

Who is Your Inspiration?

"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

- Romans 8:13,14

ho is inspiring you? A called man Oswald Chambers once said, "If you make a god of your best moments, you will find that God will fade out of your life and never come back until you do the duty that lies nearest and have learnt not to make a fetish of your rare moments." There are so many fetishes in the world we live in today. Many fetishes that people have come up with, and many things that have become a way of life. have become people's inspiration and these things are pushing God out of their lives. How many of you have noticed that elevators do not have thirteenth floors? From twelve they jump to fourteen. Why is this? It is because there is something attached to the number thirteen and, just like that, a lot of people have picked their inspiration. Even people in the church are now picking their inspiration from one thing or the other.

What is inspiration? By dictionary inspiration definition. is the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something; do something especially to creative. When you feel stimulated to do something creative, you are said to be inspired. Creativity may be positive and God-honouring or negative and satan-honouring. The question again is: who (or what) is your inspiration?

Proverbs 3:1-6 says, "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean thine not unto own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Verses 13-17, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom. and the man that aetteth understandina. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

A person that is walking in peace, sitting in peace, rising in peace and talking in peace can never ever become the victim of satan The first of these two scriptures is talking about the law and the commandments of God; the other is talking about the wisdom of God. Both of them are saying that there is а path in the laws. commandments and wisdom of God that leads to peace. When you follow the laws of the living God and when your inspiration is in the law of the living God, you will always walk in peace. When your inspiration comes from God, your the wav will be wav of pleasantness and peace. So when you are inspired by the living God, He brings you to peace and not to pieces; and He ensures you walk in peace. A person that is walking in peace, sitting in peace, rising in peace and talking in peace can never ever become the victim of satan. Who is your inspiration?

Jonah in the Bible forgot the wisdom of God by choosing his own path. Jonah 1:1-3 says, "Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to

Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to ao with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord." Jonah left the presence of God. Do you know what began to happen to him? He began to have troubles because he had left the path of peace. He had left the wisdom of God. He had gained another inspiration and that inspiration was now leading him away from God's wisdom. He ended up having a lot of trouble. Even the inanimate sea rose up against him because he did not pick his inspiration from the Living God.

Mark 4:35-41 says, "And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

When the sea rose up against the disciples of Jesus Christ and they were inspired by themselves to just bail out water, they laboured in vain until they were inspired to go and ask Jesus for help. And Jesus replied, "How long am I going to be with you?" And then he spoke to the sea and it became calm. With all the storms in your life now, who is your inspiration? If God is your inspiration, He will speak to that situation and say, "Peace be still..." and it would be calm. It dares not disobev Him. But because you are not aligning with God, the sea is rising against you. Why? It is because your inspiration is picked from something else. A wise man

If God is your inspiration, He will speak to that situation and say, "Peace be still..." and it would be calm. It dares not disobey Him once said that sometimes we meet our destiny on the road we travel to avoid it. That is what sometimes happens when a man picks the wrong inspiration. This is why you see a lot of people calling the name of the Lord without being connected to God, because He is not their inspiration.

There are some questions you need to ask yourself and answer sincerely before God. As you answer these questions, they would position you better as you begin to pursue them the way God wants them to be. They will give you a sincere connection to the Living God and God would be your inspiration forever.

The first auestion is: Who currently has your trust? In whom do you trust now? Are you trusting in the arm of flesh? Are you trusting in your personal idol? Gone are the days when people had carved Idols. You do not need such idols now. The idols we have these days are very fluid in their operations. You carry them around sometimes. Please let me ask you, what was the first thing you checked when you woke up this morning? Most likely it was your phone. How do you feel when your phone is not with you? You feel like Are you trusting in your personal idol? Gone are the days when people had carved Idols... The idols we have these days are very fluid in their operations

a person that is on drugs and you will trouble the house that day, saying, "You children! Where is my phone?! Who took my phone? I told you not to play with my phone..." and then you become a wild person, pursuing everybody around. You claim that you have 'Best Friends Forever' but are they actually turning you towards God or turning you away from God? Who is having your trust right now? Elijah said to the people on Mount Carmel in 1 Kings 18:21, "if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him..."

I spoke with a couple and they told me, "We are going through this thing and God is giving us victory. But this other thing is still manifesting..." I asked them, "Will you allow God just to be God in your life instead of giving him instructions as if he is your errand boy? Will you stop?" When the living God called Moses from the What are you labouring for now? Is it something that is temporary or eternal? If you are not labouring for that which is eternal you need to get your inspiration right

burning bush, did God not tell him that He was going to send him to Egypt to deliver His people? Did God not call those people His people? When He sent Moses and Moses was afraid and said. "If I go to them they would ask me who sent me..." He said, "Tell them I am that I am sent you." When Moses got to the people and they started asking him who sent him, he told them I Am sent me and they calmed down. The kind of calmness that comes into a life before the storm comes and before unbelief shows up. That was the kind of calmness they had. Do you remember when you gave your life to Jesus Christ? When you believed that all the trouble and pain of the past was now finished? That you belonged to Jesus Christ it was all going to and be enjoyment and pleasure? Is that not what you thought? Then when things start taking one year, two vears and three to vears materialise, you start asking God, "Are you still faithful? Are you still true?" That is what the Children of Israel were asking the living God and Moses. The moment Moses went to Pharaoh and told him the God of the Hebrews had appeared to him and said, "Let My People go that they may serve me." Pharaoh said, "I don't know him." Moses said, "You don't know him? Okay, this is a sign..." and he threw down his rod and it became a serpent. Pharaoh laughed. He called it elementary magic and asked his magicians to do the same. That was the first sign. Then the second sign came. Then the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh plagues. Do you know why God did this? It was because He wanted to make a terrible example of Egypt and Pharaoh forever. But the children of Israel were not patient with God because they did not know what He was doing. Their inspiration had come from themselves and they were disappointed. They wanted to kill Moses. Why did they turn against Moses? It was because they did not know the way of God and their inspiration had turned away from the wisdom of God. Has your inspiration turned away from God? In whom are you trusting now?

