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## Women's Deliverance 2012 - Hymn

Ho, my comrades! See the signal  
 Waving in the sky!  
 Reinforcements now appearing  
 Victory is nigh!  
 "Hold the fort, for I am coming,"  
 Jesus signals still;  
 Wave the answer back to heaven,  
 "By Thy grace we will"  
 2. See the mighty host advancing,  
 Satan leading on, Mighty men around us  
 falling, Courage almost gone!  
 3. See the glorious banner waving!  
 Hear the trumpet blow!  
 In our Leader's name we'll triumph  
 Over ev'ry foe!  
 4. Fierce and long the battle rages,  
 But our help is near;  
 Onward comes our great Commander  
 Cheer, my comrades, cheer!

## Deliverance By Fire

Confession: Colossians 1:13, 14: "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through is blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

### Prayer Points

I claim my deliverance from any power of darkness assigned against me in Jesus name.

Therefore, every witchcraft captivity in my life, break by fire in Jesus name.

Any hold of ancestral spirits on my life break by blood of Jesus.

Foundation of bondage in my life be dissolved by fire in Jesus name.

Arise O God in the thunder power of your might and let my captivity come to an end in Jesus name.

Every word spoken to cage my life, back fire in Jesus name.

Every incision, mark and insert in my body to derail my divine destiny be erased by blood of Jesus.

Arrows of deliverance go forth for my 'sake by hand of God in Jesus name.

I claim my redemption from every satanic authority ruling in the place of my birth and I command them to be roasted by fire in Jesus name.

Every ownership claim of my family idols over my life be cancelled by blood of Jesus.

All my blessings and breakthrough in the captivity of my household enemies be released me now in Jesus name.

I stand upon the mount Zion by faith and I claim the righteousness of Jesus Christ; let my total and complete deliverance appear by fire in Jesus name.

Every past record the devil is using against me catch fire and be roasted in Jesus name.

Lord arise and surround me with Your song of deliverance in Jesus name.

God arise in your mercy and give me rest from all the enemies that surround me in Jesus name.



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# From The Editor's Lounge

Dear beloved,

A woman lost her only son and husband in one day. Before her eyes, a rebel invaded her home, and burnt her husband and only child alive. As her family shrivelled into charcoal in her presence, she pleaded with the man for mercy; but the rebel ignored her as he cruelly destroyed her family. About 10 years after the horrible crime, the rebel was finally caught.

The woman, now old and grey from suffering the terrible loss, was invited to the court to witness the trial. As the trial judge condemned the criminal for his despicable and cold hearted killing of a woman's only child and husband, the woman looked on, frail and tired.

The judge, before deciding whether to deliver a death sentence, asked the woman to make a statement to the convicted killer, knowing that the woman's statement would further fuel the death sentence ruling he was about to deliver. So she did. As she struggled to her feet with tears flowing down her old, wrinkled face, she walked slowly towards the man with out stretched arms, and embracing him, she said: "With my heart, I forgive you, just as Jesus forgave me for my sins..."

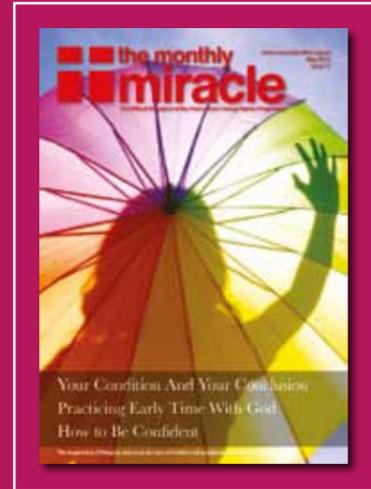
I read the above story with wonder. I questioned myself; can I forgive like that? You see, I had always taught I had a forgiving spirit. It seemed to come naturally to me...that is until someone betrayed my trust at a time that I was desperate for help. I was fraught with anger, and resentment gnawed at me. No matter how hard I tried, I just couldn't forgive. I struggled for many months, until one day, frustrated at my inability to move on, I threw my arms up in the air and said, "That's it. I forgive you." I then made a conscious effort to not think about this person, or how they hurt me. I tucked all my angry thoughts

into a box at the depth of my soul, and shoved the box out of my consciousness. But I wasn't happy. Many times I felt sick, and I just could not communicate with God properly. It was as though I had shut myself out of His presence. I couldn't understand why. After all, I had forgiven, hadn't I? A few weeks later, someone asked me the person that offended me. As the story of how I was betrayed tumbled out of my mouth, my body quivered with rage. I was alarmed. Why was I acting like this? Why did the offence still trouble me so? It hit me then. I hadn't truly forgiven. All I had done was shelve the offence to a corner. In fact, I was still very angry. And still caged by bitterness. I was in a dangerous place spiritually and I had to make amends fast. I retreated to a quiet corner in my room and pleaded with God to forgive me, and to take away the hurt. I then began to pray for this person, and slowly, through the power of the Holy Spirit, I finally released every pain of the past to Jesus. It was then that I finally felt free, liberated, able to worship my God in spirit and in truth. After that episode, I realised a few things: Forgiveness is a process that takes the grace of God. It requires conscious, often painful effort to release the offence, and the offender. It takes faith. It takes a deep recognition that we are all sinners, flawed in our human nature, condemned but for Jesus. And it takes humility. But all of this is nothing compared to the amazing feeling of freedom and love that flows through us after the process is complete. Corrie Ten Boom, a Christian woman who survived a Nazi concentration camp during the Holocaust, said, "Forgiveness is to set a prisoner free, and to realize the prisoner was you."

Remain blessed as you read through the pages of your favourite magazine where we bring soul- stirring articles that we hope will trawl through your mind... long after the last pages are turned.

Yours in Him  
 Abimbola Dare

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# 21 Things The Devil Wants To Kill And Destroy In Your Life

By A.G.O- Pastor Kehinde Adegbolahan

John 10:10 says:

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.” In the life of every Christian, here are 21 vital things the devil targets and determines to rob you of. This message is especially vital to women. What are these 21 things?

1. **Your Purpose:** It is purpose that gives a life definition and meaning. A life with no purpose becomes worthless.
2. **Your Desire:** The bible says the desires of our hearts shall be granted but when desires are killed, frustration sets in.
3. **Your Vision:** Vision takes a person to their destination. Vision creates room for the next level and enlarges your coast. When vision is killed, stagnancy prevails.
4. **Your gifts:** The gifts of a man shall make a way for him and cause him to stand before great men says the word of God. Many have not been able to stand before great men because the gifts which will open this door unto them have been buried.
5. **The fruit of your body:** Woman, the devil's desire for your children and children's children is to destroy them. He is after the wasting of your generation and its non-existence. We have to pray hard for our children.
6. **The fruit of your labour:** The great delight of the devil is profitless hard work. He delights in men and women not having anything to show for their labour.
7. **Your Marriage:** Marriages crash daily at an alarming rate. Once the family unit is broken, the society and nation will have a problem of unity.
8. **Your Calling:** As the kingdom of light threatens the kingdom of darkness, the devil does not want anyone to fulfil their ministry. The fulfilment of your ministry to the devil means the defeat of his kingdom.
9. **Your Potential:** Potential is defined as what you can do but have not done. The devil prefers it when men and women do not wake up to their own potentials. Ignorance of what you can do leads to an unfulfilled life.
10. **The instrument of your blessing:** When the devil takes this away from you, while others are boldly speaking of the Lord's goodness you will not have a testimony to share.
11. **Your expectation:** The expectation of many has been killed due to lack of faith. When you are not expectant, you end up receiving nothing.
12. **Your star:** A shining star signifies a colourful destiny. When the devil dims the light of your star, the end result is a wasted life.
13. **Your voice:** Every man has been given a voice by God. One of the joys of the enemy is to silence voices and make sure the authority of your voice is lost.
14. **Your life:** This represents your divine assignment in life. It's the devil's delight when men and women do not discover, start or complete the agenda of God for their lives.
15. **Your divine helper:** Divine helpers are those God has raised up to assist you. When the devil rages, he makes sure you miss your divine helpers.
16. **Your career:** This symbolizes what you are able to do. When a career is under the attack of the devil, it will struggle to succeed.
17. **You name:** The devil also enjoys erasing the names of families, men, women, children etc from existence most especially if they constitute a threat to his dark kingdom.
18. **Your destiny:** Destiny is summed up as your mission here on earth. When a destiny is killed a man or woman becomes a walking corpse.
19. **The promises of God:** When the devil attacks the promises of God for you, they will not come to pass. The danger of this is that one will remain in the valley of promises instead of arriving at the mountain top of fulfilment.
20. **Your Future:** As Christians, our future is in heaven. Any one who ends up in hell has simply been cheated and outsmarted by the devil.
21. **Your present life:** The devil does not want anyone to complete the number of their days on earth. Untimely death is one of the weapons of the devil to fulfil this aim.

