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Use of Hebraic Names of the Most High

Yahweh, Elohim, Yeshua. During our walk with the Lord, we discovered by leading of Holy Spirit how fundamentally flawed was the intrusion of Rome into the gospel from 4th Century AD. Replacement Theology led Rome to take away all Hebraic/Jewish connections as root of what is now called the Christian Faith. What He has led us to do is to call our Father by the Name He revealed Himself to Israel which is Yahweh. In the same way, rather than call our Creator by the generic title God, we find it more appropriate to call Him by the Hebraic Name He revealed to humanity through Moses which is Elohim. The Name, Elohim properly conveys His Unity in Plurality as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! We also call our King the Name His Father gave Him, Yeshua as well as the Anglicized translation, Jesus derived from the Greek translation, Ioseus.

We do this as led by Holy Spirit, not as part of the so-called sacred Names movement. Neither do we subscribe to the legalistic methods of Judaizers intent on dragging saints into the dead works and rituals of Judaism. We do not condemn or malign those who have not yet caught this depth of revelation. Please feel free to call the Most High by what He reveals to you and what you are comfortable with.

Preface for the Kingdom Culture Series

We have tarried before the Lord for some time to receive a rhema concerning how to introduce the books in the series you are about to read. He directed us to share a little bit of how He ordered our steps over a 21-year period between 1996-2017. In 1996, the Lord called us out of denominationalism to serve His Body and Kingdom. As we resigned from a Pastoral calling and began to serve Him and the Body in a community in Africa (Owerri, Imo State of Nigeria), we held on to one critical vision He released beginning August 1996. At that time, we joined other saints to lament the sad state of Africa on almost all fronts of life. It was surreal to hear the Lord comfort us by saying He had appointed His Church in Africa as instrument of a quick work: Rescuing His Kingdom program in the earth realm from corruption in preparation for the return of King Yeshua, Jesus.

In August 2006, He directed us to relocate to London which as centre of the world would make our Acts 1:8 assignment more impactful on a global scale. Looking back, because we did not see it then, it is significant that it was 100 years after Azusa Street Revival that the Lord in 2006 birthed Global School of Ministry as a catalyst of Reformation, Restoration, and Revival. Again, we did not see clearly then how extensively it was to be used to rediscover Truths which were missed out by Martin Luther in the Protestant Reformation of 1517. Interestingly, the Lord used various means to make it clear what He was about to do was not raise a man or woman, like Martin Luther was raised prominently and publicly. But rather activate a company of saints worldwide with understanding of Him and the Church. A company of saints who embrace His Kingdom pattern and take their place as His sons who would do all His will. In this regard, the Lord made it clear

the election of His Church in Africa was not for the purpose of building an ‘African Cultural Church’. The wider and more strategic scope was to use it to use His remnant ‘out of the seed of Ham’ to impact and connect His seed out of Shem and Japheth to constitute the fourth race which is the Elect Remnant or ‘one new man’ spoken of by Apostle Paul.

In other words, the focus of the Lord was simply to use the Global School of Ministry project to activate His elect remnant to walk in unity of the Faith. And, be empowered to represent Him and the Kingdom right where they are in various corners of the world where He preserved them from the claws of Babylon. It was then Holy Spirit provided illumination of this anchor scripture:

Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace (Romans 11:5).

There is a simple, yet grand key to understand the fundamental difference between the Martin Luther Protestant Reformation and the Kingdom Culture project. The Reformation of Martin Luther was designed to ‘Protest’ some of the dogma and practices of the Roman Catholic Church when he received revelation of their unbiblical origins. The Kingdom Culture project, on the other hand, is designed to take the Church back to what it was before the Roman Empire embraced the larger wing of the Church which was tired of persecution and martyrdom in the 4th Century. In other words, through the Kingdom Culture project, the Omega or End Time Church will be a logical conclusion of what had started in the Alpha or First Century Church.

Unlike other reformation projects before it, Kingdom Culture, through the Global School of Ministry and annual Master Class series of the Global Advanced Mentorship Program have two simple keys: Get the Church back into the ‘School’ Paradigm where Study of the Word is central to both congregational and general ministry. Second, to challenge all saints to receive the Four-dimensional work of Holy Spirit: He Is the Seal of redemption; He uses the Word to Transform Life of Believers from inside out, He Unites saints to live as one indivisible Body of Yeshua notwithstanding their locations or sects; He releases Power through which saints are able to demonstrate the awesome powers of the Risen Yeshua, Jesus!

These are accomplished when leaders and saints sincerely and diligently embrace the ministry of Holy Spirit and the Word through the T>T>E>A>R process. It is one where leaders are used by Holy Spirit to:

Teach saints the whole counsel of Holy Scriptures

Train saints to discover and take their places as effective members of the Body of Yeshua

Equip saints with what it takes to walk in victory through mentorship and support

Activate the Gifts and callings of Holy Spirit which may lie dormant in them

Release the saints into productive ministry. This may be by public ordination or Commissioning during ministry events.

500 years after the Protestant Reformation of 1517, the Lord Yeshua, Jesus is activating throughout the earth realm

this framework. The framework through which Holy Spirit will undertake training of Reformers who will receive proper understanding of the Pauline Epistles and Master Plan of the true Kingdom Church contained therein, and build individual lives, ministries, and congregations accordingly. This Kingdom Culture project involves release of 40 books on dedicated websites where all saints worldwide who desire to discover, pursue and fulfil their callings as the Royal Priesthood after the order of Melchizedeck can find the teaching resources to train in the comfort of their own homes.

On the other hand, these 40 books will put in the hands of the great company of elect ministers across the world who know the flock is not theirs but Yeshua's. These books are tools with which to systematically transform the operating systems of the ministries committed to their trust from 'Theatres' to 'Schools'. These books collectively make up the curriculum with which to launch their own Global School of Ministry project. The curriculum will ensure every two or three years, fresh sets of fit for-purpose ministers of the gospel who will serve the Lord with all their hearts are produced.

All 40 books on the websites constitute what it takes to root out the leaven of Babylon derived from our various experiences with Christian Religion. They therefore constitute what we need to embrace and walk in true Kingdom Culture. It is through ministry of the Word that the Church will be prepared and made ready for return of her Groom:

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might

present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Please intentionally study this and the other resources in the series prayerfully under unction of Holy Spirit with your Bible to confirm all the points made. As you train, necessity is upon you to make your vessel available for Holy Spirit to use to transmit these empowering truths to other saints who yearn for empowerment!

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it (Psalm 68:11).

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:2).

May Elohim, our heavenly Father make you the instrument of His Grace He designed you to be!

Chapter 1

Leadership Development for the Now Generation

PROLOGUE

Where the world is wiser than the Church.

And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light (Luke 16:8).

The people of the world have consistently shown a greater deal of wisdom identifying ground-breaking qualities of young people aged 18-39. In one recent census, (2011), the median age of the United Kingdom was 29% for those aged between 18-39 years:

- This is the age when people are deemed to be in the prime of life.
- This is when people begin and end their tertiary education.
- This is when people get jobs and climb to leadership levels.
- This is when people marry and settle down.

- This is when the army recruits, trains, and deploys people and they grow to Colonel levels of promotion.
- This is when athletes are in the prime of their sports and games.
- This is when people are most creative, as inventors and innovators.
- This is the generation that disrupts the political, social and economic order.
- This is when entrepreneurial capacity is often unleashed because of the courage and derring-do mindset of such people.

Unfortunately, the enemy has blinded the minds of the Church from seeing the glorious plans of Elohim for this most dynamic phase of life.

Scriptural Antecedents

The mind of Elohim for the Youth is manifested practically by these:

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment (Ecclesiastes 11:9).

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood: (Psalm 144:11).

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine (1 Timothy 4:12-13).

It is also manifested by these personalities whose assignments were executed in the prime of youth:

YESHUA, JESUS – His entire incarnate state was as a youth! Apart from His well-documented birth, nothing more was said of Yeshua other than the reality that at age 12, He displayed extraordinary wisdom and was subject to His earthly parents.

And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. 43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. 44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. 45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking

him. 46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. 48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man (Luke 2:42-52).

By age 30, he had completed the School of 'hard knocks' as described here:

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: 2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. 3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. 4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. 5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten

thee. 6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. 7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; 8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; 10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec (Hebrews 5:1-10).

His life, sayings and ministry were well documented by 4 writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. By age 33 ½ years, He had completed His assignment, went to the Cross to pay the ultimate price for Sin, was buried, resurrected, and ascended back to heaven.

THE 12 DISCIPLES – They were contemporaries of Yeshua. They lived and served with Him for 33 ½ years and were in their early thirties when He handed over the Great Commission to them.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14).

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always,

even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:19-20).

PROTEGES OF PAUL – such as Timothy and Titus were teenagers when The Lord brought them under his wings. He did not sit on their callings but took them through the teach, train, equip, activate, and release process. They were in their early twenties when he installed them as Bishops of the Churches in Ephesus and Crete respectively.

JOSEPH – he was a teenager when a series of adversities landed him in the top job as Prime Minister of Egypt and second in command to Pharaoh. Significantly, his quest to please Elohim even in secret (the matter of Potiphar's wife who sought an immoral relationship) played a key role in his ascendancy.

DAVID – he was still a teenager when he did most of the exploits of courage and bravery that are well documented in the Bible. It was as a teenager that he defeated and slew Goliath the giant. By age 30, he was the King of Judah. Ten years later, at 40, he became king of all Israel.

DANIEL – he was a teenager when he made the commitment to love righteousness, hate iniquity and be separate from the world system. Well documented in Daniel 1, this passage stands out.

And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; 4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability

in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. 5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. 6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. 8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs. 10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king. 11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, 12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants. 14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. 15 And at the end of ten days their

countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. 16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse. 17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. 18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. 19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. 20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm. 21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus (Daniel 1:3-21),

Before long, while still a youth, he became President of the mighty Babylonian Empire, served under various kings until Cyrus arose.

ESTHER – Reality suggests that this damsel was a teenager when she stood before King Ahasuerus of Persia and was chosen to replace the rebellious Queen Vashti. Most of the exploits attributed to her, including the successful intervention, at the prodding of Mordecai to save the Jews were also fulfilled while she was still young. Most of those exploits were predicated on this commitment she made.

Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish (Esther 4:16).

*The Now Generation Master Class as a
Systematic Way Out*

The term ‘youth’ or ‘young people’ is too generalized, creating room for spiritual confusion on what to do with them. In many churches, the younger generation are treated as those to be merely tolerated. They are encouraged to be busy at church with activities while the adults engage in more serious spiritual work such as bible study and ministry. Most parents hand over the intricate business of molding and shaping the worldview of children and the youth to the school system. With the world getting more aggressive in indoctrinating children and the youth, this is a dangerous proposition as many children from good ‘Christian’ homes are drifting away from the faith and the church.

BASIC, FUNDAMENTAL ROLES OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

It needs to be emphasized that parents and guardians in the family and home are still the basic instrument of inculcating virtues of Kingdom culture in the children.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

Embedded in the training process is exerting appropriate discipline for misbehavior. This equips the children to interact properly with their peers and society in the various levels of education before them as well as in the larger society.

Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him (Proverbs 22:15).

Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. 14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell (Proverbs 23:13-14).

The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame (Proverbs 29:15).

Unfortunately, many parents have gone out of order when trying to instill discipline with much anger, wrath, and cursing. The Lord wants parents to know that in exerting discipline, there should be no room for a display of fleshly attitudes, emotions, and actions. If children perceive that the parents are not just and fair, it affects their perception of Elohim and the Faith. This makes them antagonistic at home and see school as a better alternative. This makes them more open to be deceived by teachers with agenda.

The Divinely Inspired Solution

It has pleased the Lord to give us a simple solution, which is undergoing a test run in a structured way. This course is an exposition of the experiment and is hereby made available to the Kingdom Church worldwide so that congregations and ministries can apply the same precepts and revelations to bring up the youth in a structured way. This requires a fresh look at the younger people born in Christian homes to classify them in this way:

- **UNDER 4** - Infants and toddlers whose mothers play the most roles supported by children's teachers from the churches their families are affiliated to.

- **UNDER 10** - Children who from 5 to about 10, are mainly in primary schools. They need to learn the truth in the Holy Scriptures delivered by their parents at home and ministers in church, who have the grace and skills to communicate creatively with them.

- **11-17** - The 'next generation' of the Church, are the youth who are in the Secondary School/High School level. They need to be taught the word to apply to their circumstances by teachers who can empathize with them and who have the grace and skills to communicate effectively.

- **18-39** - These are not the 'next generation' but the 'Now Generation'. These are people in the prime of youth who need to be intentionally prepared for life, taught the word systematically to renew their minds and transform their hearts so that they can be disciples of Yeshua, Jesus. They need to be trained, equipped/mentored, activated, and supported and ultimately released for holistic, enduring success in

all areas of life. Ideally, they should learn with others of their ilk in various nations and cultures. This led us to set up a pioneer training programme called the Now Generation Master Class.

Introduction

In 2006 the Lord birthed the Global School of Ministry as the arrowhead of a Kingdom educational system based on what is called the TTEAR paradigm: Teach, Train, Equip, Activate, and Release. The Lord has used the programme to empower saints worldwide and many are walking in their gifts and callings. In 2013, the Global Advanced Mentorship Program was activated to run the annual Master Class in the Kingdom Culture series. Through it, fit-for-purpose vessels are being produced annually to take responsibility for reproducing after kind, using the framework Paul gave to his protégé, Timothy:

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:1-2).

One of those who picked up and is running with the vision as a case study is Apostle John Ashu and his wife, Evangelist Schola who set up Authentic Kingdom Culture, Europe in the City of Cork, Ireland with some other vessels like Pastor Victor Omo, his wife Prophetess Jennifer; Apostle Kingsley Mbakwe and his wife, Pastor Judy, and Evangelist Peter, amongst others. Today, they are training scores of people in China, Europe, North America and across Africa using the TTEAR process.

Early in 2022, the Lord enabled us to start the Asia, Middle East, and Pacific Master Class whose target is to transform the religious themed ministry patterns in the region by training the ministers to understand the gospel of the Kingdom and practice same. The insights we have gained from all 3 platforms of the Kingdom educational system on how teaching and training can create sustainable change when diligently applied have been very helpful in charting the new course, which is simply an application of the same principles of empowerment to the subject of this study: the Now Generation of the Church. This is an often-neglected set of saints, who ought to be the arrowhead for fulfilling the mandate of the gospel of the Kingdom worldwide.

After several years of on and off reflection on what the Lord would have us do to support the youth of the Kingdom in a structured way, Holy Spirit impressed on our hearts that the grand key is simply to mount a defined training with a custom designed curriculum over a 40-week (9 months) period. Called the Now Generation Master Class, a flyer was designed and distributed on social media. After the initial enthusiasm, some have dropped by the wayside while a core group has endured and are now in the second half of their training. Because many are still in school, their trainings are on Saturday nights.

