He overflows with honey and milk. If you want to reach your promised land, walk like the one who called you, walk like Jesus. Bow your life to the word of God and you shall enjoy all your inheritance in heaven.

19.4

If you want to hear the voice of God, you must love Him more than you love anything. If you love Him with all your heart, He will speak with you as a friend, not a servant.

19.5

Prayer is the most potent weapon at the disposal of God-fearing men and women. It is a spiritual gun that knows no limitations. It can fire in all directions and continue to destroy the enemy as long as the enemy is still standing. A prayer is a spiritual gun that does not run out of bullets. It will continue to fire as long as there are enemies to annihilate. A prayer is an automated weapon that fires different kinds of bullets. It fires rockets, missiles and a consuming fire that can wipe out all the enemies within few seconds. A prayer gives you an advance victory over your enemies. You pray now for something that will happen next month. The spiritual bullets will go now and destroy all the defense and offensive capabilities of the enemy. As you pray now the devil is already defeated before he could decide to attack you. When next month comes, you are already victorious. A prayer wins you wars before those wars could begin. If you have not discovered the power of God through prayers, you do not want to be a winner.

19.6

When you give over the control of your life to God, you would be liberated from all the worries of being a bodyguard to your own life. If God is in charge of your life, you can live joyfully without the anxieties of life.

20. Fornication and adultery

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11, KJV).

20.1

Fornication and adultery are sins of madness, they would empty your mind completely. Anyone who commits adultery or fornication is devoid of a thinking mind, for sin has stolen their mind. These sins make people to be intoxicated with madness. When they engage in these sins, they would act in a way a two-year baby would find distasteful. Anyone who fornicates or commits adultery is in a state of mental retardation for sin has made them mad. What they do or say in their state of madness is a matter of fiction, it belongs to comic books. Sin would play with them until their lives are turned upside down. Many of those who engages in these kinds of sins are intelligent people, but their intelligence would stop working immediately when they fornicate or commit adultery. When the bitter results of their actions come back to haunt them, they would cry to God as though it was God who commanded them to fornicate or commit adultery. Anyone who fornicates or commits adultery has opened a well of pain and tears that will only run dry when they return to the path of righteousness or when death silences them.

20.2

Boyfriends and girlfriends are patterns of the world. God ordained marriage so that you may avoid immoral sexual relationships. When you fornicate, you defile the Lord. Remember, your body is a temple of God. When you fornicate, you defile that temple of God, and when you defile it, you are defiling the One who dwells in it.

21. Fear and anxiety

“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10 HCSB).

21.1

You cannot be effective for the kingdom of God if you let your mind be occupied with fear, worries and anxiety. Don't let the devil intimidate you, he is already defeated, and please play away from anything that will make you worry and have anxiety.

22. Sin

“Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; indeed, sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4).

22.1

What is a sin? It is anything that contradicts the word of God. Sin comes from the devil and it is an altar of unrighteousness punishable by God.

22.2

Sin has consequences. If you sin and ask for God's forgiveness, the Lord would forgive you, but the consequences of sin will come back to bite you. There are three consequences of sin, death, tears and frustrations. Frustration will frustrate your breakthroughs. Your wilderness might increase from one inch into an area that can cover the whole world. If God has ordained your breakthrough within the next six months, the consequences of sin might postpone it to ten years. If you sin against God, our God is a forgiving God, He would forgive you, but the consequences will come your way. The consequences of sin are your teacher because they teach you never to do sinful things again.

22.3

If you still cling to sin, you can never be the light of God. Sin is death and all who have embraced sin will be contaminated with death.

22.4

Darkness and light do not have anything in common. How can you be born again and yet continue to be a friend of those who still fight against the word of God? If you continue to be the friend of the rebels, they will put you back to the fold of sin and death.

22.5

Crime does not pay, but sin will reward you handsomely. These are all proceeds of sin: jail, sickness, bareness, poverty, defeat, spiritual bondage, blood and tears, insanity, depression, and death. Sin will make you very rich in sorrow. It is a magnet that pulls all sorts of dangerous things to you and your family. Anyone who lives in sin cannot escape the trap of death.

“Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows he will also reap,⁸ because the one who sows to his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows to the

Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So we must not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up" (Galatians 6:7-9).

22.6

Sin and good health are fierce enemies. You can never be healthy when you live a life of sin. Sin invites all manners of sickness into your life.

22.7

Sinfulness pulls you down, it gravitates you towards death. A Righteous life propels you beyond the sky into heaven and gives you all that heaven has to give to you.

22.8

You cannot live a life of sin and then expect God to bless you. The Lord does not reward sin but punishes sinfulness.

22.9

Anyone who sins has not discovered the treasures of righteousness, he has not discovered Jesus. Righteousness is a spiritual magnet that pulls all good things to you. On the other hand, sin is a spiritual repellent, it chases away all the blessings you long for.

22.10

Those who reject all kinds of sins understand their God, and those who live in sin deny the cross of Calvary because it is a cross of victory against sin.

22.11

You cannot love Jesus and live in sin at the same time. If you do so, there is something very wrong about you, it shows that you have not discovered the truth. Once the truth shines in your heart, sin will make you vomit.

23. Judgement

"When all has been heard, the conclusion of the matter is: fear God and keep His commands, because this is for all humanity. For God will bring every act to judgment, including every hidden thing, whether good or evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

23.1

You must know the truth that will determine your destiny. The judgement of God is coming very soon. It might not come in your lifetime, but it is coming. No one can escape the judgement of God on that fateful day. You need to know this, the devil and his fallen angels have already been sentenced by God to burn in hell. The devil knows about this judgement against him, but he does not want to go to hell alone, he wants you to accompany him. He knows what awaits him in hell because he knows how

tormenting and painful that eternal fire is. He uses temptation as bait that would trap the children of God so that they may walk with him to hell. Every temptation brings you closer to hell. Every time sin tastes and smells good, and every bite of sin you take brings you nearer and nearer to the fire of hell. You might not see what is happening as you commit sin, for sin tastes good. Sin tastes good, but it is a poison of fire that is slowly burning, preparing you for the most gruesome fire that you have not seen nor imagined.

23.2

You do not want to see the harsh judgement of God, you really do not want to see His anger. There is nothing that is as severe as the punishment of God. When God punishes you, He does not relent, and there is no amount of prayers and fasting that can restrain His hand upon you. When God punishes you, you would wish you were dead, but death would not even rescue you from His wrath.

23.3

Every person has the capacity to listen and to take instructions. You can either listen to Jesus or the devil. There are different implications for the choice you make. Those who listen to Jesus will enjoy eternal peace and joy, but those who have made the devil their master will one day hear the sound of fire burning in hell, and they will cry for eternity without comfort from anyone.

23.4

A rainbow is a prophet in the sky who announces the coming judgement of God to mankind. It reminds us of the destructive floods of the past and warns us against the impending fire of judgment that is coming soon.