My Sisters, Jesus Christ reminds us in John 10:10 that “ I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” The ministry of Jesus Christ is to undo the works of darkness. If you haven't, surrender the totality of your life to Him, for in Him alone is found

deliverance, healing and restoration. This special programme in this month of may, be filled with the son of God and live life to the full.

As you pray the following prayers with faith in your heart, believe the Lord Jesus for a great miracle.

## Prayers

1. *The potential of heaven in me be fulfilled in Jesus name*
2. *Every ground I have lost to the enemy be recovered by the blood of Jesus*
3. *Power to excel physically and spiritually fall upon me in Jesus name*

4. *The power that wants to silence my voice I silence you with the fire of God*
5. *The power that wants to erase my name out of existence I stop you with the blood of Jesus*

## Think On This Sin Sinks

By Dr Kehinde Adegbolahan, AGO

You cannot stand on a solid ground when sin is your partner. If you love sin, it is evidence that you hate God. You cannot have sin as your co-worker and expect God to be your boss. Sin simply means success in nothing. What you do to sin will determine what God will do to you and in you. To live above sin you must come under the son of God. The ground of sin may look good and solid but once you step on it, it will become soft and rough. Sin sinks.



# Your Condition And Your Conclusion

By Daniel Olukoya

**P**salm 34:17 says, "The righteous cry and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles." Verse 19 says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."

Psalms 9:9 says, "The Lord also will be a refuge to the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble."

Nobody can run away from trouble and problems. There is no place that far that you can run to and trouble will not find you. As a matter of fact, all of life is one trouble or another. So, anyone who is telling you that you can have a problem-free existence is giving you a fraudulent dream. No one including the righteous is immune from trouble. Unfortunately, problem has no respect for anybody. Problems have no regard for anyone. A problem-free life is only available in the cemetery. Problems come any way, whether you invite them or not, and God in His own training school always leaves a challenge in your life for you to conquer. And in a bid to conquer that challenge, you become stronger.

Life itself is a process of solving problems all through. But to the believer who has surrendered his life to Jesus, every problem is a miracle in disguise. God will not deliver you from your problem but will deliver you in the problem. The deliverance of Shadrach Meshach and Abednego did not come outside the fiery furnace but inside the fire. They were delivered inside the fire.

Problems can make you better or bitter. Your problems can build you up or burst you up. But the mystery of the matter is that every problem has an expiry date. But people do not know this secret because God does not reveal everything to us at once. Sometimes, God's process of deliverance may appear as a challenge but many people do not understand so they get very worried. They think it is a problem whereas God knows better. Therefore, problems, one way or another are the springboards to success.

A little bit of the rain of trouble falls into every life. Many people start their battle from the womb. Some start at a young age

while some start theirs in their old age. But a little bit of rain will fall, and you cannot be victorious if you are not in the battle. The big truth that I want you to know is this: Your condition is not as important as your conclusion. What matters is what happens in you because of what happened to you. When you have problems and draw the wrong conclusion about your situation, your condition will not change. When a child of God comes to the church, depressed and with his head down, God cannot speak to him. He would leave the same way he came because with that state of mind, he is saying that his problem is above God.

Many people conclude their problems with weeping. But weeping cannot save anyone. The conclusion of some people is sorrow, self-pity, or hysteria. They go into a rage and throw tantrums of anger. It is a wrong conclusion. The conclusion of some people is cursing. They issue all kinds of curses against people because they have a problem, it is a wrong conclusion. Some even go to the extent of abusing God. It is a wrong conclusion. Problems make some people harbour suicidal thoughts. There are some who even attempt suicide. It is a wrong conclusion. When some people have problems, they go into sudden holiness and begin to pray that the Lord Jesus should come quickly. They want Jesus to come because they have problems not out of love. It is a wrong conclusion.

Some people become slaves to prophets when they have problems. They submit themselves to anybody for prayers. Witchcraft powers that never had access to their heads would lay their hands on their heads and command the problems to multiply. Such people compound their problems by handing them over to wolves. Every man and woman will fight his or her own battle. Men of God can assist you but if you have the "prophet syndrome," when the prophet dies, you will be in trouble.

When some people have problems, their conclusion is to become downcast, quarrelsome and withdrawn. They will murmur and complain. They will be discouraged. That is a wrong conclusion and the condition will not change. As long as you conclude negatively, the problems will never go

away. The way you handle your problem determines how you end up.

Your condition is not as important as your conclusion. Your conclusion is the prophecy about your problem. But with the right conclusion, God will never allow bad news to be the last news. If you conclude correctly and act accordingly, bad news will not be the last news. Your enemies will not laugh last once your conclusion is correct. God Himself will turn your night to day. He will turn your mess into miracle and your problems to promotion. Only you can decide what your problem can do to you. Worry and anxiety are the wrong conclusions to problems. They give the enemy opportunity to deal with one terribly.

## ATTITUDE

Attitude is one character that makes a big difference among people. It is a very powerful force that many people do not pay attention to and it destroys very quickly. It has to do primarily with the way people react to situations. Attitude goes a long way to show the quality of a person. If your attitude is positive, you will always come to the top. If it is negative, you will come down. There are some people who are always happy no matter their condition. It is attitude. Our happiness and success depends not so much on the problems we face, but how we respond to those problems. A positive attitude can turn situations around for a person. A negative attitude will not solve any problem. A positive attitude towards life and towards whatsoever you are facing will remove the dust from your mind and motivate you to accept the challenge ahead.

Beloved, your conclusion decides your condition. The right attitude will allow you to choose action instead of withdrawal. It will make you to choose growth instead of stagnation. It will make you to choose courage instead of fear. The right attitude will allow you to take encouragement instead of despair. Your attitude will help you to find the good in any situation you are so that you can remain optimistic. But if you handle it wrongly, the problem will continue. If you take an attitude of withdrawal, fighting your wife or your husband or if you

keep saying "Since the day I married you, everything has been upside down," things will become rougher. If you worry yourself until you are sick, it is a wrong attitude. Resorting to drugs, alcohol, cigarette, etc is wrong attitude. Many people are yet to realize that alcohol cannot drown any problem. It is a wrong attitude when you get confused, become insulting, cry all day long, drive recklessly or take an overdose of anything because of any situation. It is a wrong attitude when you begin to overeat because there is a problem. It is a wrong attitude to be bitter against anybody. It is a wrong attitude to fall apart, get angry, have hatred towards others, backslide or go about saying that nobody cares about you and your problems. It is a wrong attitude to keep saying, everybody seems to be against me and I don't know why." Some would say, "I wish this life was over so that we can go away." It is a wrong conclusion. Your conclusion decides your condition.

Nothing should push anyone to the level where he or she decides to marry any man or woman that comes along. When you refuse to sleep because of problems, it is a wrong attitude. The Bible says, "It is vain for you to keep awake because of trouble." Making sarcastic statements is a bad attitude. Breaking and destroying properties is a wrong attitude. Throwing objects about in the house is a bad attitude. Moodiness, over sensitivity, discontinuity of prayers and Bible reading constitute a bad attitude. So, your attitude has an impact on your happiness. And it has an impact on the success of those around you.

You can completely alter the course of your life by your attitude. Paul and Silas had no reason to sing praises in the prison. They were beaten, dragged on the floor and thrown into jail. They were not doing their work. They suffered because they were doing the work of God but their attitude was different. There were bruises on their body but their attitude was different. One would have thought that they would stay in one corner, cry their eyes out and blame God, but they sang praises and God was happy with them and things began to happen.

It is often said that the same sun that melts the candle hardens the clay. Your attitude is within your control. Make a decision today that your conclusion must be positive because you are responsible for how you react and for what you allow to influence your life. A positive outlook allows you to stand up and take control of your life.

Attitude is more important than money. It

is more important than your circumstances. It is more important than your failures. It is more important than what people say. It is more important than what people think. It is more important than your appearance. It is more important than education.