By the end of their training, they would have learnt enough for manifestation of these outcomes:

- o They will graduate and receive Certificates in Kingdom Culture Ministry.
- o Because they would have qualified in their own rights to embrace and walk as Priests after the Order of

Melchizedek. Those who accept the call of the Lord and receive support of their parents and their guardians will be ordained by Authentic Kingdom Culture into ministry. Otherwise called the Royal Priesthood, this is the ministry pattern which Yeshua established of which He is the High Priest in the heavenly realm.

The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4).

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; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy (1 Peter 2:9-10).

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you (John 15:16).

- Subsequently, they will be admitted into membership of International Ministers Fellowship on their own merit. They will be available to serve as Youth Pastors, Campus Pastors and any other assignments committed to their trust within and outside the network.
- After 6 months of consistent participation, they will receive the International Ministerial license of International Ministers Fellowship.

- o We hope to arrange international exchange programmes and short-term missions for the alumni of the Now Generation Master Class.

ASSIGNMENT

1. In what way has the world seem to be wiser than the Church?
2. What does the Bible teach us about Elohim's high regard for the age group 18-30. Give some examples.
3. Share 4 things you understand about the Now Generation Master Class
4. What will you do with the information in this chapter?

Chapter 2

General Overview, who we are and our Kingdom Assignments

The Bible says that in the multitude of counsellors, there is safety:

Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety (Proverbs 11:14).

For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety (Proverbs 24:6).

It also states that in the mouth of two witnesses precepts are established.

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established (Deuteronomy 19:15).

Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established (Matthew 18:15-16).

After developing chapter 1, we shared it with about 100 leaders and ministers across Europe, North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Australia. Within hours, some recipients responded. One of them was Apostle Dennis

Sharp, convenor of the Gathering at Knoxville, Tennessee, in the United States of America. Hungry for revival in his beloved nation, he once drove all the way to Washington DC to meet with us about 10 years ago at an America, Wake Up conference. We bonded and have remained good friends ever since. Except for the last paragraph, which was a personal, confidential message, here is what he said that confirms the need for the Now Generation Master Class. Coming from an old soldier of the Cross, we deem it worthy of study, reflection, and action as a prelude to chapter 2.

“Beloved brother, Apostle George,

I wanted to speak a word of encouragement to you regarding the development of course material for the Now Generation. Holy Spirit has been speaking to me for some time in two streams: (1) The Malachi 4:5-6 stream: "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; and (2) 1 John 2:14 stream: "I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.”

In the late '60's and early '70's, Holy Spirit visited the US with an outpouring, (Jesus' People Movement and Charismatic Renewal) and He offer the Body of Christ an opportunity to see healing in the land, but the Church in America refused. The fathers turned their hearts away from the children and the children, including the children of the church, rebelled against that rejection. The consequences have been devastating to my country

- legalized abortion, proliferation and exportation of pornography, the removal of God from the public arena, and the systematic takeover by the radical LBGT+ community. Our land has been smitten with a curse.

In November of 2017, I was visited powerfully by Holy Spirit, and in that visitation He indicated that He was once again sending the spirit of Elijah to turn the hearts of the fathers. That the fathers should prepare themselves to “train but never tame,” these young lions. I have experienced this on a much smaller scale, but have not had the wisdom you have had to cultivate a systematic training and equipping plan. I fear that I have fallen short of the mark with some of those young lions who were sent to me.

As an old soldier I recognize that it’s the young soldiers who actually do most of the fighting. Simply put, as an old soldier I no longer possess the physical strength and prowess that a younger man possesses. There’s a reason why every army in the world seeks to enlist strong young men. There’s also a reason why those young men are trained and led by old soldiers. Young men are strong to overcome the evil one; old men ought to possess wisdom and experience from having known Him from the beginning. Young soldiers are ready to charge up a hill into a machine-gun nest; old soldiers know that sometimes it’s better to bypass the obstacle or eliminate the obstacle with indirect fire.

So, why have I written this? (1) I want to prophetically encourage you that you are definitely

on the right track. (2) I would like to know how to avail myself of this training material so that I can do a better job in the future if Holy Spirit graciously sends me more young lions. Is there a way that I could come under the umbrella and conduct local training, or should I refer the young lions, should I encounter more, to you?

In His service,
Dennis”

Expanding on the Theme

As Apostle Dennis rightly observed, parents and more mature saints need to turn their hearts to the Now and Next Generation intentionally, in obedience to the word of the Lord. This requires a divine kind of love which cover the multitude of defects we may see.

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8).

This is so necessary because focusing on the spiritual, character or social deficiencies of youths runs against the grain of true spirituality. It is often that elders tend to judge the youth by standards they did not attain in their early years but rather in old age after the process of maturity has taken place. This tendency is contrary to the Kingdom.

Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 3 And why beholdest

thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye (Matthew 7:1-5).

Judgementalism, even against our own children and other youths, is a terrible sin because they can see through the hypocrisy of our not obeying the word when we approach them with harsh, hurtful, and accusatory words devoid of mercy or hope. We the adults need to pray for the loving heart disposition of our heavenly Father as vital equipment and resource for ministry to the Now Generation. That is to say, we can best help the Now and Next Generation when our hearts overflow with love for them, faith in manifestation of their destinies and a willingness to spend and be spent in the cause of their empowerment and guidance.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself

unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away (1 Corinthians 13:1-8).

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love (1 John 4:8).

The greatest need of the Now and Next Generation is LOVE! They seek pure, holy unconditional love, the type they instinctively know that Elohim has for humanity. When this quality of love flows from our heart, they will receive instruction, corrections, and guidance from us.

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (Ephesians 4:15).

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness (Colossians 3:14).

A Biblical Reality

When the home and Church cannot offer the God kind of love, the Now and Next Generation are pushed to seek what they think is love from the wrong places and people. Satan is ever ready to jump at this opportunity to deceive them with false love, including infatuation with those of the

opposite gender and such covert immoral acts as masturbation, pornography. Some rebel outright and slide into worldliness, rank immorality, and quest for worldly fame which attracts adulation from fans.

THE 3 CATEGORIES OF SAINTS

As Apostle Dennis rightly noted, John the beloved gave us the clearest indicator that there are categories of people in the Kingdom, as observed in his epistle:

I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. 14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one (1 John 2:12-14).

Let us comprehend what the word says:

THE LITTLE CHILDREN – this may apply to all who are truly saved. There is the possibility that he also speaks of the reality that according to 2 Corinthians 5:17, such people are the new creatures and therefore ‘little children’. It may also refer to those who are the youngest in terms of both the faith and age.

To them, the word gives assurance: 1 John 2:12, *“I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name’s sake”*. The word also says in verse 13: *“I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.”*

THE FATHERS. These are the mature adults in the household of faith. To them, John says in verse 13: *“13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning.”* He adds in verse 14: *“14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning.”*

TO THE YOUTHS (Now and Next Generation), the word says: *“I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one.”* It is the good pleasure of Elohim our God, that the young people overcome the wicked one and all his wiles! He also adds, in verse 14: *“I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.”* This stated will of Elohim should be the driving force and mandate to go forth and be used of Holy Spirit to make it happen that the Now Generation of the Kingdom be assisted to be strong enough to overcome the wicked one in all ramifications, through the abiding word which renews their mind and transforms their hearts.

The good news is that regardless of the age bracket, the Lord sends the same message to all the redeemed: do not love the world and its ungodly ways (dump worldly culture) and walk in Kingdom culture.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17).

Grand Aim and Change Agents

The Now Generation Master Class is clearly focused on leading the youth within the 18-39 age bracket on a journey of discovery. The ultimate destination is to understand, embrace and walk in Kingdom culture as a way of life. The approach to reach that end is organic and process based.

- Ultimately, it is the Holy Spirit Who uses the power of the word to renew minds and transform lives of those who are undergoing the training.
- For that reason, much prayer is called for by the facilitators, as well as parents and the youth themselves.
- Mentors need to support them with much sensitivity to what the Holy Spirit is saying and how best to win and retain their confidence.

*The Now Generation Master Class
Curriculum*

To achieve the stated aim, we are led to use these totally word-based resources for their training:

- o The Pillars of Holistic, Enduring Success
- o Spiritual Gifts: what they are and how they operate
- o Holy Spirit: Who He Is and What He does. (Overview and Summary)
- o The 16 Glorious Truths
- o The 9 Fundamental C's
- o Ministry: Discover, Pursue and Fulfil
- o The Critical Adversaries
- o Prayer, Fasting & Spiritual Warfare
- o Strategic Kingdom Leadership
- o Digging Deep Series (Intensive and Extensive exploration of various courses relating to What Yeshua taught, did and Kingdom principles) by Pastor Grace

THE FRAMEWORK

- o Course duration: 9 months/40 weeks.
- o Training day: Saturday – 7.30pm UK/2.30pm EST/ 1.30pm CST/8.30pm SAT.

- Contact hours: 90 minutes per session divided into two units covered by Apostle George (45 minutes) and Pastor Grace (45 minutes) respectively.
- Training Pattern: Consistent participation in live lectures.
- Effective participation during Questions and Answers segment.
- Students commit to 1 hour (out of 24 hours which make up each day) of devotional-type study of the eBooks at www.kingdombooksclub.com and www.gsom.ac and watch the videos at True Kingdom Live or GSOM TV channels on YouTube.
- They also commit to do the assessments for the courses.
- They also commit to the execution of practical assignments during school holidays and breaks.
- Taking responsibility to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to grow spiritually through diligent study, prayers and resolve the identity crises plaguing the youths.
- A commitment to walk in Kingdom Culture on the narrow way less travelled and not ashamed of identification with Yeshua, Jesus.

*Background: who we are and our
Kingdom assignments*

For the benefit of those who are reading this for the first time or watching the video, below, we summarise the kingdom assignments committed to our trust.

THE ORGANIC KINGDOM ECO-SYSTEM

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14).

Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened (Matthew 13:33).

KINGDOM EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

- Global School of Ministry, established. August 13, 2006.
- Global Advanced Mentorship Program: Annual Master Class | Yes Course.

INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND TRAINING ARE THESE WEBSITES:

www.gsom.ac

www.kingdombooksclub.com

For those who learn visually, there are two YouTube channels:

- GSOM TV
- True Kingdom Live

THE ASIA, MIDDLE EAST & PACIFIC MASTER CLASS - to empower ministers and saints from India, Pakistan, Malaysia, Nepal, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Australia, UAE/Dubai.

THE NOW GENERATION MASTER CLASS - to extend Teach, Train, Equip, Activate and Release paradigm of Kingdom education to the prime of the Kingdom Church: 18–39-year-olds.

As inspired by Holy Spirit, generating resources for transformation of ministries and congregations into organic Kingdom Communities through restoration of the Fivefold and the priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

- Mission Central: Global Faculty of Teachers and Trainers leading GSOM Centres and on standby to support leaders and Pastors to effect change.
- Extensive ministry on Facebook – 10 sessions of Facebook livestreams, 7 days a week by Apostle George and Pastor Grace.
- Publishing + Expansion of Reach through POD arrangements with online retailers for the benefit of those who prefer physical books.

KINGDOM AGENCIES FOR NETWORKING THE REMNANT WORLDWIDE

- International Ministers Fellowship
www.imfministers.com

- Open Gates - Annual Conference of the Fellowship second weekend of January every year.
- London Metropolitan Forum
- Prayer, Intercession & Spiritual Warfare
- Frontline Intercessors for Reformation, Restoration & Revival established. 2008
- Day Break With The King – Teams of intercessors who possess the gates of each day from 4.00am CST/5.00am EST
- 24/7 Global Prayer Centre – Round the clock prayer cover every day, week, month, and year.
- Global Prayer and Spiritual Cabinet – last Saturday of each month by 4pm BST

KINGDOM COMMUNITIES/CONGREGATIONS

- Arise Metropolitan Assembly (5-fold Congregation)
- Arise Online Church Without Walls (Virtual, Online Kingdom Connection every Sunday on zoom plus interactive Bible study every Wednesday by 8.00pm BST)

CARE, MERCY & COMPASSION

- Global Mission Board (care of orphanages, orphans, widows, the rejected).
- We Care International (IMF Agency for caring for Members).

- Let Brotherly Love Continue (IMF Project for brethren in first world to support those in 3rd world). Asia and Africa as prime beneficiaries.

Kingdom Impact/Transformation Projects

(Matthew 5:13-16, Matthew 13:33; Matthew 25:31-46)

- Alumaku Skills Acquisition Centre, Uzoagba, Ikeduru, Imo State, Nigeria.
- Umukoto Skills Acquisition Project, Nekede, Owerri West Imo State.
- Owalla Skills Acquisition Project, Owerri North, Imo State, Nigeria.
- ICT training is conducted at ASAC. 47 graduates with computer skills from the programme. About 220 people have obtained training in skills with which to fend for their families between 2021 and 2022.

As a catalyst, this project Inspired Springwall Learning Solutions of Connecticut, USA and Gentle Hands/Come and See Ministries of UK to engage in similar projects for 3 LGA of Mbaise and Ngor Okpala respectively.

We estimate that about 200 people in these 4 local Government Area of Imo State, Nigeria were also empowered with skills for life.

Proposed Projects

- In 3rd quarter of 2022 and first quarter of 2023, if the Lord tarries: we are trusting the Lord for financial resources to empower another 200 + people.
- Formally register an NGO Transform Africa which will be the instrument of executing this vision on behalf of the Kingdom. Its mandate will be continent wide, using the work in Nigeria as testing ground and to obtain empirical assessment of impact before launching out.
- Electronic Post Office for the Village of Alumaku in the ASAC Centre which has v-sat facilities and solar power for internet service.
- Owerri Municipal Skills Acquisition Project – Joint venture with TRAIN and Now In This Present Time – October 2022.
- Ihita Ogada/Umunahu Skills Acquisition Project.
- Umuejechi, Nekede Skills Acquisition Centre Project, Owerri North.
- Irete Skills Acquisition Project, Owerri West.
- Orji Skills Acquisition Project, Owerri North.
- Medical Missions with Doctors, nurses, Pharmacists and Health Care Workers
- Free Medicare and Gospel projects for Alumaku Village.

- Free Medical and Gospel Project for Umukoto, Nekede.

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share any 5 things you learnt from this chapter.

Chapter 3

Pillar #1 Identity

We will preface the issue of the first Pillar of holistic, enduring success by the now generation with this profound word received and shared by Apostle Dennis Sharp of Knoxville, Tennessee:

“...the fathers should prepare themselves to ‘train but never tame,’ these young lions.”

This statement nails the basic purpose of Elohim for the family and Church, the two fundamental instruments for enabling saints to know, understand, embrace, and walk in their true identities as fit for purpose Kingdom citizens and ambassadors. Too often, parents are feverishly at work doing damage to the psyche, emotions, and identity of their children, often unknowingly. This comes from a ‘tame’ rather than ‘train’ paradigm. This happens in the following scenarios:

- When they cannot hear, believe, and hold fast what Elohim told them about the children they bring forth. This often happens to those for whom procreation is an accident or by-product of their seeking for pleasure in each other. If a parent does not have a divine message concerning the destiny of the children, they may squander opportunities to be instruments of shaping their lives.
- When Parents are too focused on trying to steer the children to become who they want, which may be contrary or opposite to who Elohim created and redeemed them to be.

