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**OUR YEAR OF**

1 Timothy 5:17-18



**DOUBLE  
HONOUR**

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# Double Honour

1 Timothy 5:17-18

*"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward."*



## NEW YEAR MESSAGE

*Evangelist Jeremiah Joseph*

As we step into 2025, the Lord is leading us into a season of Double Honour. This declaration is a prophetic announcement of God's intention to elevate His people to positions of greater influence, recognition, and reward in every area of life. It is a call to honor the faithful laborers in His vineyard and to position ourselves to receive the honor that comes from Him.

### Understanding Double Honour

The concept of double honour in this scripture refers to two key dimensions:

1. **Recognition and Esteem:** This applies to those who lead and serve in God's house. Faithful service in the ministry of the Word and doctrine deserves both respect and acknowledgment. In 2025, God is calling His people to cultivate a culture of honor where leaders, pastors, and elders are celebrated for their diligence and faithfulness.
2. **Material Reward:** The scripture also speaks to the importance of ensuring that those who labor in ministry are adequately provided for, symbolizing God's abundant provision and the need to sow generously into His work.

### God's Promise of Honour

In this year, Double Honour is not limited to spiritual leaders. It is an extension of God's promise to His people:

- **For Faithful Service:** Just as the ox is not muzzled while working, those who have labored in the Lord's vineyard will reap a bountiful harvest.
- **For Obedience and Stewardship:** Those who have walked in integrity, served selflessly, and sown sacrificially will be lifted into greater dimensions of influence and prosperity.

### Key Areas of Focus for 2025

1. **Honoring God:** By prioritizing His will, worship, and Word in our lives, we align ourselves with His purpose for this season.
2. **Honoring Leadership:** Recognizing and blessing those who guide, teach, and labor for the growth of the Church.
3. **Honoring One Another:** As God's family, we are called to esteem each other in love, creating a community that reflects Christ's heart.
4. **Honoring Our Calling:** This year invites us to embrace and excel in our God-given assignments, knowing that diligence will bring honor.

### Walking in the Spirit of Honour

To experience Double Honour, we must walk in alignment with the principles of God's Kingdom:

- **Humility:** God exalts the humble (James 4:10).
- **Faithfulness:** Our stewardship in small and great things positions us for increase (Luke 16:10).
- **Generosity:** Sowing into the lives of others unlocks divine blessings (2 Corinthians 9:6).

### Prophetic Declaration for 2025

As we embrace the year 2025, we decree:

- This is a year of recognition, restoration, and reward.
- The works of our hands will be blessed, and every labor of love will yield a double portion.
- Those who have been overlooked will be elevated, and faithful servants will stand in places of honor.

Let us enter 2025 with faith and expectancy, knowing that God has prepared a season of Double Honour for His people!





# Aligning Ourselves with God's Plans

As believers, it's crucial to align our lives with God's plans to experience His best for us. The Bible provides guidance on how to discern and walk in alignment with His will. Let's explore this important topic using relevant passages.

## **Trust in the Lord:**

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." This verse emphasizes the importance of trusting God completely and surrendering our plans to Him.

## **Seek God's Will:**

Proverbs 16:3 (NIV) states, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." This verse reminds us to seek God's guidance in all our endeavors and commit our plans to Him, knowing that He will direct our steps.

## **Delight in the Lord:**

Psalms 37:4 (NIV) encourages us, "Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." When we prioritize our relationship with God and align our desires with His, He promises to fulfill them according to His perfect plans.

## **Follow God's Timing:**

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV) reminds us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." Understanding and accepting God's timing is essential in aligning ourselves with His plans, even when it may not align with our own timeline.

## **Walk in Obedience:**

Isaiah 30:21 (NIV) assures us, "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" Obedience to God's voice and His Word is key to staying aligned with His plans and purposes for our lives.

## **Conclusion:**

Aligning ourselves with God's plans requires trust, seeking His will, delighting in Him, following His timing, and walking in obedience. As we meditate on these passages and apply them to our lives, may we grow in our ability to align ourselves with God's perfect plans and experience His blessings and favor in all that we do.

# Editorial

**G**reetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As we step into 2025, a year marked by the prophetic theme of **Double Honour** (1 Timothy 5:17-18), we are reminded of God's unchanging promise to lift and reward His people. This theme serves as a clarion call to live purposefully, serve faithfully, and walk boldly in the favor and blessings that God has prepared for us.

