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To the Lord Jesus Christ the one who stands in the midst of the golden candlesticks the one who alone is the husband of the bride. The one who is our strength and power, whose enablement gives us the opportunity to walk in perfection (2 samuel 22:33) to him alone be glory, praise, dominion, and power, both now and forever. Holy and reverend is his name. Amen

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## *Introduction*

In the beginning creation began with a statement “*let there be light*”. This statement captured the intent of God that would forever oppose earth’s gloomy and dark state. The preceding statement in the same Chapter “*...darkness was over the face of the deep....*” reflected a state of gloom that light would forever oppose and eliminate. The command of light birthed the entire concept of purpose in time. For there is a time to every purpose under the Sun. The concept of time meant creation was not a random act. Creation, now in the visible realm was an intentional act of God. The project of creation was capped with the creation of man (Adam). The Adams (male and female) were created in the image and likeness of God to have multifaceted manifestation of God’s dominion on earth. He was created to reveal the reality of an invisible God in this visible realm (Romans 1:20). The creation

of the first man was therefore purposeful. It was in alignment with the creator's command which was "*let there be light*". As captured in the word of God, there was however a fall of the first Adam. This gave necessity for the revelation of the actual essence of creation which is Christ (Colossians 1:15-16). This man Jesus Christ is the Last Adam, the curriculum and obsessive gaze of all creation. He is the very model for who we are, should be and can be (Acts 17:28). The Lord Jesus lived a purposeful life that is both instructive and available to us in our experience.

Why is his life instructive to us? He was tried daily on all sides, yet he stared darkness in the face and lived as light. He gave himself totally to the fulfilment of God's plan for his life while existing in an age that was directly opposed to God. This was an exceptionally supernatural feat. The experience of Christ in the flesh was a metaphor for his physical act of walking on water.

He lived against the religious, social and spiritual tide of his time. He lived a supernatural life in a world of perversion. How then does walking on water directly apply to you? Beyond the physical manifestation of walking on water, we see the Lord as mortal man modelling a possibility of the supernatural and Peter his disciple was empowered to do likewise. As fellow disciples of Christ today, we are equipped and empowered to do as the Lord and even more. The encounter between Christ and Peter are revelations of our diverse possibilities in Christ while in world (Matthew 14:26-33). The concept of walking on water is summarized in the ability to live above consuming tides of this wicked, dark and immoral world. John gave insight into the state of the world when he said “And we know that we are of God, and the *whole world lieth in wickedness*” (1 John 5:19). The prophet in Isaiah 57:20 made us understand that “*the wicked are like a troubled sea...*”. Revelation 17:15 describes the waters as “*peoples, and multitudes, and*

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*nations, and tongues*” which are of this world. The sea or waters prophetically depict the darkness, wickedness and men who walk in such ways. It speaks of the dark world ruled by the spirit of this age, the unregenerated man and his consumption of sin. In the context of our meditation, walking on water means to purposefully unto God amidst the presence of darkness, especially in relation to the rage of immorality in this age.

Beloved, the world is getting darker and evil has become more systematic. There is a great onslaught of spiritual blindness, distraction and sexual immorality in this generation. Wickedness against God has become so institutionalized and deliberate in its manifestation. Fornication, sexual perversion, homosexuality, masturbation, addictions of all kinds etc. have become the order of the day. Men and women, Old and young, single and married have all become targets for the aggressive assault of the spirit of immorality worshiped in this age.

This bombardment is even more aggressive for young men and women in these times. The goal is to deter people of great potential from the path of divine purpose. At the same time the Lord is separating a group of people to himself, drawing them into the secret place, teaching them to know his love, to also love righteousness, walk against the tide and to live effective lives for Christ. The likes of such individuals are been taught how to walk on water. They are taught to genuinely live in separation unto God's purposes when society promotes otherwise. These are not religious folks hiding under the cloak of church activities and reputation, but people genuinely helped by the spirit of God. These men and women will walk in purity, power, love and wisdom when society normalizes the opposite. It is not a factor of human determination, but a daily revelation of a people evidently helped by the Lord in a wicked world. Such are those who walk on water. They are empowered to live in divine purpose even in time

of great distraction and moral decadence. Such people are light finding dominant expression in darkness.

For such intentions to find full expression we must however visit the foundations that make for such possibilities. The tensile strength of every building is revealed in the days of the storms. The evil days are surely here and the foundations of the young, single, and married need to be greatly reinforced. In visiting the foundation, God is also highly interested in the youth and younger generation of these evil times. The days of the youth are days of great value and interest to God (Ecclesiastes 12:1). The emblem of a man's youth is his strength, but it can be either channelled to light or darkness. There is so much God can do in you and through you, and likewise there is sadly much that can be done when sin ravages a man of great potential. There are many gifted psalmists in the world releasing club bangers for the kingdom of darkness

today. There are many evangelists involved in roadside gangs, languishing in deception when they are actually saviors to nations. There are many prophets, pastors, teachers, apostles, world changers living exclusively after the dictates of their human appetite just like beasts of the field. They have no sense of value beyond their appetites and instincts. Even worse, there are many professing believers living in addictions ranging from alcoholism, drug usage, sexual addiction when they are by divine ordination vessels of deliverance to nations of the earth. There are even anointed servants of God held bound and weakened by this raging spirit called sexual immorality. Many have sold themselves so little, when their destinies are actually invaluable. The problem is that many have sunk deep in the waters, when there was provision to walk on it. What the adversary seeks to accomplish with this generation is to divert their strength and potential to addictions, illicit sexual engagements and delinquencies of all kinds.

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The adversary seeks to drown men in the waters of immorality and addiction. Beloved, it is possible to live free from the sexual barrages of this age. It is possible to live a focused and purposeful life separate unto the Lord, and this right early. If you have found yourself sinking like peter, then a hand of help is even stretched forth to you today. If you are already walking the path of purpose this meditation will further establish you in on your unique path.

There is a call to full alignment with God's purposes in these times of great rebellion. Understanding the foundation of holiness, consecration and purposeful living are therefore of great importance. When consecration is the emphasis in a local church, community or nation, divine empowerment for God's purpose is never far off. The reason for such realities are because separation unto God precedes effectual actualization of divine purpose. The father is speaking in no ambiguous

terms of the rising of men and women sold out to his purposes and walking in victory above the rage of immorality. If you are reading this right now, then it is clear the lord is separating you and empowering you for his divine purpose. This book is a resource for equipping the saints in righteousness and then with the ability to walk fully in their God given ordinations and purposes. The burden is dispersed into two volumes. The first volume focuses on equipping the saints to live in true separation unto God. Having established that, the second volume then equips the saints to walk in God's purpose for their lives. Take note, God's light will shine brightly as you read, you be equipped but decisions will also be made. This resource is profitable to all saints but blessed are you if you fall into the category of a young man or woman.



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# HOLINESS, THE REBIRTH AND DIVINE PURPOSE

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Holiness is not just a religious word, but a word that is backed by a divine intention. In establishing the foundation of purposeful living and separation unto God we must be enlightened on the fundamentals. To be holy means to be set apart (haggios in Greek) unto God. Man is an eternal creature pre-existing in God before time began (Psalm 90:1-2). Every man has a lot in

divine purpose because the plan for his existence preceded time. This truth goes for both those in darkness and in light. For a man in darkness he is just yet to find the real reason for his existence which can only happen when he aligns with his creator. By the way, this is one reason why we must evangelize to the unsaved so that they can be born again and come into the true reason for their existence. That being said, as a child of God your rebirth into Christ made you holy and by implication set apart for a purpose in God. Paul states in **Ephesians 1:3-5**, *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 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: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will...”*. A simple paraphrase would be that *“the father hath chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world,*

*that we should be holy having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ*". The father had an intention right from the very foundation of the ages. This intention was that we be holy or set apart in Christ for his purposes. Hence you are not saved because of love alone but also because of God's plan on earth. Every genuine believer is destined by spiritual genetics to function in God's agenda on earth. Someone may ask, why is this? As believers we are a big family of saints who are connected by the blood of Christ. The Apostle Paul calls us "*fellow citizens of the household of God*" ( Ephesians 2:19). There are no idle children in this house because all God's children are employed in his enterprise. This enterprise is also called "*the father's business*" (Luke 2:49). In this household, all children have a lot and responsibility in the father's business. The Lord Jesus who is firstborn, and senior brother of all saints modelled this life. Since we are products of his resurrection, he has become both our life and prototype for our existence in the

realm of men.

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### The Reality Of Holiness

The first and most important piece of information about the subject of holiness is that YOU ARE HOLY. It is scripturally wrong to identify a child of God as a sinner. Unless they are actively **living comfortably** in Sin, then such descriptions may be befitting in that context. The writer of Hebrews under the influence of the holy spirit started the third chapter of the book with a bold description of the believers as “*holy brethren*” (Hebrews 3:1). The believer is holy by divine nature as a result of the rebirth because he is spiritually born of the seed of God (1st Peter 1:23). This seed is Christ. So how holy are you according to the word of God? As holy as Christ. So, the Holy Ghost inspired the writer in Hebrews 2:11 who wrote “*For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers...*”. Both the

sanctifier and those sanctified by him are all of one identity. If the believer is a sinner by identification with Christ, then the sanctifier who is a holy God is not sanctified enough. This would also mean that God by identity is a sinner. However, this is definitely not the case. We are speaking of THE HOLY ONE of Israel (Isaiah 45:11). It is a family of holy brethren, with Christ as the first born and the Father as the head of the Family. Beloved, this household is holy. Hallelujah! Having established this, we must now note the following; The character of true holiness is not fully expressed overnight in the believer. The manifestation of this reality occurs with much exposure to the light of God's word and the indwelling power of the holy spirit. However, God wants you to see yourself as royalty while he works on you. You must see yourself as a righteous man but also God's work in progress. In establishing a balance to the experience of Holiness, the believer must be brought into a reckoning of what Christ has done. A believer is

royalty by identification with Christ but can live contrary to this reality if the right knowledge is lacking (Ecclesiastes 10:7, Hosea 4:6).