23.5

Death is cunning and when it comes to you, it does not announce its arrival in a funfair. It does not blow any trumpet but comes to you through an affliction of some sort. The affliction might be a sickness, alcoholism, prostitution or any sinful behaviour. As death comes to you, it has already announced the judgement of God to you. That judgement will take effect at the right time when you least expect it. When it eventually happens it will come like a thief and take your life unexpectedly. Take any affliction serious, for it is a messenger of the Lord that announces the judgement of God or it has come to build your faith up. Any affliction to the righteous builds and strengthens their faith, and to those who are ignorant of the word of God, it is an announcement of death that is coming. You can only avert death by following the light of God, Jesus. The Lamb of God is life and everyone who abides in Him abides in eternal life.

*“For you yourselves know very well that the Day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night”
(1 Thessalonians 5:2).*

23.6

You cannot be smarter than God. You cannot be right on this issue, and God be wrong on that same issue. Time is the greatest judge. It will judge between you and God, and it will reveal who is the Creator and who is the created.

24. Fear of God

*“The result of humility is fear of the LORD,
along with wealth, honor, and life” (Proverbs 22:4).*

24.1

Any spiritually damaged leader or teacher will produce spiritually damaged followers. Righteousness builds you up but sin corrupts your soul. A God fearing leader or teacher will produce followers who tremble at the word of God.

24.2

You are so transparent and naked to God. Do not try to hide your nakedness, for the Lord sees all and knows all about you. He knows every thought that comes into your mind. God is the only one you must be fearful of, not man. Don't hide from man and disregard the presence of God. The presence of God is in everything. Beware that every sin that you commit behind closed doors, you commit it in full view of Heaven. If you commit sin and try to hide it, Heaven hates what you are doing and it hates what you are doing to cover your sinful tracks.

24.3

Don't be afraid of the devil, be fearful of God. There is nothing Satan can do to you without the permission of God. The Lord protects those who walk according to His counsel and punishes those who worship sin.

24.4

You must not be known as a man or a woman of God, but be known as a God fearing man or a woman of God. A God fearing man or woman hates all kinds of sins passionately. That is the way of the righteous which was ordained for them before the foundation of the world.

24.5

You do not fear the Lord by knowing the depth of His power, but by knowing how jealous the Lord guards His word and also knowing the consequences of not following it.

24.6

Your own circumstances might console you when you have taken a path that does not belong to God, but they will not excuse you from the wrath of God. Your situation is

known to God, but the Lord does not have any commandment of exclusion, but enforces His word to all His creation without regard to their circumstances. All your circumstances must bow to the word of God, not bump against it.

25. Humbleness

“Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you” (James 4:10).

25.1

Be humble if you want to be a king. If you want to be a king by acting like a king, you will not be a king, you shall be an ant. The Lord resists those with pride and rejoices in those who humble themselves before His Holy throne.

25.2

If you want to be a king, you need to be a servant. The world says, ‘What goes up must go down,’ but the spiritual rules have a different convention, ‘What goes down must go up.’ When you humble yourself to the obedience of the world of God, the Lord will lift you above your peers.

25.3

Jesus is almighty and yet humble. Anyone who wants to be powerful and great must be as lowly as the grasses of the fields.

26. The unchanging God

*“Anyone trusting in his riches will fall,
but the righteous will flourish like foliage” (Proverbs 11:28).*

26.1

God is still the same God He was during the time of Moses. He is the God of miracles, and if you think His miracles have ceased, you don’t know Him. You are the greatest miracle of God and the reason you are still alive today is that He is a miracle worker. There are many things that are happening to you which you do not see. And because you are so blind to reality, you cannot see the miracles of God upon your life. The greatest miracle of God in our lives is to be alive. Maybe you want to see God doing great exploits before your eyes, you want to see him healing people and raising some from the dead. Indeed, the Lord can do those miracles. He is doing them to others daily, and if you want to see those miracles happening, you must dedicate your life in total submission to the word of God. The Lord also wants to reveal Himself to us. God wants to use you to be a channel of His miracles to others, but He cannot use you until you have the nature of Jesus. This is the nature of loving Him with all your heart and being obedient to His voice. Anyone who lives a righteous life shall see the power of God operating in their lives. If you live right before God, and desire to see the might

of His power, He shall reveal it to you. The biggest problem that makes us not to see the might of His power is our unrighteousness. Sin makes us so weak and powerless, but a life of righteous makes us to live in the realm of impossibility.

27. Idolatry

“Therefore, put to death what belongs to your worldly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, God’s wrath comes on the disobedient” (Colossians 3:5-6).

27.1

Idolatry is anything in your life that fights against the word of God, whatever it may be. Anything that fights against the word of God is your god, and it is a fake god. Sin is the greatest idol you can ever worship.

27.2

Everything that makes you to undermine the word of God is your idol, it is your god because it is what you obey and worship.

28. Hell

“Don’t fear those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; rather, fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28).

28.1

Many people will go to hell because the devil says hell does not exist. The intention of the devil is for us all to go with him to hell because the devil has already been judged. His portion is the burning fire in hell. He wants us to accompany him to hell because he understands the torment and pains of hell. He hides hell from people so that they might run faster towards it. To say hell does not exist is the greatest temptation to make people candidates of hell. Anyone who says hell does not exist is busy preparing himself for hell.

29. Being born again

“My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.

This is how we are sure that we have come to know Him: by keeping His commands. The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” yet doesn't keep His commands, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly in him the love of God is perfected. This is how we know we are in Him: The one who says he remains in Him should walk just as He walked” (1 John 2: 1-6).

29.1

If you are born again, you must not walk like a fallen man. You are now alive in Christ, and you need to walk like a son of God. When you did not know Jesus, you lived like a pig, but now you are a king and a priest of God. Let your life bear fruits that are more palatable to heaven. A child of God does not have to shout to the world to proclaim who he is, his life will tell other which kingdom he belongs to. You do not have to shout from the rooftops about your Jesus, your righteous life will shout for you, and when it shouts loud, those who live in blindness will soon run to you to seek your Light.

29.2

To be born again does not give you a license to sin. Being born again gives you more reasons why you must hate sin. You are born again through the One whose mission is to destroy sin. If you are in Him, you would love what He loves and hate all that He hates.

29.3

Our flesh or human nature is the enemy of God and His word. It rejects God and the authority of His word. It is always willing to please self in all situations. We cannot please God if the will of our human nature dominates our lives and conduct. It is for this reason that we all need to be born again. We need to be born again so that God could give us His Spirit that could help us to dominate our human nature. When we are controlled by the Spirit of God, we would naturally want to follow the will of the Father in all things.

29.4

To be born again is to be born against the power of sin in our lives. Our new spiritual nature would always reject sin because we would always be sensitive to the word of God.

29.5

Any person who is born again has made a crucial decision that will have a bearing on his entire life. He has decided to count himself as nothing, by lifting Jesus above the sky. He has decided to relinquish his life to the authority of the word of God.

