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From The State Pastor's Desk

Kingdom Wealth: Why God wants you full, Not just Faithful

No one can live properly in poverty. It takes wealth to live well and life is seldom well done, well lived, or well fared, without it. It is truly well when there is wealth in hand. This is Kingdom MMM: the Monetary value, riches; the Material value, wealth; and the Mind value, a heart fixed and established, unafraid of evil tidings. "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid" (Psalm 112:7-8, KJV). Life without fund is life without fun. God takes pleasure in your life when there is fund in it, you derive fun when funds surround you. "Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant" (Psalm 35:27, KJV). Of those who obey and serve Him, Scripture says: "they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures" (Job 36:11, KJV).

Why, then, are people broke?

1. They are broke because of ignorance of how to break the bracket of lack and want.
2. They refuse to follow instructions. "Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction: but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured" (Proverbs 13:18, KJV).
4. They are not sensitive: God blesses people through innovation and creativity, yet they make no time for Him. You can be giving, and still be lacking, because of a lack of positioning. The practice of religion thrives on effort; real prosperity thrives on faith.
5. They are simply wasteful.

Fortune is having and handling abundance — purposefully, for the Kingdom as a priority; usefully, to pursue dreams and life goals; helpfully, to cater for those who are less privileged; and carefully, to secure your future. Money can develop wings and fly to heaven: "riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven" (Proverbs 23:5, KJV). You have to tie it down with carefulness. Go to the ant: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise" (Proverbs 6:6, KJV).

Beloved, take this as more than teaching, take it as admonition. And as you turn through the rest of this issue, let what follows on rest, on the heart, and on money rightly handled, work together with this word to position you for the fortune God already intends for you.

Jesus is Lord!

Pastor Favours Olusina

State Pastor, LFC Ikorodu

Editorial Note

Dear Readers,

Every issue of Faith & Life begins with the same belief: that everyday life, our questions, habits, sleep, and spending, is not separate from our walk with God. This issue highlights a man, a deeply principled leader who sees absolute marketplace integrity and kingdom service as an unwavering covenant. It speaks to the young believer who still loves God but cannot silence every "what if."

The matters of the heart are not excluded as we explore the queen who forgot that grace was meant to transform her, not merely cover her. We are reminded that rest is not laziness but obedience, and that money has a way of teaching us lessons that cannot be learned outside the word of God.

None of these conversations is new. Scripture has always addressed doubt, holiness, rest, and stewardship honestly, long before they became "topics." Our prayer is simply that as you read, you will not merely nod in agreement but bring whatever this issue stirs in you openly before God, "for He who has begun a good work in you will complete it" (Philippians 1:6, NKJV). Read prayerfully. Then live it out.

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Celebrating Our Spiritual Parents

Happy Birthday Sir and Ma!

We are blessed by your ministry and guidance.

May the years ahead be extra special.

We love you both.



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Pastor & Mrs Favours Olusina

Mid-Year Mega Crusade- Ikorodu

Moments of Divine Impact

What a glorious move of God! As the Word was ministered by our State Pastor, the Gospel reached the hearts of many in Ikorodu. Souls were saved, lives were transformed, burdens were lifted, and Jesus was revealed and glorified.

We rejoice in all that God has done and declare that His Kingdom will continue to expand on the earth, and His glory will be seen among all nations.

"The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

— Habakkuk 2:14



Jesus must be seen, Jesus must be known, and Jesus must be glorified.

For where Christ is lifted up, lives are changed, hope is restored, and God's Kingdom advances.





Striking Testimonies

Six Months Chronic Cough Healed via Kingdom Mysteries

Praise the Lord! I have come to appreciate God for healing me of severe cough. For six months, I was attacked with cough. I carried out several tests with different specialists, but they all said nothing was wrong with me. I also used different medications prescribed to me, but it did not work. I could not talk for long, laugh, or sing, and I am a choir member. Then it occurred to me that the enemy wanted to attack my service to God. I stopped taking the drugs and started taking the Holy Communion and anointing oil. The cough began to reduce, and last week, it finally stopped completely. I did not even notice until last Friday when my daughter observed it and said, "Mummy, the cough has stopped." I have come to say thank You, Jesus, for this divine healing. To Him alone be all the glory. Praise God!

