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Visionary Leadership Deficit, A Call To Fill In The Gap

Central Text - Prov 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish, but he that keeps the law happy is he. (NKJV).

Bill Hybels in his book titled *Courageous Leadership* (Page 31) says "Where there is no vision, such people lose their vitality that makes them feel alive" For a deeper understanding of the scripture stated above, it is vital to inspect the Hebrew word interpreted as VISION. It is the word CHAZOM. CHAZOM strictly refers to a prophetic vision God gives for a time and season such that enables you to engage and push the forces of darkness away from your environment.

Where there is no prophetic vision or revelation from God, the people cast off restraint, no longer faithfully interpreting God's Word and laws. The absence of such vision wrongly assumed as a preferred future is grossly responsible for the rampant abuse of the word of God such that makes men read their greed into His creed. Sometimes when God hides himself from the binoculars of our sight or situation, there seems to be no vision or revelation forthcoming.

At such times many people invent schemes and do what they like by casting off restraint. But there are those who will wait on the Lord,

remain faithful to what God said to them until He shows up with further instructions.

The prophet Isaiah corroborates this in Isaiah 8:16-20 "Bind up the testimony (the spirit of prophecy), Seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait on the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; And I will hope in Him...And when they say to you, seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter, should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead, on behalf of the living? To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Of highlight in Proverbs 29:18 is the comparison between "the people" and "he".

This describes an individual responsibility to stand erect and avoid any form of bandwagon effect that leads to joining multitudes to do wrong especially when it comes to wild and crass practices that may be generating results and popular with men but alien to the tenets of scriptures (the law & the testimony). This further underscores the point that "the path of destiny remains a lonely path" and all it takes for a people/ nation to be taken out of the doldrums and despicability is the emergence of one visionary leader who is prophetically inspired and totally yielded to God.

Proverbs 2: 9 - 14 (The Message Translation) further drives the point: "Leadership gains authority and respect when the voiceless poor are treated fairly... when degenerates take charge, crime runs wild, but the righteous will eventually observe their collapse."

The same process was evident in the life of Moses who eventually gave astute leadership to the nation of Israel over a period of 40 years in line with their prophetic destiny. (Psalm 105:16-45) (We must note that God will never use an untested vessel) Isaiah 28:16. There is a gross deficit of quality leadership across the nations of the earth today especially in Nigeria and it is for this reason that the church is summoned for the umpteenth time to accept responsibility for the change of this narrative as solution providers because of God's investment in us. God revealed through Isaiah (Isaiah 59:20 to Isaiah 61:21) that the forces authorized to transform/recreate any society no matter the decadence under heavens is the combo of the Spirit that is upon us (anointing of God) and the word God puts in our mouth.

We must also note that the development of anywhere starts from quality leadership that is visionary. Leadership that can assemble a formidable team of competent hands, assign responsibilities to them and decisively lead the team from the front (not from the back). God raises leaders to be of service to people not for selfish agenda. The picture of the city/nation is the picture of the church in it. That is why God will not do a thing in any society without first and foremost engaging his agent or agency within that sphere.

Hence it is from such encounters that such agent/agency (church) make declarations or proclamations over any city or nation. Our priesthood is after the order of Melchizedek with the unction to function as kings and priests, hence we are under command by the investment of the Almighty God & the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ to accept

responsibility for change in our various spheres of influence. (Romans 5:17-18, Revelation 1:4-6, Revelation 5:9-10). May we accept this responsibility and engage our world by the grace of God or else pigs will continue to feed fat on our common patrimony upon the various mountains of influence (Mark 5:1-20 and Luke 8:26-39).

And Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18 NKJV. When Jesus declared the above, in His Sovereignty and pre-determinate Counsel, He had already played out all the scenarios that will engulf the global space, our ecosystem and Domain.

He is not to be taken by surprise. He had foreseen the global upheaval, turbulence, pandemic, insecurities, and beyond them, the Glorification of the cosmos. "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33 NKJV "Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising". Isaiah 60:1 - 3 NKJV In the narrations in Mathew 24, Jesus reiterated the perilous times and events that will upset the status quo, break stereotypes in the bid to establish another Order.

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From the desk of the editor



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In the current global space, the cities are marred, lives ebbing, structures, systems and institutions are compromised. There is an overwhelming distress and despair within humanity that inhabitants are searching for rescuers, saviors, redeemers, transformers and reformers. The pictures are replays of Jericho and Samaria in 2 Kings 2:19-22. 2 Kings 17: 24-33.

Only accurate vessels are been sought-after. These were the Purpose of Christ coming: to destroy the works of darkness and enthrone the Kingdom values and principles. Jesus out of compassion initiated a rescue operation using the instrument of His Disciples in Matthew 28:18-20.

Today, there is a Kingdom mandate to make Disciples of all Nations. This speaks of differing demographics on all platforms. As part of the upgrade operations and Now Season of the Church, this Kingdom invasion comes in very handy and as members of GAIN

Network, we have responded and responding positively deploying on many platforms with diverse initiatives and strategies. Isaiah 2:2-4.