- Where parents see punishment and cruelty as the same as training. They may end up distorting or destroying the destinies of their own children.
- Where parents engage in misplaced aggression: pouring the venom they have for each other when offended on their innocent children.
- Where parents have such high expectations for their children that makes no room for the foibles of their childhood and teenage mistakes.
- Where parents correct, rebuke, and speak in anger and offence, super heating their own homes. In such cases, the children and youth basically dread home and become open to be enticed and recruited by contrary agents of ‘civilization’.
- Where one parent is greatly offended and full of wrath, the wisest thing for the calm spouse and other family members to do is to resort to prayer and spiritual warfare to deescalate the situation. It destroys to join hands with the one full of wrath to pile on the errant child.

For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God (James 1:20).

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of

edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you (Ephesians 4:26-32).

- o Where parents are so undisciplined in use of the tongue that they deploy that little but powerful member to harangue, verbally abuse and pronounce curses on the very children they should be speaking only life, health, and success upon. These scriptures are critical for all parents to understand:

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. 2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. 4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of

things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. 13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace (James 3:1-18).

Let it be stated without equivocation that parents have a sacred duty to speak only what Elohim says concerning their children and do so in LOVE as Ephesians 4:15 says! Children are the greatest assets given to parents, of far more value than any other. Parents need to handle this asset with great love, care, and wisdom. It needs to be emphasized that parents will stand in judgement for how they represented or misrepresented Elohim before their

children especially under pressure. Words have creative value because we are created in the image of Elohim Who created the world by His words. Even when the children seem to be out of the way, slide into sin or rebellion, the Lord requires parents to not stop believing but continue to speak what they know from what Elohim said, not what they seem to be seeing.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

Parents therefore need to speak what they believe, not what they see in their children.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report...6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:1-2, 6).

The constant declaration and affirmation of what Elohim said concerning a child will play a major role to shape the first pillar of what Elohim will use to make them what He plans to do with them.

*The Compass of holistic, enduring
success for the now generation has 4
core pillars*

IDENTITY – who they are in Elohim

ASSIGNMENT – what Elohim purposes to do with them in the earth realm

EQUIPMENT – what the Father has equipped them with that enables them to fulfil their assignment

ALLOCATIONS – resources the Father places at their disposal with which to fulfil their life assignments

We will discuss #.1 in this chapter: Identity.

IDENTITY

Ideally, parents need to understand these principles and create the enabling environment for their children to know, understand and embrace their God-given identities early in life. However, it is necessary to state that whether parents played well their part or were difficult, judgmental, or harsh, often speaking negative words, the Now and Next generation of saints owe themselves a duty to not be deterred or feel like failures. It pays to reject every word of limitation pronounced by anyone, including parents, over our lives! The key is to know, accept and walk in their divinely given identities that are in the holy scriptures.

First things first: reject the identity system of this world!

However, to understand and embrace their real identity, the Now Generation must first reject the identity system of the world. In the world system, identity comprises this metrics:

RACE/TRIBE - across the world, people are profiled according to the races, tribes, or language groups. People are pigeon-holed based on the color of their skin.

GENDER - this is another metric by which people are judged. In some chauvinistic societies, misogyny or strong dislike of women is evident in the private and public space. Females are looked upon as only fit for home use and as domestic workers.

AGE - In different parts of the world, the Youth are expected to concentrate on their studies and play (aka irresponsible) with little expectations of real responsibilities.

PARENTAL BACKGROUND - Who our parents are; what they do; whether family is functional or dysfunctional (those of single parentage or whose parents are poor, or illiterate are disadvantaged).

INTELLIGENCE IS PRIZED HIGHLY - If a child does not score high marks at school, people have and often express their low expectations of what he or she will be. The Bible says that the race is not for the swift to win. Some start as dullards only to end up in extreme brilliance, while some start well but run out of steam by their final year (Romans 9:9-23).

THE DENOMINATION OR ‘CHURCH’ - we belong to. Most denominations like to claim ‘ownership’ of the children and indoctrinate them. True saints must reject this characterization. We are members of Yeshua, Jesus, and His spiritual body, not the congregations or ministries where we worship.

*Components of Identity of the Now
Generation*

From a Kingdom Point of view, our Identity comprises these:

- We are not products of human calculation involving our parents' decision to have us. We did not just happen but are rather products of divine election. We were chosen in Yeshua before the foundation of the world.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: (Ephesians 1:3-4).

- Our identity is in the Creator who gave a specific mandate to humans to be His assigns in the earth realm. We are thus blessed with the DNA of our Father infused with the inherent capacity to manifest His power and exercise dominion over the creation in our spheres of kingdom influence.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat (Genesis 1:26-29).

And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it (Genesis 2:15).

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men (Psalm 115:16).

His purpose in creating us is good and there is just no basis of feeling otherwise because of what people think of us.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end (Jeremiah 29:11).

- We believe the report of scripture that we are saved by Grace through Faith and His new creation for whom old things that were contrary to us have passed away (John 3:1-9, Ephesians 2:1-9).

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

- Because of the gift of Justification and Righteousness, our past is truly past, totally wiped clean with the Blood of Yeshua. We have no business clinging to sin consciousness in the mind regarding past mistakes or sins. We have right standing with the Father on the merit of the Blood that Yeshua shed for us

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; (Romans 3:23-25).

- We have been translated from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Elohim God. We are no longer under the dominion of Satan to inflict us with the John 10:10 (a) Syndrome (steal, kill and destroy) whenever it pleases him.

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us

from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: (Colossians 1:12-14).

For this reason, the now and next generation should never fear Satan and his cohorts. Rather, we have victory over them in spiritual warfare according to the Holy Word.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Ephesians 6:10-18).

We are better equipped for this when we imbibe the mind of Yeshua, Jesus and are diligent to observe, reject and cast down any fiery dart of the enemy he shoots at us.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Philippians 4:8).

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled (2 Corinthians 10:4-6).

- o We are absolutely secure with lives hidden in Yeshua, Jesus Who is the Greater One.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God (Colossians 3:1-3).

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:4-5)

- We are now members of the family of God, adopted into His Family. This is something He planned before the foundation of the world and how we came into the world or through whom cannot negate this reality. Our circumstances cannot negate our destiny, but will rather work together for our manifestation.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father (Romans 8:15).

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father (Galatians 4:4-6)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according

to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved (Ephesians 1:3-6).

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? (Romans 8:28-32)

- o We are blessed with the DNA of Elohim as our Father. He is a Creator God Whose words are powerful, effective, and creative. Just as He created the world by His words, the now generation should use their tongues creatively by speaking life over themselves and define the nature of issues before them. This is what made Abraham a unique personality.

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall

thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness (Romans 4:17-22).

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof (Proverbs 18:21).

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life (John 6:63).

- As we enthrone Yeshua, Jesus in our hearts as King, we embrace His Kingdom. His sovereign ruler ship over us is key to everything we are and can be. To be His disciple becomes the core of our identity as we transit from being mere believers to become followers.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:24-26)

- o Our lives, decisions and directions including the choices we make of what to do in life, studies and career should not be according to what we think and want but as led by Holy Spirit as we pray and submit all to Him.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:14).

The highest ideal of the now generation should therefore be to emulate Yeshua, Jesus whose highest ideal was to know and do the will of His Father.

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work (John 4:34).

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me (John 5:30).

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me (John 6:38).

Yeshua did not love His life unto death but laid it down to fulfil the will of the Father which is to redeem mankind through the Cross.

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. 37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My

soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. 39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me (Matthew 26:36-46).

- o Our true identity becomes connected with the decision to live spiritually, not carnally, depending on the five carnal senses.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So

then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh (Romans 8:5-12).

- o Because of whom we are in Him, the nature of Elohim is our highest ideal. This makes the necessity of holiness a natural desire in our new nature. Like Yeshua in Hebrews 1:9, we love righteousness and hate iniquity.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; (1 Peter 1:15).

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears (Hebrews 12:14-17).

Where we detect divergence from holiness in thought, word, attitude, or deed, we do not need external supervisors before we run to our heavenly Father to seek sanctification by His Spirit and word.

Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:22-24).

This process enables us to be faultless before Him at His coming.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 7:1).

For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2).

- We walk in realization of the Truth that Elohim is much more than what our finite minds can comprehend. He can do the impossible with our destinies according to His determinate counsel

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with

might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, (Ephesians 3:14-20).

Next Pillar: The Assignment

ASSIGNMENT

1. Summarise the 8 things parents and guardians should not do to their children. 2. What are the wrong metrics of determining the destiny of the Now Generation? 3. Share a summary of 7 out of the 11 properties of the Identity of the Now and Next Generation? 4. What is your main personal take away from this chapter?

Chapter 4: Pillar #2 Assignment

(This a Divine Perspective rather than humanistic one).

Introduction: Ambition Versus Assignment

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth (Lamentations 3:27).

Many young people often confuse assignment or purpose with ambition. Ambition is what a person may desire to be based on worldly culture considerations. These include the quest for success, achievement of financial security, meet expectations of parents, family, and society. Because ambition is inherently self-generated, it is selfish and does not mind who is taken advantage of in order to achieve set goals. Those who are driven by ambitions can miss Elohim and the kingdom entirely, burning out in pursuit of money and other symbols of ‘success’. Ambition is earthly and in reality amounts to pursuit of vanity, which can leave a sour taste in the mouth.

Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. 3 What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? 4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. 5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. 6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth

about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. 7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. 8 All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. 9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. 10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us. 11 There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after. 12 I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith. 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit. 15 That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered. 16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem: yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. 17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. 18 For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that

*increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow
(Ecclesiastes 1:2-18).*

Human ambition, as a pursuit of vanities, can therefore lead one away from the divine purpose leading to missing the mark entirely, which is the worst possible sin. For too long, young Christians have been under a world-centric view which essentially push them to compete/strive with their worldly counterparts on terms dictated by Satan, the Prince of the Power of the air.

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others (Ephesians 2:1-3).

The ultimate effect of ambition is an embrace of friendship with the world, which is enmity with Elohim.

From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the

enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble (James 4:1-6).

*Yeshua as Ultimate Model of Fulfilment
of Assignment*

Yeshua, the ultimate Youth, is the model for the now and next generation! He understood His IDENTITY at 12 as this passage reveals:

And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. 44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. 45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. 46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. 48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? 50 And they understood not

the saying which he spake unto them. 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man (Luke 2:43-52).

He held His ground when religious leaders questioned His identity and mandate.

I and my Father are one (John 10:30).

He spent 18 years in the process of life as a Human, suffering many indignities.

Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; (Hebrews 5:8).

He started Public Ministry at 30 filled with service to humanity.

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, 22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. 23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli (Luke 3:21-23).

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about

doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. He clung to His identity as Elohim made flesh, of one essence as the Father and embraced rejection by the Jews even unto death (Acts 10:38).

He completed His Redemption Mission at 33 1/2.

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. 29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost (John 19:28-30).

The life and times of Yeshua and reality that He died at 33 1/2 shows that Elohim is interested in how well we fulfil our divine assignments, not how many years we live.

A divine perspective

When we speak of the assignment of the Now and Next Generation, we mean the divine purpose for which they were created by Elohim. This is what we were also redeemed, and preserved to be and do in the earth realm on behalf of our Creator to Whom we shall give account on the Last Day. Another name for this is destiny. These phrases and words, therefore, convey the same meaning:

- * Divine Purpose

- * Assignment
- * Destiny

Spiritual parents will do well to train their children and guide them into the destiny ordained by Elohim rather than impose their personal wills on them. The case has been made in an earlier chapter that Elohim, the spring and source of all wisdom and intelligence has a specific purpose in mind for every person He creates. Just as no life comes into this earth accidentally (even products of such terrible crimes as rape, incest, or deranged parentage), there is a divine assignment for all who are redeemed by the Blood.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end (Jeremiah 29:11).

A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps (Proverbs 16:9).

There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand (Proverbs 19:21).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made

us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:3-13).

Verse 13 makes the profound case that the assignment of saints in Yeshua is so serious that Elohim places a seal of Holy Spirit on them as a mark of ownership.

As one person said, the divine purpose is ‘the reason for being here (on earth)’ Based on this postulation, it can be implied that NO one can fulfil assignment/destiny/purpose outside of the grace, mercy and help of the Creator. A scripture which brings out the connection between The Creator Elohim and the created being is this:

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge,

until these calamities be overpast. 2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. 3 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth. 4 My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword. 5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth. 6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah. 7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise. 8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. 9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. 10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. 11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth (Psalm 57:1-11).

As the now and next generation exalt the Lord and put their trust 100% in Him, He performs (or does) all things for them as verse 2 says! The grand key to fulfil assignments is to come to a place of absolute dependency on Elohim, reliance on His Grace and confidence that He will preserve, protect, provide all that is needed and order our steps into the fullness of the assignment. This spiritual approach has the following net effects:

A MIND STAYED ON THE LORD RATHER THAN OURSELVES AND THE CHALLENGES.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee (Isaiah 26:3).

CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD AS THE ONE WHO HAS ALL THE POWER TO BRING TO PASS THE GOOD COUNSEL OF HIS WILL FOR US WITH NO SORT OF LIMITATION.

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof: (Isaiah 44:26).

In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: (Ephesians 1:11).

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: 18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; 20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec (Hebrews 6:17-20).

**WE OPERATE FROM A PLACE OF KINGDOM REST:
RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE, AND JOY.**

*For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink;
but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the
Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things
serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and
approved of men (Romans 14:17-18).*

*Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of
the wells of salvation (Isaiah 12:3).*

**ULTIMATELY, OUR ASSIGNMENT HAS TO DO WITH
SERVING ELOHIM WHO CREATED, CALLED, AND
COMMISSIONED US.**

When the now and next generation realise that our primary assignment is towards God, it will enhance our quality of practice of worship, praises, and prayer. Part of our purpose is to glorify Elohim and seek the manifestation of His will in the earth realm.

*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and
honour and power: for thou hast created all
things, and for thy pleasure they are and were
created (Revelation 4:11).*

*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).*

*Now there were in the church that was at
Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as
Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger,
and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had
been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and
Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and*

fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. 4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus (Acts 13:1-4).

*The 10 Inter-connected realities for
pursuit of divine assignment*

YOU HAVE A HIGHER PURPOSE: THE KINGDOM.

Don't conceive and clutch at humanistic ambitions from Self or Family because they lead to dead end careers which bring no joy and lead to a dis-satisfied life.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do

they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof (Matthew 6:24-32).

YOUNG SAINTS SHOULD GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT SPACE TO DEFINE THE COMPASS AND DIRECTION OF LIFE. AS YOU DEVELOP SENSITIVITY TO HIM, THERE IS CLARITY TO KNOW WHERE HE IS LEADING US.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Romans 8:14).

WE ARE CREATED, REDEEMED, AND PRESERVED TO WORSHIP OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created (Revelation 4:11).