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### **The Experience Of Holiness**

Holiness is not only an identity but an organic expression of the “*God life*” in your character and morals. It is the evident proof of your transformation by a holy God. Many times, people say things like the believer “*is just a sinner saved by grace*”, “*no one is holy, we all sin*”, “*we are sinners whether you like it or not*”. Such statements are unscriptural and most times present when people have not experienced the liberating power of the grace of God. The experience of deliverance from the nature of sin is not about creating a religious persona. Holiness is not forced character modification. It is also not a confession people deceive themselves with. Rather, it is an organic experience of hatred for sin and a pull towards a lifestyle that is right in the sight of

God. It is written in 1st Peter 1:15-16 “ *but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.*” The statement “*be ye holy* is a command. In other words, it is an expectation. Now, you must ask yourself an important question; will the Lord command you to live holy by your human strength seeing that he said “*the flesh profits nothing*” (John 6:63)? The answer is No! Just like Peter on the sea, the reason we can ever walk on water is because the Lord himself said “**Come**” (Matthew 14:28-29). Faith in the Lord Jesus begins when his will is known either by his written word or proceeding word (Romans 10:17). In other words, we are empowered to live a life of holiness and consecration because this is the will of God. The experience of holiness is possible because of our union with the living Christ through his indwelling spirit (John 15:1-5, Romans 8:9). Holiness is expressed as an appetite and love for righteousness which naturally results in separation from the ways of the world. This is

not a religious act or persona that people try to express externally but a **genuine** proof of your connection and relationship with **a living Jesus**. This Jesus loves righteousness and hates sin. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hence, it is an expected experience for anyone who has received his spirit and is in fellowship with him. This is beyond physical effort and discipline because the Lord works in you to first will and then do his good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). Operationally speaking, how does this work? For example, when you receive Christ and get filled with the Holy Spirit, his spirit begins to work on your desires. This especially happens when you submit yourself to a good local church where the truth of God's word is taught and give yourself to the fundamental disciplines that make for an effective walk in Christ (we will speak directly on this later). What does this result in? If a believer was a serial liar, fornicator, thief, glutton etc., he will progressively see his appetites, inclinations and

desires changed from inside-out. Such experiences coupled with a deliberate effort to renew the mind bears evident fruits in your morals. These evidences are so authentic that they cannot be faked. It is written, *“Let your light so shine before men, that they might see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven”* (Matthew 5:16). This reality means that beyond an acknowledgement of your identity, a genuine and notable change in your appetite and character progressively occurs for all to see. When this is happening, you have moved from the confession and acknowledgement of truth to a realization, experience and revelation of truth through your life. Living in separation is therefore a proof of an inward transformation of the spirit. This is the proof of our fellowship with a living God who loves righteousness. A consciousness of your holiness in Christ and the experience of such in your life gives a greater platform for the purposes of Christ to find expression through you. Therefore, when a believer to lives comfortably in

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sin it affect their ability to fulfil the divine purpose in God.

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# EXPOSING THE OPERATION OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY

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**O**ur ability to walk upright in Christ is usually powered by the light we have. When sin is exposed from its roots, it becomes easier to actually say no. The believer is actually empowered to say no to sin but most times many are blinded by lies and ignorance sponsored by the enemy. No mentally sound man deliberately indulges in

anything that harms him unless they are ignorant of it. The same principle applies in spiritual things. Engagement in ungodly practices of any kind are detrimental to the believer and only ignorance allows for continuance in such (Romans 6:23). Hence, understanding must be established. John the Apostle wrote in 1st John 5:19-20 *“And we know that **we are of God**, and the **whole world lieth in wickedness**. And we know that the Son of God is come, and **hath given us an understanding**, that we may know him that is true, and **we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ**. This is the true God, and eternal life.”* In understanding and living above sin we must note two important groups of people. The first is *“the whole world”* and secondly those who are *“in him”* or in Christ. The believer must be grounded in the understanding of Christ as the one who is true but more importantly the fact *“we are in him”*. Our ability to live by the standards of the Lord can only be actualized by drawing strength from our oneness with him. Peter was able to walk on water

only because the Lord Jesus did it first. The lord patterned various possibilities of victorious living in his life for his church to see and emulate. Living above sin once more cannot be achieved outside of the man Christ because outside of him wickedness reigns. Christian morality and character are therefore a natural outflow from your fellowship with the Lord. This fellowship is available via the exposure to the light of God's word and the power of his spirit. In exposing the operation of sin, we will predominantly take our vantage point from the area of sexual immorality. Our choice of focus is guided by the burden of the spirit in keeping with the very evident operation of the spirit of this age. The demystification of sin in this regard is crucial because the kingdom of darkness only thrives in darkness. Here are some important expositions on sin, in this case, with respect to sexual immorality.

## The Nature Of Sin

The operation of sin is an ancient one, sourced in the very event of the fall of man. The word sin is used interchangeably with words like “lawlessness”, “iniquity” “wickedness” throughout the word of God. The concept however remains the same. Paul wrote the following “*For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way*” (2nd Thessalonians 2:7). The mystery does “already work” the scriptures say. This mystery is not yet to start working but already at work in man. This is the very operating system by which all men after the order of the first Adam function. A mystery is a concept that is difficult to understand and comprehend at face value. It is therefore cryptic in nature. Paul states that this mystery of iniquity is the nature at work in all men of the world. What are the characteristics of this nature? The nature is

characterized by a departure from the principles of the government of God and his righteousness. Sin is a nature that is in total variance with the nature and laws of God. It is a nature that rebels against the laws of God. It seeks to do the very thing that God's hates. It is a nature that seeks to walk exclusively outside all that characterises faith in Christ, which is sin (Romans 14:23b). The nature of Sin caused mankind to therefore love wickedness or lawlessness and hate righteousness. On the other hand, it is said of Jesus "*thou lovest righteousness and hated wickedness...*" and because we are in Christ this is a possibility for all saints. This should be the norm for all who are growing in Christ. Christ is the order, law and system by which all things were created, but sin brought about a detour from the righteous government of God. To further establish the nature of Sin, we can briefly look into the scriptural exposition of some respective verses in Romans Chapter 7. Paul states the following in Romans 7:7-23 ESV,

“ 7 What then shall we say? **That the law is sin? By no means!** Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” 8 **But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness.** For apart from the law, sin lies dead. 9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. 10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. 11 **For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.** 12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. 13 Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. 14 **For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.** 15 **For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.** 16 Now

*if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. 17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. 19 **For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. 21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.***" (Romans 7:7-23).

Before explaining the above verses, it must be noted that Romans 7 is not the conclusive experience of any child of God. It is not a reason to become at home with sin because you saw where Paul wrote "Oh wretched man that I am..". No child of God is a wretched man as that undermines the very work of

salvation. Paul was only drawing a graphic picture of the compulsive experience of the sin in believers lacking knowledge and most especially for those without Christ. This is why the next chapter starts with a proclamation of victory from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). You cannot be free from the power of sin and still be a wretched man. In fact, Romans 7:5-6 starts by saying “For *when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held...*”. The believer is not currently in **the flesh but delivered from all the powers of sin.** With that cleared up, the first thing we must see from verse 7 of Romans chapter 7 is that the Law of God is holy. The problem is not God’s laws but the nature of sin in the members of man. The law was a preparatory element for the era of grace but it was nonetheless holy (Galatians 3:23-25). It was holy because it came from a holy God. The second point to note is that Sin as a

nature does the exact thing God hates. In other words, sin naturally rebels against the ways of God. Paul wrote in verse 7 that he had no desire for covetousness until he became aware of the law. In verses 15 and 19 the writer states that sin in him sought to do the very thing he hated. He said “*19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*”. That is, when he became aware of wrong and right as stated in the scriptures, sin desired to execute the very wrong the scriptures condemned. The knowledge of the law propelled an inward reaction of rebellion that caused him to be covetous. Does that sound familiar? Do you see why the world systems are trying to normalize homosexuality, sexual immorality and all manner of vices? It is the very nature of Sin seeking to take hold of every aspect of society. The goal is to make perversion and rebellion the norm amongst men. So, if God says you body is his temple, sin

as a nature seeks to both engage and conform man to the opposite reality and lifestyle. Sin is also described as wickedness against God, because this nature always seeks to deliberately contradict the righteous laws of God through God's priced possession, man. Sin seeks to possess man and have him daily rebel against his creator who is righteous. The enemy knows that when man is snared in rebellion he is in auto pilot to destruction. Thirdly, the nature of sin reigns in the members. Paul describes it as a law at work in his members which contradicts the law of righteousness his inner man (Romans 7 vs 21-22). It works in alignment with your natural appetites, habits, mindsets and learnt inclinations of your natural members. What are your members? According to Romans 6:12-16 and Romans 12:1-2, it is your mortal body and your mind(a component of the soul). Lastly, sin is deceptive in nature. Paul said in Romans 7:11 "*...sin deceived me ...*". The writer in Hebrew 3:13 refers to this as "*the deceitfulness of sin*". It is a

nature that appeals to the lust of a man, leads him astray and finally destroys him. This is especially done today in society by the normalization of lusts and perversions. For example, children and parents are now been taught that it is biological normal to switch sexes, masturbate and indulge in sex outside marriage. Deception is being normalized in schools, family and society in general. For the child of covenant sin makes a deceptive appeal to your lust. This deception is captured in stories all through scriptures for our learning. Esau sold his birth right for his appetite, Sampson gave up his anointing for his sexual appetite, Judas gave us his bishopric for his monetary appetite and many more. The connecting factor for all these characters is that they were deceived by their lust. We will expand on this when we look later at the concept of appetites later on. The first Adam became one with the nature of sin, subject to its rule and dominion and destined for eternal destruction. However, there is a Last Adam, in him we are not

in subjection to sin. In Christ the power of sin is destroyed. Glory be to God!

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### **Ignorance: The Strength Of Sin**

The power of sin lies in ignorance. Paul the Apostle asked a question in the first verse of Romans 6:1-2 ESV *“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?”*. The first thing to take from this statement is that Paul is surprised by the roman brethren **continuance** in sin. Indulgence and compulsive indulgence in sin is alien to the new birth experience. Sin is not a natural experience of the saint. We are by the rebirth creatures of righteousness and dead to the control of sin(Romans 6:11). The word of God says *“consider yourself dead to sin.”*. This means you can actually say no to the impulses of sin. One proof of aliveness is irritability or ability to respond to impulse. Compulsive indulgence in sin is the

character of those without Christ. Paul the apostle in Ephesians 2:2 describes them (the unsaved) as those controlled by “*the spirit of disobedience*”. In other words, they are naturally at variance with the righteous ways of God. The sinner is by nature a servant of sin, obedient to the impulses of sin (Romans 6:16–17). The believer cannot naturally sin unless he is ignorant of who he is. It is written “*9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil...*” 1 John 3:9–10 ESV. No child of God practices sin unless they are ignorant or deliberately yielding themselves in subjection to bondage. Sin has no dominion over the believer (Romans 6:14).

One of Paul’s major labors was to bring the believer into a reckoning of what the cross had done and its implications on our worth. So he constantly asked

*“Know ye not?...” or “don’t you know...”. Beloved, Ignorance is a plague to the believer (Hosea 4:6). The Psalmist said in **Psalm 49:20**, “A man who is in honor and does not know, is as the beast that perishes”. A beast is not always four footed. A man can be as a beast in his mind. When you see a group of men gang rape and also kill a girl afterwards, that is beastliness in clear manifestation. When you see young girls exposing themselves on social media and recording their sexual acts on mobile phones, that is beastliness in manifestation. When you see a man or woman stuck on porn or masturbation, ruled by the storming rage of their sexual appetite, that is beastliness trying to find full manifestation. Men are taught and influenced by society (media, education, government) to conform and function as beasts that perish. A beast is a servant of its natural instincts and appetites. A man who is controlled by his lust even to the extent of doing evil is really not too different from a beast. This is what we see majorly today. Men of honor are bowing down*

to beastly operations. Do you know who you are? Do you know what Christ has done for you? Do you know your worth as a result of the cross? Such who do, walk above the wisdom of this age, they walk in the knowledge of God's value on their lives and by implication in purity. Of the creatures of earth only man had the exclusive right of having dominion. In other words, he was designed to live in submission to no other Lord but God (Genesis 1:26-28, Psalm 8:4-6). The fall of the first Adam made him a subject to the power of sin but Christ has destroyed this power thorough his death, burial and resurrection (1st John 3:8). Dominion demands compulsive obedience. The believer has dominion over all things in Christ especially sin. The knowledge of the truth on your deliverance from sin is a lifelong weapon of warfare. The psalmist wrote in Psalm 91:4, "...***his truth shall be thy shield and buckler***". Truth becomes as a shield to your mind making you free from mental bondage. The most important truth you must know about

the power of sin is it has lost its power over you. Therefore, you can always say NO. Walk in this reality and live freely. Hallelujah!

