

# **POWER, PURPOSE, AND SERVICE**

## **Achieving Excellence and Distinction Beyond Your Imagination**

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## Dedication

### Thank You Christy

*“And the many things you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also”; 2 Timothy 2:2.*

I thank the Almighty God for using you to put my feet and that of my siblings on the path of worship. Your admonitions and discipline variously have helped to shape my entire life to such an extent that God in His infinite mercies found me, called me, and chose me into His service.

Mum, it all started with you. We have never ceased to talk about you, and we will never stop talking about you; *because the memory of the just is blessed*. You were to us what Hannah was to Samuel, what Eunice was to Timothy, and what Susanna Wesley was to Charles and John. The torch you collected from your mother, Luciana Evaristo, you passed on to us, and this same torch I’m passing on to others in multiples through the writing of this book.

**Christiana Adejoke Solarin**, thank you, and I thank God for the exemplary life you lived. By His grace, we’ll see you when we get there in Jesus’ name.

## Acknowledgment

I looked inside of me and  
I could not see what  
I have achieved by myself,  
Things which I have used  
My brain, my intellect, or my strength for.

All I could find inside of me  
Are three things which I have no control over:  
**The things the LORD is doing to me,**  
**The things the LORD is doing for me,**  
**The things the LORD is doing through me.**

If this is the case, then,  
Where's my pride, where's my boast;  
I have nothing of myself to boast of  
Except maybe my being available, but  
I have everything of the LORD to boast about.

I was given a gift I could never afford,  
In that gift I have all other gifts  
That are beyond my natural abilities;  
**Thanks be to God,**  
**For His inexpressible gift of Jesus Christ in my life.**

*“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of power may be of God and not of us.” 2 Corinthians 4:7.*

## First Word

### STAND OUT...

*“Give us a clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for; because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything.” Peter Marshall.*

You may be excellent and not be distinct. You can be an excellent man or woman among many excellent people; distinction makes you a leader of excellent men and women. A point can make you outstanding among many brilliant contemporaries; but this point is not cheap to come by. Excellence is built over time, but distinction happens in a moment. It comes suddenly through opportunity at the instance of God; *Ecclesiastes 9:11*. Even if it doesn't look like an opportunity, the excellence you've built over time will motivate you to seize such opportunity to do or give something better than what is on ground. Consistent excellence is the sustaining power of distinction.

Out of all the elders that left Egypt, only Joshua and Caleb made it to Canaan. God spoke favourably about the two, but Joshua later became the leader of the two. What is that 'extra point' which informs God's favour on Joshua over Caleb to succeed Moses; *Numbers 27:15-23*. Caleb even had to ask for Joshua's approval before he could possess Hebron; *Joshua 14:6-14*. Why was your colleague chosen to be the Chief Executive Officer (C.E.O) which leaves other equally excellent colleagues answerable to him?

What do you excel in, that which gives you POWER and distinguishes you out of the crowd, which makes your leadership accepted and unquestioned. That which makes your face to shine like that of Moses and that which put Jesus in a class above the titled men of His day. That which snuffs out strife, quenches opposition, and gives you a firm grip of unquestioned authority and continues to make you the reference point of success wherever you are, irrespective of envy, jealousy and persecution? **The Right Purpose (Assignment) executed in the Right Way.**

The world is teeming with many 'successful failures'; they know **WHAT** to do and they do it with all diligence and achieve great success with substantial financial and material goodies to the bargain. Alas, they may be regarded as failures because they didn't know the **WHY** and the right **WAY** of the **WHAT** they've been doing. And many are in hot pursuit of this kind of incomplete success. Many books have been written on what to do, but very few have been able to touch slightly on why it is you, and thus help you to explore fully the right way of your assignment.

These 3W must be present in your life from the onset of your assignment whereby they run concurrently giving you complete success and fulfilment. The 5th and 6th W, **WHERE** and **WHEN**, changes with the different phases of the assignment. Don't achieve only **WHAT** and then have regrets later in life saying; *'I wish I had known the 'reason' (why) earlier, I would have done it 'another way'*. This feeling leaves you dissatisfied with your success and then you begin to do a patchwork when it's almost too late.

To **STAND OUT AND BE NOTICED: EVERYWHERE** isn't a child's play. It is not doing things the normal way you met them, and it's not bringing new things that no one had never heard about or seen before. It's doing things in a new way. The way which Jesus epitomized in His lifetime, which makes the people to marvel: **"We've never heard or seen it done this way before"**: which then reshapes the mind and stretches man to grow in the right direction leaving the ordinary level. Achieving distinction isn't normal, you must be prepared to be **M.A.D**; be ready to **Make A Difference**. Difference precedes distinction; this rests on the 1st W; **WHO**.

I titled the First Word **'Stand Out'** to prepare you for an exciting experience and help you make up your mind to truly stand out of the crowd. And the Last Word **'Be Noticed: Everywhere'** to show you what must have happened and what will happen to you by the time you finish reading this important Book. The **'And'** between the words represent the chapters, the real ingredients that will make you MAD. Not only would you have become an 'Institution' to be consulted; you would also have become 'The Toast and The Envy' of your colleagues and the Nations'; even in old age.