We are grateful to everyone who has responded and still responding in the Transformation Initiatives across their Domain and Mountains of Influence. It was very remarkable during the peak Covid-19 era, our Membership infiltrated, influenced and infused The love, value and principles of Christ by the Power of the Holy Spirit in their varying domain of influence. Our Presiding Apostle, Dr. Tunde Bakare instituted the #lammyBrothersKeeper program among others from our Network. Such random acts of kindness, transformation initiatives, corporate social responsibilities in no small measure provided social safety nets and food securities for our teeming population, and saw them through, and still seeing them through the times. These are exactly what Jesus will do, Acts 10:38, Matthew 25: 31- 46.

We appreciate all the Generals of our Common Faith in this uncommon period who aligned with our call and agenda. We want to dedicate these season displaying our works and deeds, while encouraging us never to be weary in well doing. We shall reap, if we do not faint. Go out today, identify the challenges of your Domain and prayerfully deploy the love and care of Christ, as the Holy Spirit enables you. Remember the kingdom of the World has become the Kingdom of the Lord and He shall reign forever. Go in this your might, impart the Church, impact the World, implant the Glory.

News From The Mountains

Mountain Of Economy: Ekiti State

Pastor Tope Popoola using his capacity as the President of Ado City Chambers of Commerce and Industry initiated an empowerment programme and has consistently led its BUSINESS SESSIONS with trainees of the Youth Enterprise Development Project with a target of 100 young men and women in batches of 25 per session.

He does this in partnership with the Wife of Ekiti State Governor, Erelu Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi, who has been graciously accepting the female trainees into her WRAPPERS NETWORK for further support in starting their ventures. Many have been trained on ICT-related skills like Digital Marketing, Video Editing, Graphic Design. Other skill training include hair making, shoe making, cake making etc. All of these geared towards self-empowerment and sufficiency.



Mountain Of Politics & Government: United Kingdom

In the city of London, Pastor Nims Obunge against all odds ran as an independent Mayoral candidate in the just concluded election (May 2021). With his remarkable appearance in the field of UK politics, he was able to marshal his belief for the city of London as a place to preserve and protect, a place that would no longer hand its destiny to politicians alone and that a political party does not have the answer to the many challenges facing the city hence the need for a collaborative effort. Although he did not win the election but made a landmark effort with his honour and dignity intact such that will be useful as a solid foundation for future political engagements.



Mountain Of Politics & Government: Benue state

This chapter is in a vital engagement with the government of Benue State and has been very vocal over finding the root causes and preferring lasting solution to the bloodletting and wanton destruction of lives in the state due to incessant farmer-herder clashes etc. A recent engagement of note was in a letter written to the Governor in demand of action in some areas for the reformation of Benue State. The letter was received and replied by the State Government



Mountain Of Education: Benue state

Recently, this State Chapter also had a wonderful evening of engagement at some point with Leaders of Political Science and Public Administration Campus Fellowship (POSSCAF), Benue State University, Makurdi towards educating them on accepting responsibility for the future of our dear country.



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EASTER OUTREACH By International House of His Presence

As part of our Kingdom mandate, the International House of His Presence identifies with the indigent and less privileged in the society on a seasonal basis. The last Easter was another opportunity to identify with the needy in yet another of the rare outreaches to touch lives and bring smiles to many. About 544 food packs and soft drinks were prepared to minister to some targeted indigent folks and children in Minijiriji Road, Rumukalagbor link Road, Rumukalagbor; and two other places in Ohiamini & Batcher Estate by Police Station, Elekahia village, all within the Port-Harcourt Metropolis.

Most importantly, it was also an opportunity to preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus to many of the residents of those communities; with many also surrendering their lives to Christ Jesus!



Mountain Of Family: South Africa

Mr and Mrs. Ifekoya are moved to see the family institution transformed and restored to its original patters hence they founded The transformed family (TTF) in Johannesburg. TTF found that the poor standard of living in Alexandra forces families to practice behaviours that expose them to violence, assault, stealing, prostitution and sicknesses including HIV and AIDS.

This became the motivation to provide some basic needs for some people in the township. TTF works in partnership with the Charismatic Renewal Ministries in Alexandra. Some of the TTF initiatives include: transporting children to and fro for Sunday feeding scheme and homework, monthly collaboration with another organisation to provide groceries and toiletries for 45 HIV infected orphans, scholarly Presentations/Interventions on HIV & AIDS, back to School Stationeries at the beginning of each year, September Children's Day Party and end of the Year Party and Gifts Distribution.



GAIN is a network of Christian leaders and Entrepreneurs who hold strongly to the doctrine of Christ and share the same purpose, manner of life and love for the kingdom of God in line with the vision received from God by the founder, Dr. 'Tunde Bakare. GAIN is an organization made up of Church Ministers, Entrepreneurs, and Corporate Professionals who are in a covenant relationship, making inputs to one another and working together with a common vision to maximize the end-time harvest. Members of the network, while fulfilling their individual God-given mandate, seek to work collaboratively from their various Ministries, Churches, Kingdom Businesses and Establishments through genuine covenant relationships with one another towards the fulfilment of God's ultimate purpose.