29.6

We are born gain because the Spirit of the Lord has revealed the truth that was hidden to us for many years. He has revealed the deep love that Jesus has for all those who are lost, powerless and those who need a higher spiritual power to help them to navigate the murky waters of life. The Holy Spirit has also revealed how dirty we were in the eyes of God, by revealing how holy and pure Jesus is. He makes us hunger for the righteousness that we see in the eyes of the Lamb of God. Every tear that the Lamb of God shed for us is a tear of righteousness that is calling all those who are wearing and

burdened to come to the throne of mercy in order to receive peace and eternal life in Him.

29.7

I did not save Jesus, but Jesus saved me from a life of defeat and death. I am now a child of God who is ruled by the word of God. The word of God is the link that I have with God. I will maintain the relationship I have with God if I keep His word. But I will cease to be a child of God when I reject the authority of His word.

29.8

If my African or Xhosa cultural background fights against the word of God, I will choose God over my African identity. As a child of God, I must put to death anything that fights against the word of God so that I may please my Father in heaven. My cultural background is of no consequence to me because I now follow the culture of Jesus, which is the culture of a life of righteousness.

30. Backsliding

“Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His One and Only Son into the world so that we might live through Him. Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and His love is perfected in” (1 John 4:7-12).

30.1

Backsliding does not begin when you do big sins, nor does it begin when you do not attend church. It begins when the love of God dies in your heart. When you love God, living a righteous life is a natural progression. But when the love of God dies inside you, all kinds of sins will cling to you. When you backslide, you would be insensitive to the word of God, and you would commit sin without blinking an eye.

31. The perfection of God

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48).

31.1

Our God is so perfect that it is imperfect to imagine Him saying or doing anything that is not perfect.

32. Righteousness

“Everyone who commits sin also breaks the law; sin is the breaking of law. You know that He was revealed so that He might take away sins, and there is no sin in Him. Everyone who remains in Him does not sin; everyone who sins has not seen Him or known Him.

Little children, let no one deceive you! The one who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous. The one who commits sin is of the Devil, for the Devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the Devil’s works” (1 John 3:4-8).

32.1

A righteous person hates sin so much that he does not even want to talk about it. When he talks about sin, he feels that he is being defiled by such talks. Sin and talking about sin is best left to the children of unrighteousness.

32.2

If you want to hear God speak, your heart must be hooked into the mind of God. You must eat Jesus, walk Jesus, Sleep Jesus, think Jesus, speak Jesus, and drink Jesus. All your life must be painted red with the blood of the Lamb. When you think about Jesus all the time, you shall hear the voice of God when you walk, when you sit down and when you are asleep.

32.3

Walk like Jesus and success shall chase you. You shall live in the realm of impossibility and breakthrough shall be your middle name. Do not try to walk in righteousness, walk in righteousness. Do not try to do what is good, do what is good. When you try to do what is good, it means you are also considering doing what is wrong. If you try to do what is good, you will end up doing what is wrong. Trying to do what is right is an old game that belongs to the children of unrighteousness. When you do what is right before the Lord, the Lord will help you to be like Jesus, and you shall walk in holiness and in power all the time.

32.4

To live a righteous life is to have the mind of Jesus and to walk in the light of God.

32.5

Your body is a temple of God, it is where God stays. The Lord is your fortress as long as He stays in your body. The seat of the throne of God in your body is in your heart. This is the throne of righteousness. No weapon of the kingdom of darkness can prevail against you whilst your fortress abides in you. The only way the devil can prevail against you is by tempting you to chase God from His temple, which is you. The devil would do this by tempting you to sin. Our God is righteous and does not abide in sin.

As soon as you abide in sin, the Lord would depart from you, and your body would be a temple of sin. Once the devil has succeeded in making you to chase God in your body, the throne than would be established in your heart is a throne of sin. Sin is of the devil not God. Once the throne of righteousness has departed from you, the devil would be the king in your life.

32.6

A heart that hungers to please God will please Him, and a heart that is indifferent to God will disregard the opinion of God. A heart that desires to be righteous will be given graces in order to help it to walk like God.

32.7

Do not evaluate the righteousness of any man according to his spiritual gifts. Evaluate man's walk with God according to his obedience to the word of God. Anyone who is not obedient to the word of God does not know God. A righteous life is the proof that one knows and loves God.

32.8

No one can please God without the help of the Holy Spirit. If you want to be obedient to the word of God, you must be filled with the Holy Spirit. We all need to be baptised with the Spirit of power so that His strength could help us to overcome all kinds of temptation.

32.9

You can only discover yourself in the Lord when you live a righteous life, and when you desire to be used by Him for His glory. If your heart wants to be used by God, the Lord will soon reveal your hidden spiritual gift to you. Your spiritual gifts are the spiritual tools which you use to serve the Lord.

33. The truth

“For nothing is concealed that won't be revealed, and nothing hidden that won't be made known and come to light” (Luke 8:17).

33.1

The truth is so powerful and omnipresent. You cannot run away from the truth. It is all over you, it is on every side of you. It is underneath you, beside you and is above you. If you try to run away from the truth, by hiding yourself from reality, you would find the truth where you are hiding. You just cannot hide from the truth, and when you try to do so, you will find the truth staring at you. The truth is the only One who has the truth. He existed before time, and when time dies, the truth would be watching in truth. You can pretend that the truth does not exist, but the truth is faithful, He will exist after your imagination has run dry, when it has tired itself of untruths. The truth

is the only One who knows tomorrow, for the truth existed before the future. He is solid, steadfast, and eternal. You can trust in the truth for the truth is the only One who would be found standing when everyone has died. Respect God and use His wisdom, because His wisdom will never change. It was relevant in the past; it is relevant in the present and will remain relevant when everything else is irrelevant. You cannot lie about the truth and get away with it. The truth knows all the untruths you have been saying about Him. He also knows about all the untruthful life you have been living. The truth is the only One who knows the truth about the truth. You can fool everyone, but you cannot fool the truth. He knows about your pretenses, and the truth knows the true condition of your heart. God is the truth. If you do not turn away from your untruths, you will find the truth in the judgement hall of God, and He will find you guilty of living a life of untruths.

33.2

If you run away from the truth, next time you meet the truth, the truth shall chase you. It will persecute you and you shall not have any rest.

33.3

If Jesus is not your Master because you have your own god, you might think that you know all about your god until death comes. When you die, you will suddenly realise that the god you called your god is actually the devil. Wake up from your spiritual slumber and smell the aroma of death. Run to Jesus, He will rescue you from destruction. He is the only one who can save you from the fury that is coming your way

33.4

You are blind if you think that life is what it appears to be. If you do not know that the devil controls the world, you have not accumulated any knowledge. The devil is the god of this world, and he has enslaved those who are under his control. They are slaves, but they do not know about this. To them, life is still rosy. If Jesus is not your Master, the devil is. Those who are called by the name of the Lord are immune to all the traps of the devil. They are outside the reach of the power of the devil. The devil can devise plans to hook them into his kingdom, but he will fail dismally for the fire of God is watching over them all the time.