This Book gives you the total package about your life and your assignment which 'you must know' and shows you how to remain productive. It is meant to stretch you spiritually and physically and make you gain new insights to see fresh horizons never imagined possible through the numerous revelations embedded inside the chapters received over time from walking with the Master-Teacher Himself. Please begin the reading of the chapters from chapter 8. After you've read chapter 8, then come back to chapter 1 and read through to chapter 8 again for total understanding. You'll see your picture at pre-birth, past, present, future, and eternity; and you'll be able to do something about yourself if you're not pleased with what you saw.

All these 6w's will lead you to the last W of life: **WINNING**. It's one thing to become a winner; it's another thing to remain a winner all through your life. **True winners don't have a better yesterday**. They are never replaced or substituted; they are only succeeded and still remain consulted while still alive.

This Book is an adventure that will propel your mind, create the right focus and make you to be heavenly empowered to take the world in your stride, make waves, and affect your generation in the way and manner God set out for you from the beginning. **Power Purpose and Service** is not a read-only but a test-me book, because it's written only from God's point of view and designed as a self- assessment book with questions for you to answer.

By the time you're through with this book and you act on the insights received from the Master you would have left the class of Christians who are always seeking deliverance and struggling to make it to heaven. Not only would you have your confirmed ticket, you'll be laying much treasure for yourself in heaven where moth and rust would not be able to get to it. A true winner indeed; physically and spiritually. It is good for study in **Christian Apologetics** and **Systematic Theology**.

I created a space in chapter 8 to write your name to confirm your booking to eternal bliss with God. I strongly advise that you get another copy of this book, write the name of your loved one or the person you desire distinction for and send it to him/her. You'll be celebrated in heaven and on earth for your gift.

Welcome

**Emmanuel Babatunde Solarin.**

## PART ONE

### Obtaining and Exercising Power for Excellence and Distinction

*You don't search for special assignment to do, it searches for you, when it finds you, embrace it; because it's only in embracing it that you'll be fruitful and find meaning for your life.*



## Chapter 1

**In life there's a great difference between making a living and making impact, the cost of making impact is far much more than that of making a living; and it's a price not everyone is willing to pay.**

**“Let each man find out what God wants him to do, and then let him do it, or die in the attempt” Charles Spurgeon.**

### THE ASSIGNMENT

***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.” Matthew 28:19-20.***

#### **April 1974 – The Greatest Connection Ever:**

The greatest connection you can ever have in this world is when you become a partaker of the divine nature of the Godhead (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit). From the moment you give your life to **Jesus**, you become a partner in the identity of ‘Our’ of the Godhead in **Genesis 1:26**; **“Come let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness...; and from then on you begin to matter in the affairs of heaven and earth. Now, as a partner with the Godhead, the celestial Godhead begins to plan the life of their terrestrial (earthly) partner, you, to fit fully into Their image and likeness, and then have dominion like Them; ...and let them (you) have dominion over...”** So whatever is done on earth through you bears Their - ‘**Our**’ - signature on it and it becomes **Ours** (The Godhead and you). This gives your work generational value and eternal recognition.

This kind of connection is an everlasting connection for as long as partnership is maintained. The kind of partner you become (Common, Special, Very special) is decided by you. This depends on Relationship, and flourishes tremendously in the area of Service. Such service rendered remains unforgettable in the mind of the recipients and builds life-long relationships in-and-out-of-office. It's forever strong. This goes beyond age group, club membership, alma mater, social fraternity affiliations and church group fellowships.

You don't have to know somebody or everybody everywhere, you only need to be connected to **Jesus** who can answer all your questions whenever the need arises, and make everybody to favour you wherever you go; **Colossians 2:9-10**. Jesus, through the Holy Spirit works things out for you, plans your walk and work, orchestrates every event of life to work out in your favour, makes you a solution provider and your person an investment on earth and in heaven. The celestial Godhead you're now connected to are not slothful in business; Their performance is excellent, makes Them distinct and Their work abides. If you remain connected, then be ready for an **‘Everlasting Distinction Beyond Your Imagination’**.

One Sunday in April 1974, there was a turnaround in my life. As a teenager, that was when I gave my life to Jesus and the purpose of God was planted in my life; though I didn't realize it then. I told God to take me to heaven that day so that I won't see corruption, but God had a better plan for me than to go to heaven to an empty treasure-box. He wanted me to use my connection with the Godhead 'To Be A Blessing and Make A Difference' in people's lives, that way I'll fill my treasure-box in heaven before getting there.

### **April 1985 - My Desire/The Pathway/His Promise:**

In the twilight of a cool evening, far away from home, in a village inhabited by a people of strange language, I sat on a bench in front of the house enjoying the breeze and thinking about my future. I was coming to the end of the mandatory one year National Youth Service Corps (N. Y. S. C.) scheme in the service of my fatherland. So I started thinking: 'What next after service? Where do I go, how do I begin my life? What kind of job should I go into?' I was ruminating over these questions then came an interjection into my thoughts; **"Why not ask the Man who knows tomorrow, He who has every-thing figured out from the beginning to the end; He would know better"** *Acts 15:18*.