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### **The Intelligence Of Sin**

As stated earlier, a mystery is not easy to decode at face value. Where there is a mysterious system in play, there is a wisdom behind it. Looking particularly at 1st Corinthians 2:4-7, there are three categories of wisdom mentioned. . These are the wisdom of this world(mankind), the hidden wisdom of God in Christ and the wisdom of the rulers of this age. Our focus is exposing the wisdom of the rulers of this age. The wisdom of rulers of this age keep men in darkness by normalizing sin and blinding the eyes of men from the gospel (2nd Corinthians 4:4). Light and darkness are the available spiritual dwelling places of all men on earth (Ephesians 5:8, Colossians 1:12-13). Every man finds his daily bearing and functioning from

either of these kingdoms. Every creature functions by an understanding from the kingdom it is part of. There is the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light. The Lord said in John 8:12 “...*I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not **walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life***”. You can either walk in darkness or walk in light. This is all dependant on who you follow. Light and darkness are available wisdoms and intelligences that guide the operations of man. Sin therefore runs on the strength of an intelligence that is sourced from the wisdom in darkness. Sin has a mind, and a very dark one. It has systemized its operation in the world through ideas, practices, concepts and beliefs that contradict the very law of the God. The wisdom and intelligence of sin especially with regards to immorality can be seen within the astronomical normalization of sexual vices of all kinds today. This normalization is done through the media, schools, family and almost all institution in society. Almost everything on the internet and

Tv are sexualized in one sense or the other. Sex has become an idol, an obsession in this generation even more than times past. The minds of men and women are schooled and instructed daily to think a certain way about sex and act accordingly. Men have an inert appetite for sex but the wild and perverse sexual fantasies are usually a product of the exposures, environment and sometimes subjective experiences. For example, What do you see when you see an lady or man in world? A potential sex mate or a lost soul who is yet a potential soldier in God's army? ? If your condition always matches the former, it is because you have been taught to view men from a sexualized lenses. That indecent looking man or woman could potentially be a convert in similar capacity of a Paul of Tarsus. However, for this to occur your lenses must change. You see, sex is a gift from God, but the wisdom of this age has perverted it for mankind. The goal of the intelligence of sin is to cause you to think a certain way about sex. The world has

become a subtle schooling system that teaches men, women and children to think, reason and act sinfully. For example, every exposure to the internet, some movies or even seemingly innocent commercials these days is more often than not an opportunity for a class session with the devil. Everyday you are faced with a choice to either choose evil or righteousness. There was a story of a young man in the faith who was strangely addicted to pornography, and also became curious about group sex. This brother had been watching these video clips with no real intention to engage in such acts. However, on a particular day he got his chance through a random pop up ad while surfing the internet. He will eventually go on to engage in this act of group sex through a hook-up site. This young man sadly came under a great siege of sexual demons afterwards. He was now compelled to do things he thought he had control over before. There are many who are heavily demonized by simply falling for this trap of the

enemy. In some cases, some are held compulsively bound simply by what they consistently exposed themselves to or acts they were lured to engage in. This intelligence is put in place to control the way you think about sex, pervert your appetites and present you with options in accordance with such perverse appetites. In the discussion of moral sanctity, you are as vulnerable as your ignorance of Satan's schemes, the lies you allow in your mind and your unbridled appetites. You must be consumed with the wisdom and intelligence of God in order to walk above such devices. The written word is called the logos or better the logic of God. You must learn to educate your mind to think from a higher realm of influence. It is this wisdom that exposes the schemes of Satan and causes you to walk in light. Proverbs 7:4-5 gives an idea of the importance of wisdom in dealing with immorality. 4 *"Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and call understanding thy kinswoman(relative):* 5 ***That they may keep thee from the strange woman, from the***

*stranger which flattereth with her words*". The writer is simply saying when you embrace wisdom it will keep you from the strange or immoral woman (or man). The spirit of sexual perversion is on the rampage in these times but it takes a people who are spiritually intelligent to spot its schemes and trample it. It takes one wisdom to outdo another, and in the subject of sexual immorality, wisdom is truly better than might (Ecclesiastes 9:16). Oh that men and women would be crowned with the spirit of wisdom as you read right now! May you be preserved from the ensnarement of sexual immorality that is prevalent in this age! When the intelligence of sin is exposed, immorality and its traps become predictable. You are not only empowered to say no to sin, you are also equipped to spot sin's intelligence when it is in operation and take relevant action.

### **The Predictable Enticement Of Sin**

The process of enticement to eventual engagement in sexual immorality is actually a predictable one. Sin has a mind and a process of entrapping men, including believers when they allow it. If sin has a mind, then its operations can be predictable. You can actually tell where the deceiver is going when you see certain signs. In this section we will explore the book of James chapter 1 vs 13-15 and operationalize the scripture through these cases.

“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.**”. Let’s take some points for examination. 1) Every man is tempted 2) when he is drawn away 3) by his own

lust 4) enticed 5) Lust hast conceived 6) brings forth sin 7) Brings forth death.

- **Every Man Is Tempted**

It is important to state that there is no man who will not be tempted. All men will be tempted and will face temptation. According to Hebrews 4:15 the Lord Jesus himself was tempted on all sides (this included immorality). yet, he was without sin. If the lord was tempted in this world, you also will face temptation also. In such times of temptation, it is the inner framework of resistance that matters not the temptation. Just the way water around a boat does not sink it but only such as is allowed to enter and stay. Temptation exists for all in human form and it is a variable that you can not control but can only be mitigated in your own physical, mental and spiritual space. The problem for many is that they try to deny their humanity by saying things like *"I am a god, and God can not be tempted*

*of sin*". In all sincerity such statements are born out of blazing ignorance. Such people put themselves in compromising moral situations and usually end up falling for the traps of the enemy. Hello sir or ma, you are a divine being having a human experience. This human experience demands flesh and blood. If you possess this, you are a man and can therefore be tempted. In simple language do not try your luck with the devil. Our aim is not to deny the presence of water but to walk on it even as the lord did.

- **When He Is Drawn Away**

Temptation has a pull that can sweep man away from the path of divine purpose. On the path of divine purpose, there are junctions. These junctions include choice of education, marriage, childbirth, situations of relocation etc. Junctions of life are usually tied to decision making and paths of destiny. A man can be drawn away from

God's purposes by his lust. For one to be drawn "*away*" it means they are deterred from a particular endeavor, path or engagement. For example, Lot chose Sodom because he saw its riches. (Genesis 13:10-13). Many have been drawn away by illicit sexual experiences. Many like Judas have been drawn away from the path of purpose because of their love for money. May you not be drawn away from divine purpose. There is wisdom in God to live above an ungodly pull of your lust.

- **His Own Lust**

A lust is a passionate desire which mostly is used in relation to sex. However, a lust can be expressed in a non-sexual context. A man can have a lust for power, riches, affluence and many other non-sexual elements. In the case of sex however, all men or women have preferences as instructed either by experience, nurture or the exposure of their environment. While this is natural, it

must however be submitted to the refinement of the word of God. The devil is as strong as your unbridled lust. For Sampson it was women, for Judas it was money, for Achan it was materialism, and these are just a few examples. As a brother put it “*your lust is any thing that tickles your fancy*”. Your preferential desire for food, clothing, sex etc. is not a problem until it becomes an idol. Don’t worship any appetite. Many believers are ruled by their lust and desires. Many have allowed wild imaginations to define their pursuits. When an appetite rules over you and can command compulsive obedience at any time it is now a god. In living a life of consecration, we are to place emphasis on the aliveness of ungodly lust not just the temptation.

- **He Is Enticed**

An enticement is an alluring that offers promise of a particular pleasure. If you were to lure a fish to a fishing hook, all you need do is to dangle the right

bait and it will naturally come in that direction. The emphasis here is on the word DANGLE. When something is dangled it means the goal is for you to take notice of it and consider it. This is why you have demonic products dangled in our faces all day long on television and the internet. Enticement could be in a moment or over a period of time. Enticement births consideration in the mind and afterwards possible action. For example, a Christian man may notice his boss who is a lady flirting with him at work. This man knows this is wrong but never outrightly discourages it because he actually likes it. The boss see that he enjoys the attention and fuels up her flirtatious acts. In fact, he now spends time with her after work hours discussing "*work related issue*" at high end restaurants. Overtime the unspoken communication becomes an outright verbal invite to a secret meeting place. These two get involved sexually and the rest they say is history. The enticement here was his likeness for his boss

and desire for attention. The devil flashes things before your heart with the goal of enticing you to destruction. You must be honest enough to know when you are being enticed. Be it to pornography, masturbation, fornication etc. You can simply say no. Never let the suggestion of the enemy birth fruit in your life.

- **Sin Is Conceived**

The word “conceived” is the same word used for describing fertilization. That is the first stage of a pregnancy. The sin of sexual Immorality usually begins as a seed planted in the mind with the potential to become your meditation and possible action. Although, sexual sin is popularly regarded as a physical act the lord actually identifies it as beginning first in the heart (also the mind) before its physical manifestation (Matthew 5:28). Just like a growing zygote in a woman’s womb the seed of immorality will only get bigger the more it

remains in your mind. Hence, in this case abortion is allowed. You can destroy that seed before it destroys you. Once a believer can get this, they have demystified the operation of the devil in their own lives. If you can recognise the operation of the enemy on your mind you can always stop him in his tracks. This is because it all starts with the mind. The mind is the place where the act of sin is prepped, nurtured and meditated upon for manifestation in the physical. Immorality like any other sin is sown as a thought or as mental suggestions. Firstly, your ability to even recognize these suggestions is highly dependent on the ability to spot a thought that does not align with the mind of God (2nd Corinthians 10:5, Romans 12:2). Let's take an example common to young folks especially in this internet age. For example, someone may be navigating social media, and notices a random link. They curiously click on this link and find themselves in a random pornographic website. After doing so, they immediately close the

tab. However, they think on flashes of the pictures from that website for a good duration of time. After much thought, they decide to have another brief look since “they already saw what they saw”. They go back to the website with a plan to just glance through but end up watching pornography all night and in the coming days are enslaved to the thought and compulsion of sexual demons. The same goes for suggestive conversations, lustful thoughts, even suicidal thoughts, and the cases of school shootings we see in western countries. It all begins with the seeds of suggestions planted in the mind. You are however a creature of freewill and can decide on what your mind thinks on. You can simply say no to a thought that is not in alignment with righteousness. You can decide what you meditate on. You may not control the suggestions that come into your mind, but you can decide what stays (Philippians 4:8). We will examine more on the mind in another section. Finally, the goal is to ensure the suggestions or seeds of the destroyer

such as pornography, masturbation, fornication, sexual perversion etc do not enter into a gestation period and even manifestation in actions. If that seed is not destroyed in the womb of your mind, it will inevitably be birthed as an act. Once more, in this case abortion is allowed. Kill that baby of flesh!