Janet Aladeniyi

Supernatural Transformation After Giving My Life to Chris

Praise the Lord! I have come to appreciate God for His mercy and faithfulness over my life. I was away from church for about 15 years, and during that period, I was in prison, where I spent four years awaiting trial.

But I want to thank God for showing me mercy and for releasing me. During the week, I met with the ARP, and he told me that God can transform my life if I fully surrender myself to Him.

I accepted and gave my life to Christ, and we prayed together. After that, I went for an interview.

I thought I would not be employed because of my records, but to the glory of God, the employer asked me if I was truly a changed person. I answered yes, that I have changed. God showed me favour and granted me the job. I want to say thank you, Jesus.

Now, I am not only free from prison but also gainfully employed. I was told to resume work on Monday. To God alone be all the glory. Thank you, Jesus.

Tadenikawo A.

Striking Testimonies

Six Months Chronic Cough Healed via Kingdom Mysteries

"Praise the Lord! I have come to appreciate God for what He has done in my life. This month, I sat for my external examination. Before the exam, I committed it into God's hands in prayer and prepared diligently.

By God's grace, the examination ended yesterday, and I am grateful to testify that it was successful. I thank God for His wisdom, strength, peace, and help throughout the entire process. To Him alone be all the glory!"

Rhema Paul

Supernatural Transformation After Giving My Life to Chris

" Praise the Lord! I have come to appreciate God for His mighty hand of protection over my son. Earlier this week, while he was on his way for his computer training, he stood by the roadside waiting for a tricycle. Suddenly, two men on a motorcycle stopped in front of him and ordered him to get on the bike, claiming they were going to his destination. My son boldly refused and warned them that if they came any closer or tried to touch him, he would raise an alarm. When they realized he would shout for help, they immediately fled. I thank God for frustrating the plans of the enemy and preserving my son's life. I also want to appreciate God for my daughter. In her first year at the university, she became critically ill and was brought home almost lifeless. We did everything possible, including taking her to the hospital, but she did not respond to treatment. We, however, remained steadfast in prayer and trusted God. After one week, the Holy Spirit instructed me to send her back to school, assuring me that He had broken the siege of academic stagnation in our family. Before then, no one in my family had ever graduated from the university because something would always happen to prevent them from completing their education. In obedience to God's instruction, I allowed my daughter to return to school. From that moment, she recovered completely. For the past three years, she has remained healthy, with no recurrence of the illness, and God has continued to sustain her in her academic journey. I have come to appreciate God for his wonders in my family. To him alone be all the glory."

Aderonke Johnny

Striking Testimonies

100th Birthday Thanksgiving

I give all the glory to God for His covenant of longevity upon my family.

Three years ago, I lost my beloved mother. It was a painful experience, and from that moment, I consistently prayed that God would preserve my father and grant him the grace to celebrate his 100th birthday.

To the glory of God, yesterday my father celebrated his 100th birthday wonderfully and joyfully. God has been faithful and has fulfilled His promise of long life.

I thank the Lord for His goodness, faithfulness, and mercy. May His name alone be glorified.

Olabode A.

Supernatural Transformation After Giving My Life to Christ

I have come to return all the glory to God for His faithfulness in my life.

For several years, a close friend of mine had been trusting God for the fruit of the womb. During the Covenant Day of Fruitfulness Service, our State Pastor declared that every expectant mother would return to the altar with a testimony to dedicate their children. I keyed into that prophetic declaration on behalf of my friend. To the glory of God, just a few days after the service, she called to share the wonderful news that she was pregnant. Indeed, God answered our prayers!

Secondly, a few months earlier, our State Pastor declared prayers against every enemy stealing from God's people. I received and believed that prophetic word. The following day, I had a revelation in which a woman who had stolen my money and other valuables was compelled to return everything she had taken. When I woke up, I knew God had confirmed the word of His servant and supernaturally restored everything the enemy had attempted to steal from me.

Praise God!.

Rachael R.

Striking Testimonies

Divine Rescue From Kidnappers

I want to appreciate God for His divine intervention and protection over my family.