Happiness in life is determined by 10 per cent of what happens to you and 90 per cent of how you react. It is your positive attitude that makes you to persevere and persist. I read the story of a certain man who is an expert at writing children's books. The first children book he wrote was rejected by twenty three publishers. But he never gave up; he kept writing them. All of a sudden he had a breakthrough; and the book sold six million copies. Your attitude is very important. Your condition will not change it. The key to living a fulfilled life is the right attitude. Our attitude works twenty-four hours a day for our good or for our bad. If you fail to harness the force of your attitude, it will be a tragedy. It is not your position that matters but your disposition to that condition. Excellence is not a skill. It is not a talent, it is an attitude. That is, your attitude to a situation is geared towards excellence in whatever you do. Therefore, what happens to you is less significant than what happens in you.

## HOW TO YOU MAKE A PROPER CONCLUSION ABOUT

### ANY CONDITION

1. Repent of any known sin: Sin is always a destroyer. If you pray while living in any known sin, your conscience will tell you that you are deceiving yourself. You took some bottles of beer and later began to sing "Holy Ghost, do it again," you are deceiving yourself. Or you beat up your spouse and later begin to pray fire prayers, you are deceiving yourself.

2. Refuse to wallow in self-pity: Do not engage in self-pity. I read the story of a fellow who wanted to commit suicide. But before he jumped down from a tall building which he had climbed, a man rushed to him and said, Mr. Man, please I know you want to jump down and kill yourself but before you jump, can I have your shoes, belt and wristwatch." He said, "Why are you asking for these things?" The man answered, "I want them because all my life, I have not been able to afford any of these things and I see that you can afford them and you want to die, so let me have them." When he heard that, he realized that his case was not that bad. He did not commit suicide anymore.

3. Focus on God not on your condition: God

is a specialist at turning up when everyone has given up. He is a specialist at coming in through the back door when you are expecting Him at the front door. Focus on God and not on the problem or condition. If you keep saying, "Everybody is asking me, that is why I am worried," any time they ask say, "It is well." If not, the same people who are asking you will kill you and attend your funeral. They will kill you by the questions they are asking you and you do not know how to answer.

4. Face one problem at a time: Prioritize your problem. Do not fight useless battles. It is wrong to face too many things at the same time. For example, you want to launch war against strange women, fight your household enemies, witches and wizards, pray against spirit husband, bind hypertension, pray against household witchcraft and poverty all at the same time. It is wrong. Pick them one at a time. Do not jumble prayers, take it one at a time.

5. Do not think or confess negatively: Never let anybody push you to the level where you will speak against yourself. Negative confessions and thoughts will put you into trouble.

6. Hold firmly to the promise of God.

7. Expect a divine solution.

8. Have the right attitude to your condition: Begin to see yourself bigger than that problem.

## PRAYER POINTS

1. *Ask the Lord to forgive you for your wrong and negative attitude.*

2. *Thou power of affliction, your time is up, die, in the name of Jesus.*

3. *Every arrow of affliction fired into my career, die, in the name of Jesus.*

4. *Every power saying no to my joy, what are you waiting for? Die, in the name of Jesus.*

5. *Every power calling my name in the court of Satan, die, in the name of Jesus.*

6. *(Pray this on your hands) Every power contesting for the prosperity of my hands, die, in the name of Jesus.*

7. *(Pray this on your hands) Any deposit of poverty in my hands, die, in the name of Jesus.*

**N**ot too long ago a friend asked me how I was able to handle the physical aspects of being a single Christian woman. Having been married for more than 20 years, my friend found it hard to conceive of a life where a person could not reach out and physically touch another. She wasn't just speaking of sexual contact, but that was part of her question. So, here is an expanded version of how I answered her. . .

First of all, let's look at the sexual issue. For a Christian, it is a no-brainer. I didn't say it was easy, just pretty straightforward and simple. Sexual involvement is reserved only for marriage. Period. Once you know what the Bible has to say about fornication, which is sex outside of marriage, a line needs to be drawn in the sand if you truly desire to be obedient to Him, who gave His all for you. Do you question whether sexual activity is an issue for born-again, Bible-believing, Jesus-loving Christians? You bet it is! Churches are filled with the walking wounded from the ravages of sexual sin. Unfortunately, sermons on sexual purity seem to be reserved for teenagers and younger adults. The ones who have been left out of the equation are older adults, whether never-married or divorced or widowed. This grieves me deeply, because we older Christians also need to hear about and be encouraged in the area of sexual purity. Not just no less than younger Christians, but maybe even more so!

Sexual sin is so pervasive in our society because of all the weapons of warfare the enemy has and uses against us. To put aside for the moment the issue of our own human desires, let's look briefly at the bombardment upon our senses at almost every corner we turn. It is hard to listen to popular music and not hear reference to some romanticized version of sexual activity. Music makes no distinction about the morality of the sexual activity. There pervades the myth in our society that sex is open to any and all who desire it. If you have an itch, scratch it, seems to be the underlying principle. Movies, books, television, and the internet prove to be the devil's favorite playgrounds. We need to diligently monitor ourselves in these areas. There are no playground police who will ask us if we should really be there or not. I like the James 4:7 and 4:17 principles: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. . . .Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

In 1 John 2:15-17, we are exhorted to love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, and that if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. In verse 16, it goes on to say that 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. The world is society, cultural and pleasure pursuits, traditions, fashions, whatever is the "in"

thing at the moment. In short, everything around us. However, we need to heed the warning in verse 17. The world and its lust are passing away. We need to keep our eye on the prize. Live with a heavenly perspective on the very temporary nature of this life, and the eternal aspect of life once we walk through death's door. We need to remember that we are to be in the world, but not of the world.

I want to touch, at least briefly, on the issue of our natural, human desires. It's not enough that we are blasted on every side with sin's enticements. We fight the battle of our own God-given desires. Has God set us up to fail because He gave us the desire for sexual intimacy? Absolutely not! God is utterly vindicated of this accusation, because He has equipped us with many forms of armour with which to deflect the flames of passion. And that will be the theme of my next article, because there is too much to discuss in that area to cover here.

I pray that God will give each and every one of us who desires to be obedient in this absolutely crucial area of sexual purity, to purpose in our hearts to rely on His strength to overcome this snare of the enemy. "Now, thanks be unto God, Who always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place." Amen!

# Being Single

By Kathleen Gotto

# One Man's Plea for Christian Women to Dress Modestly

By Kevin L. Howard

Many women love to show off their backs with their spaghetti-string tops, while sporting low-rider jeans or cute miniskirts. That's why I'm writing. My wife, baby daughter, and I live in Southern California with nice weather nearly year round. But summers usher in gorgeous sunny days. And when the temperature rises, I've noticed the clothes become skimpy, even at church. When I worship with other believers, I'm frequently exhausted from the work week. I need the spiritual meal my pastor will place in front of me. Yet, the exposed skin of the Christian women sitting nearby distracts me. When women think they're simply wearing what's fashionable, they might be provoking the men around them to turn their devotions away from God.

## The daily battle men face

Many women dress appropriately, and to those I say bravo. But at the risk of being overly negative, I want to address the problem of immodesty. Unfortunately, many women today don't know what modesty is. If someone encourages them to dress modestly, they'll put on tight shorts, a tank-top, and never think twice about it.

Immodesty can be put in perspective when women understand the stronghold that lust and pornography have on men today. The pornography industry in the United States rakes in 12 billion dollars a year. Surveys taken by Promise Keepers, Focus on the Family, Insight for Living, and other reputable Christian organizations

show about half of the male respondents indicated they've viewed porn within the past few months. Did you get that? If this statistic is correct, five of 10 men you see in church have looked at porn recently. Some of them have looked at it daily. And who knows how many more of the "innocent" 50 percent have recently leafed through a bikini magazine or watched steamy R-rated movies? Men who want to stay pure are finding impurity pursuing them. Many commercials feature scantily clad women showing off their God-given goods. Almost everywhere a man looks he sees skin—from the magazines at the check-out counter to the billboards along the highway.

If he can't get away from this overly sexed culture even at church, he begins to think the fight isn't worth the cost. I'm not excusing lust; I'm just painting a realistic picture of the battle men encounter daily. It's not easy to stay pure in today's culture. A man may be doing fine with his thoughts one minute, and then a woman in a short skirt, high heels, and painted toenails walks by, and something stirs within him. He starts thinking about how he can relieve the sexual pressure that bubbles somewhere deep in his soul.

## Protecting yourself and men

Immodesty not only damages men, but it hurts women too. When men see women dressed immodestly, men think of them as objects of pleasure. A woman can't dress immodestly, and then be upset when men don't respect her mind and personality.

God made men with a deep desire to connect sexually with a woman. But Satan uses this against us and wants us to lust over every attractive woman we see. When you dress like the women on TV, you play into most men's prime weakness.