On the seat in the full view of passers-by I started talking to God in my heart. I told Him of my **Desire**, and how I would want my future to be. The crux of my prayers was that I want to be relevant to my generation, the older I get the more relevant I become; *Psalms 92:12-14*. I don't want to be yesterday's news, relevant only in my prime and afterwards dumped and forgotten as the case is usually.

I looked at the lives of some men and I discovered such pattern, and I also considered the lives of some other men like Gutenberg, Bell, Edison, and I affirmed that I would like to be like these ones. These people discovered, or invented, or produced something and they gave it to mankind. Not only were they relevant to their generations respectively, they are still relevant till today, though dead.

So, what will I discover which **I will give** to mankind that will make me relevant not only to my generation, but beyond. That which I, my children, and many generations after them will continue to benefit from. Then I thought in my mind that I would like to be an industrialist. I was asking God, and then He appeared. In a trance of the day, sitting on my left side was the Lord Himself. I could see Him, yet I could not see Him, but my heart perceived there was a presence, a magnificent presence, and we started talking as friends.

He showed me two **Pathways**. Option A fitted my inclination and the lifestyle I would want for myself. It was fun, a good life, though with its ups and downs. Option B was a tough life; hardship, sacrifice, perseverance, and such. I was afraid. But one thing about option B was that I could see the end; it was the most blissful end anyone would wish for himself. A truly desired end of a would-be industrialist with its attendant trappings of power and influence.

Option A did not have an end, it only showed a lifestyle, option B has, but the way to it was scary.

I told the Lord to choose for me but He refused. He said; ***“No, use your freewill.”*** I looked again at the options, I wanted option A, but I also wanted the end of option B. I wanted to eat my cake and have it at the same time. Somehow, in the depth of my mind I knew what the Lord wanted; option B. Then I looked at Him and said; ‘Lord, I will choose option B on one condition; if You will be with me, and help me through’. Then He **promised, *“I will be with you.”*** I asked Him some other questions which He answered affirmatively, but the question on how long it would take me to get to that blissful end, He proffered no answer. He left.

### **April 1997- Mind Re-orientation/The Assignment:**

One Sunday morning I was standing at the junction waiting for a bus to take me to my church which was quite a distance, though I didn’t mind, then the Lord spoke. ***“Go to the church across the road.”*** Whaaaat! It’s like I didn’t hear right, He didn’t speak again. But I fought the Voice and went to ‘my church’. My church is a big church with many branches and headquarters overseas; the branch church is ten times bigger than the church across the road. So how could anyone tell me to go to a ‘ramshackle’ church across the road? I attended my church that Sunday feeling satisfied with myself.

But to my chagrin, the same thing happened the next Sunday, the same scenario, the same Voice, ***“Go to the church across the road.”*** Again, I disobeyed. In my heart I knew it was God speaking, but I just couldn’t imagine Him demoting me from a big church to a small one.

That week the Lord used my wife to speak to me. It was my earnest desire that she attends church to develop spiritually, but my church was a bit far and cash was low to transport both of us. So I end up going to church alone. Two days to Sunday my wife said; ***“Why don’t we attend the church across the road, I want to go to church too”***. We were just newly married and recently moved into a new neighbourhood. My prayer then was that God should give us a car and good funds so that we can go to church together. I accepted her suggestion and wondered at the coincidence. So we started attending the church across the road.

Initially, I enjoyed the mode of worship, it was modern, different from the somber style of my big church, but I soon got tired of it and I began to ask the Lord why He sent me to that church. I told Him I wasn’t gaining much, so I don’t see any reason why I should be there, other than my wife is attending church. My wife is from a Muslim background, so I became a churchgoer, watching my wife, observing the other church members, yet still engaged in personal Bible study. I was a back bencher, a late comer and no service oriented believer. But one day the whole thing changed.

The Sunday preceding Easter Sunday (Palm Sunday) I attended church as usual. I was tired of my ordinary church attendance, I felt like I should be doing something some-where else. I still asked the same question for the umpteenth time, ‘What am I doing here Lord? I’m not gaining

anything'. Then the Lord spoke; ***"If you don't have anything to gain, don't you have something to give?"***

This question jolted me out of my reverie, it arrested me, and for the first time my eyes opened and I saw opportunities of service in the church across the road such that my big church had prepared me for. It shocked me deeply that I have been seeing the need of the church all along. I know my potentials but I never recognized the responsibilities of my potentials in the need of that church until that question was popped in my heart by God.

Next Sunday, I ran to church and joined the workers class. That question was my deliverance, call to duty, and a reconfiguration of my being. Instantly, I was changed from a selfish into a selfless minded person. I got a great gift from the church across the road, that which I didn't get from my big church. I was given true purpose: **'To impart knowledge and empower the Saints to live *The Perfect Life*'**. My big church imparted into me the sound doctrine, my church across the road launched me into Christian service. Never despise small moments; such could bring you great blessings and significance.