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (John 4:21-24).

**TO KNOW, EMBRACE, AND DO THE WILL OF ELOHIM
EMPOWERS US TO FULFIL HIS ASSIGNMENT.**

This is what Yeshua, Jesus asked us to pray for manifestation:

*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth,
as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).*

He also showed the power of a life totally subject to the will of His Father.

*Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will
of him that sent me, and to finish his work
(John 4:34).*

*I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I
judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek
not mine own will, but the will of the Father
which hath sent me (John 5:30).*

*For I came down from heaven, not to do mine
own will, but the will of him that sent me (John
6:38).*

THE NOW AND NEXT GENERATION ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES OF YESHUA, Jesus WHO MAKE OTHER DISCIPLES AMONG THEIR PEERS, ELDERS, AND YOUNGER CHILDREN.

This assignment is to be done within their spheres of influence: schools, colleges, university campuses, in the workplace, neighbourhood, anywhere and everywhere there are found. We start this assignment by being instruments of reconciling the lost to Him.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-19),

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:1-2).

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I

am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:18-20).

WE ARE IN THE EARTH REALM TO SERVE AS DESTINY HELPERS AND INSTRUMENTS OF GRACE AND HELP TO SPECIFIC PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO US BY THE MOST HIGH.

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:25-28).

YOUTHS NEED TO REMAIN SENSITIVE TO HEAR THE VOICE AND SUBMIT TO THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

He will lead us to them, connect and empower us for our assignments to be done. As we trust our Heavenly Father wholly, the Holy Spirit will order our steps into the fullness of the destiny and assignment He ordained for us.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. 6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. 7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass (Psalms 37:5-7).

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil (Proverbs 3:5-7).

YOUTHS ARE CATALYSTS OF TRANSFORMATION.

Our way of life, attitude, and actions should be a catalyst of change. As Salt, we give flavour to where we are (family, neighbourhood, city, State and Nation) and preserve it from corruption and destruction. As light of the world, our lives should manifest the superiority of Kingdom Culture over worldly culture.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:13-16).

Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened (Matthew 13:33).

WE WILL DISCERN OUR ASSIGNMENTS AND DESTINY BY THE GIFTS AND CALLING HE GIVES TO US BY HIS GRACE.

OUR ROOT GIFTS ARE STRONG INDICATORS OF OUR ASSIGNMENTS IN LIFE.

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good (Romans 12:3-9).

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to

another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-13).

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things (Ephesians 4:7-10).

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (1 Peter 4:10-11).

**UNDERSTANDING AND WALKING IN THE OTHER ASPECTS
OF OUR SPIRITUAL DNA MAKES THE ASSIGNMENT EASIER**

There 8 Properties of our Spiritual DNA

GIFTS - Root Gifts define who you are in the Spirit and your core assignment in the Kingdom (Romans 12:3-8).

- * Enabling Gifts which are imparted when filled with Holy Spirit to give us groundbreaking effectiveness (1 Corinthians 12:3-11).
- * Fivefold Gifts for leadership & empowerment of the saints for the work of Ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16).
- * Other Gifts - temporary or permanent celibacy, intercession.

NATURAL TALENTS/ABILITIES - don't ignore, misuse, or allow it to waste. Consecrate your talents to Elohim for the Holy Spirit to use it to serve others.

LIFE EXPERIENCES (Romans 8:28; Psalms 37:23-24; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.)

EDUCATION AND SKILLS GAINED IN LIFE. Matthew was a tax collector with eye for details. Paul was an educated theologian who could understand deep things of the Spirit (Philippians 3:7-14), Peter acknowledged the depth of grace in Paul 2 Peter 3:14-16.

OPPORTUNITIES THAT ELOHIM SETS BEFORE YOU. Open Doors are from Elohim (Revelations 3:7-13).

THINGS YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT AND LOVE TO DO.

YOUR PERSONALITY - which is the unique way Elohim packages us to carry and manifest His glory and grace (Psalms 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5-10).

YOUR PECULIAR WAY OF DOING THINGS - you have some unique perspectives, insights, and way of functioning. This is why we cannot afford to compare or compete with others.

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise (2 Corinthians 10:12).

The Ultimate 5 steps to the Assignment

PRAY

Ask Elohim about your assignment more than material needs

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:7-11).

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: 3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? (Luke 18:1-8).

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

INCLINE YOUR HEART TO HEAR AND OBEY WHAT HE SAYS.

UNDERSTAND AND APPLY PRINCIPLES IN ALL THE WAY ELOHIM SPEAKS TO YOU.

LIVE A SURRENDERED LIFE WHICH IS EMPTIED OF AMBITION.

BE SURE OF THIS: HE WILL USE AND PROPEL YOU IF YOUR VESSEL IS WHOLLY CONSECRATED TO HIM.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1-2).

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

When we are dead to self, there is no room for pride or comparison of ourselves with others.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit (John 12: 24).

Next Pillar: Equipment

ASSIGNMENT

1. Share any 7 things you learned from this chapter. 2. How do you intend to apply the lessons in this chapter to your life?

Chapter 5

Pillar #.3. Equipment

This is one of the courses for the now generation Master Class that will run as an annual, 9-month training exercise to prepare them for ministry in their generation. After two preliminary lessons, we went on to discuss 2 out of the 4 key pillars for holistic, enduring success by young people.

#.1. Identity

#.2. Assignment

We will now discuss the 3rd pillar: Equipment.

Definition. The term equipment covers the broad spectrum of tangible and intangible investments Elohim makes in each human life which gives capacity to fulfil the divine purpose. Some of the properties for the equipment of saints may have been discussed in previous sections but as Paul said to the Philippians, it is safe to repeat some truths until they sink in.

Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe (Philippians 3:1).

DESTINY HELPERS

This is a term that describes those the Lord gives assignment to make definite, specific impact on lives of the now generation. These include Parents, Teachers, Mentors and Trainers like the Faculty of the Now Generation Master Class. It is necessary to recognise and accept the role of someone as a destiny helper before one can optimally tap

into the grace flowing from him or her. Decent people will not impose themselves on us, even though Elohim assigned them to play specific roles regarding our manifestation. John the Baptist, even though a contemporary, was an assigned destiny helper of Yeshua. As Matthew 3 shows, he was the recognized and accepted national prophet in Israel. His mandate was to identify and affirm Yeshua publicly to Israel as the Promised Messiah whenever He showed up for baptism.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. 30 This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. 31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. 32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. 35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; 36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

By pedigree, Yeshua was of the tribe of Judah which produced the kings of Israel. However, no king takes office until anointed by a seed of Aaron and Levi. John was of the tribe of Levi and his father was a Priest from the house of Aaron. Yeshua therefore fulfilled all righteousness by submitting to the baptism of John (John 1:29-35). Staying

under authority of legitimate authority preserves us from Herodian spirits and evil (Luke 2:51). As a young man, Yeshua submitted to the wisdom in Joseph and Mary as His destiny helpers.

And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. 44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. 45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. 46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. 47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. 48 And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. 49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? 50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. 51 And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man (Luke 2:43-52).

EDUCATION

Any level of education you are privileged to have access to is an added asset to your spiritual Kingdom mandate. In the modern world, literacy enables us to communicate effectively. Further education at Secondary and tertiary levels empowers the Now Generation to have access to dimensions of society they would have been locked away from. Education also guarantees access to certain supervisory, management and executive type jobs which raise stature and provide a bigger and broader platform to operate from.

The success of Paul the apostle seems to be directly related to the reality that he was educated, understood the law, and could interpret correctly, its limitations. He was thus equipped to apprehend the limitless scope of grace and the reality that Jews and Gentiles gained access to the Father on equal terms: the precious blood shed by Yeshua. He became the human conveyor of this profound mystery that has shaped understanding of the gospel of the Kingdom for about 2000 years.

For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. 4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh, I more: 5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; 6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for

whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. 16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing (Philippians 3:3-16).

For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in

other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God (Ephesians 3:1-10).

SKILLS ACQUIRED

The skills you learn along the way of life will be useful to fulfilment of your overall life assignment in due course. This is simply because whatever you can do well will give you a specific advantage in life. Yeshua was a Carpenter who assisted Joseph in his Carpentry business while he awaited the day of manifestation at age 30. There is anecdotal evidence that the Lord does not call lazy, idle people but those who are busy. The first four disciples were called while at work in their family fishing businesses. Fishing requires great skill.

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. 18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of

Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. 21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. 22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him (Matthew 4:17-22).

Matthew, as a tax collector, was familiar with figures and need for accurate recording of details. He was chosen mainly to be the official biographer of Yeshua so that his Jewish audience would know with certainty that the long awaited Messiah had come. Paul the apostle had a tent making business which helped to sustain him when ministering to city churches who were unable or unwilling to support his ministry.

Am I am not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? 2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. 3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, 4 Have we not power to eat and to drink? 5 Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? 6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working? 7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a

flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? 8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses, thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? 10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. 11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? 12 If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. 13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? 14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. 15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void. 16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! 17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. 18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel. 19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself

servant unto all, that I might gain the more (1 Corinthians 9:1-19).

His skill also enabled Paul to connect with Aquilla and Priscilla with whom he laboured in Corinth.

After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; 2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. 3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks (Acts 18:1-4).

The analytical mind of the Medical Doctor, Luke, is very evident in the two books he authored, namely the Gospel, which bears his name and the Acts of the apostles.

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS

Righteousness is the gift from the Father where He sees us through the lenses of the finished work of Yeshua at Calvary. When we appreciate this gift of grace, love righteousness and hate iniquity, it leads to a quest for deeper work of sanctification in prayer.

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows (Hebrews 1:9).

Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:22-24).

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy (1 Peter 1:13-16).

There is a practical value of holiness in terms of destiny: it will preserve them from corruption and the potential derailment of destiny. Such derailments include unhealthy soul ties arising from infatuation with the wrong people, the fruit of immorality such as unwanted pregnancies which can disrupt education; trouble with the law, and pornography, which distorts the mind. Holiness is an exceptional asset to preserve our destiny and future from Satanic hijack or self-sabotage. Esau and Reuben are examples of people who allowed their weaknesses and poor choices to derail their destinies (Genesis 25:24-34, Genesis 27, 1 Chronicles 5:1-2).

GUARANTEED ACCESS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IN PRAYER

Your relationship with the Father is built up with a life of praying both at fixed times like at night or early morning, and praying without ceasing whenever Holy Spirit prompts you. Our Heavenly Father invites us to share all with Him.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:7-11)

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: 3 And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 5 Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? 9

And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican (Luke 18:1-11).

A 6TH SENSE THAT IS SUPERIOR TO THE 5 NATURAL SENSES, CALLED FAITH.

All humans are blessed with the five carnal senses: sight, hearing, feeling/touch, smelling and tasting. As Romans 8: 5-9 says, these 5 senses will cause us to wander away from Elohim in the choices we make. Those who are born again become so by faith which is activated as a 6th sense. Through Faith we maintain excellent relationship with our Heavenly Father, draw down His Grace and obtain everything which we need. Through Faith we see the invisible and receive the Impossible.

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them (Mark 11:22-24).

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. 36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul (Hebrews 10:35-39).

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:1-6).

COMBO GIFTS

These are the equipment which made a difference in the early life of Yeshua: Wisdom, Growth, Favour with Elohim God, and humans.

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man (Luke 2:40, 52).

HABITS. These are things we do consciously or unconsciously through the way we have lived in the past, which become our present reality. Bad habits can be changed through repentance and an intentional counterprogramming as we receive and walk in Grace. This is possible, as we abide in Yeshua, engage in consistent good thoughts, words, attitude and actions, a step at a time. As these deliberate adjustments are sustained, they become our new lifestyle.

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: (Matthew 3:8).

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples (John 15:4-8).

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23

Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25).

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

When meditated on and internalized, the Word renews our minds and transforms our hearts. Let us not study for show but open our hearts to receive and absorb the truth therein.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Colossians 3:16).

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and

night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8).

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper (Psalms 1:1-3).

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105).

We should be ‘it is written Christians, just like Jesus who used the word to shut down every suggestion of Satan in Matthew 4:1-11.

KINGDOM CONNECTIONS

Clean relationships which are orchestrated by the Holy Spirit and sustained by Character and agape/selflessness are major assets that should be treasured and kept transparently pure. Our lives are enriched and enhanced by the quality of people who we relate with consistently.

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24).

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is one of the most powerful equipment for holistic success in life. It enables us to become His active mobile temples and instrument of grace.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

He teaches and comforts us. His Wisdom and Guidance direct our lives in a definite way and His power makes a difference in our lives.

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) (John 7:37-39).

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you (John 14:26).

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all

Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

Note that Yeshua, Jesus needed the Holy Spirit to function in the earth realm and so should we

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. 14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? 15 And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

All saints are blessed with spiritual gifts as instruments of serving the Lord and others (Ephesians 4:7-10, 1 Peter 4:10-11). It is through the use of our spiritual gifts that the Lord indicates what He wants to do with us. They make a way for us to fulfil destiny without struggles. If you align your career with your gifts and callings, life will be by Grace, not struggles. We therefore need to discern and put our root gifts to work as they come with the New Birth experience and are part of our spiritual DNA. They are found in Romans 12:1-8. We need to press in through entire consecration, revelation received in the word, prayer and Faith press in to receive Baptism of the Holy Spirit which will release the enabling gifts with which we can do

exploits in the Kingdom and Society. Enabling or power gifts are found in 1 Corinthians chapter 12:1-12. They guarantee our effectiveness in ministry. Some of us will be called to the Fivefold despite our young ages. Ephesians 4:11-16 outlines these ascension office gifts. Spiritual Gifts and callings are not only for Pulpit Ministry but also for manifestation in the Market Place (our Professions, Businesses, and Employments).

Those who are called to these offices should submit to a process of maturation of grace before their manifestation otherwise they may be derailed by pride. This warning about Bishops also applies to those called to the fivefold offices: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers.

Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil (1 Timothy 3:6).

Yeshua, Who alone is the epitome of all the Fivefold functioned in them for the three and half-year assignment. The courses on Spiritual Gifts and Ministry: Discover, Pursue and Fulfil will deal with this subject.

KNOWLEDGE OF OUR IDENTITY IN YESHUA, who we are in Him and the fact that our Father stands with us through all storms of life. This knowledge inspires confidence, gives us a sense of right esteem, cure all tendencies towards low self-esteem and unleashes righteous boldness. Paul's knowledge of his identity enabled him to stand strong in the face of adversity.

For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve (Acts 27: 23).

Knowledge of our identity enables us to walk in the assurance of the presence of the Lord in all situations, just as He promised.

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee (Hebrews 13:5).

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee (Isaiah 43:2).

A TRAINING PROGRAMME like this can be used by the Lord to equip and empower us to understand the nature of Destiny and how to achieve same. The teach, train, equip, activate, and release process developed by the Global School of Ministry, the Master Class and Yes Course of the Global Advanced Mentorship Program when applied to the Now generation will have the same effect of transformed lives.