On the first Wednesday of July, my husband's nephew called and asked me to return his call. When I did, another person answered and claimed that he had been kidnapped, demanding a ransom of ₦500,000. We immediately informed his mother and began to pray, asking God to intervene and bring confusion into the kidnappers' camp.

About an hour later, to the glory of God, he called to tell us that he had escaped because he had not been tied up like the other captives. After he got home and ate, he suddenly lost consciousness. My husband and I prayed, anointed him with oil, and by God's mercy, he regained consciousness.

Today, I return all the glory to God for rescuing him from the hands of the kidnappers, preserving his life, and bringing him home safely. To God alone be all the glory.

Oluwaremilekun A.

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Kingdom Spotlight

Service, Integrity and Discipline



Deacon Olufemi Olakunle

Faith Journey and Kingdom Service

1. Can you share with us how your journey with Christ began?

I was born and raised in a Christian home but beyond that I had to consciously seek for salvation. I got born again in 1998 while I was in school through a deeper life brother who happened to be my roommate.

2. What inspired you to answer the call to serve as a Deacon and what has kept you committed over the years?

"Sincerely speaking, I did not know much about the Deacon Assembly so when the call came the only thing that inspired me was a thirst to serve. Deaconship is a selection of few out of the many faithful servants to higher service, with a view of becoming a future leader. Therefore, I doubt if you can be a good deacon if you have not demonstrated a good character as a servant. What has kept me committed over the years is God's grace.

God is too faithful not to be aware of my wear and tears, so anytime I am weak, he strengthens and refires me for the next phase of service.

3. To many, you're a picture of selfless service. What does "serving" truly means to you?

The next thing after salvation is service. Serving to me is a covenant Ex8 v1. It is a way of escaping from all manners of frustration afflicted by the task master. Permit me to say that the taskmaster has the covenant right to keep a man who doesn't serve in captivity because such a man has violated the covenant of his liberation mandate. Show me a man that truly want to be free, then I show you a man whose body is completely buried in service.

Nobody demanded for the release of that colt until Jesus had a need for it- Mat2v12

Leadership And the Heart of Service

1. You actively encourage others to take up leadership in church. Why is raising leaders so important to you?

Raising leader is important because an army of sheep led by a lion will conquer an army of lions led by a sheep. Leaders have been positioned by God to create a pathway for followers. If there is no positive behavioral change among the followers, then the leaders should be questioned. You need just a good leader to raise and lead many followers. A follower speaks the language of his leader. There is a way we are tailored to speak in this commission.

2. Can you share one memorable experience in service that deepened your faith?

Hmmm...there was a day I was rushing from work to catch up with church program and as I got home to dress up, my wife told me that my first born has been strong and needed to be taken to the hospital. I told my wife that I was already getting late for the church program so he should allow me to come back, that I was persuaded that by the time I come back, she would not need to go to the hospital. My wife was not too happy with my response, but I had to go for that program. Deep inside me, I knew devil wanted to use that to steal my time or stop me from attending that service. Guess what? When I came back and blow horn, my daughter who was reportedly down was the one who came out to open the gate for me. So, I asked, how are you and my wife responded that your God has healed her, so immediately I said our God has healed her.

The summary is there is nothing you abandoned to seek him that you wouldn't gain back in million folds, including the everlasting life. - Mk10 v28

3. In demanding seasons of service, what scripture or habit keeps you going?

Mk 10 V 28.

I have always been conscious of the value God places on service.

4. What's one notable way you've seen God honor your service?

God always fights my battle for me! You know there is a way God fights for you that you is too apparent to hide. I had seen a lot in the course of my career & business, but nobody gangs up against me and survives, both the expert rate and the indigenous.

Integrity at the Marketplace and Christianity

1. In practical terms, what does Christian integrity look like at work and how can it draw non-believers to Christ without a sermon.

My take is if what is being preached in the church is what is being practiced out there, the world will be at peace. No matter how difficult it may be, Christian should always stand for Christ in their offices. The line between the believer and the unbeliever is fading. Abuse of trust is the major challenge in the marketplace. Disciples were first called Christian in Antioch because they exhibited Jesus's character.