- **Sin Is Birthed**

The act of sin, especially in relation to immorality is mostly birthed into manifestation after a time of contemplation. Just like a baby is carried in the womb and eventually birthed after different phases in the gestation period, the same goes for immorality. The act of sin is birthed after gestation period and its product (the child) gradually becomes a habit. When sin is birthed as a child you must now give attention to it as you would a child. This child indirectly commands your daily service, like an altar you must worship every day. As you feed this child it keeps growing exponentially

until it begins to function as a master. Sin at this point is extremely compulsive and needs great intervention. For example, a believer may be playing around with the thought of pornography for while. After a while the act is birthed, and he has his first taste of pornography. After the first act they keep watching it until it becomes a daily devotion. It becomes a must every morning and every evening before going to bed. After a while the desire for sexual explorations kicks in and that also becomes a compulsive habit. The same goes for the case of homosexuality, rape, trying out drugs etc. It all started with a thought, sin was contemplated on, birthed and over time it was fed into a place of strength like a growing child. A brother once had a dream that captures the spiritual reality of when sin is birthed. In this dream he saw his car and on the side of the car there was little child throwing stones at the glass of the car. The glass was being dented slowly but surely with every impact of the stones. Suddenly, a man

appeared out no way and he took this child by the legs and smashed him face first on the ground and that child died instantly. This aggression on a child startled the dreamer as he woke up. However, as he sought for understanding the holy Spirit whispered a statement from **Psalms 144:11** “...*deliver me from strange children*”. What are strange children? They are the opposite of the fruits of the spirit. Children are the same as fruits of the womb (Psalm 127:3). The fruit of the spirit which is the character of God finding full expression in the soul via the fertilization of the word (Galatians 5:20-23). The word of God says “*for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married*” (Isaiah 62:4). If your land is married to God, then your fruit (or children) should only be after the nature of the Indwelling Christ. Any moral expression outside the nature of Christ is a strange child. The strange children are works of the flesh that in some cases have become compulsive and destructive habits as sin in the dream. These children can be manifested as diverse

addictions, habits, moral flaws etc. The lord made this young man understand that the small child was a strange child affecting his life and ministry. The man who killed the child was the great savior himself, the Lord Jesus. The beautiful thing was that the young man received his deliverance and a crucial knowledge from that experience. If sin has birthed any strange child in your life, right now that yoke is broken in the mighty name of Jesus!

- **Sin Brings Forth Death**

*“Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, **bringeth forth death**”* (James 1:15.) The end goal of engagement in any kind of sin is death. Now what is death? Death can either be physical or spiritual. Depending on the context these are both possibilities especially for anyone who is potentially a threat to the kingdom of darkness. According to Paul *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive”* (1

Corinthians 15:22). The word “die” here is the same word used in Genesis 2:17. Death simply means to be cut off or separated. It is first spiritual and can be manifested as a cessation of life in time. For the believer, indulgence in immorality brings a separation from the experience of the life that flows from God. This is not separation in spirit as you are one with him (1st Corinthians 6:17). However, you can be one with Christ in spirit and be far in your experience of him. Intimacy with God is not a thing of chance but a reserve for those who submit to his government of righteousness. The holy spirit can dwell in a believer and be grieved (Ephesians 4:30). This is why many, although blood washed feel far away from God. Yes, it may sometimes be a result of a poor devotional life leading to spiritual dryness, ignorance of the unchanging love of God but sometimes it is also because of indulgence in sin. Sin denies the believer of the full expression of the life-giving force in him. Holiness and glory are exclusive

attributes of God. Wherever the holiness of God is expressed, his glory is also expressed (Isaiah 6:3). It is safe to say were there is no holiness, glory is elusive (Romans 3:23). Only men of holiness bear the glory and presence of God. Indulgence in immorality perforates the expression of the life and glory of God. The glory of God is not a ministry gift, but God's evident approval upon a man's life. Do you want to carry the weight, essence of God in your daily lives and ministry? Flee immorality and be a vessel of Gold (2nd Timothy 2:20-22). Indulgence in immorality can also lead to physical death, ask Sampson (Judges 16). There was a fellowship leader in a vibrant campus fellowship in Ghana. He had been contemplating the sexual advancement of a girl on campus and thought to secretly indulge in the act. After days of absence in fellowship he was found dead in the hotel room with no one in sight. The autopsy revealed that he had died of a heart attack as a result of a bad reaction to sex enhancement drugs. The end goal

is destruction whether slowly or instantly. Satan is a very bad Satan and he is on a mission to steal, kill and destroy. Our desire however is to be closer to the Lord, beholding his beauty and partaking of his life not suffering death.

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### **The Effect Of Immorality On The Path Of Purpose**

When sin is exposed, alongside its effects its cloak of enticement loses power. Although sexual immorality is polished and presented as harmless, it certainly is not. It is like taking sugar coated poison in little doses. It is sweet on the taste buds but deadly on every ingestion. One thing you must know is that both God and Satan have plans for your life. While the thought of God towards you are of greatness in him (Jeremiah 29:11), the enemy is the opposite. The mission statement of the enemy was well defined as stealing, killing and destroying man (John 10:10). What the devil seeks to do is to

have you ensnared, mentally separate from God and limit your effectiveness in life through sinful acts. One of the major effects of sin in a believer's life is that it besets or limits the believer on the path of divine purpose(Hebrews 12:1). Sin is a weight too heavy to carry on the path of life. It is like carrying stones in your pocket while running a marathon race. You may start but it will surely slow you down and it is very likely you will not finish the race if the stones remain. Some years ago, there was a story of a popular televangelist who was on the rise in North America. He was gaining great prominence in various nations of the earth and then the enemy set up a trap which he sadly fell for. This televangelist was exposed on national television to be in patronage of prostitutes. This was a genuine man of God who was dealing with sin in secret. It was revealed that he had been dealing with pornography in secret for a long time before his ministry began and during his ministry. After this news his ministry

began to crumble, and his story became a bad reference in the body even till today. We thank God however that he is restored in Christ today. A lot of times, immorality is usually hidden because it has become compulsive and shameful. There are many people involved in ministry and yet battling sexual immorality. They do all they can to ensure their reputation is crisp in public but in secret they are helplessly bound. If you are a servant of God in any capacity and you find your self struggling with any form of sexual immorality please take a break. Open up to relevant people and seek help because you are in warfare. The engagement in sin for a believer makes them entangled and unable to run or finish their course. Paul says in **Galatians 5:1** *“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”* The context may be referring to the law, but the principle also applies to the believer and sin. Be not entangled **again!** Many have entangled themselves again with sin on the

path of purpose. We were once slaves of sin, but we have been set free to serve the purposes of God in righteousness (Romans 6:12-19). To live in sin as a believer is tantamount to running a race with hands or feet tied to together. You may be making little progress but your chances of running better and even finishing are more likely when you can freely flex your muscle.

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### God's Mercy Vs Immorality

One fact you must know about God is that only him bears the title of savior. In other words you cannot save yourself, you did not save yourself and you will never be able to save yourself. Salvation belongs exclusively to God (Psalm 3:8). The writers says, *"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not."* Lamentations 3:22. Sin has a tendency to consume man. It is like a raging tsunami destroying and consuming everything on its path. When all is

said and done it is the mercy of God that makes the believer walk above the raging waters of sexual immorality. Only the savior can keep you from falling, not your determination or strong will (Jude 1:24). God's provision of mercy is not a license for sin but a provision for both deliverance and also empowerment to live above sin. The writer of Hebrews states "16 *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, **that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need***" Hebrews 4:16. Mercy can be obtained in the time of need. It is wisdom to subscribe to the economy of mercy as it is much more reliable than the hand of flesh. The mercies of the Lord do not fail and it is reliable in the time of need. If you even find yourself in a sinking condition, mercy is still an ever-reliable currency for deliverance. A believer in the process of growth will always be in need of mercy. In fact, as long as you have humanity to deal with you will have need of mercy. It is because the Lord understands the weakness of humanity that he says, "come

*boldly*". Mercy is for the frailty and shortcomings of mankind. The psalmist in speaking of God's Mercy says, "*he knows our frame...*" (Psalm 103:14). The popular story of Peter walking on water gives a perfect depiction of the concept of mercy, the weakness of man and the helping hand of God.

*30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, **Lord, save me.***  
*31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? (Matthew 14:30-32.)*

Drawing parallel from this story, the manifestation of sinking may vary from compulsive indulgence in immorality, to weak moments here and there. Regardless, sinking is sinking whether slow or fast. It should not happen, but it can happen. However the case may be, you must never give up on yourself. You are only hopeless if you fail to look up and cry out for mercy. The children of Israel

were simply commanded to look up to the brazen serpent not the snakes nor their sting (Numbers 21:6-9). Guess what, when they looked up, they were healed. The same goes for the believer who finds him or herself struggling with Immorality of any kind. Forget shame, self loathing and pit instead cry out for help! Accepting your state is falling for the biggest deception there is. Most times believers totally give up on themselves after long battles with sin but this should not be the case. The enemy succeeds in most cases to discourage many just on the brink of an intervention. Some have secretly accepted addictions ranging from drug usage, masturbation, fornication, to pornography, homosexuality etc. They have accepted that the condition can simply not change so they have made covenants with these habits. The charge to such a one is LOOK UP! You must know that God deals with his children on the basis of mercy (Jonah 2:8). Oh yes, he does! The lord is able to save from the worst sinking condition of sin. It is written "*It is of*

*the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not*" (Lamentation 3:22). Sin consumes the believer when he forsakes the Lord's mercy. This encounter between Christ and Peter shows a beautiful picture of possibilities in Christ. We are destined to walk on water like the lord but if for any reason you find yourself sinking cry out for help. God saves first and asks questions later. When we cry out, he comes IMMEDIATELY with an intervention. Never wallow in secret sin and never accept it. Yes, there is grace to live above the rage of immorality but if by any means you fall, look up and cry out. Pray, confide in someone, seek knowledge, do something except giving up. It is by his mercies we will not be consumed.

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UNDERSTANDING  
APPETITES: A  
FOUNDATIONAL  
BLOCK FOR  
TRULY LIVING IN  
SEPARATION TO  
GOD

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All sustainable changes in human nature must first begin within not without. The concept

of living a life of holiness and consecration is mostly a vague subject amongst many believers. In some cases, it is approached from a very liberal standpoint, where a skewed knowledge of the love of God and a subtly loose lifestyle is the emphasis. In such cases people are taught to just love God and live however they like because holiness is just “*a thing of the heart*”. In some other cases people emphasize the external looks and behavioral characteristics as a proof of holiness. So, you see people try to dress a certain way, talk a certain way and mechanically act a certain way just to look “*spiritual*” and maintain a certain persona of “*holy*” or “*consecrated*”. Consecration simply means separation, set apart from the world and in devotion to God’s purposes. In true consecration we are empowered from within to hate what the master hates and love what he loves (Hebrews 1:9). In true consecration both the meditations of your heart (the unseen) and the works of your hand (the seen) are transformed by the inner

workings of Christ. In other words, we are set apart from inside-out. Where this is not the case, we will have believers living double lives. These kind people are saints in the open and sinners in secret. A life of consecration cannot be achieved externally. Any outward expression in character or persona is usually an outflow of an inward work of righteousness. Can God affect your outward looks or inclinations? Yes, he can and should. However, all sustainable change in human nature is first internal. It takes the spirit of God to birth change in a man and only that which is born of the spirit yields sustainable transformation (John 3:6, 2nd Corinthians 3:6b). Any thing outside the spirit is flesh, even if it is “spiritual looking flesh”. The flesh is still flesh because it profits nothing and will fail in the day of temptation. When the Lord seeks to transform and separate a man from the world, he works on his appetite and mindset ridding him of his idols. This was the case for Israel after their deliverance from Egypt. One of

the most important areas of focus on their journey to the land of promise was their appetite. Their experience is an example for us as we are spiritual Israel (1st Corinthians 10:11). The discussion of appetites in relation to separation unto God's purposes is therefore crucial.