SWITCH FROM WORLDLY TO KINGDOM CULTURE

Sin-prone to righteousness inclined life; Struggles of works to Walking by Grace and Faith; from Ambition to pursuing His vision.

BE A DISCIPLE OR TRUE FOLLOWER OF JESUS.

Embracing Discipleship is the key to the future.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and

take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:24-26).

BE A KINGDOM INVESTOR who is rich towards Elohim and people. Generosity is a powerful investment which.

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again (Luke 6:38).

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

THE VERY NATURE OF OUR CREATION.

The language with which scripture describes the human nature shows how Elohim wired humans for success in this life. The now generation needs to reject worldly perspectives of beauty which makes many young people to imitate so called influencers and icons. They should embrace their originality as made by Elohim. This will enhance their esteem and inspire confidence to pursue and fulfil destiny.

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee (Psalm 139:13-18).

Next: Pillar #.4: Allocation (of resources for the assignment)

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please summarize 10 out of 18 issues which make up the equipment of saints. 2. What new things did you learn from this chapter?

Chapter 6

Pillar #. 4. Allocations

In the first two chapters, we laid the foundation for this course on the Pillars for holistic, enduring success by the youth of the Kingdom by focusing on the vital role of parents, guardians, and the home to create an enabling environment for the now and next generation to thrive holistically. We also saw from 1 John 2:12-14 that Elohim has ordained 3 great things about the youth of His Kingdom: strength, capacity to overcome the devil and life rooted in the word. In the 3 chapters following, we outlined 3 pillars, namely:

- Identity
- Assignment
- Equipment

In this chapter, we will discuss the 4th pillar named Allocations.

DEFINITION: The word allocations refers to the broad range of the tangible and intangible assets Elohim provides either directly or through appointed destiny helpers that provide the youth otherwise known as now generation (18-39) and next generation (11-17) with extra capacity to affect our world and fulfil our Assignments/Destiny. Some assets discussed in previous sections may be cited here from another context.

LIFE. This is the greatest allocation from the Lord. As long as you are alive, there is no limit to what God can do with and through you.

For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun (Ecclesiastes 9:4-6).

WALKING IN THE CONSCIOUSNESS THAT LIFE IS A GIFT FROM ELOHIM WILL ENABLE US TO LIVE IT FOR HIS GLORY, NOT OURS.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; 2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: 3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, 4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; 5 Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: 6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be

broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:1-7).

IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO COOPERATE WITH THE GIVER OF LIFE BY WALKING IN HIS WISDOM TO PRESERVE YOUR YOUTH SO THAT YOU WILL BE ALIVE AND HEALTHY TO FULFIL DESTINY.

This is activated by a life of consciousness of His Omnipresence and Omniscience and holy awe (or fear) for Him.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 1:7).

He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly (Proverbs 2:7).

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding (Proverbs 3:13).

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding (Proverbs 4:7).

For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it (Proverbs 8:11).

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding (Proverbs 9:10).

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God (Colossians 3:1-3).

Some specific aspects of wisdom. Be wise and proactive to avoid people and situations which can lead to injury and premature death. This includes:

- o Wearing the whole armour of God as a lifestyle.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word

of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Ephesians 6:10-18).

- Avoid walking in dark alleys.
- Do not take part in riotous living: partying and hanging out with people of a dubious lifestyle.
- With no shadow of doubt, Sin is the shortest route to destruction of the future.
- Righteousness exalts the youth.

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people (Proverbs 14:34).

The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness (Proverbs 15:9).

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour (Proverbs 21:21)

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the

Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path. 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; (Proverbs 2:1-10).

TIME

This is a non-renewable resource and one of the greatest gifts from Elohim to humanity. How you spend time, with who and on what you spend time is an indicator of how far you can go.

- Spend quality time with Elohim. Give Him prime place - first thing in the morning, like Yeshua.

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed (Mark 1:35).

Stay attuned to the throne of Grace throughout the day – even when in school, at work or commuting.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee (Isaiah 26:3).

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; (Luke 18:1).

- It is also important to practise the holy habit of reviewing the day with Him as the last thing at night before sleep. This is a time of cleansing the spirit, soul, and body of all pollutions through the application of the Blood of the Lamb. When practised consistently and becomes a lifestyle, there will not be space for Satan and his cohorts to creep in with oppression – bodily or in dreams. Don't go to bed fagged out: it is the surest way to open doors of oppression.
- Dwell in His Word until it is fully formed in you to transform your heart and renew your mind.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual

songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Colossians 3:16).

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Joshua 1:8).

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper (Psalms 1:1-3).

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105).

- While young, when the brain and mental faculty is active, spend time to learn through education to earn a qualification which equips you for a better future, in the modern world.
- Spend time to learn some skills you do not have or improve on what you already have.
- Invest in understanding and walking in the fullness of Kingdom culture, the lifestyle of saints.

- o Receive and walk in Grace. This is the divine capacity Elohim gives us to do what is beyond our human capacity.

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me (1 Corinthians 15:10).

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: (Philippians 1:6).

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Philippians 2:12-13).

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (Philippians 4:13).

- o The grace to walk in Love/Charity will enable us to relate well with other people.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (John 13:34-35).

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law (Romans 13:8).

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour (Ephesians 5:1-2).

- Invest time in eternity.
- Walk in the consciousness that we are strangers and pilgrims.

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; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation (1 Peter 2:9-12).

- Grow in Grace and develop deeper realms of the character of Yeshua by the choices you make.

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be

partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth (2 Peter 1:4-12).

The now generation must yearn earnestly for Holy Spirit to use their consecrated vessels to bear His fruit as they intentionally reject the works of flesh which their peers are so attracted to. In other words, life in the Spirit will appeal to them while they are repelled by the works of flesh.

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye

bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another (Galatians 5:13-26).

- Seek the fullness of anointing of the Holy Spirit through which you can fulfil your spiritual and other life assignments.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7 And all the men were about twelve (Acts 19:1-7).

- Be conscious that the Lord Yeshua, Jesus will surely return on a date and time no one knows.

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen (Revelation 1:7).

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book (Revelation 22:7).

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be (Revelation 22:12).

- o Utilize all your gifts and other endowments to affect your world with the realization that an account will be given at the Judgement Seat of Yeshua.

And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an

austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me (Luke 19:11-27).

RESOURCES/ASSETS NEEDED TO FULFIL THE ASSIGNMENT.

This includes finances and physical assets required for any level of activity that is due. This may be to start a business, expand the business, acquire needed assets or for any valid purpose which will add value to life. The Lord has made a covenant commitment to provide all the needs of members of His family.

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Matthew 6:24-34).

The principle of divine provision was also articulated to Israel when it was in the wilderness without access to any form of economic activity.

But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day (Deuteronomy 8:18).

That same concept is what undergirds His relationship with Israel, a template of His benevolence for all His own.

But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. 2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. 3 For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. 4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. 5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; 6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; 7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him...10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. 11 I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. 12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God. 13 Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it? 14 Thus saith the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel;

For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships. 15 I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King. 16 Thus saith the Lord, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; 17 Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow. 18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. 20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. 21 This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise (Isaiah 43:1-7, 10-21).

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me? (Jeremiah 32:27).

Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name; 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not (Jeremiah 33:2-3).

The onus is on the now generation and indeed all saints to look away from our limited human abilities and receive them as by Grace and drawn down by Faith, in persistent

prayer, standing upon the immutable word of Elohim. These scriptures are worthy of consideration:

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. 6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. 7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings (Jeremiah 17:5-10).

If you have applied all that was taught so far, you have been seeking first the Kingdom. The Father says fear and fret not. All that pertains to life and godliness is guaranteed to you (Matthew 6:24-34).

All young people in the Kingdom must embrace with open arms the invitation of King Yeshua to those who believe on Him. He does not discriminate against the young!

Live by Faith in the Father's benefice as you pray concerning all needs as they arise and consider them done deal.

And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. 25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. 26 At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: (John 16:23-26).

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? 10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:7-11).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise

of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: (Ephesians 1:3-9).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:3-5).

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (2 Peter 1:3-4).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please summarise each of the three main points in this chapter on Allocations: Life, Time, and Assets/Funds 2.

What key thing did you learn from this chapter which affected you most?

Chapter 7

Sin, Temptations and Victory

INTRODUCTION

Each generation of youths in the kingdom faces a hostile operating environment called the world and by implication, worldly culture. When stripped of all veneer, worldly culture is generated and used by Satan, as its 'god' to manipulate humans to remain in his camp, reject the Salvation freely offered by Elohim in Yeshua so that they can spend eternity in anguish with him.

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness (1 John 2:19).

Saints redeemed by the blood need to understand that they are delivered from the rule of Satan and should not get back under His influence through the sin laden culture of the world.

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of

our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:1-10).

The universal experience of young saints shows that Satan does not leave them alone when saved. Rather, he seeks to make their confession of Yeshua, Jesus of none effect by causing them to ‘go to church’ as in enter specific religious buildings on appointed ‘holy days and hours’ to engage in some learned behaviour which they switch on to at such times. When those rituals are over and they leave other ‘believers’, they switch off ‘church mode’ and manifest a different type of behaviour in their natural turf. For some, the pattern is more sophisticated. In the presence of their parents, family, and church folks, they present and project a particular image. When they are in territories or environments when no one ‘sees’ them, they live, speak and react like natural peers. This situation gives room for them to remain as babes, ever learning and never able to achieve victory over Satan, Sin and the world.

For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? (Romans 7:15-24).

In this study, we will present an incisive biblical perspective of the subject of Sin and temptation, the promise and pathway to victory for both the Now Generation and indeed all saints of all ages.

The Definition of Sin

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines sin as a noun having these meanings:

1a: an offense against religious or moral law

b: an action that is or is felt to be highly reprehensible (it's a sin to waste food)

c: an often-serious shortcoming: Fault

2a: transgression of the law of God

b: a vitiated state of human nature in which the self is estranged from God

MORE SPIRITUAL DEFINITIONS

In order to fully understand the subject, Sin is each of these:

- o An act of rebellion against Elohim
- o A rejection of His holy nature
- o It amounts despising of His word

*Two equal and opposite evils regarding
the attitude of the church to sin*

Sin lingers and even metastasize because of two opposite attitudes to sin in the Church:

- o In the modern era, there are many Ministers and Churches who have consciously deleted the preaching and teaching of Sin from their annual ministry of the word plans. The excuses they give are these:
 - o People are already stressed and battered by several issues of life and come to church to find encouragement, hope, and support. In that case, they say, preaching and teaching

about sin adds to their burdens. In such places, the preachers focus on releasing of words of encouragement and emphasis on what God will do for their hearers. This is self-deceit at its worst, leading to a situation where they and their hearers march with blind folds into hell.

- o Preaching about sin turns people off, and they will stay away. In order to ‘grow the church’, people need to be enticed to come in, just as they are. When they come, there is a need to retain their ‘membership’ because of the finances they bring and the psychological effect of the crowds which justify the employment or position of the clergy as ‘successful’.
- o Preaching about Sin and its consequences (eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire and brimstone) amounts to fear/scare mongering. No one should be saved out of fear of eternal torment.

Interestingly, ministers who skip preaching on sin, sinfulness and consequences thereof seem to attract more ‘membership’ as well as generate more revenue. The business of preaching and teaching devoid of the Cross, Sin, genuine conversion and Judgement is called secular humanism. This scenario was foreseen by King Yeshua when He spoke of the two ways:

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and

narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Matthew 7:13-14).

Paul the apostle also wrote some inspired words concerning those who deceive people with their false teachings:

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) (Philippians 3:17-19).

- On the opposite end of the spectrum is an equally dangerous tendency. This is that which is often fostered by religious minded Holiness denominations where 3 spiritually unhelpful things happen:
- Preachers and Teachers so emphasize sin, lionize Satan's power to tempt and destroy lives of ministers and saints to the point where many of their followers feel helpless and lose hope of ever walking in victory.
- Preachers and Teachers so emphasize sin and sinful proclivities of humans in almost all messages to the point where the people believe that though saved, they are practically sinners. This is the root of sin consciousness which blurs the understanding of righteousness and makes of none effect the extraordinary gift of Justification which makes the new nature real (2 Corinthians 5:17).

- o Ministers get so legalistic and judgmental that they unconsciously embrace the ministry of accusation of Satan regarding the eternal destination of those they dislike.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night (Revelation 12:10).

Both extremes are very unhelpful and frustrate grace.

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain (Galatians 2:2).

Ministers of the gospel need to yearn to understand, embrace and walk with the Lord as preachers of righteousness who present the finished work of Yeshua, Jesus as the ultimate solution to sin.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:16-17).

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will

bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent (1 Corinthians 1:18-19).

As the Holy Spirit quickens the word in hearts of the hearers, sinners are translated from darkness into the Kingdom.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit (John 3:3-8).

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through

*his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
(Colossians 1:12-14).*

The outcome of their faithful services is the emergence of a new breed of humans in the earth realm who have no appetite for sin, give Satan no space and are so wrapped up in their devotion to Elohim that Yeshua's holy life is infused in them by the Holy Spirit as they abide in Him. No longer regarded as sinners, they are now the saints of Elohim. One key signature is that they have victory over sin by grace.

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God (1 John 3:4-9).

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not (1 John 5:18).

This does not mean they cannot stumble or stagger. It does not mean that they will be immune from temptations

and seductions. It rather means that even when the enemy seems to gain access or they say, feel or do what is contrary to their new nature, there is an almost instantaneous conviction of Holy Spirit which drives them to their knees in prayers of repentance from which they arise with the gift of justification and the clothing of Yeshua's righteousness.

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-3).

Types and scope of Sin

SINS OF COMMISSION. These are actions which are sinful and separate the doer spiritually from the holy Father. They often occur as the end of a process.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren (James 1:13-16).

SINS OF OMISSION. These sins arise from knowing to do good but declining from doing so.

*Therefore to him that knoweth to do good,
and doeth it not, to him it is sin (James 4:7).*

COVERT/SECRET – these are sins that the doer intentionally commits in secret, away from the prying eyes of people. Unfortunately, this reveals a perverted mindset because every sin is an offence against Elohim Who is Omniscient and Omnipresent. He sees and knows both the thoughts, intent and actions done by any human, anywhere in the earth realm.

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and
desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I
the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even
to give every man according to his ways, and
according to the fruit of his doings (Jeremiah
17:9-10).*

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful,
and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing
even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit,
and of the joints and marrow, and is a
discerner of the thoughts and intents of the
heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is
not manifest in his sight: but all things are
naked and opened unto the eyes of him with
whom we have to do (Hebrews 4:12-13).*

OVERT/OPEN. These are sins done out of intentionally rebellious hearts. They are transparently clear to be sin and can be seen by all.

*Some men's sins are open beforehand, going
before to judgment; and some men they follow
after. 25 Likewise also the good works of some*

are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid (1 Timothy 5: 24-25).

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh (Jude 1:21-23).

SINS THAT ARE NOT UNTO DEATH/MORTAL. The whole testimony of scriptures reveals that some sins are redeemable through genuine repentance, spiritual discipline and restoration. Most sins are in this category.