Have you observed that even the unbelievers know what Jesus stands for and what he cannot do and that is why if a Christian misbehaves, they say and you called yourselves Christian. Therefore, when we go after righteousness, unbeliever will believe and follow us to Christ.

2.What's one integrity standard you've held in your career that your industry calls 'unrealistic,' but you've seen God honor?

Honest reporting! I could remember I was once at a logger's head with my boss (executive director). He wanted me to manipulate the management report to project us better during the management meeting with the GED, but I refused. So, the department that was reporting to me was taken away from me. God is my witness; I was not bothered. My take speaking from the owner mindset was "you may not like me because both of us are employee, but if you have your own business tomorrow, you will look for someone like me to engage because a thief cannot keep money in the hand of a thief".

Long story cut short, he was the one who marketed me to the GED to be promoted as the Company Admin Head, he said the company needed someone who cannot compromise to be the Head of the Administration.....see how God paid me in a glorious way.

Career And Family Balance

1. In demanding seasons of service, what scripture or habit keeps you going?

Through good understanding that God owns the time and the season! It is a must I give God his place therefore, when it is time to be in church, I double my efforts (prioritizing schedules) in the office to save and create time to serve my maker. 25 yrs of stable careers without writing a test once to get any of these jobs, it has always been through divine recommendation. On the other hand, demand from the family which is key will not be out of hand if a man pays the tithe of his time to God.

You will just discover that there is no serious issue in the home that will attract your attention, so the little time for the family is just to have fun with them. I thank God for a wonderful family.

2.As a career man, how has your faith shaped your work ethic and decisions?

I am someone who doesn't like slothfulness, which for me is cheating the employer. I believe that no one can be promoted more than the level of his faithfulness in the given task, and this is scriptural-, Mat 25v21. Just a few understands faithfulness is also a gateway that transits a man from being an employee to an employer-Lk16v2. Therefore, I put all my energy into whatever task is given to me. My own definition of office is "a place of work" so, I don't entertain a private visit during an official hour.

3.How has your family journeyed with you in your service to the Kingdom and to the Church? I

I have never served God, and I shall never serve God without my family doing same. My wife and my children are all functioning in service groups and the church.

Legacy And Charge to the Church

1.If you could give one piece of advice to someone hesitant about serving, what would it be?

Serving God is a promo of do one, get all (Mat6V33) therefore, I would advise such a person to kindly subscribe now when stocks last. Service fits in every situation like praise!

When all is good, service is required to sustain it, and when all is rough, service is required to fix it.

2. What is the one legacy you pray lives on through the next generation of Church workers?

Faithful character that exhibits what Christ stands for.

Wrap up Question

1. Looking back on your journey so far, what would you tell your younger self about serving God?

To be youthful is to be useful. God pays his faithful workers!

2. Complete this sentence: "The church needs more believers who are consistency in service

" Serving God is a promo of do one, get all"

" When all is good, service is required to sustain it, and when all is rough, service is required to fix it ".

" If there is no positive behavioral change among the followers, then the leaders should be questioned".

" To be youthful is to be useful. God pays his faithful workers! "

Heart Matters

The Queen Who Still Dressed Like a Housekeeper

In a certain kingdom, a young woman was taken from a modest household and given in marriage to the king. Overnight, her name changed, her address changed, her wardrobe changed; fine royal linen replaced the old wrapper she grew up in. But months into the marriage, the palace staff began to notice something strange. Every morning, before the household woke, she would quietly slip out of her royal garments, tie on an old apron, and move through the halls speaking, walking, and working exactly like the housekeepers she used to serve alongside. When her maidens asked why, she smiled and said, "Don't worry yourselves, what matters is my heart. I am still the queen on the inside." But outside the palace gates, and even among her own staff, no one could tell she was the queen at all. Her position said one thing. Her posture said another. That story shows a painfully familiar pattern. Many Christians have genuinely been brought into the household of God — "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9) — yet insist that how they dress, speak, and live daily has nothing to do with what has supposedly happened in their heart. Scripture disagrees firmly: "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Timothy 2:19). A changed heart was never designed to stay hidden behind old habits; it was designed to change the habits.