## Getting things backwards

It seems that many married women are confused. If you're dressing seductively, do it at home where your husband can enjoy it—the only one who's supposed to enjoy it. Married women, if dressing seductively in public is your way of trying to make your husband proud when you're out with him, follow the biblical approach. If you are a follower of Christ, think deeply on 1 Timothy 2:9-10. Paul says to Timothy, "I also want women to dress modestly, [1] with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God." The Bible warns against outward adornments because people inevitably invest too much in the outward person at the neglect of the inner person. Your virtue is far more important than your outward beauty.

Single ladies, if dressing seductively is your way of luring a man, you'll lure a man all right. But he won't be the kind you'll want to marry. If you marry a man you seductively lure to yourself, you'll regret it. Mystique will make the man you want to marry wonder, in a healthy way, what you've got underneath those clothes. And marriage will be his ticket to find out.

## Tips on dressing modestly

Styles come and go, but class is always in fashion.

Jeremy Clark gives some practical tips for women to test their apparel before they leave the house.

"When bending over in a loose-fitting or scoop-neck blouse, always place your hand over the neckline.

"When wearing a button-down blouse, stand sideways and look at the buttonholes in a mirror. If they spread too far apart or gape too much, you'll expose your chest. Pin between the buttons if you need to.

"For all blouses, be conscious about your bra showing. Be especially careful with the armholes or straps of sleeveless blouses. Just the sight of your undergarments can cause a guy to stumble.

"When wearing a dress or skirt, always stand in the light and check if you need a slip. Even a lightweight black dress can reveal your silhouette (in other words, be see-through). Your best bet is to always wear a slip. And if you can't find a slip short enough for your skirt, chances are your skirt is too short!

"When wearing a skirt or dress, always be conscious of the way you're sitting. You may think I don't need to mention this obvious fact, but you'd be surprised how often girls fail to sit modestly.

"When wearing a skirt, be aware that changing positions will cause your skirt to bunch or pull. Smooth your skirt down when you sit down or stand up.

"When choosing a bra, remember that lace and seams will show through many tops. Choose a seamless or smooth bra whenever possible. (And remember, it's almost pointless to wear a bra if the material of your blouse is too thin. I don't have to tell you what happens when you get cold. Protect yourself with a thicker material.)

"The best advice I could give you is to stand in front of a mirror before you go out. Bend over, turn side to side, turn around, and check everything. Be aware of what different kinds of clothing can reveal.

## Conclusion

First, women need to better emphasize dressing modestly to the females in their sphere of influence. How about publicly addressing immodesty in the church every six months? What about addressing it at a women's retreat? If need be, women can use magazine pictures or TV clips to start a discussion with other women about modesty.

Second, Christian women need to make sure they're dressing and living modestly. Help men live holy lives by the way you dress. We're assaulted with sex every day. We're already trained (by culture and our own sinfulness) to think sexually, so don't make us endure it at church. There's still great power in concealing your physical beauty.

If you're a mom, don't underestimate your influence over your girls in the way they think about themselves and your boys in the way they think about women. The father's role is vital too. If fathers start instilling the virtues of modesty while their children are young, then these same fathers might not fret as much when their sons and daughters blossom into teens. If a man already has a teen daughter, he can hopefully still shape

her outlook on her body. He must show her love, but remain firm that she isn't free to dress like a streetwalker. And he can have the same positive influence on his sons, teaching them to respect women and to cherish sex as a gift of marriage. Train your children now while they're young. Teach them not just to dress modestly but to think modestly. After all, modesty is a heart issue.

Dressing modestly won't get you into heaven, but it might help keep some men out of hell. If what you're wearing to church is immodest, it's probably too immodest to wear anywhere else, and vice versa. But this article is about more than how you dress. It's about being a person with a pure heart. Modesty is part of your character and will express itself in how you walk, what you say, what you wear, and how you bend down to pick something up.

You can be dressed the right way and still send the message of immodesty by what you say or how you walk. Immodesty (or shall we say, impurity) can even be conveyed by your eyes when you look at someone. Do your part in helping keep men pure and families together. When in doubt about what you're wearing, put on more. How about asking a trusted older Christian woman what she thinks about your dressing habits?

You can dress attractively without being sleazy. But the Bible warns about the trap of outward beauty. If you have to choose between attractive or virtuous, I hope you choose virtue. You will not always have to choose between the two, but sometimes you will. And dressing modestly is asking little from a soldier seeking to wage war on the enemy. Seeing Jesus' smile of approval when you get to heaven will make your sacrifice worth it.



# Practicing Early Time With God

By Demetria Zinga

“Spending time with God is something every Christian woman should set aside time for.” Perhaps this is a fairly common statement that we’ve heard all too often. We all know this to be true, and yet it still seems to be a most incredible struggle to obtain that blessed time with God each and every day of our lives.

So, how do we wear all the hats and still have time to be still and quiet in God’s presence? How do we make the time to sit quietly before our Savior when our toddlers are stampeding through our living rooms with permanent markers only inches away from our furniture and walls? When do we find the time to say a prayer long enough to our Savior before we are interrupted with “MOM! She hit me!”, or “Honey, I can’t find my keys!”

True, we all wear different hats—some of us are mothers, some of us are married, many of us work from home or have full time jobs outside of the home...but one thing we all have in common is our need for the peace of God in our lives. We ALL need the Lord!

With that said, let’s talk for a minute about some practical things we can do each day to allow the Lord first place in our lives. We are not only discussing our time in general with God each day, but the fact that we can also give God the first of our day.

“Impossible!” you might exclaim...but it’s true. We can do this! I am a living witness that despite the busy-ness of each morning, it is VERY possible for me and anyone else to give God the very first few minutes of each of my day. Try the following steps for 21 days and see if you’ll notice a difference in your outlook on life. Also note any changes in your relationship with God (you’ll most definitely feel more aware of how close the Lord really is to you, especially during many of your stressful times!) In addition, take note of your relationships to your family and friends, and to people around you. As you spend time, and EARLY time with the Lord, you will find your relationships with others changing as YOUR heart changes. Your heart will change because you start to become more like Christ as you draw closer to Him in fellowship each and every

morning when you first awake.

**Here’s how I do it:**

1.) Upon awaking each morning, thank God for a brand new day. Believe it or not, this very small act of gratitude takes you a long way during your stress throughout the day.

2.) Look out your window. Appreciate the nature. Thank God for what you see. Observe the weather. Whether it be raining or sunny, thank God for the weather. If it’s raining, don’t complain, but thank God for the rain. Thank Him for the sun. Thank Him for the birds in the air, and the trees. Thank God for His handiwork.

3.) If your children and husband are still asleep, that means you still have time to spend with God! So get started! Open your bible and read some scripture, then MEDITATE on it. Think about what it means to you. Consider how you might apply the scriptures to your life that day.

4.) Journal your thoughts and prayers to the Lord. Haven’t invested in a journal yet? Get yourself one—it doesn’t have to be the cutest and most expensive journal. You could even buy an inexpensive notebook...but do keep one on hand for your prayer times. Keeping a journal will help you monitor your growth in your relationship with Christ throughout the years.

5.) And if you are STILL the only one up for the morning, NOW you can take the time to retreat to a place in your house where you won’t awaken anyone, and talk out loud to the Lord. Talking out loud does several things for you. Haven’t you noticed that when we simply keep our thoughts inward and never verbalize them, many times they don’t feel real to us? But once we verbalize our thoughts, they become tangible. It’s the same with our prayers to our Savior. When we can, we should try talking out loud to Him as we would anyone else. It helps us to realize the tangible-ness of our Lord, and that He is as real as talking to our friends and family, and actually hears us. Talking out loud also cements our prayers and thoughts in reality. As our voice echoes our resounding prayers and conversations with

God, we are able to hear these prayers with our own ears, and are confirmed with our hearts the truth and reality of our relationship with God, because after all, we were just talking to Him!

Do you see how spending time with God first thing upon awaking each morning is not only possible but quite do-able, even for those of us with the most hectic schedules?

**We can do this!**

The benefits of spending time with our Savior each morning are awesome. We’ll begin to notice our hearts become more pliable to His word. We’ll start to notice a difference in our feelings toward others and our relationships with family, friends, and co-workers. We’ll find the peace of God transcending our thoughts and minds. We’ll begin to notice how strong and steadfast we are as we stand firm in our faith. As God becomes our rock and our fortress, we’ll find ourselves unmoved by the chaos and stressors of life.

Let’s aim to strive for EARLY time with our Savior. Once you begin to implement this discipline, your life is sure to change!