33.5

Many people are bound in the pit of hell they have dug for themselves. They appear to be free, yet they are slaves of unrighteousness and are reaping bitter fruits of rebellion. They are bound all over their lives. Many of them are bound from the north, south, east and west of their lives, and there is no hope in sight for them. To a naked eye, they appear to be free, yet they are walking around in spiritual chains of bondage. The devil has afflicted them from all angles, yet they do not know about this. They see

themselves as normal people, but there is nothing normal about their lives, as their lives are so full of pains and failure.

33.6

You cannot work for God if you walk in unrighteousness.

33.7

When you do not stand for what is right, you have taken a stand for what is wrong. If you do not take a stand for the truth, you have taken a stand for what is evil.

33.8

The cross is a source of pride and shame to me. It is a source of pride because that is where the Lord liberated me from death. At the cross of Calvary, it is where I have returned to the Lord, where He accepted me without any reservation. The cross is a source of shame, not because I feel that the work of the cross is incomplete, but because the cross makes me realise that I was part of the Jewish crowd which crucified Jesus. When I abided in sin, I was part of them, those who ridiculed him and nailed him to the cross for standing for the truth. All my sins were forgiven by the blood of the Lamb, but the memory of the cross must stay with me forever. What the Jewish crowd and I did to the Lord must be a constant reminder of what the love of God saved me from. If I lose the memory of the cross and my role in crucifying the Lord, I would take the sacrifice of the Lamb of God for granted. I know that the blood of the Lamb of God has purified me and made me righteous before God, and I also know what I have done to the Lord when I abided in sin.

33.9

You cannot prove God wrong. You can only prove yourself foolish. If you want to prove God wrong, death will prove that you can die for a foolish thing. It is suicidal to try to prove God wrong.

33.10

Many people move from one church to the other, seeking a word of prophecy. They do this because they want blessings and breakthroughs, but forget that you can receive a million prophecies, but still remain bound to poverty and hardship. There is nothing wrong with prophecies, but the greatest prophet of all times is the Bible, the word of God. The word of God reveals God and your future in Him. Your breakthroughs are in doing what God says you must do in His word. The word of God has already revealed all you need to know about blessings and breakthroughs. It has also revealed all the failures of all who would ignore the counsel of the word of God. If you need breakthroughs and successes in life, don't run to the prophets, run to God. Live for Him and follow His counsel. Your breakthroughs are not found in the prophecies, but in living a life that pleases the Lord.

33.11

Some people erroneously think that we must first understand ourselves as people before we could understand God. They think that if we understand our history and cultural background, we would be able to place our faith in a proper context. This is far from the truth because if we do this, we would be trying to understand the truth by understanding the consequences of our interaction with the spiritual forces. God is a spirit, and because of this, we must first understand the spiritual world before we could understand our world. There are only two spiritual forces that have shaped our history and culture. These are the forces of darkness and light, deception and the truth, death and life, retribution and mercy. Jesus is the light and the truth, but Satan is darkness and deception. Both of these spiritual forces have shaped our history. We are the result of following either the light or darkness. If we have followed the light and the truth, our cultural background is important, but if we have followed deception and death, our history is full of defeat and powerlessness because we have decided to make Satan our lord. Jesus is the light and He gives life and prosperity to those who follow Him, but Satan is the destroyer who will first deceive us before he could destroy us.

33.12

You cannot understand righteousness by watching sin. But you could understand sin in the light of righteousness. When you try to understand righteousness through the eyes of sin, you will end up being deceived. If you use the wrong lenses to understand sin, you will always come to a wrong conclusion. Anyone who tries to understand righteousness by understanding sin will always confuse sinfulness with righteousness. We could only come to the correct understanding of what sin is by understanding the source of sin and righteousness. Jesus is the source of righteousness and the devil is the source of sin. Anything that contradicts Jesus is sin and it comes from the devil.

33.13

You cannot give what you do not have. You cannot teach anyone to have faith if you do not have faith. You cannot teach people about Jesus who is righteousness when you are still trapped in the sea of sin. If you try to tell them about Jesus when you live in sin, you would be exposing your nakedness for all to see. Let the word of God change you before you could testify about the transforming power of God. You must be the one who is converted first if you want people to be converted into a life of righteousness

33.14

If you do not know God, it means you do not know what a blessing is. Many curses are a wolf woven in sheep's clothes. They look and feel like blessings, but they are hell. A blessing from God brings prosperity and peace.

33.15

Preaching is spiritual. Preaching without the power of the Holy Spirit manifesting to give effect to your preaching is not preaching, it is speaking. Preaching is called preaching because the Lord is using His word to transform the minds of His people.

33.16

Peace and sin are always fighting a bitter war. Where there is sin, you can never find peace. Where there is peace there is Jesus and His righteousness.

33.17

All fools lack a good sense. A fool can defile his own body by engaging in sin and when that body is broken and afflicted, he expects God to heal him. If you love your body and treasure it, treat it as the Holy property of God fit only for a King.

33.18

Anyone who contradicts God is suicidal.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

33.19

Man is a fallible created being, but God is the Lord. The reason man is called a human being is that man is so weak, fallible, blind and lacks knowledge. God is called God for He created man. Man exists at the mercy of God. If God could decide to kill man, man would die without God uttering a single word. He would die when that thought to kill him manifest in the mind of God.

33.20

Man is blind, and as a result of such blindness, he does not have the authority to contradict the word of God. God is the only one who is sighted. He is the only one who knows the way. The way of man without the counsel of the word of God leads to only one end, the path of death.

33.21

Some people talk about Jesus all the time, whilst others preach about Him, but many of them do not know Him. Their lives are testimony that they are still living in blindness, being slaves to sin. The first knowledge you must have about Jesus is His righteousness and that He hates sin so much that He offered to be sacrificed on the cross so that the power of sin could be defeated. If you preach about Him, but there is no sign of righteousness in you, you still belong to the world. You might stand in the pulpit and preach about Him, but He is not your Master. Jesus is the Master of righteousness and those who live in righteousness abide in Him.

33.22

Jesus is the Healer. Healing is a gift from God. It is a grace given to you to liberate your body from your afflictions. The devil can also heal, but he will do so not because of his power of healing but with his power of deception. The reason you are sick is that the devil has afflicted you with his sickness causing demons. When the devil heals you, he is not really healing you, but reorganises his demons in your body to stop an affliction in one area and cause it to the next area. He can heal your bareness but gives you cancer, diabetes and asthma at the same time. And as a result of this, you are not healed at all. He has shifted one sickness from one area to the next, and because of that, you are worse off than when you started. As he reorganises sicknesses in your body, he afflicts you more than before. Indeed, the devil can heal your headache, but destroy your marriage and business at the same time. The devil's healing is deceptive. It is only Jesus who could heal you completely. There is no gift you can ever get from Satan. The devil can give you death wrapped in a nice gift bag, but it would remain death nonetheless.

33.23

You can love anyone as much as you want to love them, but don't let your love for them make you to compromise the truth and to take light the word of God. If you do so, you will soon run out of people you can love. The Lord will kill them or make them your hell.