The *Rising Sun Magazine* continues to shine as a beacon of inspiration, truth, and hope.

In this first edition of 2025, we bring you stories of transformation, teachings that deepen your walk with Christ, and testimonies that affirm the faithfulness of God. Our focus is to equip and encourage you to embrace the fullness of God's honor in every aspect of your life—spiritually, socially, and economically.

I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support and prayers from our readers, contributors, and partners. Your commitment enables us to pursue our mission of reaching hearts, spreading the Gospel, and empowering the body of Christ.

As we journey through this year, let us remember that God is faithful to His word. Stay expectant, for He is bringing you to a place of sweetness and honor, far beyond what you can imagine.

Welcome to a year of Double Honour!

In His Service,

Evangelist Joseph Ebalume Jeremiah

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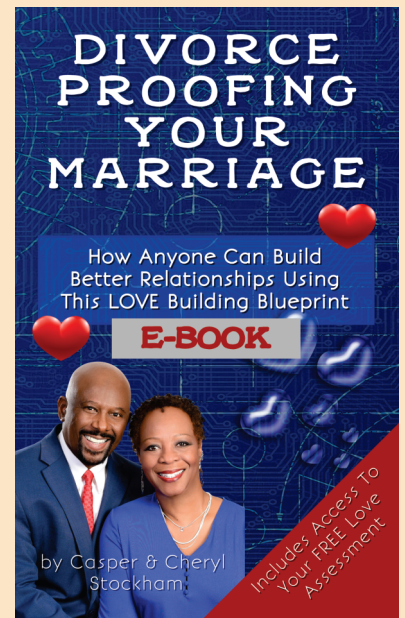
# THE IMPORTANCE OF MARRIAGE IN TODAY'S SOCIETY



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In a world where relationships are often viewed as disposable and self-interest frequently takes priority, the covenant of marriage stands as a divine institution with immense value. The teachings found in *Divorce Proofing Your Marriage* and *Mastering Adam* emphasize the critical role marriage plays, not only in personal fulfillment and growth but in reflecting God's purpose for humanity. Marriage, at its core, is designed to represent unity, commitment, and love in a way that mirrors Christ's unwavering love for His Church. In *Divorce Proofing Your Marriage*, the importance of a strong marital foundation is emphasized as a means to

safeguard relationships against common challenges. The book teaches couples the art of open communication, forgiveness, and patience, which are essential to overcoming life's inevitable difficulties. In today's society, where divorce rates are high, a marriage that's fortified by these principles serves as a beacon of hope, showing others that lasting love is possible. Marriages rooted in Christ are resilient because they are based on commitment, not convenience.



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# FOUR KEY ASPECTS OF INTENTION

## PURPOSE-DRIVEN ACTION

Intention is the driving force behind actions, reflecting your purpose and goals. It provides clarity and direction, helping you focus on what truly matters.

## INNERCOMMITMENT

Intention is not just a thought but a firm resolve within you. It aligns your beliefs, emotions, and energy with your desired outcome, creating a sense of determination.

## INFLUENCE ON OUTCOMES

Clear intentions shape the results of your actions. When your intentions are positive and focused, they naturally lead to more meaningful and impactful outcomes.

## MINDFUL LIVING

Living with intention means making conscious choices in daily life. It fosters self-awareness and ensures your actions align with your values and long-term vision.

# THE BENEFITS OF ENGAGING IN KINGDOM SERVICE

## Introduction

Greetings, beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. Today, let us delve into the profound topic of the benefits of engaging in Kingdom service, exploring the wisdom found in the Scriptures.

## Spiritual Growth:

*Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)* - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

- Explanation: Through selfless service, we emulate Christ's humility, fostering spiritual growth and a deeper understanding of God's love.

## Purpose and Fulfillment:

*Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)* - "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

- Explanation: Engaging in Kingdom service allows us to fulfill our God-given purpose, bringing a profound sense of joy and fulfillment as we contribute to His divine plan.

## Connection with God and Fellow Believers:

*Galatians 5:13 (NIV)* - "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

- Explanation: Serving others strengthens our connection with God and builds a united community of believers, embodying the essence of love and fellowship.

## Eternal Significance:

*1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)* - "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

- Explanation: Our service in the Kingdom has eternal significance; every act of kindness, every effort to spread God's love, is an investment in the heavenly realm.