### **30th October 1997- Divine Separation/Assignment Briefings:**

In a vision or a dream of the night I found myself in the midst of a great crowd, con-fused, not knowing where to turn to or who to align with. I was just there standing on a spot, then suddenly the Lord appeared by my side, held me by His right hand and I was taken out of the crowd. He led me up a flight of stairs to the rooftop of a high rise, once there He said; ***"Wait here"*** and He left. As He said this, I asked; 'What am I to do here Lord'? I kept asking but He did not reply.

On the top away from me were three respectable men of God, though covered by the mist two of them were visible, the third vaguely. I wondered if the Lord wanted me to go and take briefs from them. Making my way towards them I looked down at the sea of heads and suddenly it came to my mind what I have to do. **'My duty is to observe the conduct of the church, report such, take briefs from the Lord and pass such on to the people to let them know God's standards and what He requires of them'**. Hence the vantage position of an observation point. The other men of God were also there in their own right, reporting and taking briefs. I woke up.

Later, I discerned that these men are to be my earthly models; not pertaining to their character, but pertaining to the manifestation of the Holy Spirit through them: **Vibrancy/Boldness, Wisdom/Strategic Thinking, and Holiness/Meekness.**

### **30th October 1999 - Divine Filling/Obligation/Commission:**

In a vision, or a dream of the night, I found myself sitting at the dining table with my father facing me. Looking intently at him there was a glorious presence and an arresting aura around him, which made me to suspect that the man wasn't my real father but someone who took on his image. On the table was a sumptuous, eye popping, mouth-watering plate of food of the sweetest aroma I've ever perceived or seen. And He said to me; **'Eat.'** I hesitated, I said; 'It is not good to eat in dreams, that I may eat poison which will trouble me for the rest of my life, that's if I don't die immediately.'

My father said again **"Don't worry, eat, just eat."** I hesitated, again I refused. Then it occurred to me that the person talking to me across the table was the Lord Jesus, not my earthly father. So I pulled the food closer, looked hard at it, looked across the table, I saw the Lord nod His head urging me to go ahead and eat. So with the tip of my finger I picked just a grain and put it in my mouth. It was the sweetest food I've ever tasted in my life, it tasted in my mouth as honey; **Psalm 119:103.** Then I ate with relish.

After I've eaten to my fill I now did something unusual, I told the Lord; 'Lord, this food is too delicious for me to savour alone, can I serve the food for others to eat?' Without waiting for His response I went into the kitchen got some plates and dished the food round the table. One unique thing which happened was that the food did not diminish in quantity; it remained as if nothing had been eaten from it, still very fresh and inviting. All this while, a faint smile and a look of approval was on the face of the Lord. But He did not speak.

When I finished, I left to invite the people to come and partake of the sumptuous meal I had just eaten. As I left the dining into the sitting room, on the floor was a small handbill which had fallen from the wall. I picked it up and read what was written on it; **John 17:21.** The words were the best I've ever read in my life. They had a gripping effect on my spirit and soul, the same kind of effect the food which I had eaten earlier had on me. Then I wondered what such a scripture was doing on the floor when it should have been on the wall for people to read and conform to.

I looked at the Lord who was following and asked; 'Sir, can I make copies of this to share among the people?' The Lord with a look of approval on His face then spoke: **"If you can, do it; I'm right behind you."** Then I went out into the outer court yard.

The courtyard was a very large expanse of land fenced round, and the building where this encounter took place occupied just a little portion of the land. In the courtyard was a sea of heads, humans milling around going about their daily business. As I got there I looked around, so many questions ran through my mind. 'Where am I going to start from, and how?' I woke up.

Producing Christian literature based on that scripture is the pivot of my assignment; the pulpit from which I make known God's desire to the church. This book is a product of **John 17:21**; its theme is: **Unity of the Saints and Partnership with the Godhead through Christ.** It's the food I dished round the table, which you are eating now.

**18th May, 2000 - Commencement/Mode of Assignment:**

In a dream, or a vision of the night, I found myself with another colleague moving around a neighbourhood in the dead of the night when the people were sleeping. With a torch in my hand I moved around throughout the night, and a little before dawn I went back to my base to retire for the morning.

On getting to my house, I found the gates locked, which means the people were still sleeping when they should have woken up and open the gates. Two options were open to us, either to bang the gates to wake them up, or we climb the fence, which is easy, and go in gently without disturbing anybody. We took the second option. My colleague scaled the fence successfully, got into the house to open the door. But before I climbed a voice told me that it's not for me to climb, that I would be arrested. I ignored the voice and climbed. The Police came at that point in time from nowhere and arrested me, I was held down for some time before I was released.

The mode of my assignment is to wake the people up from their deep slumber; to bang the gates and ring the bell so that they can rouse from their sleep. I've not been charged to just do things gently without disturbing anyone; hence my arrest by the 'Holy Police'. I'm not to be a conformist, but a reformer, an agent of change. This Book contains something else you've probably not heard about what you've been hearing; so be ready for the spectacular. To be relevant, you sometimes have to be revolutionary. This hinges on revelation. Revelation to make you an achiever beyond your imagination.