## How to Be Confident 10 Ways to Build Self-esteem

By Lorene Troyer

Do not let a lack of self-confidence prevent you from living a fulfilling life and accomplishing your God-given destiny. Low self-esteem has its origin in fear. It is a tool used by the devil to stop you from being effective as a Christian and it manifests as depression, confusion, indecisiveness and lack of faith.

Low self-esteem comes as a result of focusing on the wrong things. If you choose to focus on negative circumstances—the bills that are due, your faults and shortcomings, not to mention the 6 o’clock news—you will be seriously depressed in a short amount of time. Here are 10 ways to boost self-esteem and have a faith-filled outlook on life:

1. Spend time giving God heartfelt praise. This puts your focus on Him and releases your faith in His ability to help you succeed.
2. Stop comparing yourself to others. God made you unique and you can never be your best when you are trying to be like someone else.
3. Meditate on scriptures that have the answers to what you want in life. This will cause you to expect good things.
4. Consistently speak positive, faith-filled words. You can not think negative thoughts while you are speaking positive things out of your mouth.

5. Don’t say or think critical things about others. If you do, you may assume that others are criticizing you behind your back—not one of the best ways to build self-esteem.

6. Write out a vision for your life. Proverbs 29:18 says that people with no vision will perish. A vision will give you focus and cause you to be excited about life.

7. Learn to laugh at yourself when you make a mistake. Look at it as a learning opportunity rather than a reason to beat yourself up.

8. Exercise regularly. A good cardiovascular workout causes the brain to release chemicals that lead to feelings of well-being and a more positive outlook on life.

9. Look your best. Wearing stylish clothes that flatter your figure and getting your hair styled is a great way to improve self-esteem.

10. Laugh, have fun and hang out with positive people.

Low self-esteem will hinder or stop you from fulfilling your God-given destiny. Take whatever steps are necessary to renew your mind and get rid of inferiority. Choose to walk by faith and be the confident person you were meant to be.



# What to Do When Your Debt Looks Like Goliath the Giant

By Shawn from [www.10talentwealth.com](http://www.10talentwealth.com)

Do you feel like David going up against Goliath when it comes to eliminating debt? Do you dread when the mail carrier comes to the door carrying a handful of envelopes marked "Past Due" or "Urgent Reply Requested"? Are credit card payments spiraling out of control? Do you dodge phone calls expecting harassing creditors? Or, do you make sure to park your bank-owned car as far away from your front door as possible to avoid "the Repo Man"?

Well, you can defeat Goliath-sized debt! The answer is in the real story of David and Goliath. Your victory is in changing your thinking. In this post, we'll challenge your thinking by expounding on:

## 4 Ways David Reacted Differently Which You Can Apply to Your Thinking About Your Personal Finances

- Difference#1: David Heard Differently
- Difference#2: David Believed Differently
- Difference#3: David Spoke Differently
- Difference#4: David Expected Different Results

In 1 Samuel, Chapter 17, the story unfolds. 4 Ways David Reacted Differently Which You Can Apply to Your Thinking About Your Personal Finances

What I love about this story are its contemporary parallels. There are 4 Ways David reacted differently to the Goliath-sized situation. When you approach your financial circumstances with this kind of different thinking, things are bound to change for you.

### Difference#1: David Heard Differently

For forty days, Goliath taunted the Israeli army. Even King Saul cowered at the words of defiance from the huge Philistine. When David first heard those same words faith, not fear, was produced in his heart.

David heard the defiance of his God and took offense. He was not in the least concerned about Goliath's size. David knew the Lord would fight for him in battle.

Your perspective determines your success or failure. Looking at your situation with doubt in your heart effectively shuts down the power of God to deliver you. Are you speaking doubt into your negative financial circumstances?

### Difference#2: David Believed Differently

The Philistines placed all their faith in the giant Goliath. David placed his faith in the mighty God of Israel. You, when facing your Goliath, must depend on the strength of the Lord. If you feel you don't have sufficient wisdom to handle your situation, God will supply the knowledge you need if you will ask Him.

You control how you interpret your surroundings. If you view your negative situation overcoming you, overpowering you, knocking you down and out, it will. Satan wants you to see only the Goliath-sized problem, not your Lord & Savior.

We must magnify God in our own minds. To magnify means to enlarge so as to increase visibility and understanding. If the size of your problem such as your debt, your utility bill, your foreclosure notice, your bad spending habits remains large in your own mind, God's ability to be a gigantic deliverer in your life is limited. See God as more powerful, and

mightier and greater than any kind of situation.

### Difference#3: David Spoke Differently

David drew confidence from past victories. He had defeated a bear and a lion while out shepherding his father's sheep. Each private battle expanded his courage. So, in the heat of battle, the maturing process he had undergone became evident to others. He spoke forth his confidence in God while under pressure. That's the true test of maturity.

### Difference#4: David Expected Different Results

David used Goliath's own weapon against him. What's was Goliath's primary weapon? His mouth! He created so much fear in the ranks of Israel, that they were defeated before the battle ever began. Goliath's words created fear. But, David's belief in God created different words, faith words.

Dismantling the power of your Goliath is at the head. Your head, or your thinking controls your actions. As long as you are listening to the taunts of negative self-talk and defeated people, you grow weak. If you absorb the words of the naysayers, instead of deflecting their negative commentary, you grow weak in your thinking.

Change what you are saying to yourself and aloud. If negativity and doubt has escorted you to your current location, where do you think speaking God's word in the atmosphere will take you? To

victory! God's word absolutely never returns void. It accomplishes what He sends it to do. The angels listen to the person speaking God's word confidently and triumphantly. Keep your angels employed by constantly speaking God's word over your circumstance A-L-O-U-D!

Go grab your Goliath by the neck. Using Goliath's sword on him means you say God's word to it. Many, many more swords are located in God's word. Choose your weapon against your Goliath. Use it skillfully to eradicate your enemy debt. Memorizing it means it's readily available to defeat your enemy!

### Try these swords out!

- Mark 11:23-24 – Say unto this mountain, Be thou removed!
- 1 John 5:14-15 – Whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions.
- Isa 54:17 – No weapon formed against you will prosper.
- 2 Tim 1:7 – God has not given us the spirit of fear but of wisdom power and a sound mind.
- Psalms 34:3 – O magnify the lord with me, let us exalted his name together.

### Your Action Plan:

Write out your top two debts that you want to eliminate. Be specific. Include dollars and bank names. For example, you may write "Citibank

VISA £1000, or "Residential Mortgage with Citizens Bank £20,000.

Find two scriptures that you can memorize concerning eliminating your debts.

Read and say those scriptures aloud. Prophesy their defeat as David spoke of Goliath's downfall.

Repeat this process until all doubt is removed from your mind.

Thank the Lord for being so large in your life. He's greater than any debt in your life.

# Just Like Naomi, Move Out Of Bitterness Into Joy

By Pastor Ayo Oluwalagba

At the moment you might be asking questions such as "if truly God created me to be great, to be a solution to this world, or to be the head and not the tail, why then is my life like this?" You might be pondering in your mind "why is it difficult to make it? Why can't I get a job? Why am I unmarried? Why is my life filled with struggle, who will take away my present shame, why is my life contrary to the word of God?"

Woman! You are not alone. Until her God arose and disgraced her enemies, Naomi was a bitter woman. In fact, she said, "Do not call me Naomi (which means "my Joy"); but call me Mara (which means "bitterness") for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me." She lost everything she had and at this point all hope was lost to the extent that she believed God was her number one enemy.

The parable in Matthew 13:24-28 which says "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' "An enemy did this," he replied" reminds us the real enemy is Satan.

Satan's agenda in every life is to exchange your strength with weakness, your vision with frustration, your prayerfulness with prayerlessness and your increase with decrease. His ruthless mission is to replace progress with stagnancy, confidence with fear, life with death and focus with distraction. The good seeds however are the divine deposits which God has placed in every life. Genesis 1-2 talks about how God created everything and declared them good. In God there is no imperfection and since we are created in God's image it is his will for all his children to be fruitful, joyful, prosperous and in good health.

In Ruth 1: 15-18, the power of God's restoration came upon Naomi and we see her sun rising again. For instance, her daughter-in-law; Ruth who refused to leave her, was placed by God in the family tree of Jesus Christ. Obed her grandson become the ancestor of the Messiah and Naomi's legacy outlived her by thousands of years. If she had given up, she would have died not knowing what God had in store for her. She would have died a "mara" when she was supposed to be a joy to many generations.

The name people call you does not matter. Rather, it is the name the Lord has given you that counts. God says in Isaiah 43:1 "But now thus says 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." God's timing surpasses human reasoning as it is written in 1 Corinthians 2:9 "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." You might have been denied your dreams or your past might look unredeemable. But be of good cheer. Despite your situation or background, do not give up. Do not stop praying and worshiping God because He will touch you once again and bring unspeakable joy. No one is ever too old or young for the miraculous.