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death (1 John 5:16-17).

The separation from Elohim is spiritual until restoration takes place.

SINS THAT ARE UNTO DEATH. These are sins often committed intentionally to flout specific provisions of the holy word. They amount to despising grace, abusing Elohim, engagement in profanity, and offending Holy Spirit.

SINS AGAINST HOLY SPIRIT: attributing to Satan, His work out of malice in the heart against the human instrument used to perform the miracle.

Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. 25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: 26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? 27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. 30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. 31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come (Matthew 12:22-32).

- o Sins against the Holy Spirit: lying to Him

But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, 2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? 4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. 5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. 6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. 7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. 8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. 9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. 10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. 11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things (Acts 5:1-11).

In the next chapter, we will learn about these categories of sin:

- Sins of Thought – in the mind
- Sins of Attitude – in the emotion
- Sins of the Tongue
- Sins of the Body
- Sins of Reaction – Vengefulness, Vengeance
- Sedition – sins against legitimate authority

Plus other types.

ASSIGNMENT

1. What is Sin? 2. Summarise the two unhelpful attitudes to preaching of Sin in the Church. 3. Summarise the 6 types of sin that were outlined in this chapter. 4. What new thing(s) did you learn?

Chapter 8

Sin, Temptations and Victory (Part B)

In the previous chapter, we discussed various insights given by the Lord in His word regarding Sin which is Satan's chief tool to fight humanity generally. For the Youths, Satan seeks to suck them into a culture that is so sinful that the prospect of deliverance appears untenable. That lie is busted by the reality that Yeshua, Jesus came for that very purpose: deliverance of those that believe from the yoke of Satan, Sin, and worldly culture!

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In this chapter, we will deal with a number of issues.

A. Additional Categories of Sin

SINS OF THOUGHT – These categories of sin are secret/covert in that they occur in the mind which no one but Elohim sees. The enemy often initiates them through the three chambers of the Mind.

- **THE MEMORY** – he allows the memory to be filled with negative images of past hurts or offences. When the memory is congested with hurtful images, the individual will end up nursing them, unable to forgive people and let go of such hurts. This sin can be cured simply by repenting for holding on to the past, taking a plunge into the pool of the blood and refusing to nurse the past. Whenever they seem to come up, it is the responsibility of the person concerned to cast such down, as 1 Corinthians 10: 3-6 says.

- **THE IMAGINATION.** Normally, the imagination is the creative part of the mind. When mixed with submission to the will of Elohim and strong Faith, the imagination will enable the saints and the youth especially to see the invisible as a prelude to possess the impossible. This is the seat of creativity in conformity with the basis of true faith.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).

- **THE MIND.** This is the central processing unit of humankind. As the mind goes, so the entire being goes! If the mind is healthy, a saint will walk with a mindset which is holy, powerful, creative and powers the journey to holistic and sustainable success.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee (Proverbs 23:7).

Knowing that the healthy mind powers victory, Satan throws uncountable fiery darts of negative suggestions which seek to take us off the path of righteousness. This makes the mind the most intense battlefield in the earth realm. This is why the Lord asks us to use Faith in Him as a shield.

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked (Ephesians 6:16).

In addition to using the shield of Faith, we must look away from other people, look inwards and strongly cast

down all negative thoughts which suggest that some person dislikes, hates or despises us. We should not nurse any suggestion which crops up in the mind but rather weight them against the Gold Standard set by Elohim.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Philippians 4:8).

Once those thoughts, ideas, or suggestions do not meet with the high bar of the Lord, we should not nurse them for a moment lest they become strongholds.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled (2 Corinthians 10:3-6).

Saints, let us fight the good fight of faith in the mental realm. He who wins therein will walk in victory over all forces of darkness! The health of the mind is guaranteed only when it stays on the Lord and His word, not in what we see or hear through the 5 carnal senses.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee (Isaiah 26:3).

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

A mind full of pain, offence, hurt, unforgiveness or all kinds of negativity is captive to Satan. It is only a matter of time that such will make shipwreck of faith. Take action today. Start by looking away from other people and getting healing for your own mind. The grand cure is to have the mind renewed with the Word of Elohim.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1-2).

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; (Ephesians 4:23).

Let us note that various forms of immorality can occur in the mind – through lust, pornography.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell (Matthew 5:27-30).

The Lord wants the now generation and indeed all saints to be pure – in the heart and mind which will manifest as purity in words, fashion, lifestyle, and actions.

- o **Sins of Attitude.** One of the chambers of the human soul is the emotion. This is the realm of feelings. When our life is right with Elohim, the principal emotion that will come forth is pure love to Him and our fellow humans without agenda.

Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matthew 22:35-39).

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him (John 4:23).

If we are conscious of the reality that Elohim is indeed Omniscient and Omnipresent, we will shun religion, which is about activities of learned behaviour done publicly. We know that Elohim sees the quality of attitudes we emit to those we relate with. His command is to love people – whether or not they reciprocate.

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law (Romans 13:8-10).

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8).

When we walk in obedience to this serious commandment, we do not engage in one of the most outstanding features of religion: accuse, prosecute, judge and jail other saints and people and respond to them accordingly.

Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth

the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge (James 4:11).

The attitude of love is therefore the greatest insurance against Satan!

- **Sins of the Tongue.** The tongue is one of the most powerful organs in the human body. As the organ which makes speech possible, it emulates Elohim Who created the world with spoken words.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. 9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good (Genesis 1:1-10).

It is designed to be the instrument of releasing faith; a revelation Abraham go from his intimate walk with Elohim.

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness (Romans 4:17-22)

The now and next generation shall profit from a radical practice of using the tongue to align with Elohim and His Word as an instrument of recreating their world through the words they speak.

Negative words are to be avoided!

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man

truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you (Ephesians 4:22-32).

But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; (Colossians 3:8-9).

Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire (Matthew 5:21-22)

- **SINS OF THE BODY.** The high esteem of Elohim for the human Body is revealed through two profound truths. The first is that the Incarnation made Elohim to wear a human body for the purpose of condemning sin in the flesh so that we humans can walk in 24/7 holiness, just like Him.

The second is the reality that for those who are saved including the Now and next generation, the body is elevated to serve as the temple of Holy Spirit.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)

Such sins as adultery (immorality involving at least 1 married person), Fornication (immorality involving single persons) – whether ‘straight’ or same sex’, bestiality (with animals), dirty language, parading seminude bodies in the name of fashion which reveal more than is needful and decent.

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived:

neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. 13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. 15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. 16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit (1 Corinthians 6:9-17).

Engagement in fashion which is seductive by revealing parts of the body which can make a brother or sister stagger, or stumble is counted before the Lord as sin. We have a duty to protect each other and not create room for Satan to capture the heart and mind of fellow saints. Saints dress with modesty to cover their nakedness and be presentable in a positive sense, not to 'slay'!

- **SINS OF REACTION.** These are sins committed in reaction to a real or perceived wrong. Rather than

forgiving and trusting the Lord to justify or avenge as He deems fit, Satan inspires those who give him space to be resentful and vengeful, nursing the grievance until they pray so called 'dangerous prayers' or exact vengeance through other means. They fail the word of Elohim woefully in the process.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:43-48)

Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is

written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good (Romans 12:14-21)

- **SEDITION.** These are sins against legitimate authority set by Elohim in the Word. It can happen at domestic/family, City, State, and national levels – within the Church and the Society.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. 5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free (Ephesians 6:1-8).

For many young wives who are accomplished professionals doing well in their callings and businesses, the temptation is real to go into marriage with a worldly mindset where the husband is looked upon as nothing more than a peer or colleague. As the Church has forgotten its

duty of preparing young men and women for marriage, it is important to consider the reality that Elohim, God, has an establish spiritual order of authority in the home. If the intending couple understand and embrace the divine requirements, children will be born in their families who see model of divine order, authority, and unconditional love. They will not struggle to be under authority at home, in the church, at school or in the society.

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife

see that she reverence her husband (Ephesians 5:22-33)

But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God (1 Corinthians 11:3).

Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered (1 Peter 3:1-7).

Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every

woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency (1 Corinthians 7:1-5).

In both the Church and Society:

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. 5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom;

fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour (Romans 13:1-7).

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. 13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. 15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. 17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. 18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. 19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God (1 Peter 2:11-20)

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please summarise what you learnt about the 6 categories of sin discussed in this chapter. 2. What new thing did you learn? 3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 9

Sin, Temptations and Victory (Part C)

Sin is the chief tool of Satan for compromising the destiny of the now and next generation. This is accomplished by making sin the operating principle of worldly culture that young people grow up in such that even when saved, they struggle to live righteously. Unfortunately, as observed in chapter 7, both the liberal preachers who desist from talking about sin and its consequences and the religious right, which infuses sin consciousness are right. The last two chapters focused on revealing 12 categories of Sin. We will expand on some issues raised earlier and continue with the exposition of more categories.

SINS OF THE HEART

The heart is ultimately the ground of all sins. If a heart is healthy and inclined to holiness, full of fear of Elohim, it will nurture holy thoughts and be repelled by any form of impurity.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:20-23).

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: 21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. 22 When thou goest, it shall

lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. 23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: (Proverbs 6:20-23).

Social Sins like hatred, envy, jealousy, and malice are often incubated in the heart and can metastasize until they consume the innermost part of the being. When they mature inside the heart, they are released in hurtful and hateful words. This applies to all other sins.

Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. 34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things (Matthew 12:33-35).

And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? 17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: 20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man (Matthew 15:16-20).

One of the vessels that Elohim used to affect the life of this vessel after being called out of a holiness denomination to serve the Body in 1996 is the late Chinese saint, Watchman Nee who taught about holiness with a depth that is truly profound. Here are some insights from some of his works, including ‘the Life that wins’. These sins of the flesh proceed from polluted hearts:

- o Adultery
- o Fornication
- o Using eyes to gaze at evil
- o Improper friendships where people of opposite gender find inappropriate emotional and sensual satisfaction from relationships with people who are not their spouses.

SINS OF THE MIND

- o Wandering thoughts that cannot settle on anything definite including assignments.
- o Doubt – this blocks ability of the heart to receive from the Lord.
- o Unbelief
- o Curiosity – to know all things including what is forbidden or what Elohim reserves for Himself.
- o Unclean/Impure thoughts
- o Too much imagination devoid of simplicity. An analytical mind cannot trust God.

SINS OF THE BODY

- Overindulgence in eating and drinking. Lack of self-control in what to eat and drink. Too much snacking.
- Abuse of the body: Inadequate rest, sleep which creates health challenges capable of compromising destiny.
- Over sensitivity to how one looks based on having the wrong icons as model.
- Over sensitivity to hygiene to the extent that the believer is under bondage to the Body. Our body should not dominate us but should be rather under our control.

SINS OF DISPOSITIONS

- Yeshua comes to deliver us from our personal dispositions. Being too hard on yourself is not a good thing.
- Being too weak – to the extent of not accomplishing the purpose/assignments of life.
- Being neither hard nor weak. Always self-projecting and unable to leave the spotlight.
- Being quick tempered - families and those within our loops of influence suffer unnecessarily.
- Being moody with a brooding spirit which dispels joy from the environment.

- Laziness – lack of drive to do the needful things.
- Being very fastidious or rugged in defence of self-interests.
- Being talkative to the point of manifesting nuisance to others around.
- Being Judgmental and fault finding.
- Being a perfectionist and in the process unable to accommodate the imperfection of others.
- Not having a heart to keep the word of Elohim creates room for worry and anxiety to occupy the heart. They are sins.
- Polluting Revelatory gifts such as Discernment, Prophecy with the social sin of suspicion/suspiciousness

SOCIAL SINS

Two types of sin occur in the social arena. One is intentionally or even unintentionally inflicting these 3 sins to others. Responding carnally or in worldly ways to them is equally sinful.

3 Sins of Self-centeredness/Selfishness

CONTROL. Controlling behaviour is defined by one psychological body as a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent by isolating them

from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.

MANIPULATION. One psychological body says that people who manipulate others attack their mental and emotional sides to get what they want. The person manipulating — called the manipulator — seeks to create an imbalance of power, and take advantage of a victim to get power, control, benefits, and/or privileges at the expense of the victim.

GASLIGHTING. One dictionary defines gaslighting is a form of psychological manipulation in which the abuser attempts to sow self-doubt and confusion in their victim's mind. Typically, gas lighters are seeking to gain power and control over the other person, by distorting reality and forcing them to question their own judgment and intuition.

Solution

The world says:

Any of these signs of gaslighting in a relationship are cause for concern and indicate that the connection is unhealthy and may be causing severe mental health repercussions for the person being gaslit. The recommendation is to break relationships and report to social welfare agencies.

The Word says:

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 But I say

unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain (Matthew 5:38-41).

For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain (Galatians 2:18-21).

Our Flesh is constantly striving against the Holy Spirit.

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law (Galatians 5:13-18).

ECONOMIC SINS

EMPLOYEES

Not serving sincerely. False time clocking. Eye service/hypocrisy; Not earning one's wages.

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him...22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God; 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons (Colossians 3:17, 22-25).

Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. 19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. 21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him

that judgeth righteously: 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed (1 Peter 2:18-24).

EMPLOYERS

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter (James 5:1-5).

INVESTORS

Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: 14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. 15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that (James 4:13-15).

Warning against Covetousness

But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses (1 Timothy 6:6-12).

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:24).

Piling up worldly assets

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up

for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! (Matthew 6:19-23).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share what you learnt about the heart and sin with two scriptures.
2. Please share what you learnt about Social sins with at least two illustrations/scriptures.
3. Please share what you learned about Economic Sins with at least 2 scriptures
4. What will you do with this message?

Chapter 10

Sin, Temptation and Victory (Part D)

Those who will overcome a life of sin need to first understand what it is and how Satan seeks to bring them under his rule. Unfortunately, religion does not empower saints to walk in victory. Looking up to Yeshua, Jesus and guarding the heart with all diligence will equip the now generation and indeed all saints with the capacity to overcome general sins and the particular ones which they seem vulnerable to, called besetting sins.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin (Hebrews 12:1-4).

TOXIC POLLUTIONS

One of the greatest ways Satan fights both young and old Christians is through pollution of their hearts with fiery darts which, when undiscovered and uprooted, destroy the faith from within. The evil darts include things which bring about bitterness of heart, Unforgiveness, Ought and Malice. The danger of such pollutions is that they create an

operating environment which is inimical to grace. When not uprooted, they become strongholds which expel grace. A life devoid of grace is spiritually dead, and disconnected from Elohim.

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears (Hebrews 12:14-17).

WHAT-ABOUT-ISM

This is a dangerous manifestation of comparison with other people. The bible says that we are unique personalities with specific functions. Whatever we are and can do should be by grace, as unto the Lord alone, not humans, according to Colossians 4:17. For that reason, the Lord charges us not to engage in comparison with others over what the Lord wants to accomplish through us or them.

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise (2 Corinthians 10:12).