### **POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- i. The Lord shows up when you invite Him into your life's situations.
- ii. The Lord does not send you to a happening church, He sends you to a making church.
- iii. Being singled out and taken to an observation point is separation.
- iv. The undiminished food is the Word of God.
- v. Being fed directly by the Lord is being commissioned by Him to preach the true Word of God.
- vi. The served food is to call the people to true dealings and personal relationship with the Lord.
- vii. The making of copies of the handbill is preaching the word through literature; witnessing through publications.
- viii. It's a watchman that patrols a neighbourhood; watching over the spiritual lives of the people.
- ix. The torch is light in darkness which represents insight and revelation; to tell the world the mind of God per time.
- x. Revelation which causes a mind revolution for a transformational change to live life abundantly.

### **GOD'S DESIRE FOR YOU:**

***“That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me” John 17:21.***

(Please read to verse 23 for better understanding).

The Lord is calling the church to a deeper relationship and fellowship with Him. He wants them holy and perfect; ***Matthew 5:48***. Until the individual man has met God personally, he has not yet started spiritually. The steps to having a perfect relationship and fellowship with God and sustaining such thus moving higher and higher starts at the level of getting born again. The church needs to go back to the basics, the true foundation; the reason being that if the foundation is faulty it's only a matter of time for the building to fall. A thorough foundation will lead to purposeful development. A faulty foundation is the reason for a shaky building, that's why a lot of Christians fall into sin a lot of times and thus remain carnal; ***Matthew 7:24-27***.

Christians today seem to have a deeper relationship with the Pastor of the church denomination than with God. Mostly, it's 'Pastor says, not God says'. A lot of Pastors are much more revered than God that it has turned some Pastors to 'Gods', thus shutting out Christ from the heart of the church. And this has caused the exploitation of a great number of Christians, such that some pastors intentionally stand between the congregation and God. The Lord wants to dine with every Christian personally, not just with the pastor.

The pastors may not be blamed so much for this, but the people themselves who prefer to have direct dealings with the pastor than with God. Just like the Israelites who refused to talk to God at Mount Sinai despite the Lord's interest in talking to them directly. He showed them all His glory but they were too afraid to move near the mountain, and they charged Moses to go and hear from the Lord for them. ***“You go near and hear all that the LORD our God may say, and tell us all that the LORD our God says to you, and we will hear and do it” Deuteronomy 5:27***. With this kind of continued attitude from the people some pastors may get greedy and exploit the people.

True, the pastor is the first point of contact for the fresh believer with God, but there comes a time in the believer's life when the agency of the pastor as an intermediary begins to diminish and direct relationship with God begins to grow. Hearing from the pastor becomes secondary to hearing from God. Whatever you hear from the pulpit becomes a confirmation of what has already been heard from God. This kind of Christian will not be swayed easily by a covetous minister because he hears directly from God. He can develop to such an extent that if his pastor fails to grow at his pace he becomes a pastor to his pastor. ***“I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts” Psalm 119:99-100***.

God's ultimate desire for you and the church is '**Perfection**' which brings about the unity of the body and partnership with the Godhead. This means:

God reasoning through your brain,

God thinking through your mind,

God seeing through your eyes,  
God speaking through your mouth,  
God working through your hands,  
God infusing your whole being by His Spirit,  
You becoming like God.

## **YOUR ASSIGNMENT**

***“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”; Matthew 28:19-20.***

The assignment of every believer should be connected to the scripture above which is popularly referred to as the Great Commission Mandate, for this is the foundation of every believer's commission (Ministry). Whatever the profession you're engaged in, the moment you become a Christian you're enlisted as a soldier for Christ, evangelism becomes your primary assignment. Your career or calling becomes a tool for evangelism, winning and building souls for Christ as the end. And you must be passionate about it.

**“Evangelism is the heartbeat of God. It means nothing neither more nor less than preaching or casually sharing the Gospel with non-Christians in the home, at the office, or out in the fields, regardless of where they are;” Calvin Katter.**

This definition is a summary, because evangelism is more than this; evangelism is war. It is engaged in to win lost souls back to God, through Christ, from the captivity of Satan. Because there's an adversary involved, Satan, evangelism must not be done in a casual, but in a strategic manner.

A nation's army consists of different divisions; not all the men in the military are in the Infantry Brigade. There are: the Airborne Brigade, Seaborne Brigade, Supply and Transport, Welfare, Signals, and the Intelligence departments to mention a few. So it is with Christianity. Every soldier needs to identify which division he is in order to fight effectively. Evangelism is war; overt and covert.

Evangelism has three levels of warfare:

- i. **Lifestyle Evangelism:** This is a casual, though guarded, daily living out the Christ that is in you for others to see and emulate. Your character speaks first before your voice; **Proverbs 11:30.**
- ii. **Spontaneous Evangelism:** This has to do with your natural and spiritual gifts, skill, education, social networking, and such as have to do with your personality. Though God may not require all these before enlisting you, but these help you to determine at



which level you operate. Making good use of every opportunity that presents itself; **2Timothy 4:2**.