Just like Naomi, perhaps the Lord has saved the best for last. Therefore, be a strong and courageous woman because the Lord isn't finished with you yet. Believe and accept the Lord's report for every area of your life and say no to the deception of Satan. With faith, your tree will sprout again, the river will flow again and your dry bones shall come alive.

### Prayer Points

1. My foundational Pharaoh, release my destiny, in the name of Jesus.
2. Any power assigned to exchange my destiny, catch fire, in the name of Jesus.
3. My glory will not turn to shame, in name of Jesus.
4. I will not be a deficit to my generation, in the name of Jesus.



# The Redemption Series

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A daeze Koya felt a sharp kick against the wall of her stomach. A moan climbed up her throat, and escaped from her mouth in a soft chuckle. Getting pregnant after six long years of waiting for a child was nothing short of a miracle, an act of kindness from God that had erased sadness from her life, such that even when her body wanted to react to pain, her soul rejoiced instead. Humming to a worship tune, she leaned unto the kitchen sink to assume a more comfortable position, wedging her bulge between the counter top and the corner of the gas cooker. Her gloved hands sank into the warm, soapy water, and enjoying the swish of the liquid around her arms, she washed dishes from last night's dinner with a content smile. Last night's dinner. The sweet memories soared her spirit. Just last night, Niyi had surprised her with the keys to a brand new home, a four bedroom house in the upmarket area of Cuffley in Hertfordshire. She'd had no idea her husband been making plans to purchase the home, had been pleasantly shocked to discover that not only had he been quietly saving for years for their dream home, he'd even gone as far as furnishing the entire property to her taste.

"A week before Promise is born," Niyi had said with a loving glow in his eyes as he dangled the house keys in front of her, "We will move into our new home." A daeze smiled at the memory as Promises' tiny feet thudded against the slant of her stomach. "You are blessed, Promise," Ada whispered to her baby, "blessed to have a wonderful man as a father." Promise responded with another fierce kick and Ada chuckled. "You don't agree? You wait and see what he has in store for you, child!" She adjusted her position, shifting the weight from one swollen foot to the other as she continued washing; the clink of ceramic plates against stainless steel cutlery the only other sounds in the kitchen apart from the soft sizzle from the pot of beef stew she was warming for dinner. Once done with the dishes, she shrugged her hands out of the gloves, switched off the stove and plodded to the living room. Sinking into the rocking chair Niyi had ordered the day after she'd told him she was pregnant, she started to reach for the remote control when her eyes caught a blinking red light from a nook in the sofa. She sighed. Her carelessness with her phone was legendary. Had she left it there when she fell asleep? With a groan, she leaned across the sofa, dug her fingers in and pulled out the Blackberry. She slid the phone open, a smile working its way down her lips as the blackberry messenger icon showed a small red asterisk. Apart from her friend, Simi, there was only other contact on her blackberry messenger – her husband, Niyi. And as always, the message was from Niyi. She clicked the icon, read the message: "My love, you

there?" She imagined him watching his phone with a concentrated frown on his handsome face as he waited for reply. And with no response from her, he would shake his head, knowing she'd discarded the phone. Again. The second message was sent five seconds after the first. "don't want you in that kitchen. Rushing home to make you dinner. Just getting on the A406. Home in twenty. Wait for me."

Twenty minutes? A daeze frowned. The message was sent at six o'clock, and now at- she glanced at the digital clock blinking under her TV set- eight o'clock. Had she slept that long? And why wasn't Niyi home yet? Strange. His office in Canary wharf was only a thirty minute drive from their rented apartment in Dagenham. She racked her brain, trying to think. Had he mentioned stopping over in church to help clear up after the new building dedication last sunday? No. She'd remember. So where was he? She stared at her phone, and then quickly typed, "Sweetheart, just got this. Too late. Already making dinner. Where are you? Worried. " With a slight tremble in her fingers, she tapped the send key and waited. The message jumped to the next side of the screen, but the tick icon indicating that the message had been delivered did not appear. Instead, a small twirling symbol danced on the screen- message in transit. She pushed herself up, swallowing the trepidation in her heart. All is well. Niyi is well, she told herself, but for some reason, the words failed to provide the much needed reassurance. She switched out of the Blackberry messenger application, tapped in her husband's phone number from memory. "Pick up, Niyi, Pick up," A daeze murmured. The ringing tone on the other end of the line vibrated through her, and the baby must have felt it too, for she kicked again, a sharp movement that sent a torrent of pain around her abdomen. She bit back a groan, wincing as her husband's husky voice played on voicemail. "Hi this is Niyi Koya, please leave a message and I will call you right back."

Closing her eyes, A daeze let the phone slide out of her hands. It hit the carpeted floor with a thud. Jesus, she prayed. . . Apart from you, he is all I have. Don't let—

A dull sound knocked the prayer off of her lips. Her eyes flicked open and she stared. What was that? When it came again, she realised it was her door. Someone was knocking. Niyi. Relief coursed through her. But then she frowned. Niyi had a key. Why would he knock? Maybe he lost it. Please God, let it be Niyi. Let it be Niyi. Thank you Jesus. . .

Using both arms to push herself up, A daeze trudged towards the door, hope flickering in her heart, warring with feelings of despair. Each step towards the Oakwood door was agonizing. Not knowing if her husband stood behind that door was punishment. Yet, she forced a smile. It had to be Niyi. She could smell him now, his

soft masculine cologne, the same one he'd worn everyday since they got married wafted over her. He was standing behind that door wasn't he? The scene played out before her: She fling the door open and glare at him. He'd burst into laughter, revealing the dimple in his chin. She would fall into his arms, sniff in his scent, thanking God. And then she'd break the embrace, straighten his tie- it was always flung over his shoulder- and give him a kiss and warn him never to scare her like that again. . .

She reached the door, placed her hand on the steel door handle. It felt cold, hard. She should look through the keyhole, see who it is, but she was afraid. Why?

"Who is it?" she barely whispered. She kept her head down, eyes on her bulge.

There was no answer. The door rattled. She had no choice. She had to look. She raised her head, pushed herself up on one foot and peeped. Her heart lurched.

Policemen. Two of them. They exchanged nervous glances, and then one of them reached out again and banged the door. Jesus please. A wave of nausea washed over her, but she bit it back, chiding herself. It could be neighbourhood policemen, simply asking questions about a recent robbery at a local shop. They would ask her if she saw anything, and she'd shake her head and say no, she hadn't. She'd been home all day, sleeping for the most part, or watching Judge Judy on daytime TV. She'd promise them to keep an eye out, just in-case one of the other neighbours saw or heard anything. And then she'd go back to her sitting room, and continue watching TV until Niyi came back home. She drew a breath and prayed. And then she opened the door, flashed them her best smile.

"How can I help you?" She rubbed her stomach, needed them to realise she was heavily pregnant. As if it wasn't obvious.

"Is this the home of Mr Niyi Koya?" the first man asked. He had a pudgy face, like he'd overfed on doughnuts for most of his adult life. His deep-set eyes dropped to her stomach, and then refocused on her face. A flash of sympathy flickered in his eyes. Or maybe she'd imagined it.

"Yes," she tried to sound cheerful, full of hope, but her voice came out as a squeak. "How can I help?"

"You must be his wife."

"Of course." She gave a firm nod. "I am his wife." His life.

"Can we come in?"

She placed a firm hand on the door handle, protecting herself. "No. I mean, why? What is it?" her voice went up a notch. "Why do you want to come in?"

"Is anyone else at home with you? Family?"

# 5 Insecurities That Hold Women Back

By Ronke Olajide

Much has been said about female bonding, female friendships and female networking but one thing is for sure, when women let go of their insecurities and get together to accomplish a set goal, the result is always outstanding. So what are some insecurities we women need to let go off so we can soar on eagle's wings and arrive at our next level?

She is better than me: No she isn't. The Leah complex makes a woman to believe another woman is better than her. Leah's story captured in Genesis 29 reveals that Leah struggled with the fact that Jacob preferred Rachael to her. So great was the competition between Leah and Rachel that all of Leah's life was devoted to winning Jacob's approval. For instance, when she began having children for Jacob, this complex manifested as she named her children. "Leah became pregnant and had a son. She named him Reuben (Look-It's-a-Boy!). "This is a sign," she said, "that God has seen my misery; and a sign that now my husband will love me." "She became pregnant again and had another son." "God heard," she said, "that I was unloved and so he gave me this son also." She named this one Simeon (God-Heard). She became pregnant yet again—another son. She said, "Now maybe my husband will connect with me—I've given him three sons!"