One of the manifestations of a religious spirit is the tendency to on the one hand deem oneself as doing better than the others be overly concerned with what other brethren do or not do. Yeshua dealt with what-about-ism in two instances.

With Martha and Mary

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. 40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. 41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: 42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her (Luke 10:38-42).

With Peter and John

This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. 20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he

that betrayeth thee? 21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. 23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? (John 21:19-23).

Where the onus lies when issues arise between brethren is with the more spiritual! The more spiritual is not the one older in physical age or the one with a bigger spiritual or religious title. The onus is on the one who has undergone deeper dealings by the Holy Spirit, dead to self or even majority opinion and is spiritually more matured in the sight of Elohim to endure in love and prayers until the one the other is recovered by Elohim, in His Own time.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself (Galatians 6:1-3).

EVERYTHING THE LORD HATES EMANATES FROM A POLLUTED HEART!

A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. 13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; 14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. 15 Therefore shall his calamity come

suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy. 16 These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren 20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: 21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. 22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. 23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: (Proverbs 6:12-23).

The Ultimate Solution to Sin

Religion drives believers to err further in trying to achieve victory by their own resolutions and abilities. Believers end up with broken pledges and new year resolutions to do better, which they fail repeatedly. The Lord did not ordain for believers to achieve victory over sin by our own devices. Efforts to achieve victory through self-help will always fail.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ...16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an

holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. 20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, 21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not; 22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? 23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh (Colossians 2:8, 16-23).

RELIGION IS INCAPABLE OF DELIVERANCE FROM SIN

The Lord knows that no one can achieve victory by self-effort or various attempts at self-help. The Laws He gave Israel were misconstrued and twisted to create a culture of religion which became a veil that blinded the people.

Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: 14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done

away in Christ. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart (2 Corinthians 3:12-15).

This caused initiation of a better covenant:

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. 35 Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is his name: 36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever (Jeremiah 31:31-36).

The spiritual pathway to Victory

- o Yeshua already paid all the price for our victory. The New Covenant wholly depends on His stature as Sin-bearer of the world and His finished work of on the Cross of Calvary.

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, 68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, 69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; 70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: 71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; 72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; 73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, 74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life (Luke 1:67-75).

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord,

are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:16-18).

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving... 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it (Colossians 2:6-7, 9-15).

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is

sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

In his ground-breaking treatise “*The Life that wins*”, Watchman Nee recommends Yielding or letting go as the key to true victory. What does this mean? Practically speaking, the Lord is calling us to these approaches which delivers true victory: a life of purity of heart and holiness of spirit, soul and body which is the desired state of heart and mind.

- o Genuine Conversion which leads to a new nature

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be

born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit (John 3:3-8).

- Knowledge of the truths espoused in chapters 7-10 will set us free.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed (John 8:32-36).

Truth is very empowering. A lot of young people are often attracted to ministers who preach erroneous doctrines that give the impression that just coming to 'the church' as in joining a congregation or entering a building is the same as being saved.

- Reckon the fullness of victory won by Yeshua at the Cross as a done deal and embrace Elohim's standard of a sin-free living. To reckon means to come to a place where it gets settled in our heart that Yeshua paid the price in full for us to cease to be slaves of sin and bad behaviour.

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any

longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God

be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.¹⁸ Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness (Romans 6:1-17).

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother (1 John 3:2-10).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share any 3 things you learnt in this chapter. 2. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 11

Sin, Temptation and Victory (Part E)

The Way Forward (2)

In the previous chapter, we discussed the way forward for all saints who desire to walk in victory over sin, Satan, and temptations. Let us continue from where we stopped in discussion of the way forward:

- Take responsibility for any sins committed: acknowledge, confess them with real sincerity of heart arising from a conviction of the Holy Spirit, asking Elohim for mercy.

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:1-2).

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy (Proverbs 28:13).

For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. 9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made

sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. 11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter (2 Corinthians 7:8-11).

It is needful to avoid a life of sin consciousness where, after repentance, one gives room for Satan to suggest that nothing happened. It is not a feeling, but a faith issue. We believe the report of the word that if we confess our sins, Elohim is faithful to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

Justification and righteousness are not only gifts to be received and enjoyed when we are first saved. Whenever a sin is confessed, repented of and dealt with by the Blood, the individual receives the clothing of justification and righteousness. We stand before God as people who never sinned!

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a

propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus (Romans 3:23-26).

- o Intensely seek sanctification as a deeper work of Grace which deals a death blow to any lingering vestige of the self-nature which is the root of all sinful proclivities.

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:13-21).

Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:22-24).

When the heart is truly sanctified by the Lord, all aspects of the human life are purified. The saints come to a place where they are made ready for 3 things:

AN INTIMATE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP AND WALK WITH THE LORD

Contrary to what religion teaches saints, true holiness is not attained by ticking off a long list of things we can abstain from or do. When Elohim does it, holiness flows from the sanctified life.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy (1 Peter 1:15-16).

A GREATER CAPACITY TO BE USED BY THE LORD EXPONENTIALLY AS A VESSEL OF HONOUR.

The Lord is interested in the quality of our vessels. When they are pure, His Presence decorates us and the message proceeds with the aroma of Yeshua, Jesus. This makes us witnesses rather than mere preachers.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the

name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart (2 Timothy 2:19-22).

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity (1 Timothy 4:12).

GREATER CAPACITY TO LOVE ELOHIM WITHOUT LIMITS,
AND OBEY HIS WORD WITHOUT STRUGGLE.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets (Matthew 22:36-40).

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you (John 15:14).

OUR WILL IS INTENTIONALLY SUBSUMED IN THE WILL OF
OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

His will becomes what we live for, just as Yeshua, Jesus.

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work (John 4:34).

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me (John 6:38).

GREATER CAPACITY TO TRULY LOVE FELLOW HUMANS,
FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US – WHETHER THEY
ASK FOR IT OR NOT.

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (John 13:34-35).

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (John 15:9-13).

For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and

slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. 13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. 14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:11-18).

READY FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD AT ANY TIME.

Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ (2 Corinthians 11:1-2).

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

The Grand Key to walk in victory

Religion often misinterprets verse 12 of Philippians 2 without looking at the overall message. As verse 13 makes clear, victory over Satan, Sin, the Flesh, and the world is a work of grace! When He gives us victory, we are enabled to function as pure vessels who manifest His glory.

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain (Philippians 2:12-16).

Holy Spirit Who begins the work of redemption by convicting us of sin, righteousness and judgement is ever ready to do a deeper work with the blood.

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: (Philippians 1:6).

The point is this: He who saves is still the one who sanctifies!

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate (Hebrews 13:12).

Apart from Pastor W.F Kumuyi and late John Wesley who taught Sanctification as an additional work of grace, the late Apostle of Chinese origin, Watchman Nee had a deep insight into the victory saints are called to. In his groundbreaking work, “*the Life that wins*”, he made some profound contributions which are paraphrased for clarity.

IT IS AN EXCHANGED, NOT MERELY CHANGED LIFE

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of

righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified (Isaiah 61:1-3).

Faith in what Yeshua, Jesus accomplished at the Cross enables us to exchange His Life with our Self nature.

But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:23-31).

IT IS A GIFT, NOT A REWARD. ELOHIM IS EVER READY TO GIVE US VICTORY.

We cannot overcome by works, just as we are not saved by works. However, the victory which Elohim freely gives us results in good works.

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (James 2:14-20)

IT IS ALL BY GRACE, NOT WORKS

Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work (Romans 11:5-6).

IT IS OBTAINED, NOT ATTAINED. WHEN OBTAINED, VICTORY IS RECEIVED INSTANTANEOUSLY – at the very moment appointed by the Father. What is attained takes a process of time.

IT IS A MIRACLE OF GRACE TO HAVE VICTORY OVER SATAN AND OVERCOME SIN.

When Elohim does the work, He miraculously puts to death the Old man and grants us the fullness of the new man.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

IT IS AN EXPRESSED, NOT SUPPRESSED LIFE. WHATEVER IS SUPPRESSED WITHIN IS NOT VICTORY.

Rather, what is expressed signifies victory.

We become instruments of expressing the beauty of the glory of Yeshua, Jesus in us (Philippians 4:4).

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Rejoice evermore. 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another (Romans 14:17-19).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share any 3 things you learnt from this chapter. 2. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 12

Maintaining Victory

In chapter 7, we shared this insight: “The universal experience of young saints shows that Satan does not leave them alone when saved. Rather, he seeks to make their confession of Yeshua, Jesus of none effect by causing them to ‘go to church’ as in enter specific religious buildings on appointed ‘holy days and hours’ to engage in some learned behaviour which they switch on to at such times. When those rituals are over and they leave other ‘believers,’ they switch off ‘church mode’ and manifest a different type of behaviour in their natural turf. For some, the pattern is more sophisticated. In the presence of their parents, family, and church folks, they present and project a particular image. When they are in territories or environments when no one ‘sees’ them, they live, speak, and react like natural peers. This situation gives room for them to remain as babes, ever learning and never able to achieve victory over Satan, Sin, and the world. After some time of walking in victory, as overcomers, Satan will find fresh ways to breach the defenses of young people.

Consequence of Sin

There are four main consequences of sin that all the now and next generation should be aware of. Knowing this will arm the saints with the extra capacity to maintain the victory Yeshua purchased at the Cross as the previous chapter indicated.

- o Spiritual death or Separation from Elohim – if you remain therein.
- o Ineffective prayers, except they are for repentance

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: (Psalms 66:18).

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight (Proverbs 15:8).

The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous (Proverbs 15:29).

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? 2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. 3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. 4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. 5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved (Psalm 15:1-5).

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have

spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. 4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. 5 They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. 6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. 7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. 8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace (Isaiah 59:1-8).

- o Opening of doors of Oppression for Satan and his cohorts. Strange diseases that defy prayers and medical science. This can lead to all manner of oppressions from Satan who walks about like a roaring lion seeking whom to devour.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same

afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world (1 Peter 5:8-9).

- o Premature death and compromised destiny Though not often acknowledged, a life of sin can lead to premature death arising from the diseases such as HIV aids, failed internal organs arising from effect of smoking cigarettes or hemp, or consumption of alcohol. Some die before the time appointed often while still under 39 because of riotous living. Some young people who are naïve get caught up with hardened criminals who exploit their naivete to become drug mules. Some end up in prison and their destinies are compromised and ended ingloriously.
- o Eternal damnation The word of the Lord needs to be emphasized: contrary to the doctrines of sweet, tongued preachers, Sin also leads to eternal torment in Hell and the Lake of Fire and Brimstone.

Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die (Ezekiel 18:4).

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him (Ezekiel 18:20).

While many modern preachers skip the subject of eternal consequence of Sin, the Holy Scriptures offer explicit insights into the subject.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal (Matthew 25:41-46).

King Yeshua therefore recommends a radical approach to rejection of sin:

And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into

hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:43-48).

The vessel Yeshua gave the master plan of His Church, Paul the apostle was also explicit in describing the fate of those who live in Sin till the end:

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:13-21).

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

themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

Let us revisit an important section that was covered at the beginning of this study. What is a Temptation? It is any idea, suggestion, or thought which, when followed, can take us outside the perfect will of God into sins of thought, word, attitudes, or deeds. This includes any trend of thought, feeling or course of action which, when continued will lead us away from righteousness (right standing with Elohim our God, and holiness of life into overt or covert/secret or overt/open sin as detailed in chapters 7-11.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren (James 1:13-16).

A switch-blade attack!

On the one side: Temptations from Satan, manipulations by his demonic forces or seductions from human agents, work because there is an internal proclivity that they see and target. Youths who are careless or ignorant of the truths shared in this course are like cities without walls that the enemy can invade at will. On the other side: When sin accomplishes the evil purpose of Satan such as immorality occurs in the life of the young saint he targeted, he switches on to be the accuser activating the wrong response: shame,

guilt, separation from Elohim God in time (backsliding, helplessness, hopelessness, error, heresy, apostasy, false doctrine) and eternal separation from Him. Satan loves to manipulate youths that they are helpless and alone. As this course amply demonstrated, this is a lie! Kingdom youths are not alone! Their new lives in Yeshua are well secured!

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3).

After all, our heavenly Father is definite in making the commitment to preserve His own from the wicked one.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion, and power, both now and ever. Amen (Jude 1:24-25).

Young men and women will do themselves good to guard their hearts with all diligence and watch over their souls (mind, will, emotion) to detect and deal with even the slightest signs of potentially unhealthy soul ties. Such tendencies should be radically dealt with – cut off and shut down without delay.

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it (1 Corinthians 10:12-13).

This was what Joseph did when the wife of Potiphar cast an adulterous eye and speech to him. He fled and damned the consequence: false accusation, rejection, and imprisonment. For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? 28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? (Proverbs 6:26-28).

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart (2 Timothy 2:19-22).

The temptations of Satan from the day of the Fall in Eden (Genesis 3:1-11) through the temptation of Yeshua in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11) have a set formula he never departs from: Love of the world! That love is further broken down into 3 core components: lust of the flesh (cravings to satisfy the soul and body), lust of the eyes (things that appeal to the eye gate/what we see) and pride of life (whatever offers us the sense of being bigger or

better than we are). This is why the recommendation of the Lord is simple: see the world system and culture as enemy of true spirituality.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17).

From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble (James 4:1-6).

The Lord has wired into all His saints including the now and next generation with the capacity to discern Satan and his manipulations and resist him successfully.

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world (1 Peter 5:7-9).

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded (James 4:7-8).

Understanding divine deliverance One of the items in the Lord's school of prayer is this verse:

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen (Matthew 6:13.)

Some who teach that sin is a normal lifestyle of believers while in the world have misinterpreted it to mean that Elohim leads His own into evil acts. The correct interpretation rather is that Elohim allows us to experience situations that will enable us to make a choice: to obey Him out of love and reverence/holy fear or to decide whether to accept the lordship of Satan. He respects our will: The Lord Who is sovereign and supreme allows us to be proved, just as He did with Abraham in the matter of Isaac when He asked for a sacrifice.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let

patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing (James 1:2-4).

Why Elohim allows our imperfections and does not cast us away:

- o It is to show us our inadequacies
- o It is to convince us of our need for Him
- o It is to generate our strong desire for His Grace
- o It is to motivate us to see the necessity of yielding entirely to Him
- o It is to enable us to embrace His appointed dealings – no matter how inconvenient.

May we all come forth like gold when tried in the fires allowed by Elohim for our perfection.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth

not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: (1 Peter 1:1-8).

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (1 Peter 5:10-11).

We serve a redeemer, saviour and King Who undertakes to preserve us – when we yield our will to His and live for His glory, not worldly pleasure. Once we love righteousness and hate iniquity and surrender our entire vessels – spirit, soul and body to Him for His holy use, He undertakes to keep us, use our vessels and Satan is barred from damaging the destiny He appointed us. This is a good deal!