33.24

Nothing can compete with God. Do not allow anything that is related to your name to compete with God for your love and attention. The Lord will destroy anything that competes with Him or will allow it to torment you as long as you live.

33.25

Every sermon preached to a child of God adds or cements the nature of Jesus in them. Entertaining sermons just tickle people's emotions and leave them spiritually hungry and poor.

33.26

The devil has his own way of making what is essentially the dumbest, the most foolish and what is vain to appear as the most important, urgent and covetous things to do or own. As soon as you do it or own it, you began to see it for what it really is, nothing and vanity of vanities.

33.27

Anyone who is selective with regard to the word of God is mischievous and foolish. They pick and choose which commandment to follow. They are obedient to what they are not struggling with and reject what they are not able to comply with. These people doubt the authenticity of the word of God when it convicts them of their sins and

affirms its correctness in the things they are able to comply with. Their sinfulness determines what they regard as authentic and acceptable. They fail to comprehend that when they do this, their faith is not authentic but self-serving. As they pick and choose what to follow, they must remember that the fire in hell is already burning, waiting to consume anyone who chooses the path of death. God has already determined that all the counsel of His word is the truth, your duty is to follow or reject that truth. You can blind yourself to the truth, but you will not blind God to your wickedness.

33.28

The only difference between you and the world is that you have decided to make God your Lord. As soon as you ignore God and the counsel of His word, taking Him for granted, what separates you from the world would crumble. And when that happens, what defeats them would defeat you and what destroys them would also kill you.

33.29

You are strong in accordance with the strength of God, and you are weak in line with the weak bond of obedience you have for your God.

33.30

Stand for the truth even though the truth might make you stand against the whole world. When you are standing for the truth in isolation, you are standing with the majority, for God is the majority.

33.31

Death will seize your soul immediately when you compromise on the truth. The truth is your fortress, your strength and life. It is your sanity and the only reason all things make sense to you. Without the truth, everything becomes a lie, and you too will become a lie.

33.32

We live under the crown of the Holy Spirit. He is our Lord and to Him, we submit our lives. He is in charge of the ministry of Jesus and will manage it until the Lord comes back to fetch His beloved brides. The Holy Spirit is in control of everything that is happening in the house of the Lord. He also controls all our spiritual gifts. No gift can work without the power of the Holy Spirit. Preaching would be dead without His power and no one will prophesy without His voice. And no one can dream dreams and have vision without the light of God. No one would be convicted of sin if the power of the Spirit does not move. There would be total bareness if He is not operating, and our worship and prayers would go as far as the ceiling of the house without His help. If He does not help us to pray, no one would be able to pray correctly. The Holy Spirit operates in total holiness because He is holy. God is Holy and He abides in holiness. Your success in the house of the Lord depends on holiness. If you do not live a holy

life, you can never count on the Spirit of Holiness to help you with any grace that will help you to be successful in your ministry.

33.33

The greatest status you can ever achieve in the kingdom of God is to be a servant. You have started as a servant and would end up being a servant. Servant-hood is the highest honour you can achieve from God. It means God is pleased with you, and can use you to expand His reign on earth. You have been fighting against God when you abided in sin, but now the Lord is pleased to call you His servant. What an honour to be a servant of the mighty God!

33.34

Don't justify yourself. Do not defend yourself against false accusation and slander, leave it to God. If you defend yourself, you would make a mess of it. Our God is more qualified to do it on your behalf. When the Lord justifies you, He will close the mouth of your adversaries. Your enemies will be the ones who testify about you throughout the land. They would say good things about you more than you could ever imagined.

33.35

Man is mortal and to follow the counsel of man is to choose death.

33.36

If you are stubborn, you are resistant to the furnace of fire that you must go through in order to be acceptable to the Lord. You cannot have the nature of Jesus if you have not gone through that fire. Any act of stubbornness rebels against the word of God. You would rebel against people without realising that you are rebelling against God. It is the Lord who has sent them to do whatever they are doing to you. The Lord is not interested in what they are doing to you, but is interested in how you react to them.

33.37

There is only one God. There is no God of the Old Testament and another God of the New Testament. Both the 'Old' and the 'New Testament' are the word of God. There is no contradiction between them. The principle upon which God instituted the law of tithes in the Old Testament is the same principle that is applicable in the New Testament. A heart that gives in the Old Testament would also do the same in the New Testament. A heart that submits to God in the Old Testament would also submit to God in the New Testament. Some of the New Testament believers sold all their property and gave the proceeds of those properties to the house of the Lord to be shared by all the brethren.

33.38

If you want to be an heir of the kingdom of heaven, you must lose your life and the possessions you have in this world to God. All that you possess would not be yours,

but would be the property of heaven. You would only be the custodian of all that heaven has entrusted to you to control and enjoy.

33.39

People do not speak ill of the dead. If you do not want them to speak badly about you, you must be dead. There is too much evilness around the world. If they slander you, this is in accordance with human behaviour. They also spoke badly about your Master. You are the servant of Jesus and must expect more gossip and slander against your name.

33.40

God created man and gave him a will to will. A man's will is in his spiritual heart that determines the course of action he takes. God wants the will of man to be the same as His will, but He will not impose His will upon man. The Lord is the judge and judges how man conducts himself. He cannot be the judge and player at the same time. God cannot help you until you have chosen to align your will with His will. He cannot heal you when you do not want Him to heal you; He cannot save you if you do not want to be saved; He cannot be your God if you do not want him to be your God; He cannot bless you if you do not want Him to bless you; and He will not give your eternal life if you do not want Him to bless you with Jesus.

33.41

You must never ask God to condone your sinful actions, because when you do that it will show that you do not have the truth. God can never make what is wrong right. Sin will always be sin regardless of who commits it. If you do not have the truth, God cannot use you to advance His kingdom on earth. If you do not have the truth, it means you are unreliable and cannot stand for what is right. The Lord can only use you when you stand for the truth regardless of the consequences of doing so.

34. The love of the world

“Do not love the world or the things that belong to the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).

34.1

If you master the things of this world, the world will count you as knowledgeable, but heaven will count you as blind and deaf. When you master the things of this world, you are blind and deaf for you have not seen nor heard anything that is of value. You might be the pride of the world, but God would count you as an ignorant and shameful child. You might master the world, but lose the respect of God. What you would gain will be vanity, but it would have come at a price, you would have lost your eternal peace in Jesus.

34.2

The devil can promise you heaven and earth, but will end up giving you spiritual shackles. The devil takes from you every time he gives you something. His outstretched hand does not give you goodies, but hooks you into his claws, and you will be his slave forever.

34.3

Anyone who follows the world follows the god of the world, who is the devil.