When you get rid of the Leah complex, you come to realise that the person you are envious of is probably someone who has come a long way in life. From the University of Life where we live and learn, she probably has learnt over the years how to maximize her strengths and just like you, she has weaknesses but she is working at eliminating them.

I can't do it: Yes you can. Life is a level playing field where we all have the opportunity and the chance. The difference is that most people miss their chance while others can't recognise opportunities. The woman with the issue of blood in Luke chapter 8 is definitely a woman who can spot opportunity and one determined not to miss her chance. When she saw Jesus, "She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped." For any woman with a goal to accomplish, she represents fearlessness, courage, single mindedness and determination.

I wish I was her: You don't have to be someone else. All you have to do is to improve yourself. The reason why we have mentors and role models is because there is something about them we admire. So learn to emulate, admire and be inspired by others. Mary Magdalene reminds us of the glory that can come out of a woman once possessed by demons.

After her total and complete deliverance, she became a vessel unto honour and was the first to see the risen Christ. To become heavens desire, every woman must constantly invest in her spiritual growth and development.

I don't like her: Since ministry is about people and no one can exist in isolation, Philippians 2:3 teaches us how to develop an effective team spirit. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves." When women get together we must appreciate and discover how to value each other.

I'm afraid: The fear of the unknown and venturing into new territories is a drawback for many women and a major insecurity that keeps them from achieving their full potential. Ruth in the bible had no idea what the future had in store but she decided to follow Naomi into a new place. When she launched out in boldness and left the old place behind, what she received was a better place and a more pleasant experience. Faith is a catalyst and allows the power of God to move and do a new thing. Fear however restricts and welcomes stagnancy.

In the journey of your life, God expects you to arrive at an expected end so have the courage to make mistakes, the humility to correct yourself and the wisdom to learn from them. The season of jubilee is here so continue to glorify God and dare to fulfil your God given destiny.



# About Mountain Of Fire

**MFM** was founded in July 1989 at the home of Dr. D. K. Olukoya with 25 people at the first service. The Church later moved to No. 60, Old Yaba Road, Alagomeji, and finally to the present Headquarters site on 24th April 1994. Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries is a full gospel ministry devoted to the Revival of Apostolic Signs, Holy Ghost fireworks and the unlimited demonstration of the power of God to deliver to the uttermost. Absolute holiness within and without as the greatest spiritual insecticide, and a prerequisite for heaven is taught openly. MFM is a do-it-yourself Gospel ministry where your hands are trained to wage war and your fingers to do battle (Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight: - Psalms 144:1 (KJV)). It is this kind of disposition that birthed the establishment of 25 ministry groups under the umbrella of the MFM Ministries, namely:

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The following are the goals and aims of the Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries, as handed to the General Overseer.

- To propagate the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ all over the world.
- To promote the revival of Apostolic signs, wonders and miracles.
- To bring together children of God who are lost in dead churches.
- To train believers in the art and science of spiritual warfare; thus making them an aggressive and victorious army for the Lord.
- To train believers to receive Holy Ghost baptism and fire as well as a daily walk and relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- To turn the joy of our enemies to sorrow. That is why we would always have a deliverance ministry wherever we are. If you do not believe in deliverance, you are not supposed to be in MFM.
- To build an aggressive end-time army for the Lord. MFM is an end-time church where we build an aggressive end-time army for the Lord.

## What Is An End-Time Church?

- An end-time church: is a church where a sinner enters with two options. He either repents or does not come back, contrary to the present day Church where sinners are comfortable and find things so easy and convenient.
- To deliver those who have become slaves to Pastors, Prophets and Apostles.
- To build up heavenly-bound and aggressive Christians. The priority in MFM is for people to make heaven. It is not a worldly Church.
- To build up prayer eagles.
- To purify the Pentecostal dirtiness of this age.

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5. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit - Acts 2:4; 10:44 and 19:1-6.
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7. The Ordinance of the Church, ego the Lord's Supper and Water Baptism.
8. The Church Universal, both visible and invisible.
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10. Divine healing as provided by the Lord Jesus Christ.
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13. The Fire Judgment.
14. The New Heaven and Earth.

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Dear Editor,

## What should I be looking for in a husband?

When a Christian woman is looking for a husband, she should seek a man "after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22). The most important relationship that any of us have is our personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. That relationship comes before all others. If our vertical relationship with the Lord is as it should be, then our horizontal relationships will reflect that reality. Therefore, a potential husband should be a man who has his focus upon walking in obedience to God's Word and who seeks to live so that his life brings glory to God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

What are some other qualities to look for? The apostle Paul gives us the qualities we should look for in a husband in 1 Timothy chapter 3. In this passage are the qualifications for a leader in the church body. However, these qualities should grace the lives of any man who walks "after God's heart." The qualities can be paraphrased as follows: a man should be patient and

controlled in his demeanor, not filled with pride but of sober mental attitude, able to master his emotions, given to graciousness to others, able to patiently teach, not given to drunkenness or uncontrolled use of any of God's gifts, not prone to violence, not overly focused upon the details of life but focused upon God, not apt to be a hot-head or be thin-skinned so that he takes offense easily, and grateful for what God has given, rather than envious of what gifts others have received.

The above qualities describe a man who is actively engaged in the process of becoming a mature believer. That is the type of man a woman should look for as a potential husband. Yes, physical attraction, similar interests, complementary strengths and weaknesses, and the desire for children are things to consider. These things, though, must be secondary to the spiritual qualities a woman should look for in a man. A man you can trust, respect, and follow in the

path of godliness is of far greater value than a man of good looks, fame, power, or money.

Finally, when "looking" for a husband, we must be surrendered to God's will in our lives. Every woman wants to find her "prince charming," but the reality is that she will probably marry a man with as many flaws as she has. Then, by God's grace, they will spend the rest of their lives together learning how to be a partner to, and servant of, each other. We must enter into the second most-important relationship of our lives (marriage), not under an emotional cloud, but with eyes wide open. Our most important relationship, with our Lord and Savior, has to be the focus of our lives.