What is an appetite? An appetite is a natural desire to satisfy a bodily need. These desires most notably include the appetite for food, sex and sleep. All these desires are expected with natural physiological and psychological development. So, a well-managed desire for food, sex and sleep etc. are signs of a healthy body system. That said, we know that the physical realm is only but a reflection of the unseen realities of creation.

**Romans 1:20** states the following *“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made...”*.

Therefore, if there is a physical appetite, then there is a spiritual appetite. Observe the following verses

from the word of God:

*“Blessed are they which do **hunger and thirst** after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” Matthew 5:6.*

Isaiah 26:9 says *“**With my soul have I desired you in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek you earnestly**”.*

Psalms 42:1-3 states *“As the deer pants for streams of water, so pants my soul after you, O God. **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God....**”.*

These are just a few examples of man having an appetite for something outside the physical. Man can have an appetite in his spirit for intimacy with God, prayer, fasting, evangelism, bible study, charity etc. For all living creations, their true nature is expressed in their dominant appetite. In this section we will look at the concept of spiritual appetite and how it affects our ability to walk in separation unto God.

### The Old And The New

Your appetite influences your actions. Your appetite influences your focus, your pursuits, your devotion, your disciplines, your priorities and the strengths of your distraction. For example, an old adage states that “*the patient dog eats the fattest bone*”. The reason the dog would be patient is because a fat bone was involved. Not a bag of fat worms, a field of grass or bag of juicy fruits but a bone. Of course we are not dogs but even the word of God tells us to “*go to the ants and consider her ways*” and we are definitely not ants either (Proverbs 6:6). The emphasis happens to be the appetite for a bone and the influence on the actions of the dog. The successful advancement of a man on the path of divine purpose is highly determined by the strengths of the appetites and lust at work in them. The ability to say no to temptation, make good decisions, devote oneself to all round

self development and focus is determined by the dominant appetites or desires at work in them.

To further elaborate on this lets us consider Israel as a covenant nation and a type of the believer (Romans 2:29). We will expand in the verse from the book of Numbers Chapter 11:4-6.

Numbers 11:4-6 says “4 *And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? 5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the Garlick: 6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.*”.

There are certain elements that are of interest to us in this few verses of the scripture. Firstly, we see the congregation of Israel fresh out of Egypt which is a type of the born again experience. In this journey

to the promise land we can see within this singular congregation that there are two identities. There was Israel the actual beneficiary of deliverance and the mixed multitude or foreigners who joined themselves to Israel on their exit from Egypt. There are two key factors concerning these identities. Israel the nation is greater in size and potential but lacking in knowledge or understanding of who they were. The mix multitude are fewer in number but very loud and seemingly influential. The verse of scripture notably says “4 *And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again....*”. There was a strong craving for Egyptian food amongst the foreigners and something interesting happened. The children of covenant reacted to the cravings of the foreigners and began to cry out for food from Egypt. The Israelites never originally desired or asked the food of Egypt. They only submitted to the craving and the influence of the foreigners. The scriptures says the children of Israel “*also wept*

*again*”, that is in accordance with the cravings and disturbances of the foreigners (Numbers 11:6). How does this relate to the discussion of appetites? The entire congregation speaks of your entire being after exit from Egypt or accepting Christ. The Israelites within the congregation is a type of your regenerated spirit or new man after the nature of Christ. Paul states concerning your new man “*put on the new man, which after God is **created in righteousness and true holiness***”. The new man is created in true holiness and righteousness of Christ, but expression of its full potential is dependant on growth in knowledge and understanding. The dominion of the new man on your entire being is greatly dependent on knowledge. When the child of God grows in understanding, he discovers that the real him does not desire sin. Those desires are only suggestions and noises of the old man. The foreigners speak of the old man or the flesh and its active appetites. It is loud and seemingly influential. It cries out for the appetites of the

Egypt (the world). It is very loud when the believer allows its influence. On the journey of purpose and spiritual advancement it is crucial that the voice of the flesh is mortified and the desires of your spirit man find preeminence in your entire being. All these come as a result of understanding. The key to desiring things after the appetite of the spirit is to get spiritual understanding or better put see from God's perspective.

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### **We Remember**

A lot of times appetite, lust and ungodly desires are product of past exposure and experiences. The Israelites said the following "...***We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: 6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes***" (Numbers 11:5-6). Remembrance can be a product of experience, exposure or subjective learning.

One reason the children of Israel struggled in their journey was because of their experience in Egypt. Their understanding and perception of pleasure had been greatly influenced by their Egyptian experience. What does this garlic, leeks, cucumber etc. represent to the believer today? They represent worldly appetites and lust that wage war against the believer on the path of life. This is usually the case for many believers. The born-again experience is only but the beginning of deliverance. Our exposures from the past and in the current have a way of shaping our understanding. The failure to renew the mind is usually a cause of constant reference to the lusts of Egypt. In order to die to the appetites and memories, of Egypt the believer must be exposed to the light of redemption and be changed by it. Paul the apostle states in **Romans 12:2** *“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.”* The experiences, exposures

and teaching of this world have one end point for man, CONFORMITY. Conformity simply means to act in accordance with a prevailing standard, attitude or practice. It means to adopt a way of living. So, the world teaches you to think, perceive and act in a certain way especially in relation to sex and the vices of the world. As long as the enemy can keep a believer mentally bound to Egypt, they will never be truly free.

What is the goal of renewing the mind? Paul states in Romans 12:2 that we are transformed in our understanding and inevitably our living when we renew our mind. Lastly, the product of a renewed mind is better judgement and decision making. Paul states concerning the renewal of the mind that “...*be transformed by the renewal of your mind, **that by testing you may discern what is the will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect*” (Romans 12:2 ESV). When a believer continues to give themselves to transformation of their mind through the word of

God, it affects their ability to know the will of God in all actions. The word “*prove*” in Romans 12:2 is the same word used to describe the operation of a customs officer. The customs officer has a digital list of things that are allowed into the country and makes his judgment based on this. The same goes for a believer who has the word as his understanding. You can say no to the wrong mindset and thoughts when you think from the word of God. This is how the believer is schooled to forgo the mindsets of the world. This is how we learn to esteem what pleasure really matters and make good decisions. When your understanding of pleasure is transformed, it is easier to forgo the ways of the old and desire the new.

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### **Desiring The Manna**

It is one thing to eat a food out of necessity and another thing to desire it. God does not just want you to eat the manna, he wants you to also desire

it. The children of Israel never liked manna even though they ate it. The account in Numbers 11 show us that they gathered the manna every morning but only ate it because it was the only readily available food. In fact, the word manna is a coined phrase for “*what is this?*”. In other words, they lightly esteemed the manna even though it was God’s provision as per their needs not their wants. From God’s perspective this manna was what they needed, but they hated it and lightly esteemed it. There are three questions we must ask ourselves: 1) What does manna represent to the believer today? 2) Why did the children of Israel lightly esteem manna? 3) Why did God not provide food according to their lust?

The manna is Christ and all that comes from him. John 6:48-49 states, “*I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.*”. The Lord described himself as the very manifestation of the manna which the children of

Israel ate. For the believer today, feeding on the manna speaks of fellowship with Christ in all of his manifestation to us. Fellowship primarily with his word, prayer, and the local church. It is not enough to eat manna, it must also be desired. There are many believers who symbolically partake of the manna without really desiring it. So, they pray, go to church and study the word only because others are doing it. They are lacking in genuine desire for these things but just do with the crowd nevertheless. Such persons are lacking in personal hunger for exercises that make for more of God. As a result, the power that overcomes worldliness is also lacking. You see a strong appetite for righteousness and an appetite for the world cannot co exist in the same man. God wants to override your appetite for Egypt by introducing you to the experience of true pleasure in him. When any man truly encounters Christ it drastically affects his perception of pleasure. His appetite for the world naturally diminishes while his desire for the

things of God begin to peak. The Lord himself said, “*35 I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*” **John 6:35.** Our earthly passions and hunger are consumed when the Lord draws us to himself and he genuinely becomes the desire of our heart. Nothing on earth can quench this fire except more of him. This sort of passionate desire for Christ is one of the antidotes to the lusts of the world. According to John 4:14, this experience is for “*he*” that comes, meaning it must be a personal experience. Praying, witnessing, study of the word etc. can be provoked by association but the child God benefits more when this hunger is personal. The account of Matthew 15:8 makes us understand that God wants your heart not your actions. This was the challenge in the case of the children of Israel. They ate manna but never desired it. This was the major reason why they were still consumed by the lust of Egypt. What are your passionate desires of today? Jesus or the

world? Or is it even church activities? Do you pray because people are praying or is it something you can not do without? Do you study to know God, or do you study to share with your local church? Do you go to church gatherings because you are glad to meet with the lord or is it a time for meeting friends? God wants you to desire the manna (Christ), not just eat it.

You have to see the value of manna to truly desire it. The children of Israel said with much disinterest of the manna, “...*there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes*” Numbers 11:6. They complained that there was nothing really good to eat except “*this manna, before our eyes*”. They spoke of it with much disgust. “*This manna*” or “*what is even this?*” was the heart posture towards manna yet it was God’s divine provision for them. What was wrong with their statement... “*this manna, before our eyes*”? The manna was right before their eyes, but they just could not see it for what it was.

You can have access to resources, people, events that benefit your walk in Christ and yet reject it because of spiritual blindness. Yes, the problem is spiritual blindness. How is that manifested today? For the believer to truly desire Christ and all that comes from him they must see his value and be drawn from within. Paul says in Ephesians 1:17-18 says *“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the **spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints...**”*. The depth of enlightenment of the spiritual eyes determines the fervency of a believer’s pursuit. There is only so much corporate church zeal can do when personal sight is lacking. For the believer to truly pursue Christ, he or she must have a revelation of the worth of their pursuit. This revelation could be a revelation via the word of God, a spiritual encounter, a burden, dream, vision

etc. The effect of such experiences will naturally kill any other appetite outside of Christ. Let's take a look at the parable of the kingdom to give better appreciation for the importance of spiritual sight or understanding.