35. Time

*“Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; keep it, and repent. But if you are not alert, I will come like a thief, and you have no idea at what hour I will come against you”
(Revelation 3:3).*

35.1

You have little time left to live, yet you think you have a lifetime to spare. You may think that you know all, but the truth is not in you. If you think that you know all, you are using a walking stick to walk for you are blind. The time that is left before you die is only known by God, and it is very limited indeed. A hundred years will fly like the speed of sound, yet you will not realise this. Indeed, you will only realise when you are dead that there is nothing that runs faster than time. You cannot control time, but you can control your destiny. The only way to control your destiny is to live a life of righteousness which will give your soul eternal peace in Jesus.

36. Jesus

“Seek the LORD while He may be found; call to Him while He is near” (Isaiah 55:6).

36.1

The hand of God is very long and elastic. It can save you from any pit of hell you have dug for yourself. It can save you from all the troubles except to save your soul when you are dead. Jesus is life, He saves those who are alive, and death will swallow those who are dead. Find Jesus and make Him your Master before it is too late to do anything about your destiny.

36.2

The message of the cross of Calvary has one big message broken into two parts. One part is about the blood of redemption that was shed for us and the second is an assurance of eternal life through the life of Jesus. The message is one, but has two different connotations for us. The blood that was shed on the cross has cleansed us of our sins and made us right before the Lord. This blood that was shed is a sacrifice God made for us in order to reconcile us back to Himself. It does not only reconcile us back

to the love of God, but it gives us a promise of eternal life. Those who believe in the Lamb of God are promised eternal life in Jesus. The life of Jesus, the Son of Man is a roadmap that leads to the promised eternal life. It is only by living and behaving like Jesus that we could claim our price, which is eternal life. Jesus the Son of Man has been given to us so that we may imitate Him. If we imitate him and walk in righteousness, we will be like him. When we are like Jesus, we will be able to receive our crown of victory, which is our eternal life in Him.

36.3

The world has Mount Everest and Mount Kilimanjaro, and we have our own Jesus. They use both these mountains as a yardstick to test the depth of human courage and resilience. They get excited when they reach the summit of these mountains. Jesus is our Spiritual Mount Everest, the peak of righteousness and the evidence of what is acceptable to God. He is the One our eyes are fixed on. To reach the peak of our spiritual summit is to have the nature of Jesus and to have it until the end of our lives. The world can scale the highest point of Everest, but that will not give them eternal life and peace. Our Jesus is the peak of human perfection and existence that justifies us before God, and which gives us the assurance of eternal life. He is a well that supplies us with waters that sparkles with eternal peace and happiness.

37. Pride

“But He gives greater grace. Therefore He says: God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble” James 4:6).

37.1

Anyone who has pride worships himself, not God.

37.2

Stubbornness is a manifestation of pride.

37.3

Pride is cunning and can fool you. It can fool you for pride has many shades. It manifests in different ways. These are all manifestations of pride: thinking highly of yourself; incurable backsliding; inability to submit to authority; inability to humble self in any situation; the spirit of perfection; refusing good counsel; expecting to be appointed to positions of power; rejection of correction; an attitude of knowing all; not having confidence in the ability of others; the spirit of entitlement and following own counsel blindly. Many people have pride but are unable to spot it because they view pride in one context. People fail to comprehend that many bad practices have their roots in pride.

37.4

You must never presume anything about your relationship with God. Many have fallen from grace because of their arrogant attitude towards God. They have fallen from grace because, in their own minds, they have said, 'I know everything about God.' Their arrogance made them to disregard the word of God and the counsel of the Holy Spirit. They behave as though they are God, and that led to their downfall. Many of those who have fallen because of their arrogance towards God attend church regularly, but the Lord has departed from their hearts. Their hearts are too lifted for God to abide in them.

38. Patience

"For you need endurance, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised" (Hebrews 10:36).

38.1

In addition to living a righteous life, reading the word of God and being prayerful, patience is the greatest virtue that will keep you inside the heart of God. Self-control is also important, but self-control is a child of patience. Impatience, on the other hand, will put you right into the hand of the devil. When you are patient, you rely on God to provide anything you want in the manner of His liking. Anyone who is impatient is driven by anxiety, and anxiety will empty your mind and take all the sobriety that you need to think and view things properly. Impatient is a spiritual handicap that will lead you to fall into all the traps that the devil has laid for you.

38.2

Patience teaches you that you are not in control but God is.

39. The love of money

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains" (1 Timothy 6:10).

39.1

You cannot be effective in the ministry of Jesus if you are desperate for money. If you are desperate for money, you will soon serve the devil because anyone who worships money worships the devil.

39.2

There are few sins that are tricky and deceptive like the love of money. Many of those who suffer from the love of money do not even know that they have fallen prey to this impoverishing sin. The reason for this is that this sin can hide comfortably in our financial needs. You would only be aware of your financial need without realising that

you have fallen prey to this disease. Your financial needs will blind you to the reality that you have fallen into the trap of the devil. Those who have the love of money are always greedy for money, but money will always run away from them. This disease repels all the financial blessings from the Lord. The more you love money, the less money you would have. If you are born again, and you love money and prosper financially, that prosperity is not from the Lord, it comes from the devil. The Lord will withhold His financial blessings to anyone who is greedy for money. When you love money, you will always lack money. This is the number one sin that will make you poor for the rest of your life.

39.3

Those who love money will always do whatever it takes to have it. They are willing to commit any sinful act in order to fill their pockets with money.

39.4

Those who know their Redeemer will always look up to Him to provide for their financial needs, but those who love money are always ready to sink to the lowest level to get it.

40. Lust

“For you know what commands we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

For this is God’s will, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality, so that each of you knows how to control his own body in sanctification and honor, not with lustful desires, like the Gentiles who don’t know God. This means one must not transgress against and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger of all these offenses, as we also previously told and warned you” (1 Thessalonians 4:2-6).

40.1

If you have a spirit of lust, you cannot be a faithful watchman of God. Jesus commanded you to feed His flock with the spiritual food of righteousness that would help them to walk like Him. But if you have a spirit of lust, you would not feed the flock of Jesus. You would devour them and leave them spiritually malnourished, for the food that you would give to them is the food of unrighteousness that will lead them astray from the love of God.

41. The voice of God

*“Your words were found, and I ate them.
Your words became a delight to me
and the joy of my heart,*

*for I am called by Your name,
Yahweh God of Hosts” (Jeremiah 15:16).*

41.1

Many people wish to hear an audible voice of God. This is all well and good, but the greatest voice you must incline your ears to is the word of God. God is Spirit and He speaks to spiritual people. You need to be spiritual in order to hear God. Your spiritual nature is the only thing that can fellowship with God perfectly. You do not need ears to hear him, you need His presence inside you to hear him. Indeed, you need to study the word of God so that you may know him. If you know Him, God will speak to you and your spirit will hear everything He has said to you. You need spiritual ears more than physical ears to hear God.

41.2

When God abides in you, you would read the Bible and hear Him speak as you read it. Reading the Bible is a spiritual act, and because of that, you need spiritual eyes and ears to understand the message of the Bible. This is the way of heaven, it is a mystery that is revealed to those who are one with the word of God.