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven....²⁴ No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the

one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof (Matthew 6:9-10, 24-34).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Kindly share 5 things you learned from this chapter, citing relevant scriptures. 2. What new insight did you gain from this chapter? 3. What will you do with the revelations in this chapter? 4. In what way has this course inspired you to consider working to support the youth in your family, neighbourhood, church, city, and nation?

Chapter 13

Trusting the Father's Plan for our lives

The gospel of the Kingdom teaches the profound truth that everyone in the Kingdom is the outcome of the foreknowledge of Elohim and manifestation of His determinate counsel or supreme will. It will therefore profit the now and next generation and all saints to believe the report of the Holy Scriptures that Elohim, The Supreme Ruler of the universe has a purpose for creating us all. Furthermore, there is the necessity to realise that we must be so important to Elohim that finding nothing else as fit to be the instrument of redemption, He settled for the most precious asset of all: the very life of the Incarnate Yeshua, Jesus.

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:1-5).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory (Ephesians 1:3-14).

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect

tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Hebrews 9:11-14)

Implications

The key to holistic, enduring success in which all assignments appointed to us are fulfilled lies solidly with the need to understand and believe the report of the word concerning the intimate commitment of our heavenly Father in making us who He ordained. He certainly did not create and redeem us only to abandon us to figure out the way to accomplish His divine purposes. Rather, Elohim undertakes to lead our vessels into the fullness of the divine purpose. This calls for an understanding of the secret of the extraordinarily successful assignment of Yeshua as the Saviour and Redeemer. The ultimate secret is that He had faith in the Father's wisdom, trusted in the Father's judgement, embraced His assignment as written in the volume of the book and completely surrendered His will to the Father. In so doing, the Father was perfectly free to use His yielded, consecrated, holy and available vessel to accomplish whatever He desired.

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified (Hebrews 10:1-14).

Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work (John 4:33-34).

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me (John 5:30).

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me (John 6:38).

Even unto death, Yeshua trusted the love of His Father and made submission to His will a paramount consideration.

Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. 37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. 39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42 He went away again the

second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me (Matthew 26:36-46).

A PROMISE WE CAN DEPEND ON

Satan likes to sow seeds of doubt into the hearts of the youth about whether they are really saved and whether they can make it to the end. The Lord wants us to walk in assurance that just as we did not save ourselves, He has guaranteed to uphold us till the very end and accomplish all the good pleasure of His Own will for which He created and redeemed us!

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. 37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that

of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day (John 6:35-40).

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry (1 Corinthians 10:12-14).

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen (Jude: 24-25).

The Grand Key

Just as Yeshua had confidence in the Father's love and surrendered His will our optimum best will be the outcome of intentional consecration of our entire beings – spirit, soul and body to the Elohim. The youth who crosses is truly positioned for holistic, enduring success! This consecration will be tested – at times by fire: what how we submit to the process He appointed for our manifestation. Those who

understand this principle will gladly, embrace and yield to any dealing He appoints us. There will be no room for complaints, murmuring, resistance, or other manifestations of the natural man, as we will embrace His dealings with great grace, even when we do not seem to understand.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth,

nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:28-39).

His Grace, which is freely ours, makes us to respond rightly to election.

Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. 7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded (Romans 11:5-7).

Election says: the race is not to the swift but to those who embrace.

Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. 9 For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. 10 And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; 11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) 12 It was said unto her,

The elder shall serve the younger. 13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. 14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. 17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. 18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. 19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? 21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? 22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, 24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? 25 As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. 26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them,

Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God (Romans 9:6-26).

Election sees the end from the beginning!

I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. 13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. 14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one (1 John 2:12-14).

Elohim has told us that He considers the now and next generation as victors! The 3 things He attributed to the young are an awesome manifestation of the high esteem with which He holds those in the prime of life:

- You have overcome the wicked one! Why? Because Yeshua accomplished it for all youth at Calvary and made it possible for our identity to rest squarely in the Father as His sons in the earth realm. Sonship is for both male and females (Hebrew 2:10-15; Galatians 3:26-29).
- You are strong. Why? Because Yeshua accomplished the victory for us at the Cross when He proclaimed, 'It is Finished' in John 19:30.

- o The word of Elohim abideth in you. This was the grand secret to a life of overcoming the enemy and being strong. Yeshua Himself is the word. When the now and next generation are systematically taught the word, they become genuine disciples of Yeshua. As the Word renews their minds and transforms their hearts, kingdom culture is embedded as their lifestyle.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (Psalm 119:11).

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you (John 15:7).

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please share 3 things you learned from this chapter?
2. What point challenges you the most?
3. What will you do with the lessons in this chapter?

Chapter 14

Postscript

As we go down the wire, it is necessary to restate that the Kingdom Church needs to invest the word in a structured manner into the lives of the now generation. Those aged between 18-39 are in the prime of life with a solid list of bible characters to emulate, including Yeshua, Jesus who completed His redemptive mission by the time He was 33 and half. Joseph was a youth, as was Daniel, David, Esther, Timothy, and Titus. To achieve the desired outcome of trained ministers of the gospel, the curriculum is two dimensional.

Courses rooted in the Pauline Epistles:

- o The Pillars of Holistic, Enduring Success
- o Holy Spirit: Who He Is and What He Does
- o Spiritual Gifts: What they are and how they operate.

We considered the broad range of Spiritual Gifts which include:

BASIC OR ROOT GIFTS

ENABLING GIFTS IN 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

FIVEFOLD GIFTS: APOSTLES, PROPHETS, EVANGELISTS, PASTORS & TEACHERS

OTHER GIFTS

- o Priesthood and the Kingdom Church – the 3 types
 - NIMRODIC/NICOLAITANES (Genesis 10:8-10, Revelations 2:6, 15)
 - THE LEVITICAL/AARONIC
 - THE PRIESTHOOD AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK OR ROYAL PRIESTHOOD (Psalm 110:4, 1 Peter 2:9-10).
- o The Call, Costs & Rewards of Discipleship
- o Ministry: Discover, Pursue and Fulfil
- o Kingdom Culture: Lifestyle of saints

The Digging Deep Series centred on the four gospels by Pastor Grace. These are the Courses covered so far:

- o Repentance
- o Sanctification
- o Men of Special Duties: Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, Peter, James, and John
- o Thomas
- o More courses will be covered in the last quarter of the training.

The Global School of Ministry and Global Advanced Mentorship Program receives for each tranche of trainees, a

specific curriculum designed to produce the transitions known by the acronym, TTEAR. The Process is explained here:

Teach the Bible as Yeshua commanded in Matthew 28:18-20. This will lead to renewal of minds and transformation of hearts, leading to transition to become disciples (Matthew 16:24-25).

Train disciples with a definite curriculum, which turns them to able ministers of the New Covenant.

Equip saints with revelation to drop religious and cultural mindsets and rather embrace their identities as sons of Elohim – neither male nor female (Galatians 3:26-29, Hebrews 2:10-15).

Activate the gifts and callings of the Holy Spirit lying dormant inside them.

Release them to serve the Lord as the Royal Priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:9-10; John 15:16).

On completion, all those enrolled will be awarded the Certificate of Merit. Those who are ready and obtain consent of their parents and guardians will be ordained into ministry. Both streams may be admitted into International Ministers Fellowship and be eligible for issuance of the International Ministerial license.

THE PRACTICAL SESSIONS

There will be a series of breakout rooms to discuss practical issues arising from some courses with moderators and rapporteurs in each discussion room.

Now Generation - Biblical Role Models include these personalities:

Yeshua, Jesus
Mary
Mary Magdalene
Joseph
David
Daniel
Esther
Zerubbabel
Timothy
Titus

The way of champions

During the learning cycle, the Now Generation will learn the Way of Champions: those who come from a knockdown to a knockout. This is achieved by these:

- Genuine conversion, which leads them to be the new creature (Acts 3:19-21, 2 Corinthians 5:17).
- Understanding the gift and receive the grace of Justification, which gives the capacity to walk in newness of life, holy unto the Lord (Micah 7:18-19).
- Walk with a conscience void of that offence. This called righteousness consciousness, which powers our walk with Elohim.
- Wait on the Lord until endued with the power of Holy Spirit for effective service (Acts 1:8).

- Receive Grace to disappoint Satan and all those who expect you to fail - be aware of what missteps can lead you down the path of sin and avoid them by His Grace.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren (James 1:12-16).

The sin graph needs to be understood:

thoughts>words>associations > activities

- Genuine Repentance whenever one stumbles – Fall forward into the hands of Elohim, rather than hide like Adam and Eve.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Confession to Elohim (Proverbs 28:13).

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to

forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:1-2).

- o Warring a good warfare with the right tools
- o Knowledge of Truth

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32).

- o See temptations to Sin as attempts by Satan to steal your destiny, kill and destroy you spiritually by separating you from Elohim, and fight back to walk in the abundant life.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

- o One critical tool for fighting back is to love righteousness, hate iniquity, and the personal determination to make the right choices.

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows (Hebrews 1:9).

Abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

- o Entire Sanctification. Elohim will root out every vestige of the Adamic nature.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

- o Receive Grace to maintain your sanctification through Holy Living.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy (1 Peter 1:15-16).

Our mandate revisited

As we go down the wire on this course, it is needful to remind the brethren of an aspect of our mandate called the 3 R's.

Reformation – The holistic change of the gospel – recapturing the original Master Plan, content, and context of the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Restoration – first Yeshua as the Sole Head and King to Whom we all are subject, living under His Sovereign rule.

Restoration of ‘lost offices of the fivefold so that all are functional: Office of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers working together to perfect and equip the saints in the priesthood after the order of Melchizedek (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Peter 2:9-10).

Restoration of the Truths which religion swept aside since the 4th Century when the union of church and state created an alternative reality.

Revival – where individual saints come alive in intimate personal relationship with the Father; embrace the Lordship of Yeshua and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. This is the state of discipleship and sonship combined.

With this chapter 14, the course on Pillars of holistic, enduring success is complete. All the video lessons are available on Facebook and the two channels on YouTube: GSOM TV and True Kingdom Live. The eBook will be available at www.kingdombooksclub.com & www.gsom.ac

Challenge to the Now Generation.

Please study this course prayerfully to the degree that:

- You truly receive the revelation of truth and understand what the Lord is saying.
- By His Grace, you can practise the truth as a lifestyle that is clearly different from how you used to live before enrolling in the programme.

- According to 2 Timothy 2:2, you can teach it to others within your sphere of kingdom influence.
- You can be a lecturer in the Now Generation Master Class with effect from the next session.
- You can run one of the affiliate centres in your nation.

For starters, please share the registration link with young men and women aged between 18-39:

<https://gsom.ac/master-class/>

If they encounter any difficulty, they can email to the Registrar at ngenmasterclass@gmail.com

ASSIGNMENT

1. Please summarise the key things you learnt in this chapter. 2. In what way did the Holy Spirit use this course to challenge you? 3. In what way did He use this course to challenge you to minister to the Youth?

Course Feedback & Assessment

Scope of Feedback

Please summarize the key things covered in the Course. In your summary include the following:

- The role of Parents in creating enabling environments;
- The 4 key pillars – what they are and supporting scriptures.
- Chapters 7-11 deal with exposition of Sin which is the chief tool of Satan against the now generation. Please list all the categories of sin covered.
- Conclude with a concise presentation of your spiritual DNA and the ministry you believe the Lord has called you to, by His Grace.

Impact Assessment

1. Which of the following are not personalities whose assignments were executed in the prime of youth?

- Caleb
- Esther
- Yeshua
- David

2. True or False: A common mistake by the Church regarding youth as ones to be tolerated.

True False

3. Explain the basic fundamental role of parents and guardians regarding youth.

4. True or False: Many parents have gone out of order when disciplining their children

True False

5. Which age group is the “Now Generation”?

11-17

Under 10

18-39

6. True or False: The Now Generation of the Church is an often-neglected set of saints

True False

7. Explain the best way to help the Now and Next generation to pursue and fulfill their destinies

8. Describe the outcome that results from failure to offer the God kind of Love to our youth

9. Explain the focus of the Now Generation Master Class

10. Explain what it means to “train but never tame”.

11. Which are potential reasons why parents cannot hear, believe, and hold fast what Elohim told them about the children they bring forth.

a parent does not have a divine message

- too focused on trying to steer the children to become who they want
- where parents see punishment and cruelty as the same as training.
- engage in misplaced aggression

12. Explain the differences between Worldly identity and Kingdom identity

13. True or False: Human ambition can lead youth away from divine purpose

- True False

14. Explain the 10 realities for pursuit of divine assignment

15. Explain how youth discern their assignment and destiny. Support your response with a minimum of 2 scripture references.

16. Which of the following is not one of the 8 properties of our spiritual DNA

- Natural Talent
- Life Experiences
- What our parents have instilled in us
- Spiritual gifts

17. Explain how destiny helpers are to support our youth

18. Summarize your understanding of Sin, Temptation, and Victory

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- Course 102: Understanding Yeshua Jesus
- Course 103: Holy Spirit: Who He Is and What He does
- Course 104: The 16 Fundamental Glorious Truths
- Course 105: The 9 Fundamental C's
- Course 106: The Ultimate Three: Faith, Hope and Charity
- Course 107: Grace

Module 2: The Kingdom and the Church – 10 Courses

- Course 108: The Church
- Course 109: Kingdom Oriented Church Growth
- Course 110: The Church of His Vision
- Course 111: The Kingdom of Elohim
- Course 112: The Fivefold
- Course 113: Spiritual Gifts: What, Why, How
- Course 114: Kingdom Leadership
- Course 115: Authority
- Course 116: The Great Commission
- Course 117: Ministerial Ethics

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Course 119: Ministry: Discover, Pursue and Fulfilling
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Course 130: Prayer & Spiritual Warfare
Course 131: Dispensations, Seasons and Times

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PILLARS OF HOLISTIC ENDURING SUCCESS

One of the greatest tragedies to befall the modern Church is that it ignores or pays inadequate attention to the spiritual needs of the Youth. In many congregations, the standard approach to restlessness among the youth is to look for carnal things that will excite them as a way of retaining their interest in the Church.

This book makes the strong case that the Church needs to reclassify the youth into two broad categories: The Next Generation (11-17-year-olds) and the Now Generation (18-39-year-olds). Apart from the charge to parents and guardians to be sensitive to their needs and create the enabling environment for their spiritual growth, there is a strong case for young people to understand the wiles of Satan and escape from the snare of Sin through which he gains access and controls their lives. There is an exposition of 4 critical pillars on which their holistic, enduring success rests:

- Knowledge of their proper **IDENTITY** as sons of Elohim God.
- Knowledge of their **ASSIGNMENT** or purpose for which they were created and redeemed.
- Knowledge of the **EQUIPMENT** Elohim wired them with, including gifts of grace.
- Knowledge of **ALLOCATIONS** for their assignment including Life, Time, and Assets.

The high esteem Elohim God has for the young people in His Kingdom is evidenced in 3 qualities He ascribed to them in 1 John 2:12-14: They have overcome the wicked one; they are strong, and the Word abides in them. Yeshua, Jesus was a youth as were a cloud of witnesses in the Old and New Testaments.

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