"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:45). **What genuinely lives in the heart does not stay locked inside it; it shows up in the mouth, the wardrobe, the conduct, the daily walk.** Faith that produces no corresponding action isn't deep; James calls it dead (James 2:17-18). This isn't about religious dress codes or performing for an audience. It's about alignment. A queen doesn't need to be loud about her royalty, but she also has no business dressing like she's still in the lowest of ranks. "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (1 Peter 1:15) — all of it, not just the private, invisible part. Will a Queen/King dress like this? Talk like this? React like this? Let this light guide you.

“ Faith that produces no corresponding action isn't deep ”

Money Lessons

What Money Will Teach You



Some lessons about money are not learned by hearing them preached; they are only learned by handling money yourself, making the mistakes, and feeling the consequences. A few that Scripture already told us, but experience makes unforgettable:

1. Discipline outperforms income.

"There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up" (Proverbs 21:20). You eventually learn that how you manage a little reveals exactly what you would do with a lot.

2. Debt is quiet slavery.

"The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender" (Proverbs 22:7). It rarely feels like bondage on the day you borrow, only months later, when repayment owns your account before you do.

3. Little money reveals character before big money arrives.

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much" (Luke 16:10). God is often not withholding increase. He is watching how the current level is handled.

4. Giving is a decision, not a leftover.

The widow's two small coins moved Jesus more than the wealthy givers' surplus offerings (Mark 12:41-44), because giving was never about the amount available; it's about the heart's willingness even when it costs something real.

6. Money will always expose what you actually trust.

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24). Every purchase, every unpaid debt, every act of generosity quietly answers one question: who do I really believe will take care of me?

**You can hear these truths
in a sermon, but your
practice makes perfect.**

War Against Strife

The Enemy's greatest weapon against families

For those who are married, have you ever noticed that whenever a breakthrough is close, or you are about to step into something major, finish a long season of consecration, or enter a new level, sudden misunderstandings begin to arise between you and your spouse?

What started as something so little suddenly becomes a major fight. Emotions rise, harsh words are exchanged, peace disappears, and a few days later you both sit down wondering, "How did something this small become this serious?" Sometimes, you cannot even remember what truly started the argument. One of the enemy's greatest weapons against families is strife. Because where there is constant conflict, unity is weakened, focus is lost, and spiritual sensitivity is affected.



**Marriage is a commitment
by both parties**

"For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil works." James 3:16 (KJV)

Pray against the spirit of strife in your marriage. Protect your peace, guard your unity, and never allow temporary emotions to destroy what God is building.

What If...

When You Know the Truth But Still Have Questions: What do you do?

Peter walked on water, but the moment he looked at the wind, he began to sink. What if Jesus was not there? Would he try to walk on water anyway? Was it Jesus' fault? Was Peter ambitious? (Matthew 14:29-30). He knew Jesus was there. He had just watched Him do the impossible. Yet doubt still rose. That is the tension many young believers live in quietly: you know God is real, you know the Word is true, but a small "what if" keeps surfacing; what if my prayers aren't working, what if God has forgotten me, what if I'm the only one struggling this way while everyone else looks fine.

Knowing the truth does not automatically silence every question; it simply gives you somewhere honest to take them.

Even a desperate father who believed cried out, "Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24). The prophet Habakkuk questioned God openly about injustice and still closed his book declaring, "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord" (Habakkuk 3:17-18). David asked "How long, O Lord?" four times in a single psalm (Psalm 13) and still ended it trusting.

The danger was never the question. The danger is what you do with it afterwards: bury it, argue with it alone at midnight, or let it quietly grow into distance from God. Scripture models something better: bring the "what if" to God directly, not around Him. Talk to someone who has walked further than you (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).



And keep obeying the part of the truth you already understand while you wait for clarity on the part you don't. "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us" (Deuteronomy 29:29).

Your unanswered question is not proof that your faith is fake. It may simply be proof that it is still growing. Trust in the Lord to answer your question. Ask, and ye shall receive.