- iii. **Strategic Evangelism:** The need of the moment determines how to evangelize; you must always be on the alert to evangelize in unusual ways, because you may be the evangelist on the spot for a quick '**strike action**'. You may have to leave your car and go in a bus, because there may be someone there who your personality will speak to; **Acts 8:26-40, 1Corinthians 9:19-23**. You must be a 24/7 evangelist for Christ.

### **REVELATION, DISCERNMENT, AND MODE OF OPERATION:**

***"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter. But the honour of kings is to search out a matter"***  
***Proverbs 25:2.***

Every believer must engage in all the levels of evangelism at all times; but the church of God has need for a higher level of spiritual discernment to war effectively. True, there is discernment in the church but this discernment is more of hindsight discernment. The church needs 'foresight and far-sight discernment'. There's a level of discernment that goes with the packaged assignment which makes you to know what to do, but for you to go further and operate fully, you need to discern what to do next and how to do it. You have to meet the Creator who did the packaging for your own particular mode of operation for your assignment.

You have to ask for it. It is coded so it needs interpretation, and it's in phases to be executed at different times. Thus there is need for high level spiritual discernment if you are to execute your assignment the right way and be effective. Your assignment is God's area of interest; His need. And as you continue to carry out your assignment you're meeting God's need and fulfilling the Great Commission at the same time. The greatest investment and testimony in life is that of meeting God's need, not so much that of God meeting your need every moment.

There are fields of evangelism that babes in Christ are not sent into, but mature ones. Babes for their growth practice separation (isolation) from unbelievers, **2Corinthians 6:14-18**; while the mature are sent deep into enemy territories. They practice 'association and insulation', without contravening the law of separation. Dinning with the enemy, yet not influenced by the enemy. Yes, evil company corrupts good habits; **1Corinthians 15:33**, but there's also good habits that turns evil company around. Jesus loved and dined with sinners, but He never partook of their sins. He modelled and preached among them and turned them around for good. The more mature you are, the higher the level of your partnership and assignment.

The Jews isolated the Samaritans, Jesus associated with them and evangelism broke out; **John 4: 1-42**. This kind of evangelism is in the realm of '**special assignment**'. The Solomon's are not needed in this kind of field; **1Kings 11:1-4**; but the Hoseas; **Hosea 1:2**, the Peters; **Acts 10:28**, and the Pauls; **1Corinthians 9:19-23**, to mention a few. **And you?**

Jesus came to **set free**, but not only to keep setting free all the time, but also to **make free** and free indeed. This involves deliverance and empowerment, and what makes empowerment to

endure is discernment. Discernment of what is about to happen, not only what had happened. What happened was discerned through the word of knowledge for deliverance to be effected, what will happen should be discerned through prophecy, and the word of wisdom to make deliverance and empowerment permanent. The Christian must be steps ahead of the devil to checkmate and frustrate all his plans against the church.

The church of God need to get back to its leadership position, to dictate the pace for the world to follow, not for her to follow the world; but for her to be made perfect so that her Bridegroom (Jesus) can rejoice over her. The church prays and battles more from the rear, after the damage had already been done, she is more into curative than preventive measures today. A lot of ministers are managing and administering now instead of creating and executing.

In winning any battle the military relies heavily on intelligence reports. This is what board room strategists use to determine the strength and weakness of the opposing army. Intelligence reports give position and insight advantage, and makes battles to be won easily. There is an old proverb that says **“The pen is mightier than the sword”**, and **“Wisdom is more profitable than might.”** But this works only for those who recognize such and know its use.

It is a pity that the church of God is seriously lacking in this department, and this is Satan’s most organized department. There is a great need for Christian Intelligence Department in the church of God. This department will consist of Christians who have thoroughly denied self and have their eyes and heart only for God. They must be adept and have a good quantum of heavenly wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, sharp instincts, deep meditating powers, and a high degree of listening ability, to catch the slightest decibel of the voice of the Holy Spirit. Sharp eyes that not only look but see and a nose for perceiving the slightest move of trouble.

The Holy Spirit not only empowers man to know the mind of God, but also enables him to learn of **“Satan’s strategies in order to avoid his tragedies.”** Kurt De Haan This is a department for spies and boardroom strategists. They don’t so much as fight war or carry guns. They are not the regular soldiers, and as such don’t seem to fit into the routine. The spies infiltrate enemy lines to learn of their war plans. Though such a spy may have been delivered from the enemy’s strongholds, but deep partnership and a hundred percent cooperation with the Holy Spirit gives him a vantage position to know what is happening and what must be done

The church, today, need more of the Sons of Issachar who knew what Israel ought to do; ***1Chronicles 12:32***. Their findings will be disseminated to the church through different channels for the church to know what to do to win the war. The war against Satan is for the recovery of the soul of man, and continuous empowerment to dominate the earth given to man at creation, ***Genesis 1:28***. You must not be ignorant of his schemes. The children of Issachar are members of the tribes of Israel, so also are these men of intelligence members of the church of God. They are Christians who attend church and fellowships just like every day Christians but they have a special calling from God for this kind of service.