Yours,  
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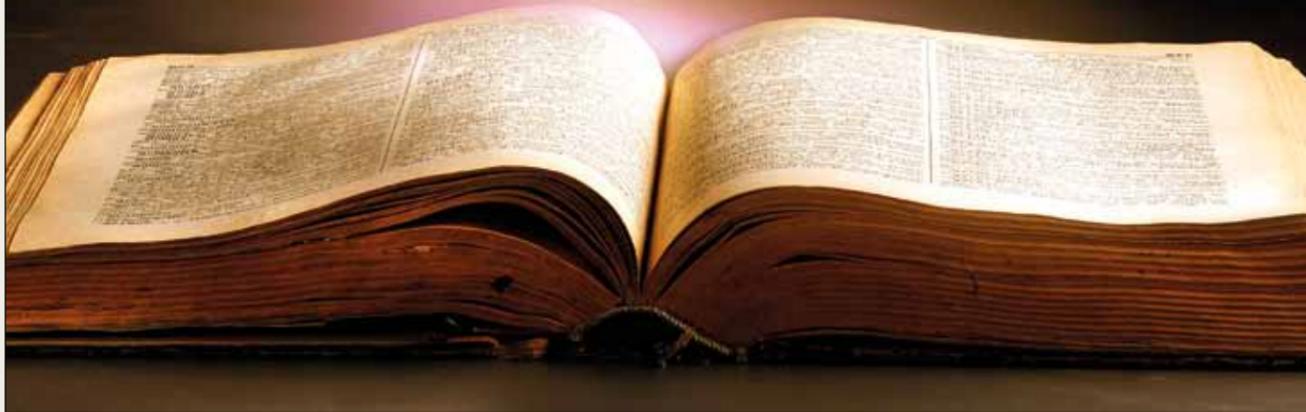
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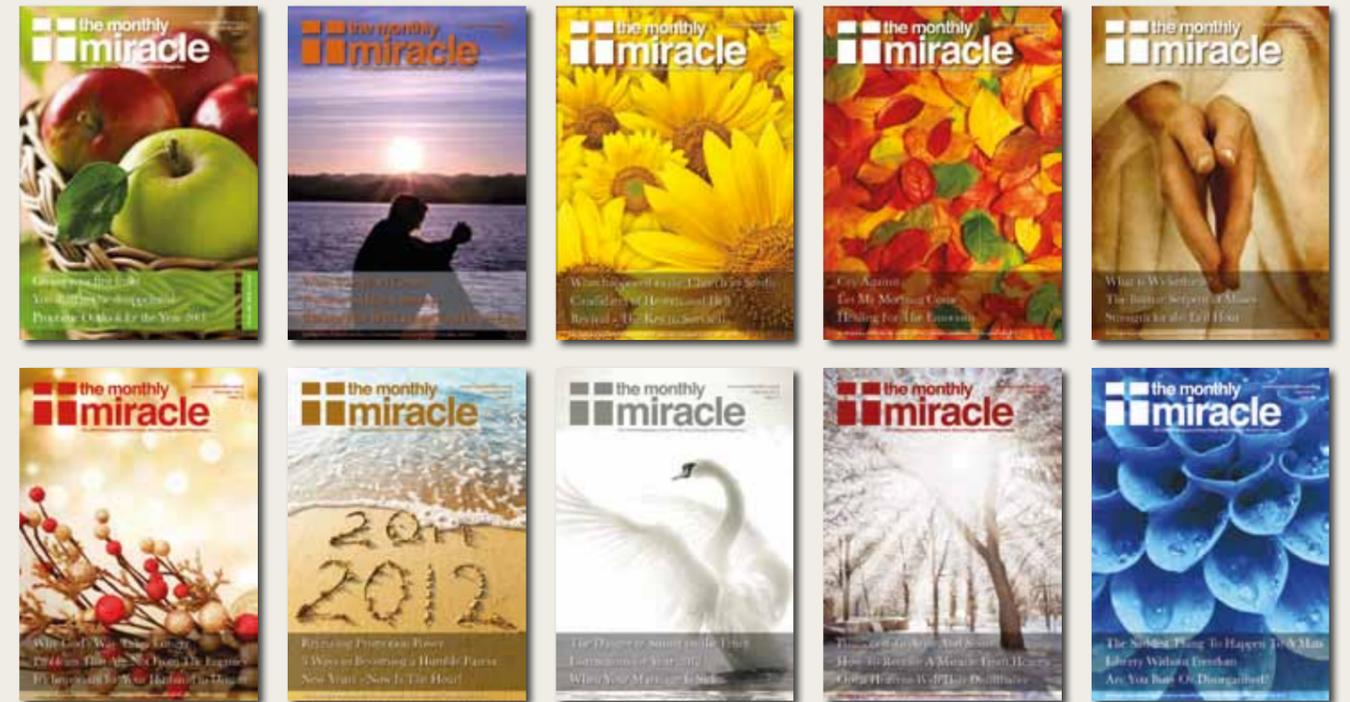
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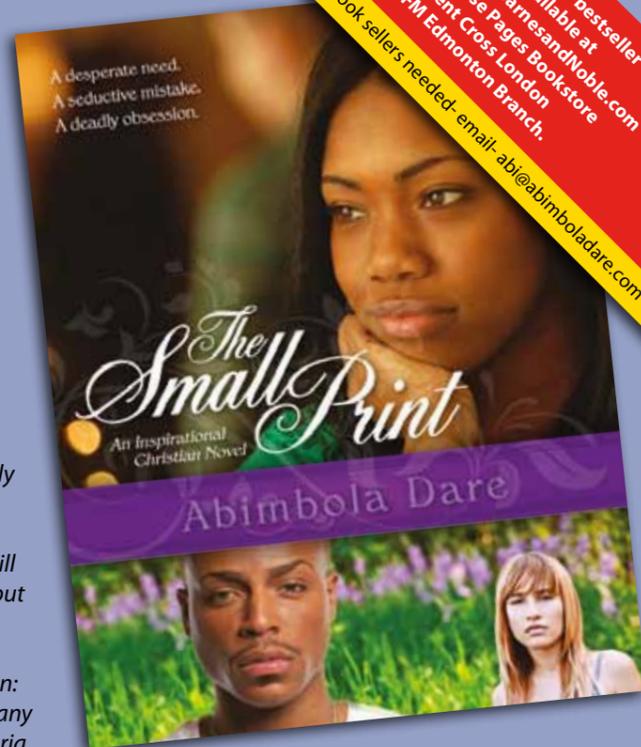
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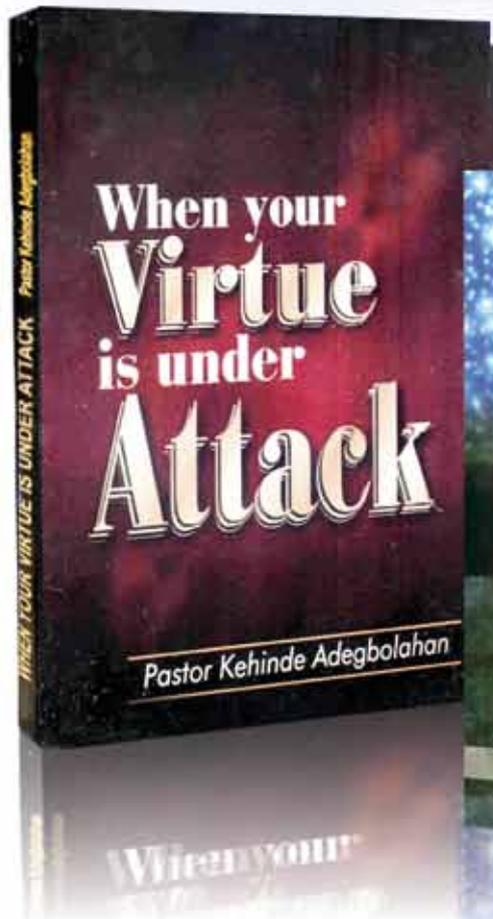
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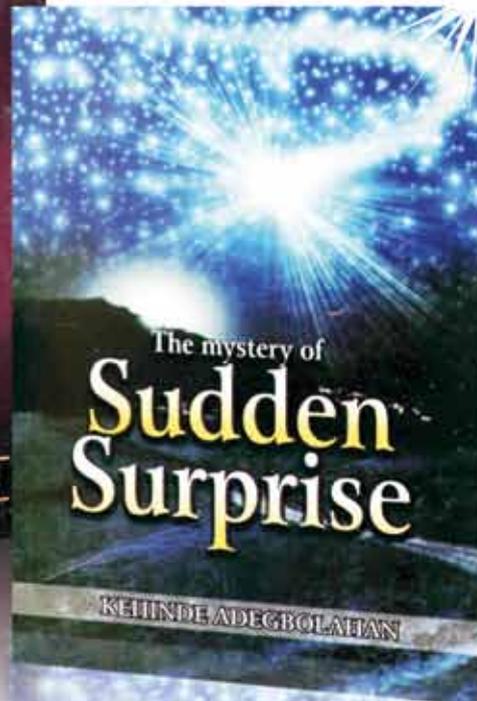
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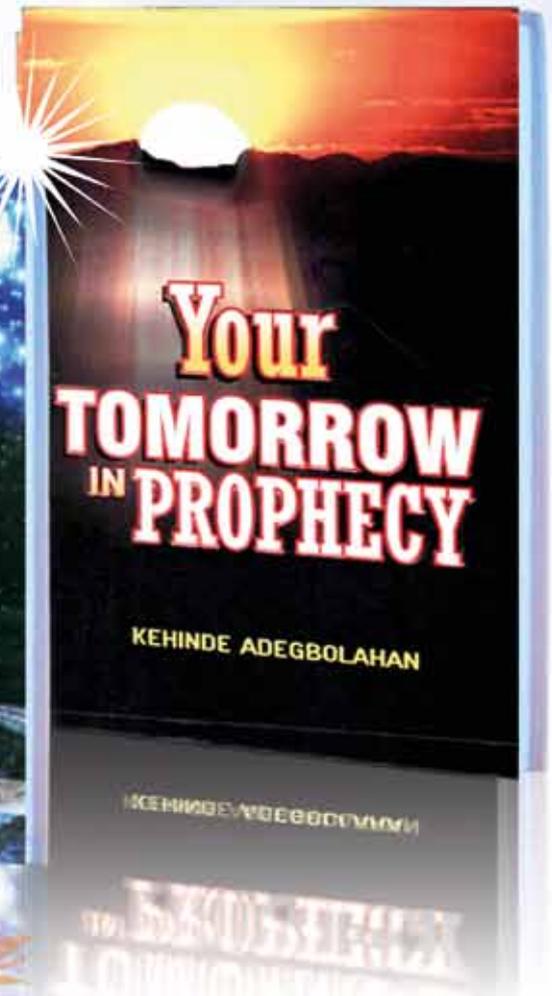
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