"Your unanswered question is not proof that your faith is fake. It may simply be proof that it is still growing"

Rest

The Free Prescription you keep skipping

We pray for healing, fast for breakthroughs, and believe God for miracles, yet many believers ignore the one health tool God built into creation from the very beginning, and gave away for free: rest. "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested" (Genesis 2:2). Not because He was tired, but to set a rhythm for us to follow. Jesus, in the middle of a demanding ministry with crowds pressing from every side, still told His exhausted disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). If the Son of God modelled rest as necessary, it was never meant to be optional for us. Chronic sleep deprivation quietly affects mood, immunity, decision-making, and for believers, even spiritual sensitivity; it is hard to discern a still, small voice through exhaustion.

Notice that when Elijah broke down in crisis, God's first response wasn't a sermon, it was sleep and food (1 Kings 19:5-7).

Maintain a consistent bedtime and wake time, and protect one real wind-down hour before bed: phone away, lights low. "For so he giveth his beloved sleep" (Psalm 127:2). Guarding that hour costs nothing, but it may do more for your body, your mind, and your walk with God this month than another late night of scrolling ever will.

It is hard to discern a still, small voice through exhaustion.



First Aid

A practical Expression of Christian Love



Good health is one of God's greatest blessings, and preserving life is a responsibility we all share. While we trust God for His protection and healing, He also expects us to act wisely and care for one another in times of need. One important way to do this is by learning the basics of first aid.

First aid is the immediate care given to someone who is injured or suddenly becomes ill, before professional medical help arrives. Although it is not a substitute for hospital treatment, it can prevent a condition from worsening, reduce pain and, in many cases, save a life. The first few minutes after an accident or medical emergency are often the most critical, making prompt and appropriate action very important.

Emergencies can happen anywhere, including in our homes, workplaces, schools and even during church services.

A child may fall and sustain a cut, someone may faint during worship, or a person may suffer a burn while preparing food for a church programme. In such situations, remaining calm and knowing what to do can make a remarkable difference.

Some simple first aid principles are easy for everyone to learn. First, stay calm and assess the situation carefully. Before helping anyone, ensure the environment is safe for both you and the injured person. If the emergency is serious, call for medical assistance immediately. For bleeding, apply firm pressure with a clean cloth or bandage. Burns should be cooled under clean running water for at least 20 minutes. Avoid applying substances such as toothpaste, oil or butter, as these may worsen the injury.

If someone faints, help the person lie flat, loosen tight clothing and allow fresh air to circulate. If the person does not regain consciousness quickly or has difficulty breathing, seek urgent medical attention.

The Bible teaches us the importance of showing compassion through practical action. In Luke 10:30–37, the Good Samaritan did not simply feel pity for the injured man; he stopped, treated his wounds and ensured he received further care. His example reminds us that genuine love is demonstrated not only through words but also through acts of kindness and service.

Churches can also promote a culture of health and safety by keeping a well-stocked first aid box, encouraging members to receive basic first aid training and having a simple emergency response plan for services and events. These small preparations can make a significant difference when unexpected situations arise.



Learning first aid is more than acquiring a skill; it is an opportunity to become a better neighbour, friend and servant of God. By being prepared to help others in times of need, we reflect the compassion of Christ and contribute to healthier, safer communities. As believers, let us continue to pray for God's protection while also equipping ourselves to be instruments of His care whenever emergencies arise.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2 (KJV)

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Security Tips

Practical Security Tips Every Believer Should Know

The times we live in call for both unwavering faith in God and practical wisdom in our daily lives. While we confidently stand on God's promises of protection, Scripture also teaches us that faith does not replace responsibility. Rather, God expects us to exercise wisdom while trusting Him.

Jesus instructed His disciples, "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16). This instruction reminds us that spiritual maturity includes discernment, vigilance, and sound judgment.

Below are practical security principles that every believer can adopt.

1. Stay Spiritually Alert and Physically Aware

Prayer sharpens spiritual sensitivity, but it should also make us more observant of our surroundings. Avoid moving about while distracted by your phone, especially in unfamiliar or isolated places. Pay attention to unusual movements, suspicious individuals, or situations that seem out of place. Many security incidents are prevented simply because someone noticed warning signs early enough.

The Bible says, "Watch and pray" (Matthew 26:41). Watching and praying go together. Where necessary and financially possible, install quality locks, adequate outdoor lighting, alarm systems, and Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras around your home and business premises. CCTV not only discourages criminal activity but can also provide valuable evidence if an incident occurs.