The second question is: What are you labouring for now? Are you labouring for your ego? Are you labouring for your image? Are you labouring for your belly? For whatever you can acquire now? The master gave talents to his servants. He gave five to one servant, he gave two to another servant and he gave one to the third one, according to their abilities. Nobody knew that the man who had one talent was so angry with his master. He kept the talent. We can see this in Matthew 25:14-30. His perception caused him to lose his life because the verdict of his master in verse 30 was: "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness..." What are you labouring for now? Is it something that is temporary or is it something that is eternal? If you are not labouring for that which is eternal you need to get your inspiration right. Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Number three question you need to ask yourself is: What are you buying now? I am not talking about things like clothes. Proverbs 23:23 tells us what to buy. "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding" The passage tells us to buy four things:

- 1. The Truth
- 2. Wisdom
- 3. Instruction
- 4. Understanding

When the Bible says you should buy these things, it means you should pay for them. They come at a cost. A lot of people are buying lies now. Eve bought a lie in Genesis 3:1-6, "Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did

eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

King David bought lust in 2 Samuel 11:1-5, "And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child."

What are you buying? Anytime you buy into any known lust, you either commit immorality or you commit idolatry. You cannot escape it. The moment you buy lust, and that lust becomes your inspiration, the resultant effect will either be immorality or idolatry. That is why you should stop buying lust and you should stop buying lies. The scriptures say you should buy truth; buy wisdom; buy understanding and buy instruction.

The fourth question you should ask is: What seriously are you developing in your life now? This is because everyone is an ongoing project and everyone is developing something. Sometimes, when you look back, you see some things you developed five years ago. Some people developed the appetite for some types of food after they relocated to another country. The way you develop a taste for food is the same way you develop a persona. There is a way you want people to see you and you carry vourself like that. Then by the time you carry yourself that way day-in and day-out you develop a habit.

A lot of people in the church have developed an illusion. As a result of this, they have developed some form of self-righteousness that the living God calls filthy rags. What have you developed brethren? Have you developed a judgmental attitude? You hate people that you have never met, just because of what you read. You have developed something and you may not know it. Have you developed a critical spirit? It is now very easy to develop a critical spirit in churches. A critical spirit is what would make you walk into a place and start looking for what is wrong and you find it. The moment you find it, you can no longer see any other thing. You see a tree and you keep looking at it and you forget the forest. This is a dangerous thing that is making a lot of people come under judgment. They are calling the name of God but they have developed these things. If you call him your God and you say He is your inspiration, where did you now get this your own critical spirit from? You forget to see the plank in your own eyes and it is the tiny speck in the eye of another person vou see.

Or are you developing Integrity? When your word is your bond. When you say, "Yes" and nothing makes you change it. A lot of people have abandoned reality, truth and the ways of God. Their inspiration is no longer the living God. Their inspiration has become world. Who the is your in inspiration and what are vou seriously developing now? You must develop integrity. In Daniel 1:8, Daniel stood his ground and

said, "I will not defile myself with the king's portion." He developed integrity. Every other person around you may be gossiping about people but do you know that the moment you contribute to that gossip, your own rating before God falls? You may say they are stating the facts but who made you a judge?

The fifth question is: What are you currently pursuing? Are vou working very hard for human approval or for God's approval? of the Which two are vou pursuing? King Saul was appointed, anointed and ordained by God to rule over Israel but do you know when he fell? When he listened to the people above God in 1 Samuel 15:17-24, "And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel? And the Lord sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the Lord? And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal. And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerinas and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being kina. And Saul said unto Samuel. I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice."

We should also learn from King Herod in Acts 12:20-24, "And Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country. And upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. But the word of God grew and multiplied."

The only person who God will keep standing and give something to keep for eternity is that person who is inspired by God and pursuing Him. Ruth connected with the living God and she was not forgotten. Mary who washed the feet of Jesus Christ with her hair tears, removed all the tears with her hair, broke an alabaster box and poured oil to anoint Jesus Christ was not forgotten. Jesus Christ said anywhere the gospel is preached she will be mentioned. What are you pursuing now? Is it that people should respect you? The man who reigns today will be forgotten tomorrow; but the God who was, is and lives forever should be your inspiration.

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Prayer Points

- My father, forgive me for removing you from your place of authority in my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. My father, refocus my life unto you and be my all-in-all, in the name of Jesus.
- 3. Oh God, help me to always look unto you, from whence cometh my help, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, keep me always in the path of peace and righteousness, in the name of Jesus.

- Blood of Jesus, arise and raise a voice for me, in the name of Jesus.
- Serpents appointed to swallow my divine dreams, you are a liar, die, in the name of Jesus.
- Powers expanding problems in my family, enough is enough, die, in the name of Jesus.
- Powers promoting affliction in my life, enough is enough, die, in the name of Jesus.
- 9. Poverty agenda for my family, die, in the name of Jesus.



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