*44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. (Matthew 13:44)*

A parable is a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. The parable above shows us a picture a man who walked by a field that other men probably walked by. The parable never suggested that the field was owned by the man or he deliberately searched for a treasure. He simply found a treasure that was hid. Just as it is in the physical, it is the same in the spiritual. Things of great spiritual value are hid from the eyes of the natural men. It takes men who are wooed by the

spirit of God to find him and more of him. This spiritual enticement could come as a burden, a curiosity, a question, or a desire. When you begin to experience such nudging in the spirit, walk circumspectly because an encounter with the Lord is around the corner. It is written *“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”* (John 6:44, also see Songs of Solomon 1:4 ). Just like Moses, your attention needs to be drawn to the sight of the burning bush so you can encounter the Lord (Exodus 3:1-6). It is a wooing by the spirit, then revelation and then an encounter. It takes revelation to have an encounter with truth and when you encounter truth your will gain understanding. Back to the man in the parable. Do you notice what he found was a treasure in a field? The word treasure here is not speaking of a ruby or diamond. The word used here is the same word used for a treasure chest (Matthew 12:35, Mathew 13:52). So, what he found was a treasure chest

with lots of treasures in it. The parable continues to tell us that as a result of what he found he went and sold all that he had and bought that land. The effect of a true revelation and encounter with the lord is a lower estimation of the thing's men lust for and a ignited passion for more of Christ. How does a man joyfully sell all his possession because one land? This man must have seen something of greater value than his possessions. The man knew that if he could find treasure in just one spot, how much more the entire land. Such is the character of a man who has had revelation of and encounter with the lord. He realizes that with Christ is the inexhaustible fountain of life and this causes him to search for more of him ((Psalm 36:9). He learns to buy the truth at all cost and hold tight to him (Proverbs 23:23). This truth becomes the object of his obsession, desire, lust, and pursuit. Most importantly this desire is genuinely from his heart. When true hunger lays hold of a man's heart, lust dies a natural death. God wants your heart, not your

activities. Your heart is the core and powerhouse of all that happens between you, God, the devil and the World. So he says “*my son (or daughter), give me your heart...*” (Proverbs 23:26). He wants to be the very engine that powers you from within against all other passions. When this happens prayer, study of the word, fasting and retreats etc. become a personal desire. When a man’s heart is truly consumed by a passionate longing for the things of God, such is “*on fire*” for God. It however all starts really with spiritual sight. You must see the value of the treasure hidden in your earthen vessel. Change of desire and pursuits occurs in alliance with revelation of the truth. What have you seen? What have you given up because of your pursuit of God? This is the reason many seek the lord on an individual basis more than others. Such who seek him have encountered a man no appetite in this world can surpass. Remember, the goal is not just to eat the manna but to personally desire HIM. This is a good point to pause in your reading and

ask the Lord for a fresh revelation, encounter and desire from him. As you pray may the Lord cause a deep hunger to rise up inside of you.

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### **Why The Need For A New Appetite?**

God wants to totally transform your appetite so you can be truly free from the world. One question we can ask ourselves from the account in Numbers 11:1-6 is why did the lord not just provide the cucumbers, garlicks and fish? This is a God who split the red sea in two halves, miraculously provided manna from the sky and turned bitter waters sweet. Why did he not just cause the lusts of the Israelites to fall from the sky instead of manna? It was certainly not a question of ability because he could have provided their lust from the sky if he wanted. Their appetite needed to be changed because as long as they desired such food, they would remain mental slaves of Egypt.

Let's examine a statement made by the children of Israel concerning Egyptian food.

*5 We remember the fish, which **we did eat in Egypt freely**; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick: (Numbers 11:5).*

According to them, they ate the Egyptian food “*freely*”. Take a pause and ask the question, “*was this food in Egypt really free?*” Certainly not. The pleasure of Egypt came at the cost of their actual liberty. As long as they were comfortable with Egyptian food, they would remain in mental, spiritual and physical bondage to Egypt. Life in Egypt was much more than a geographical positioning. Egypt was a schooling system that taught you how to think and what to desire. It made you at ease with bondage. It is the very symbol of the world we see today. God's desire for Israel was to kill off the old appetite and develop the new, hence their wilderness experience(Deuteronomy

8:1-3). Moses was a first fruit of this experience. By divine orchestration he fled Egypt for the wilderness where he lived for 40 years in service to Jethro. More importantly, over this time he learnt to die to the ways, mindsets and appetites of Egypt. This was crucial for Moses because he could not be a savior in Egypt except, he was first saved from Egypt. Saved first physically, spiritually and mentally from the bondage of the Egyptian system. How do you deliver people from a system you are still spiritually and mentally subject to? This was why he was isolated from the Egyptian culture to be purged of Egypt and taught afresh of the God of Israel. This is the same for the believer today. As long as your appetites are still fashioned after that of the world, you will remain in some type of bondage to it. The strength of worldly temptations is only as potent as the affinity of your lust for it. It was said of Jesus “...for the prince of this world cometh, and ***hath nothing in me***” (John 14:30). The tempter will definitely come but the

potency of his temptation will be according to the strength of your lust. God has saved you to serve his purpose in this dark world. He said concerning Israel “...*Let my people go, that they may serve me*” (Exodus 8:1). While this true he also wants you to be unresponsive to the impulses of Egypt (the world). Since you play a crucial part in his purpose, he wants to change your appetite so you don’t fail in the world. This is why many Christians in some cases tried to witness to their friends in the world and were enticed into sin again because they had no resistance. The reason is that they were still very alive to Egyptian lusts. God wants you to die to the tastes of Egypt. This does not mean you don’t have natural appetites but it means they are refined and brought under the government of God. This is the key to a lifestyle of true consecration and holiness. It is primarily an appetite thing. One appetite grows within you and the other diminishes to a point to total annihilation. This is how we learn to “*love righteousness and hate wickedness*” (Hebrews 1:9).

The practicality of holiness and consecration as a lifestyle is exclusively internal. Religious practices cannot achieve this reality as it is solely an internal transformation done by the Spirit of God. When worldly appetites are dying off, then progressive separation unto God becomes a natural lifestyle not an act.

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### **The Dynamics Of Appetite Change**

Natural human appetites are essential for human existence because they give room for the exploration and experience of different kinds of pleasures. These appetites could include sexual pleasure, It could be the pleasure that comes from sleep or the pleasure from good tasting food. One sign of a healthy body is a good appetite. When a man is physically sick the body is weak, and his appetite is very low even though they are need food. The recommended action is usually treatment so the body can naturally desire food again. Even

after normal bodily function is restored there are appetite boosting supplements and activities that drastically increase our diverse appetites. This is also true for change in appetite. God wants us overwhelmed with an appetite for him and his purposes, so he has therefore made provisions for appetite change and sustenance. Let's look at factors that make for change of appetite.

- **Change Of Sight**

Your lust is greatly defined by your perception of pleasure. In the discussion of temptation there are three major routes the enemy explores for the believer. John states *"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."* (1 John 2:16). The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and pride of life are the tridimensional routes of temptations faced by man. The Lord Jesus was also tempted along all three lines (Matthew 4:1-11).

The lust of the eye speaks of a lust for things that appeal to eyes (cars, houses, kingdoms etc.). The lust of flesh speaks particularly of gratification of the flesh (sex, food etc.). The pride life speaks of a lust for honour and glory from men (titles, special recognition etc.). To successfully live above these and especially that of the flesh one must see or understand differently. To especially make good moral decisions you must see differently. What does this mean? The following was said about Moses “*27 By faith he **forsook Egypt**, not fearing the wrath of the king: for **he endured**, as **seeing him who is invisible**.*” **Hebrews 11:27**. There was a reason he forsook Egypt; he saw him who is invisible. The vision of something greater than your immediate gratifications will affect your priorities and inevitably your appetite. If Moses never saw a bigger picture, he would probably have settled for the women, wealth and status in Egypt. Most times, many believers live frivolous lives only because they are blind. Simply put, they are being selfish

and short sighted. They only think of the next source of gratification and the one after. For Christ *“he saw the Joy before him”* and endure the cross (Hebrews 12:2). He saw that sin would destroy the plan of redemption for you and I. For this reason, he endured, accepted the sacrifice and kept Satan at bay. There are many preordained saviors of nations wallowing in sin because they can only see the pleasure of the next moment. As you read this right now, there are prophets, apostles, pastors, teachers, evangelists and more dancing to the latest club bangers in night clubs. For many their approach to life and decisions making will change for good with knowledge of their prophetic destinies. An example of this problem with sight was Esau. Esau lightly esteemed his birthright because he could not see the value. So instead of *“the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob”*, it would have been the God of *“Abraham, Isaac and Esau”*. What a loss. These things are written for our example. What are you seeing? Ask the Lord to show you

things to come so you can rightly esteem yourself.

- **Experiencing Pleasures Forever More**

David said “Thou will show me the path of life, for in your presence is fullness of Joy and at your **right-hand pleasures for evermore**. The concept of pleasure exceeds this early realm and goes right into eternity. Even the creator has a pleasure (Revelations 4:11). The difference between the pleasures of this world and that of God is that one is short term. Moses chose “*rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.*” **Hebrews 11:25**. The pleasure of sin is for a season or period of time. It can have you hooked but never truly satisfied. Fornication, homosexuality, pornography, masturbation etc. only promises short term pleasure never long-term fulfilment. This is why many are addicted, never satisfied with indulgence but also feel a great sense of emptiness as they continue in their acts.

God wants you to pursue pleasures that last forever more. The right hand speaks of the redemptive position of authority over Satan. Christ is sitting at the right hand of God and you are also raised together with him into this position (Ephesians 1:20, 2:6). What kind of pleasure are we talking about? Jesus said “*my food is to do the will of my father*”. Food satisfies the appetite of the belly and it also provides pleasure. For Christ his own food or source of pleasure was to do the will of the father. Until you have found a course for which you are able to forgo a physical appetite, you will continue to live according to manly appetites alone. The appetite for sex, food or any other thing is dwarfed when compared to the bliss of walking in purpose and fulfilling it. This kind of pleasure is an innate sense of fulfilment that naturally happens by divine design. It’s a sustained sense of fulfilment that nothing can surpass. For some it could be the fulfilment of ministries according to Ephesians 4:11-13. For some it could be solving a specific

problem you are designed and equipped to solved. For many it could be charity and philanthropic endeavours. Once a man finds such pleasure, it consumes him and instructs his focus and appetites.

- **The Growth Factor**

One factor that naturally makes for a change of appetite is spiritual growth. The following was said about Moses, “*24 By faith Moses, **when he was grown up**, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, 25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.*” (Hebrews 11:24-25 ESV). A lot happens to your choices when you are growing both spiritually and physically. For Moses his decision not to identify with Egypt and also flee the pleasures of sin was affected by growth. The appetite of child will cause him to make decisions as a child and likewise an adult. The same principle applies in spiritual things. A man once told a story of how he

was constantly being cheated by his uncle when he was a child. A popular custom in African homes is that visitors usually give out some cash to the children of the house when they visit. This cash could be significantly high or low but either ways it was greatly appreciated and culturally encouraged. According to this man, his older uncle lived with the family at that time and would always come around him after he received his gifts from a visitor. This uncle would give him a *“higher quantity”* of money and take the *“little”* one note he had. Unknown to him he was being scammed. For example, when a visitor came over and gave the child 100 dollars in a single note, the uncle would give the child four notes of 5 dollars. The child would be elated in such scenarios because it was more in quantity but unknown to him back then he was at a great loss. This is a practical example of how the devil has cheated many because of spiritual immaturity. Many have given up their lots and fallen for the trap of seduction because they did not know what

God had put in their hands. Many have made poor decisions because they thought as children. Spiritual growth is a product of advancement on the path of life. It affects your mindset, your appetites and your inclinations. When we were children, we ate sand, filth and anything that came our way but when we grew older we naturally desired good and healthy food. Paul said “When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.” (1Corinthians 13:11). Be diligent with your all-round growth in Christ and your desires will naturally change.