Ensure that cameras cover entrances, exits, parking areas, and other vulnerable points, and that they are properly maintained. For business owners, controlled access to premises and proper visitor management also contribute significantly to safety.

2. Avoid Predictable Routines

When possible, avoid leaving home or returning through exactly the same route and at exactly the same time every day. Criminals often study patterns before carrying out attacks. Changing your routine occasionally makes it more difficult for anyone with harmful intentions to monitor your movements.

3. Be Careful with the Information You Share

In today's digital world, people sometimes reveal more than they realize. Avoid posting your live location on social media. It is often wiser to share pictures or updates after you have left a venue rather than while you are still there.

Be cautious about announcing travel plans or displaying expensive purchases online. Jesus advised His followers not to cast pearls before swine (Matthew 7:6), reminding us that wisdom includes knowing what should remain private. Jesus knew that there were people actively plotting to arrest Him before His appointed time. Rather than publicly announcing the location where He and His disciples would observe the Passover, He disclosed the details only to Peter and John. He instructed them to follow a man carrying a pitcher of water, who would lead them to the prepared upper room (Luke 22:8-13). Even among His disciples, the exact location was not widely announced beforehand. This was not because Jesus lacked divine power. Rather, He demonstrated wisdom, discretion, and proper timing. He understood that not every piece of information should be made public.

4. Verify Before You Trust

Scammers and criminals often exploit people's goodwill. Before opening your gate, releasing money, clicking unfamiliar links, or responding to emergency requests, verify the identity of the person involved. A simple phone call or confirmation from another trusted source can prevent significant loss. Proverbs 14:15 says, "The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going."

5. Maintain Healthy Relationships with Your Neighbors

Security improves when communities look out for one another. Know your neighbors. Exchange contact numbers with trusted residents. Report suspicious activity promptly rather than assuming someone else will do so.

And keep obeying the part of the truth you already understand while you wait for clarity on the part you don't. "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us" (Deuteronomy 29:29).

Your unanswered question is not proof that your faith is fake. It may simply be proof that it is still growing. Trust in the Lord to answer your question. Ask, and ye shall receive.

6. Protect Your Home

Simple precautions make a significant difference. Ensure doors and windows are securely locked before leaving or sleeping. Install quality locks and adequate lighting around your home. If possible, use security cameras, alarms, or motion sensor lights. Avoid leaving valuables where they are visible from outside your home. Nehemiah rebuilt Jerusalem while guards remained on watch. They prayed, but they also maintained security (Nehemiah 4:9). Homes with sufficient space may benefit from well trained security dogs. Dogs often detect unusual activity long before humans become aware of it and can discourage intruders from attempting unlawful entry.

7. Be Careful During Financial Transactions

Do not count large amounts of cash openly in public. Whenever possible, use secure electronic payment channels. If you must withdraw a substantial amount of money, avoid discussing it publicly and remain conscious of your surroundings.

8. Teach Security Awareness to Children

Children should know basic safety rules. Protecting a family includes preparing every member.

9. Listen to Your God Given Discernment

Many people later say they sensed something was wrong before an incident occurred. While not every feeling indicates danger, believers should not ignore persistent inner caution, especially when accompanied by practical warning signs. Pray, assess the situation carefully, and do not hesitate to leave an environment that feels unsafe. The Holy Spirit helps believers with wisdom and discernment.

10. Know Emergency Contacts

Keep important phone numbers readily available. Know the contact details of trusted family members, neighbors, church leaders, estate security personnel, and relevant emergency services. In times of crisis, quick communication can save lives. The police recently circulated some phone numbers. Let's get acquainted with them.



11. Avoid Unnecessary Risks

Not every opportunity is worth taking. Avoid lonely shortcuts at night, isolated areas, or accepting rides from strangers. If a situation appears unsafe, it is often wiser to choose the safer option, even if it costs more time or money. King Solomon in the book of Proverbs repeatedly teaches that wisdom preserves life.

12. Pray Continually, But Also Prepare

Our confidence is ultimately in God. Psalm 121 reminds us that our help comes from the Lord. Psalm 91 assures us of His protection. Yet throughout Scripture, God's people combined faith with responsible action. Noah built the ark. Joseph stored food before the famine. Nehemiah posted guards while rebuilding Jerusalem. Their trust in God inspired practical obedience rather than careless living.