Christians who are called into this kind of service by God must be courageous enough to stay in their calling, because there may be some practices that are wrong which the Lord may want

them to point out, even in the denominations where they worship. Fear and intimidation should not make them capitulate. With boldness and humility they can make their observations known without compromising biblical standards. You must have the courage to stand for your convictions. It is these kinds of Christians that can battle Satan to a standstill; counter his lies, seeming misconceptions, and seeming harmless compromises with biblical truths.

Satan has his counterfeit ministers, workers, and such in the church; and has denominations of the church that are dedicated to him but operating in disguise as the church of God. It is not surprising that Satan and his ministers move about as angels of light; *2Corinthians 11:13-15*. This is why Christians have to be strong and aspire to know the truth and walk in the truth always.

There are many Christians in these kinds of churches who have a heart for God but may not be mature enough at the moment to discern Satan's lies and schemes. They take what they are fed from the pulpit hook, line, and sinker, and they go on like that believing they are perfect. Unknowingly and systematically such unwholesome practices spread to other meaningful denominations and compromise becomes widespread.

Daniel Webster writes: **“If truth be not diffused, error will be. If God and His words are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy. If evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will. If the power of the gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land corruption and darkness will reign.”**

**“It is written”** is the Christian's defence against undue contention. Faith is one of the highest attributes of the Christian religion and spiritual truths have to be taken in faith and no more questions asked about it. For some, it is possible to take things like that and stay, but others may want further clarification on what they are supposed to believe. They may have been told just to believe without question, yes, they will believe but they will still be agitated, thus their faith becomes shaky.

Any slight information that comes to question their faith makes them to falter. Yes, faith is most needful, but there are some issues of faith that need to be proven, thus faith needs insight and position to stand firm. Insight and position (knowledge) gives ad-vantage to faith because it helps to convince the 'doubting Thomas' about the reality of their stand. Things need to be proven at times.

For proving, God charges some believers to dig deeper than normal so they can provide adequate information to the teeming masses so that such people too would be able to stand strong in the faith. God challenges them by pulling and putting them into controversial circumstances, such that gives them a burden that wouldn't go away, though they may try to run from it. Certain thoughts come into their mind and burden them to such an extent that they will have no choice than to take it to God in prayer for clarification. Then the Spirit begins to unfold mysteries and then more information is passed, more knowledge gained, and more souls won and made strong; *1Peter 3:15, Colossians 4:6*.

## **GOD'S OPERATING STANDARD:**

***“.....And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said.....”  
Genesis 1:2, 3.***

How does God operate? How do you operate like God and beat Satan and his cohorts' hands-down every time?

Labour has two characteristics; activity and productivity. Much activity doesn't necessarily lead to high level productivity. Higher yield of fruit answers to strategy, not only to activity. Whoever wants to achieve this must learn to operate like God; he must learn to hover, (meditate and strategize) over a challenge or an assignment as the Spirit does before acting for as long as the assignment demands. Waiting is a strategy of God; waiting is not stagnation.

There are so many strategies that God may want to employ to combat unwholesome doctrines of the devil and bring such to a considerable minimum. He searches the hearts of men and knows those to use for this kind of work. God is a Being of principles and follows principles, but He is not bound by them; ***Joshua 10:11-14, Isaiah 38:1-8***. He moves in mysterious ways you do not know, and whichever way He moves become principles for man to follow.

He hovers over a situation for a time and then He moves. He moves like the wind and blows wherever He wishes. So whoever must follow Him and operate in His way must move the way He moves. He must learn to hover and then move like the wind, get the job done in a deft manner, and with such clinical finish with results that baffles even him, whereby he leaves Satan to pick up the debris, sulking, to plan a delayed counter attack; ***John 3:8***.

**“There is a degree of mystery to walking in the Spirit which cannot be captured in an equation. In fact the moment you think you have reduced the spirit-filled work to a formula, it isn't spirit filled anymore”** Neil Anderson.

It is in this degree of mystery that Christians with intelligence operate. They may at times use means that are beyond human comprehension, or means that shoots beyond laid down denominational regulations to achieve their objective of reaching Christians in different areas, just to be able to disseminate the truth. Unusual strategies catch the devil unawares and send him scampering for cover.

It is easy for Satan to determine and influence traditions and forms, but impossible for him to determine the unusual moves of the Spirit. These strategies, though unusual, are true, fair, and just, and would never contradict biblical injunctions. These unusual strategies come from deep insight and revelations from God.

There is this thing that is intriguing about God, the more you think you know Him, you continually discover that the more there is still to know, and such makes your knowledge of Him infinitesimal and thus the hungrier and thirstier you get. And you find yourself panting after Him the more. As **A. W Tozer** said, God loves to be panted after: **“He waits to be wanted.”** Initially the Christian may think that such hunger is because he’s not eaten enough of God and thus feel defeated in his search, but God has a way of meeting the yearnings of the soul of every searching Christian. He knows no man can find Him out, yet He makes Himself to be understood and at the same time makes Himself to be wanted. It’s a kind of paradox: apprehending God, yet not comprehending Him fully.