- **The Right Association**

Your association greatly influences your appetite. The word of God says “*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*” (1 Corinthians 15:33). The problem most times is that many believers keep company with the wrong set of

people and wonder why they still struggle morally. Paul the apostle also said to the Corinthians “*But now I have written unto you **not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.***” (1 Corinthians 5:11). Paul was speaking to believers here. It is unfortunate but the reality is that there are such in many Christian communities. The counsel is keep no company with such. You cannot be close friends with a morally loose person. Influence is social, physical but also spiritual. The first and most important association you must decide by the help of the holy spirit is your local church. This is the first place where the standard of your faith is taught and demonstrated. This is where you are spiritually fed and where you find your spiritual circle. If your local church is a place that condones immorality as a norm, please flee. Trust God to lead you to a good church. You will partake of the spiritual atmosphere of any local church you find

yourself. For Saul he came under the prophetic atmosphere of Naioth Ramah and he prophesied without his will (1st Samuel 19:18-24). You will usually act in compliance with the dominant spirit of your associates over a matter of time. This is the case for both righteousness and evil. The word of God however says "*holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.*" (Psalms 93:5.). The second important association is your small circles. There was a reason the Lord sent his disciples out in twos. The principle of "*two is better than one*" works in both darkness and light (Ecclesiastes 4:9). Two will always strengthen one another in the values that bring them together. There will always be smaller circles within the larger church setting. Even the Lord had with him Peter, James and John from among the twelve disciples. Please note that this is different from church factions, sects or cliques. There are purposeful relationships within the body of Christ built on brotherly love, trust, vulnerability and for reason of edification. If such

association is in pursuit of righteousness, chances are you will also be. If your association is right your appetite will also be right. (Proverbs 27:17, Hebrew 10:25)

- **Feed Your Appetite**

Yes, you can feed your appetite. Whatever appetite you feed grows. In the path of spiritual growth, you will have the choice of doing things that either edify you or indulge you in worldliness. Paul said the following concerning this “*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?*” (Romans 6:16). Having been made free from the power of sin you will always have the choice of saying no to the wrong materials. In a world where pornography, fornication, immorality etc. is just a click away, learning to say no to wrong suggestions in the mind becomes crucial. The truth is that you can actually

simply say NO. However, many after freedom from sin still randomly look up pornographic sites, go to night clubs and engage in all manner of frivolities. The problem is that you are feeding the wrong thing. You are making yourself a servant to a master you were already free from. You are creating a itchy spot that you would need to scratch later. The word of God however instructs us to “*sow in righteousness and reap in mercy*” (Hosea 10:12). In another verse Paul said to the Galatians “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for **whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.** 8 For he that **soweth to his flesh** shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that **soweth to the Spirit** shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.*” (Galatians 6:7-8). The most dominant appetite is the most exercised appetite, either of the flesh or of the spirit. You have the option to both sow in righteousness and to simply say no to immorality. You will have options of group prayer, personal prayer, bible study, resources meetings with people of like pursuits. You will also

have the option of watching the wrong movies, hanging out with the wrong friends, surfing a pornographic website, and many more. Whatever appetite you feed will grow. Make a decision to only look forward in your desires. What does that mean? Many like Lots wife are looking back and indulging in suggestions from the world. However for you, choose to make a personal decision like David and say “***As for me**, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.* (Psalms 17:15). May you be satisfied with God only. As the prophet said, “*I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore, choose life, that you and your offspring may live*” (Deuteronomy 30:19). Find grace to chose life and invest in life always.

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## POSSESSING YOUR VESSEL

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**Y**our body is the temple of the lord and it should be set apart for God's purpose only. God is a spirit and because this earth is a realm for men, he takes hold of men for his earthly plans and functions through them on earth (Psalm 115:16). The tangible channel for the expression of God's will in the earth is called a human vessel. Paul said the following to Timothy *"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.*" (2 Timothy 2:20-21). We can see from the verse that the vessel is a man. Secondly if you look closely, you will realize that the quality of a vessel is more important to God than its availability alone. God desires a vessel unto honour. This man or vessel must be sanctified, set apart and therefore good enough for the master's purposes. Since this man is made of a body, sanctification involves the physical body. Since this man serves God with his mind or soul sanctification therefore involves the mind. What therefore is the believer possessing? He is possessing his body and mind in righteousness and for Godly purpose.

There is a "*know how*" to possessing your vessel. It is written "*For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess*

*his vessel in sanctification and honour; 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:”* (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5). According to the writer, it is the will of God for you to possess your vessel but more importantly there is a “*know how*” to possessing your vessel. Possessing your vessel in sanctification and honour means having control over your members (your mind and physical body). Sin especially immorality primarily starts with the mind and then the physical body. In order to live above the rage of immorality, a believer must learn to have these two components under control. Secondly, Paul says there is a “*know how*” to possessing your vessel. To know how means to understand a thing comprehensively. God did not leave us without applicable knowledge on how to live morally pure lives. In addition to the change that organically happens to our appetite, the lord provides understanding for living. This understanding becomes light to your path, wisdom for living and strength for moral decision making.

### **The “*Know How*”**

There is a general know how and personal know how. There are general instructions for living upright and there are personal instructions also for living. All these are sourced from the holy spirit who guides us into all truth (John 14:26). God wants you to know the plain counsel of scripture and also receive personal instructions from the holy spirit who is the spirit truth.

- **The General “*Know How*”**

There are plain instructions given all through the scriptures for every believer to experience dominion above immorality. Let us examine a few notable ones.

- **Flee Youthful Lust**

Paul states the following *“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 2:22). If you look up the Greek term for *“flee”* in this verse you will be shocked to see what it actually means. It actually just means FLEE! That is it. Yes, it does not get deeper than that. Run away sir or ma. This is an instruction so direct and straight forward but also one of the most ignored especially amongst believers in their youthful state. The instruction is FLEE YOUTHFUL LUST. In other words, this kind of lust is most prevalent amongst youths. The mark of your youth is your strength, zeal and vibrancy. You are vibrant in physical strength, innovation, emotion and also hormones. The thing is that both God and Satan are interested in all these. God desires that you start out early in him, growing in him and focusing on his emphasis per season per time. Satan wants to distract you,

get you hooked on the vices of the world and far away from God's purposes. It must be said that there is nothing wrong with your zeal, passions and desire. They just have to be channelled rightly and exercised under the dictates of Christ. When you give yourself time to grow in God's emphasis for your life, you will have the time to enjoy the passions of life but now in a Godly environment. The only difference in this case is that you would have developed in God's purpose for your life along with this and these passions will not be idols to you. Since the strength of a youth is enormous, it is counselled that you flee every appearance of evil entirely. This is because your passions can become a problem in the wrong situation. What does this look like in practice? Avoid awkward times of visitations, avoid wrong social gatherings, flee from any promotion of obscenity etc. Many people try to act strong and set themselves up for failure. The word of God says, "*give Satan no place*" (Ephesians 4:27). Give him no place in your life.

Flee every appearance of evil (1st Thessalonians 5:22). Don't be smart, just flee.

- **Yield Your Members To Righteousness**

Every engagement with either sin or righteous is an exercise. In Romans chapter 6:16-17 a graphic picture of the effect of the believer's involvement with sin is painted. *"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"* **Romans 6:16-17.** In verse 17 Paul states that we once served sin while we were unsaved. To serve sin means to be obedient to sin. This means sin becomes compulsive. In this case such individual has no will power to say no to sin. However, the rebirth experience delivered us from this servitude to sin. In other words, after receiving Christ in

your heart, you can actually say NO to sin and immorality because of the life of God in you. That said, the believer can by ignorant use of their will entangle themselves again in compulsive sin. For example, there are many blood washed saints who are addicted to habits ranging from masturbation, pornography, fornication, drug abuse etc. By right they have been made free but by engaging in such habits they gave the enemy a hold in areas of their lives. Thank God however for the liberating power of eternal life. The indwelling power of God can quicken even our mortal bodies (Romans 8:11). Paul instructs us to yield our members to righteousness. Yes, your members can become a servant of righteousness. Just as it is with evil you can become a servant of righteousness. You can become a servant to the spirit of prayer, revelation, wisdom, might. If one can serve lust, why can't they serve prayer? If a believer can be compulsively held by pornography, what stops a great manifestation of this operation in righteousness?

For where sin abounds, the grace of God abounds even more (Romans 5:20). What would yielding your members unto righteousness look like? It will include activities such as abstaining from all appearance of evil, exposure to the word on a daily basis, submission to a proper local church, the renewal of your mind and daily exposure to the presence of God. Every action is an investment either in unrighteousness or righteousness. Hence, the word of God instructs us to “*submit yourself to God and resist the devil...*” (James 4:7). You can not resist the devil unless you are submitted to God in your actions and your heart. How do you submit your member? By yielding them to righteousness. What then are you yielding?

- a. Your eyes (Job 31:1, Luke 11:34-36): Your eyes are a doorway into the soul. What you choose to **look upon** becomes a mental reference and by implication a resource for possible meditation. You will notice our focus was not

just seeing but “*look upon*” i.e. looking intently on a thing. You can see a defiling image and choose to take your eyes away from it. On the other hand, you can also see a defiling image or situation and choose to focus on it. More often than not believers who struggle morally may be exposed to all manner of defiling sights. These sights range from suggestive images and videos all over social media to low level pornographic movies and soap opera. Some people even justify their engagement in such things with statements like “*its only entertainment*” “*its mature educational material*” and “*they are not even naked*”. Such excuses are however counter productive if you want to walk on water. These same images form the concoction of imaginations that torment such individuals. Your eyes must be fixed on only things that edify you both spiritually and life in general. Like Peter if you find yourself sinking, a contributing factor may be what you have

been looking at or watching. Make a covenant like Job and say “*1 “I have made a covenant with my eyes; how then could I gaze at a virgin? (Job 31:1).* Cut out the suggestive movies or shows and avoid suggestive materials on social media or other outlets. Make a covenant with your eyes not to focus on perversion because your eyes are the Lord’s.

- b. Ears (Exodus 29:20, Leviticus 8:23): You can be selective of what you choose to listen to. In Exodus 29:20, the lord instructed Moses the prophet to sprinkle Aaron’s right ear with blood as an act of consecration. Aaron was a priest sanctified for heavenly duty and we are even greater priests after the order of Christ (Revelation 1:5-6). The writer in proverbs 20:12 wrote “*The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them*”. If the Lord made the ears for hearing, it tells us that God is interested in what we take into our soul through our ears. You should only

listen to materials that edify. This means only such materials should be your choice. For example, many Christians listen and endorse vulgar songs that promote immorality as a lifestyle. Songs are made out of words, words when repeated become meditations and these meditations then become realities in your subconscious. Make a decision to only listen to materials that edify.