As believers, we reject fear, but we embrace wisdom. We refuse anxiety, but we remain vigilant. We believe in divine protection, while also practising personal responsibility. Faith is not the absence of wisdom. Wisdom is often one of the ways God answers our prayers for protection.

May the Lord preserve you and your household, grant you discernment in every situation, and keep you under the shadow of His wings in Jesus' name! Amen.

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Teens' Corner

Fire In The Teens



"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." — 1 Timothy 4:12

Let's be real for a second. Being a teenager right now is a chaotic roller coaster. The life of a teenager today, is posed with several tests and hurdles, to test your faith. It is a phase for self discovery, trying to find who we are and explore to the best of capacity. We are stuck in this weird in-between phase—trying to figure out who we are, dealing with constant stress, making choices that feel like they'll impact the rest of our lives, and navigating a world that changes every five seconds. It's heavy. And honestly, it's incredibly easy to just blend in, coast along, and do what everyone else is doing. This ease is what makes many loose themselves. Many forget who they are and begin chasing validation from the world.

But in the real sense, you can't seek validation from men and expect validation from God.

Which is why we must understand that as Christian teens, we aren't called to just blend in. "We are called to carry a fire."

What Does the "FIRE" Even Mean?

When we talk about having a "spiritual fire," it's not about just being hyped up at a youth camp or singing loudly on a Sunday morning. It's way deeper than that. It's that raw, burning desire inside you to actually know God, to look at the culture around you and say, "I choose something different." It's the guts to stand up for your faith when it's totally unpopular.

Daniel: was ripped away from his home and dropped into a completely foreign culture, yet he stayed solid.

God didn't wait for them to grow up before He used them.

And He isn't waiting for you to grow old and grey before He uses you, either. Your age isn't a waiting room; it's your launching pad.

Keeping the Flame Alive (Without Burning Out)

Here's the catch with fire: **if you don't feed it, it dies out.** And let's be honest, the world is full of things trying to throw water on our faith. Doom scrolling on social media, toxic friendships, the pressure to fit in, or just getting lazy with our relationship with God—it all adds up.

If we want this fire to last, we have to fuel it daily. That means:

Real Talk with God:

Not just rehearsed prayers, but actually talking to Him about your day, your doubts, and your stress. To fuel the fire, we must build more than just any relationship with God, we must build a bond with God.

Guarding Your Circle:

Surrounding yourself with friends who actually push you to be better, not people who drag you down.

All the biblical examples stated above were initially surrounded by the wrong people and God at all points found ways to uproot them from these companies.

Getting Into the Word:

Reading the Bible not as a chore, but as a roadmap for survival. We must see the word as our guide and map through the journey of life. **As a manual is to a product, so is the Bible to our lives.** The father (God) who made us has given us the Bible to guide us through the journey of life.



To every teen reading this: you have a purpose right now, today. Don't let anyone tell you that you're "too young" to make an impact. Our lord Jesus was only twelve years when he started teaching in the temple, David was seventeen when he began his work with God amongst others.

This shows that you are never too young to be a vessel for God. Choose righteousness even when it feels lonely. Guard your heart, watch your choices, and let the Holy Spirit guide you through the noise.

We can be the generation that changes things. Let's burn bright, stay loud, and show the world the truth of who Jesus is.

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING ALWAYS TILL THE END OF THE DAY!

Mid Year Praise

Ministrations



Halfway through the year, and our hearts are full of gratitude!

It was a remarkable Mid-Year Praise as we lifted our voices in worship, praise, and dance in thanksgiving to the Lord. We were richly blessed through the ministrations of our State Pastor, Guest artists, and above all, God's presence filled the atmosphere as He inhabited the praises of His people.

To God alone be all the glory!



Mid Year Praise

Dance



Mid Year Praise

Worship



Mid Year Praise

Red carpet & more



**"Praise is not just for what God has done;
it is a declaration of who He is.**

Let everything that has breath praise the
Lord. Praise the Lord!
— Psalm 150:6 (NIV)



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