No matter how familiar you are with the ways of God, He still stuns you with every new move, and the more stunned you are with His ways the sure guarantee that you know Him and are abiding in Him. It’s only the abiding Christian that gets stunned, gets hungrier and thirstier all the time. If this is not your experience with Him, it’s either you’ve not found Him, or your love for Him has waxed cold, or you’re so intelligent to the point of self-conceit that you feel you no longer need Him. The beginning of decline is when you think you already have the best the Lord can give.

**“God moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform,  
He plants His footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm”.** William Cowper

Christians who find themselves with such uncanny abilities to discern such unusual moves of God should be bold enough to hold on and carry out God’s instructions without fear of intimidation. They must not submit such revelations and insights to the level of human reasoning. Leaders, pathfinders, movers and shakers operate on such deep revelations. If they hold on and battle the challenges that face them, even from the church, they will be able to overcome and then bring the church of God a step higher than before. As this continues, the church of God will continue to move higher and higher, then more lost grounds will be conquered day after day.

This set of Christians must stay in their calling, and must not because of its unusual nature go to where reason says it’s good, more readily acceptable, and fruitful. **“Heavenly rewards for members of the body of Christ are not based on which member of the body they are called to be, but on how faithful they were in fulfilling that membership function”** Bill Hammon.

Inventions that keep the world developing day by day were once thought impossible and even rejected by the people. But the inventors kept working on their project in the dark; unsung, rejected, and ostracized. Yet they kept on believing in themselves, the project, and the source from where the project came. In due season they came out with their inventions, and they became celebrated successes over time.

If such people could hold on, why not you who have been blessed with deep revelations. If people don’t understand you they either want to make you conform to already existing

standards and norms, and if they can't, they want to rile you out of the church. You've got to hold on, believing in yourself and the God who has called you and sent you. Keep to your assignment.

### **Questions:**

- i. How has the Lord been talking to you lately?
- ii. In which way has He been manifesting Himself to you?
- iii. How graphic and gripping is your own encounter with God that seems extremely unusual which you are afraid of, or confused to talk about?
- iv. What are the kinds of challenges that are facing you, that sometimes make you doubt your calling from God for such an assignment?

If these kinds of questions assail you daily or occasionally, you really have to pray for the Lord to give you specific directions that will hit convictions in your heart.

## **LAST LINE**

### **AUTHORIZATION:**

***“The LORD GOD has given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary. He awakens me morning by morning He awakens my ear to hear as the learned.” Isaiah 50:4.***

As I was rousing from sleep one day the Lord said to me: ***“Son, every word you receive from Me is revelation to be used.”*** So, I have not come to you with enticing words from my mind but that which the Lord gave to me to give to you. The written word (scripture) was first of all the spoken word of God; ***2Peter 1:20-21***. So it is today and must be forever. The written books of God must first of all be the spoken word of God confirmed by the scriptures, and such must convict the heart as does the written word.

The commission given to me is to disciple Christians to maturity. My calling, equipping, and election are all geared towards this one purpose, and this is what I invest my time on. Anything that will take me away from this objective I resist, it doesn't matter how good the work is. Every work in the kingdom is good work, but not every good work is the right work. Evangelism isn't all about running around and doing everything, it's about identifying what you have and how you can make the greatest impact with every little effort. Discern your right work; be effective; ***1Corinthians 9:26***.

What you are reading in this book are the findings of a watchman who has traversed different denominations of the church and have been open to different kinds of denominational doctrines. ***“So you, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me” Ezekiel 33:7.***

Through this book God is having a personal chat with you about your life to make you more productive than you are presently. He's so much interested in your success in this life that He

wrote this book Himself so that you can be sought after in your field of endeavour, and at the end reign with Him eternally. This is a chat of a lifetime you'll never forget, and a guarantee of Success Beyond Your Imagination. Are you ready?

God gave His Only Son to gain more sons; you have to give Him your life to gain the blessings in the only Son, Jesus. Satan may be boasting that he has more disciples in the world than Jesus; that's no news. Every human being is born in sin; he is a legal resident in Satan's kingdom because he's the god of this world. But the beauty of winning is that Satan's kingdom keeps reducing every day. Jesus knows that not everybody will receive Him into his life, so whoever receives Him is a plus to His kingdom and a minus to Satan's kingdom. The beauty of Christ's victory is the minus on Satan's side. Satan's boast of winning is actually an irony; he's losing the battle every day. Upon your arrival in this world you were Satan's, but upon your departure you are Christ's; that's the victory. But the real question is: **'Is Christ winning with you and through you'?**

This chapter is just an introduction to the book. It is to make the Christian who is desirous of growth to grow in the right direction, balanced in every way, and at the end he will be able to make quality disciples for Christ. He who wants to be a great disciple must follow Jesus as He followed the purpose of the Father. He must know the way (Jesus) of the Father, and must be able to show the way as Jesus showed the way of the Father.

#### **MY PRAYER:**

Father, please give me a deeper level of spiritual discernment that I may not perform below the level of revelation You have given to me; and increase my level of faith that I may not perform below the level of the power invested in me in Jesus' name.

**HAVE A GODLITOUCH ON YOUR LIFE.**

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