## Conclusion:

As we reflect on these biblical truths, let us be inspired to actively engage in Kingdom service. May our actions align with God's Word, bringing spiritual growth, purpose, genuine connections, and eternal significance. In serving others, we emulate the heart of Christ and contribute to the flourishing of God's Kingdom.

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In the realm of business and innovation, the Bible offers valuable insights that can guide entrepreneurs and innovators in cultivating new ideas. Let's explore key biblical concepts that encourage a mindset of wisdom, diligence, and openness to new possibilities.

### ***Wisdom and Prudence***

#### ***(Proverbs 8:12)***

Proverbs 8:12 (NIV) states, "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion."\*

This verse highlights the importance of combining wisdom with prudence, emphasizing the need for thoughtful consideration and discernment in the pursuit of new business ideas.

### ***Diligence and Perseverance***

#### ***(Ecclesiastes 11:6)***

Ecclesiastes 11:6 (NIV) encourages, "Sow your seed in the morning, and at evening let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both

will do equally well."\* This verse underscores the value of diligence and perseverance, urging entrepreneurs to remain proactive and persistent in exploring new ventures.

### ***Openness to Transformation*** ***(Isaiah 43:19)***

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV) declares, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."\* This verse conveys the idea that God can bring about transformative and innovative solutions in unexpected places. It encourages a mindset of openness to new ideas and the

recognition that God can create opportunities in seemingly barren situations.

As individuals engage in the dynamic world of business and innovation, these biblical principles provide a solid foundation. Wisdom, diligence, and openness to transformation are key elements that can inspire and guide the development of new ideas. By aligning entrepreneurial pursuits with these biblical concepts, individuals can navigate the journey of innovation with purpose and faith, trusting in God's guidance for success.

# EMBRACING BIBLICAL WISDOM FOR BUSINESS INNOVATION





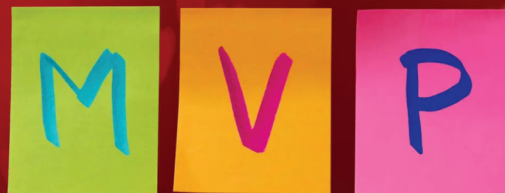
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# BUILDING RESILIENCE:

## Leading Through Setbacks - Transforming Obstacles into Opportunities



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### Main Subtopics on Resilience and Leadership

**Embracing a Growth Mindset:** Understand setbacks as valuable learning experiences that foster growth.

**The Importance of Adaptability:** Explore how flexibility helps leaders navigate and capitalize on challenges.

**Managing Emotional Resilience:** Learn techniques to keep calm and grounded in the face of adversity.

**Strategic Problem Solving:** Focus on developing skills to transform obstacles into stepping stones for success.

**Building Trust Through Transparency:** How honest communication during setbacks strengthens team cohesion.

### Five Ways to Improve or Apply the Theme:

- **Reframe Setbacks as Learning Opportunities:** Instead of seeing challenges as failures, view them as lessons that enrich your experience
- **Practice Self-Reflection:** After facing a setback, analyze the situation and your response to it, identifying areas of improvement.
- **Encourage Team Input:** Involve your team in brainstorming solutions, empowering them to feel part of the recovery process.

- **Focus on Small Wins:** Set achievable milestones to build momentum and maintain a positive outlook through tough times.

- **Communicate with Clarity:** When facing challenges, provide transparent updates to maintain trust and reinforce collective resilience.

### Case Study:

**How Apple's Comeback Inspired a Generation of Resilient Leaders**  
In the late 1990s, Apple faced major setbacks, nearly reaching bankruptcy. Through a visionary approach by Steve Jobs, Apple transformed its obstacles into innovation opportunities, introducing groundbreaking products that reshaped the tech industry. This case underscores how setbacks, when met with adaptability and a fresh strategy, can catalyze unprecedented growth.

### Authority Figure in the Field:

Angela Duckworth, Author of *Grit*  
Angela Duckworth's research on grit—the blend of passion and perseverance—shows that overcoming setbacks is less about innate talent and more about maintaining commitment through tough times. Her work emphasizes that resilience, built through facing adversity, is essential for long-term success and leadership.

### Conclusion:

Leading through setbacks demands more than just optimism; it requires a structured approach to viewing challenges as opportunities for transformation. By applying resilience-building strategies, leaders can inspire their teams, innovate through adversity, and build a foundation for sustainable success.