- **Have No Fellowship With Darkness**

A believer can have the life of God and yet adopt the lifestyle of the unsaved. Ephesians 5:8 states *“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light”*. He later states *“And **have no fellowship** with the unfruitful works of **darkness**, but rather reprove them.”* (Ephesians 5:11). There are only two sources of identity in this world. You are either of light or of darkness. The first counsel is that you walk as a child of light and

not of darkness. Walking speaks of a lifestyle. The psalmist said, “*Blessed is the man that **walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly***” (Psalms 1:1). Secondly, you are to have no fellowship or association with the unfruitful works of darkness. To have fellowship means to partake of an act, activity or lifestyle. A compromising lifestyle with the world makes the believer unfruitful. For example, there are many believers who have no problem attending club events or racy house parties. The path of the just is the path of the just and the path of ungodly is of the ungodly. There is a clear distinction. These lifestyles cannot be mixed. A compromising lifestyle is a major reason for an inconsistent walk with God. Such people are neither hot nor cold which is a dangerous place to be in (Revelation 3:16). May your choices be after the order of the path of righteousness you have chosen to walk in.

- **Daily Exposure To God's Presence**

The secrets of any blossoming believer lies in the disciplines of their private devotions. The private devotion creates an avenue for a personal experience of God. Our church meetings are essentially meant to kickstart personal deep experiences in secret. We sustain the life and instructions received in church through the disciplines of our private altars. One way you can generate the presence of God on a daily basis is prayer and worship. Above asking God for things, the effect of such exercises changes us even to our physical bodies. This is not just any kind of prayer or worship but prayer and worship in the spirit. Paul the apostle wrote *“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”* (Romans 8:11). It is in such practices that the power of the grace of God influences us even to our physical bodies.

This is how your inclinations and appetites are transformed daily by the prevailing influence of the holy Spirit. This was the experience of the Lord Jesus when he prayed in secret. Luke's account of this is as follows "*And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening*" (Luke 9:29). This was most likely not a one time experience. We interact with the power and presence of God daily as we give ourselves to much praying in the spirit. Decide to subject your spirit and body to such an experience on a daily basis and see what happens. This is how our desires and appetites are inertly affected as we give ourselves to God in the place of prayer. You can pray and worship in the spirit at will so you don't need a service to do this. Paul said "*15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and **I will** pray with the understanding also: **I will** sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also*" (1 Corinthians 14:15). That is one way we generate power for daily living. Usually when these practices are

lacking then moral struggles are higher. No lust or strange appetite can stand long term exposure to the power of God. Get plugged into power today and stay plugged in daily. Prayer is a necessity not an option.

- **Interacting With Truth**

It is very true that truth is the person of Jesus Christ according to John 14:6. However, for you to benefit from this knowledge, truth must clearly be understood from an operational basis. What is truth? The truth is the reality from God's perspective. The word of God says, "*let God be true and every man a liar*" (Romans 3:4). There is no such thing as subjective truth. Only God's word is truth. In possessing your vessel, you must learn to interact with truth. What does this mean? It means you receive truth, make it your meditation, understand it, recon it as the truth, make it your **only** reality, make it your only confession, make

it your resolution and make it your practice. This is important because many believers are living bound only because they have believed the lies of the enemy. Some believe that sin is just a part of life. Some believe that they are bound by their ancestors to immorality. So they make statements like, *“it happened to my father, it happened to my mother, even to my grandparents, so it will definitely happen to me”*. Some believe they are meant to just suffer in oppression due to their past sins. These are all glorified lies yet to be flushed out of your mind. If God says you are free don’t confess otherwise. If the Lord has said you are a royal, you must let this truth consume you. If God says you are a saint, then don’t say otherwise. Many have been made free from moral shortcomings by simple acknowledgement of the truth captured in Romans 8:2. It says, *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death”* (Romans 8:2). Glory hallelujah! The most sustainable form of liberation from moral

weakness is the realization of the truth of God's word (Psalm 119:9, John 8:32).

- **Managing Your Mind**

You must properly manage your mind. You are the governor of your mind and must take responsibility of your mind. In Genesis 2:15 man was given certain responsibilities in the garden of Eden. The verse states "*The LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden **to dress it and to keep it***". The Christian standard version puts it this way "*The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to **work it and watch over it***". The garden also speaks of the soul. Isaiah 58:11 says "*And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and **satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden,***". The mind happens to be a component of the soul. Your responsibility is to both work on it and watch over it.

To work on your mind means you are deliberate about changing the way you think. It involves uprooting the wrong content and planting the right one. Many thought patterns in this generation are a product of wrong teachings, books, media and exposure. In Paul's plea concerning offering the physical body to God in Romans Chapter 12, he adds that your mind must also be renewed from the old thinking pattern. The Greek for renewed is the word *anakainosis* which means to renovate. Have you ever seen a renovated house before? It is first torn down then rebuilt to a desired specification. It is impossible to live separate unto God if you still reason like the world. The mind of the average man in this age is excessively charged with sexual imaginations. His mold of reference for the interpretation of life is sexual in almost everything. This should not be the case for the believer. You are not an animal. You have the mind of God and cannot afford to think that way.

You should be able to relate with the opposite sex without accommodating any ill imagination. In relating with your brethren, you should primarily consider the opposite sex your brother or sister since you are both part of the household of God. In relating to the unbeliever, you should see him or her from their prophetic future in Christ. They are simply yet to partake of the price of redemption made available to them. “...*he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but **also for the sins of the whole world***” (1 John 2:2). There are prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelist, apostles, Christian world influencers yet to find their path in Christ. You must think differently from the world. For this to be achieved you must make the word of God the standard of your thinking. Paul said in **Philippians 4:8** “*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.*”. The word “*whatsoever*” points to the element of choice. You can choose to reject wrong thought and think on the right thoughts. Be a good governor over your mind. Secondly, what does it mean to watch over your mind? The watch over your mind means to be intentional with the materials you let in. You cannot be a morally strong believer and read erotic books, watch erotic movie or shows. It is really just self deception. These materials are the seeds that grow in the mind into strong imaginations. There are content materials that usually become a basis for mental and moral warfare. The apostle Peter said “*Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, **which war against the soul**...*” (1 Peter 2:11). You must mentally abstain from materials that pollute the mind. You must tend your mind and also watch over it. God will not help you do this because it is man’s exercise of his will. Receive great grace to be a good governor of your mind.

- The personal *“know how”*

There is an aspect of our walk with God that is based on personal instruction. One proof of a growing relationship with the Lord is life altering practices based on personal communion with the holy spirit. The Greek word for holy Spirit also means a comforter, aid, helper, counselor, strengthener, and stand by (John 14:16). One of the ways the holy Spirit helps us is that he teaches us or instructs us.

John 14:26 states *“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 16:13 also states *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, **he will guide you into all truth...**”*

Two key statements. *“he will teach you all things”*

and “*he will guide you into all truth...*”. The Lord is interested in every aspect of our lives. He did not just give you a religious book to sort it out in life, but he put his spirit in you which gives you understanding. The indwelling spirit teaches us how to walk on water but on a personal level. The spirit of God instructs us on how to live our lives. Titus 2:12 say the grace of God “*teaches us how to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world...*”. If there is a “how” that means it is instructive and directive even on a personal level. Personal instructions and guidance from the holy spirit are very essential in living in separation unto God. The proverbs says “*10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many. 11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. 12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. 13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life*” (Proverbs 4:10–

13). Personal instructions of the holy spirit are advantageous in the things of life. It was the reason why Isaac sowed in the time of famine and greatly increased (Genesis 26:12). The difference was that he followed God's instruction. The holy spirit also instructs us on do's and don'ts in relation to living in separation. It is not just about quoting random verses of the word but letting the Holy Spirit guide your lifestyle by the rhema (proceeding word). For example, in the case of divine health, it is true that no food should be rejected (1st Timothy 4:4) and that the Lord paid for your right to be well (Isaiah 53:3-5). However, the Lord may instruct you to make certain dietary adjustments. Does this mean that Jesus did not pay for your right to health? Definitely not! He certainly did. However, personal instructions are given for our advantage in life. Likewise, the Lord gives instructions that enable sexual purity, to inoculate us from the rage of sexual lust in this age and enable victorious living as we submit our members to righteousness.

This is subjective for every individual as the holy spirit could deal with people differently. Paul said in 1st Corinthians 10:23 “*all things are lawful, but not all things are expedient FOR ME...*”. You must know what is best FOR YOU as per the input of the holy spirit. Random examples could include strict avoidance of suggestive material, avoiding suggestive contacts and interactions with the opposite sex, controlled involvement with social gatherings, confessions or affirmation of truth, prescription of spiritual exercises, (like fasting and prolonged praying the spirit) by the holy spirit and many more. It must also be said that these personal instructions can never contradict the written word of God. Once personal instructions is not in alignment with the understanding of the character of God as revealed in Scriptures through Christ, then it is either of an ignorant mind or another spirit. We all have access to these instructions by the indwelling spirit of truth. He is our personal teacher and guide. Take fast hold of instruction for

it is your life.

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### **Must Knows And Action Points**

As we round up with this part of the burden, there are some must knows and action points that must be clearly outlined. If you find yourself dealing with a persistent struggle with immorality, imbibe and follow the following instructions.

- You must know and acknowledge God's unchanging love for you (Psalm 139:7-8, Jeremiah 31:3)
- Acknowledge that this is not a peculiar situation and there is no reason to be ashamed or secretive about it (Hebrews 4:15, 1st Corinthians 10:13)
- Acknowledge by reason of revelation that sin has no legal hold over you once you are in Christ (Romans 6, Romans 8:1)
- In a case where immorality has become compulsive and out of your control, seek

ministrations from the relevant ministries in your local assembly. The yoke will be broken because of the anointing (Isaiah 10:27, Obadiah 1:17, Acts 10:38)

- After such ministrations, submit diligently to teachings that establish you in truth of God's word and the way of spiritual growth (John 8:32, Acts 20:32)
- Submit yourself to the discipline of consistent prayer. (Jude 1:20-21, James 5:16)
- If you are yet to be filled with Holy spirit, seek and receive it (John 7:37-39, Acts 1:8)
- Recognize that you are in warfare. Holiness as a lifestyle is a statement of war! You must decide which side you are on and stick to it. Say no to compromise and choose to serve God with your body, soul and spirit (Joshua 24:15, Romans 12:1)
- Build the right systems of discipline around yourself (Ephesians 4:27, 1st Corinthians 9:25).

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Finally, you are worth more than anything the world can offer. Your value is designed to only find meaningful expression in righteousness. As you prepare for the next volume be encouraged to take a look at the journey so far. Can you spot the hand of God pulling you deeper to himself? It is because he has separated you for his purpose by his love. The reasonable response to God's love is to choose to walk the path of divine purpose. Shalom!

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### Epilogue

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As a believer, you are genetically designed to live above the influence of this age and in separation to God's purpose. In such a time of great darkness and immorality as today, the father is also separating people to himself. These are people consumed with his love, equipped to live against the social tides and walk fervently in God's purpose for their lives. The likes of such individuals are being taught by the Lord how to walk on water. This project is split into two volumes. The first volume focuses on equipping the saints in true separation unto God. Having established that, the second volume then equips the saints to walk in God's unique purpose for their lives. You are blessed and loved. Shalom!