41.3

The word of God is Spirit, and it will speak to you as you read it. It purifies your soul as you listen to God speaking to you. And it will strengthen you when you are weak, and it will also rebuke you when you are standing on the ground of inequity. The word of God is God speaking to you in a written form. As you read the word of God, that written word of God becomes the breath of God that speaks to you. You are joined together with God and if you want to hear His voice, you have already heard Him speak. You cannot be born again without first hearing God urging you to come to Him so that you may declare Him your Master.

41.4

If you want to hear God speak, don't concentrate on what your ears hear, be focused on the inner spirit. Concentrate on your inner spirit and all that God is saying will be clear to you.

41.5

How do you differentiate between the word of God and the voice of the devil? Any thought or voice that fight against the word of God is from the devil. The Bible is your tool that will help you to discern what is false and what is from the Lord.

41.6

What is the sign that you can hear God speak? If you read the Bible and find all that you are reading very interesting and profound, you must know that you can hear God. However, when your mind is negative or indifferent to the word of God, your spiritual

eyes and ears are still closed. It is a total waste of time to read the Bible without hearing God speak as you read it. You can only profit from reading the Bible when you can hear the voice of God as you fellowship with His word. Otherwise, pray to God and ask Him to open your spiritual eyes and ears so that you may hear His voice.

42. Ignorance

“He speaks about these things in all his letters in which there are some matters that are hard to understand. The untaught and unstable twist them to their own destruction, as they also do with the rest of the Scriptures.

Therefore, dear friends, since you know this in advance, be on your guard, so that you are not led away by the error of lawless people and fall from your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen” (2 Peter 3:16-18).

42.1

To be young is not an opportunity to gamble with death. Many things that are done by young people attract death. Indeed, many young people think that God is wrong about many things. In their minds, it is only they and their friends who are right about life. A young person needs God more than he can ever know, but the things he does attract the devil, not God. The devil can tell you all the lies, but will not tell you that you are standing on a slippery slope to destruction. As a young person, you do not want to find out in your powerless body that is sick, beaten and defeated that all the word of God said was right and you were wrong. If you are not careful, the truth will be revealed to you in sorrow. You cannot fight against the truth, the truth will remain the truth whether you like it or not. The truth is the truth now and will be the truth when you are sick and defeated in life. Do not play with your destiny by taking light the word of God. Dedicate your life to God and it will be well with you in your body and life.

43. Stubbornness

*“One who becomes stiff-necked,
after many reprimands
will be shattered instantly—
beyond recovery.” (Proverbs 29:1).*

43.1

All the stiff-necked people be warned. Mend your ways, turn to God and embrace the counsel of His word. If you do not turn away from sin, you will bend your necks in sorrow.

43.2

Any stiff-necked person who rejects the word of God is foolish and blind. He does not realise that he is following an unbending path that leads to the pit of hell.

44. Temptation

“But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap, and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction” (1 Timothy 6:9).

44.1

Watch out for the company you keep. Beware of the friends who live in sin. If you are not careful about them, they will take you to the fastest highway that leads to hell. That road of temptation is so short that you would only realise what happened to you when you are already in hell. And when you are in hell, there is no return ticket to the heart of God.

44.2

Every temptation has terms and conditions that the devil does not want you to know about. What is written in temptation is only the offer that shows you all that you stand to benefit by taking the offer. Thanks to the Lord, because He has availed to us what the devil wants to hide from us. All the terms and conditions of temptation are written in the Bible and they are not written in small prints, but large prints so that whoever has eyes may see. The devil is hiding them from you for fear that after reading these terms and conditions you will not fall into his traps. Surely, the devil will do all that he can to make you blind to the word of God. He will ridicule the word of God, not because it is foolish. On the contrary, the devil knows that the word of God is the truth and it reveals to us everything we need to know about all the traps that the devil has set for the children of God. These are the terms and conditions of temptation: if you do something that contradicts the word of God you shall die; you will also cry; depression will be your faithful friend; you will fail in life; and hell is your inheritance.

44.3

Protect yourself from any spiritual pollution. Be careful of what you watch and listen to because the devil has put his traps of temptation on many things that we watch or listen to. If you are not careful of what you watch or listen to, you will soon go back to the world of sin.

45. Heaven

“for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17).

45.1

Heaven is righteousness and how that righteousness could be illuminated throughout the world through the obedient followers of the Light, who have become the light to the dying world.

46. Wisdom

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is God’s power to us who are being saved. For it is written:

*I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and I will set aside the understanding of the experts.*

Where is the philosopher? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Hasn’t God made the world’s wisdom foolish? For since, in God’s wisdom, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of the message preached. For the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles” (1 Corinthians 1:18-23).

46.1

No one can be wise without knowing God and the righteousness of His Son, Jesus. Anyone whose wisdom excludes God does not have wisdom, he has amassed a lot of deception. His knowledge is devoid of the truth, for God is the only truth.

47. Obedience

“He said, ‘Even more, those who hear the word of God and keep it are blessed!’” (Luke 11:28).

47.1

Obedience to the word of God is a marathon which you need to win in order receive your price of eternal joy in Jesus. You would only get your crown of victory when death takes you away from us whilst you are still obedient to God and the counsel of His word.

47.2

To run the marathon of obedience successfully, you must be victorious every day of your life by being obedient to God on all matters of your life. Aim for the future, but conquer all the temptations of the day that wants to derail you from victory. If temptation is too much for you, remember that it is not too much for the Lord. Ask Him to deliver you from all those traps and ditches of the devil.

47.3

The limitations of man are in his limitless disobedience to the word of God.

47.4

If you know the Lord, it is easy to be obedient to His word. Obedience is in the knowledge of God, not on being pushed to do what God wants you to do.

47.5

If you obey God every day, you will keep the trouble away.

48. Church

“Then all your children will be taught by the LORD, their prosperity will be great, and you will be established on a foundation of righteousness. You will be far from oppression, you will certainly not be afraid; you will be far from terror, it will certainly not come near you” (Isaiah 54:13-14).

48.1

A church is a spiritual factory that reproduces Jesus in us.

48.2

When the Spirit of God is firmly planted in our hearts, the kingdom of God is fully entrenched in our lives. If the throne of the devil is seated in your heart, then you are fighting against God despite any profession to the contrary. When the throne of Satan is seated in your heart, you might be in the church, but be in fellowship with the devil at the same time. Being a child of God has something to do with your heart that is totally controlled by God. To be a child of God has nothing to do with attending church or having fellowship with other saints. We attend church and have constant fellowship with other saints because God rules our hearts. When the Holy Spirit controls your spiritual heart, the will of God would control you, and when this happens, your God would be pleased and His name would be glorified. God is pleased to have a servant whose spiritual heart belongs to Him.

48.3

If you have not developed the nature of Jesus after attending church for few years, there might be something wrong about you or the church you are attending. Find out the reason for this as you might not have enough time left to live. Maybe death is already at your doorsteps. A church must produce Jesus in you, and if it does not, it does not belong to Jesus. If you are the reason for not being molded into Jesus, you must be very worried. Death is like a thief, it will pounce on you unannounced. The nature of Jesus is the only thing that guarantees eternal life.

48.4

Many people have attended church for as long as they could remember but have not met the owner of the church, Jesus. As a result, they have not been transformed into the likeness of the Master. They attend church but are not living a life of obedience to the Master, and that makes them the enemy of the Master, not His friends.

49. Faith

“Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. For our ancestors won God’s approval by it.

By faith we understand that the universe was created by God’s command, so that what is seen has been made from things that are not visible” (Hebrews 11:1-3).

49.1

Faith is thinking and acting outside the realm of human existence into the world of God.

49.2

Faith is to know the unseen, seeing the unseen, believing the unseen, hoping in the unseen, trusting the unseen, giving control of your life to the unseen. The Spirit is more real than the physical. Physicality does not determine reality as the physical has been created by the unseen Spirit. The physical could be touched, but the substance belongs to the Spirit. The physical is mortal, but the Spirit is eternal. Trusting in the Spirit is wiser than trusting in the physical. Trusting the physical is trusting what is already dead. But trust in God is trust in His unlimited power and wisdom. Faith belongs to the heavenly because the world will laugh at faith. They will laugh at faith for faith is spiritual, it is unseen. They will not comprehend the mystery of faith for faith is also speaking to the unseen, being guided by the unseen, praising the unseen, loving and getting married to the unseen, being filled by the unseen, being touched and touching the unseen, being guided by the unseen and being a citizen of an unseen kingdom. To the dying world, faith is foolishness and utter craziness, but to the children of God, faith is the only thing that is worth holding to. Without faith, there is no life in this world and beyond.

49.3

Faith helps you to see your future through the lenses of the word of God.

49.4

Faith is a spiritual faculty of God given to man to help him to smell the odourless, to touch the intangible, to see the invisible, to comprehend the incomprehensible, to lean on the Spirit, to utter the incomprehensible, and to touch the future.

49.5

Doubt everything that wants you to doubt the word of God. The word of God existed before the conception of the word doubt. The word of God is Alpha and Omega. It was alive before the advent of time, before the foundations of the universe.

49.6

To trust in Jesus is to have faith in the only One who could deliver you from your situations. He is the only One who has the will and power to free you from any difficult situation.

49.7

It takes a spiritually crazy person to know God and to walk according to the counsel of His word. A spiritually crazy person ignores what is obvious in his eyes, and believes in what his eyes do not see. Spiritual craziness is not craziness at all, it is a deep faith in God, which is our assurance of eternal peace.

49.8

Our faith in God is anchored by our knowledge of His power and wisdom. God is the only one who has absolute knowledge of all things. And He has unlimited power to create and uproot, and in Him, there is complete power to do anything.

49.9

God's power is unlimited, it is only limited by His will.

49.10

Faith relates to the glory of God. It reflects the depth of your knowledge of the power of God, and the trust that you have in His power to do anything for you.

49.11

You will be able to access the power of God when you have a deeper understanding of His power, and when you have absolute trust in His ability to change any situation. The more trust you have in His unlimited powers, the more access you will have to His grace.

49.12

Faith glorifies God because it reflects who God is and what He is able to do. It elevates God above every power you can imagine because through faith, the Lord is the only One who could do all that none of us could do.

49.13

Anyone without faith reduces God to the level of a human being. Lack of faith in God is an insult to Him, because it denies His unlimited power to move any mountain.

50. Forgiveness

*"For if you forgive people their wrongdoing, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well"
(Matthew 6:14).*

50.1

Forgiving others take you back to the cross of Calvary, where all your sins against God have been forgiven.

51. Offering

"Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship" (Romans 12:1).

51.1

Every offering or sacrifice you make to the Lord with a pure heart is acceptable to Him, but every offering you make to Him is not a substitute of the greatest offering He expects from you, offering yourself to Him. If you offer yourself to Him, all that you have belong to Him and in this regard you have killed two birds with one stone.

51.2

Any financial offering you make to the Lord reminds you that you are under the control of God. It emphasises your servanthood and multiplies the Lordship of God over you.

52. The Lord's Supper

"So a man should examine himself; in this way he should eat the bread and drink from the cup. For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. This is why many are sick and ill among you, and many have fallen asleep. If we were properly evaluating ourselves, we would not be judged, but when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord, so that we may not be condemned with the world" (1 Corinthians 11:28-32).

52.1

There are three crucial spiritual aspects of the Lord's Supper; the unity of the brethren in Jesus, our salvation and the spiritual evaluation we make before God. The bread we partake in stands for the body of Christ or the unity that we have in His body. When we partake of the bread, we affirm the unity of the brethren in Jesus. We cannot partake in the bread if we have a conflict or unresolved issues with those who are part of the body of Christ. If we want to partake in the bread, we must first settle any differences we have with others.

The blood of Jesus stands for our salvation from sinfulness into the righteousness of God. We have been saved from sin into the holiness of Jesus. We no longer belong to the devil for sin is of the devil. When we drink the blood of Jesus, we affirm the victory of righteousness over sin. We celebrate the defeat of Satan by Jesus, and remember where the Lord found us. Those who partake in the blood rejoice in the beauty of God's holiness. And for this reason, we cannot partake of the blood of Jesus if we are still trapped in the life of sin and death.

We cannot partake of the bread and the blood without first examining our faithfulness to the unity of the brethren, and the victory of the blood of Jesus over sin. The promise of eternal life was made to us through the blood of Jesus. And when we examine ourselves, we examine how far or near we are to the eternal life that was promised to all those who believe in the righteousness of Jesus. This evaluation is a spiritual scale that helps us to see what God sees in us. It is an evaluation that reveals our spiritual position in God. We must walk right every day so that we may achieve our promise of eternal life. The spiritual evaluation that we make will reveal where we need to improve before we achieve the promise of eternal life. If we were to die today, would Jesus be happy to see us? If the evaluation is negative, it means we must speak to the Lord and ask Him to change us so that we may be like Jesus in all respect. Eternal life is a promise that will be enjoyed by those who are like Jesus, those who love righteousness and shun sin.

53. Anger

“A wise man is cautious and turns from evil, but a fool is easily angered and is careless” (Proverbs 14:16).

53.1

Beware of the temptation to get angry. Anger is one of the greatest weapons that the devil uses to attack the children of God. The devil uses anger to move you away from the will of God. When you are angry, you could easily explode and in the process of exploding, you would say and do things that will shame the Lord. Anger is a magnet that attracts other kinds of sins. We serve the living God, not any man. Every time we vent our anger against someone, we will hurt God more than we could hurt those who would bear the brunt of our anger. Many people have lost the favour of God because of anger. Anger could steal all your breakthroughs from the Lord. The devil knows this, and if he wants to steal something from you, he would encourage you to get angry. How could you avoid anger? You can do so by counting yourself as nothing, and because of this, no one will make you get into a fit of anger. And you would also do well to avoid any situation that could make you explode.