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Introduction

In this book, I will be sharing with you the secrets to overcoming the influence of darkness in everyday life. This entails secrets on how to win over the greatest temptations you stand to face in your everyday walk in life.

An Epic Battle is Raging in These Last Days

There is a great battle raging in our days against all humanity, especially those who want to live godly lives.

Five words best describes the battle that is raging in these last days. Without doubt we cannot underestimate the enormity of the venom that hell is releasing against humanity.

Satan is doing everything in his power to keep you from discovering the realm of peace, prosperity, health and joy prepared for you. Millions have already missed the way and have been destroyed, but you can escape. It is important to note that;

1. The battle is spiritual

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

(3) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

(4) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

(5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

2. The battle is cosmic

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

3. The battle is tactical

4. The battle is fierce and brutal

Revelation 12:12

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

You cannot play games with the enemy if you are serious about winning in everyday life. Remember that what you see in life is often

decided on by the outcome of this spiritual war. Satan has infiltrated the systems and structures of the world. He is trying to control everything but you are the only one mandated to destroy his works and to enforce the victory of the cross on earth.

The Battle is Spiritual

We say the battle of life is spiritual because the combatants are spirit beings. It is a battle that begun far back in time in Heaven.

Revelation 12 teaches us that one day, Lucifer (Also called Satan, the devil, the dragon) a cherub, conceived in his heart to rebel against God (See Ezekiel 28:14). He decided to set his throne above the throne of the Most High God (Jehovah). This plan failed though, and as a result he began to rebel and to fight against everything in creation, until one day when a sign appeared in heaven; a woman was pregnant with a male child. Then Lucifer the dragon also appeared, with the intension to devour the child immediately he is born. Read this account carefully;

Revelation 12:1-18 NLT

(1) *Then I witnessed in heaven an event of great significance. I saw a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and a crown of twelve stars on her head.*

(2) *She was pregnant, and she cried out in the pain of labor as she awaited her delivery.*

(3) *Suddenly, I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads.*

(4) *His tail dragged down one-third of the stars, which he threw to the earth. He stood before the woman as she was about to give birth to her child, ready to devour the baby as soon as it was born.*

(5) *She gave birth to a boy who was to rule all nations with an iron rod. And the child was snatched away from the dragon and was caught up to God and to his throne.*

(6) *And the woman fled into the wilderness, where God had prepared a place to give her care for 1,260 days.*

(7) *Then there was war in heaven. Michael and the angels under his command fought the dragon and his angels.*

(8) *And the dragon lost the battle and was forced*

out of heaven.

(9) *This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the Devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.*

(10) *Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, “It has happened at last—the salvation and power and kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ! For the Accuser has been thrown down to earth—the one who accused our brothers and sisters before our God day and night.*

(11) And they have defeated him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of their testimony. And they were not afraid to die.

(12) *Rejoice, O heavens! And you who live in the heavens, rejoice! But terror will come on the earth and the sea. For the Devil has come down to you in great anger, and he knows that he has little time.”*

(13) *And when the dragon realized that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the child.*

(14) *But she was given two wings like those of a great eagle. This allowed her to fly to a place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be cared for and protected from the dragon for a time, times, and half a time.*

(15) Then the dragon tried to drown the woman with a flood of water that flowed from its mouth.

(16) But the earth helped her by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that gushed out from the mouth of the dragon.

(17) Then the dragon became angry at the woman, and he declared war against the rest of her children—all who keep God’s commandments and confess that they belong to Jesus.

(18) Then he stood waiting on the shore of the sea.

Then a war broke out in heaven as recorded in Revelation 12:7, the Bible says “*Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought but they did not prevail.*” Satan and his angels were therefore cast out of heaven. This is the beast that deceives the earth.

He used to be an angel of God, but now he is a fallen angel. He however continues to masquerade as an angel of light, and so does all his agents and apostles. He was cast down to the earth and he came with great wrath. He was cast down by an archangel, Michael. Note that God did not even join in the war. It was Michael and his angels that fought.

When the devil found out that he has lost the

battle and was cast out of heaven, he began to unleash his wrath, venom and rage on humanity and creation.

The battle of life is spiritual because all these spirits are still engaged in the struggle. 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 teaches clearly that *“though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh”*. Ephesians 6:12 says *“we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, and spiritual wickedness in high places”*. The battle is raging on and it is spiritual.

The Battle is Cosmic

This means that the battle is being fought from every angle. It is extra-terrestrial, intergalactic, interplanetary, and spatial. It is being fought on every Latitude and Longitude, even beyond the earthly realm. Some of the combatants that are fighting you are operating from heavenly places. There is no where you can go and be away from the battle, except you abide in the secret place of the Most High (See Psalm 91).

You cannot say you are free from the battle in

your home. The battle is being fought in the media, in the field of technology, in schools, workplaces, markets, everywhere. You had better brace your mind, your heart and your very being for the battle. You will have to fight in the field, at home and even on your bed.

The Bible says in Psalm 149 that if you shall let the high praises of the Lord be in your mouth upon your bed and shall take a hold of a two-edged sword, then shall you execute vengeance upon the kings of the earth and bind their nobles with fetters of iron.

Psalms 149:5-8

- (5) *Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.*
- (6) *Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;*
- (7) *To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;*
- (8) *To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;*

The Battle is Tactical

The enemy against you does not fight in a vacuum. He uses devices, wiles, accusation, seduction, and other very sophisticated weapons. He has a carefully drawn strategy for every generation, hence we cannot continue to war as though we are fighting the wind.

1 Corinthians 9:26

*I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I,
not as one that beateth the air:*

Please the battle is tactical; you cannot continue to be ignorant of the devices of the enemy. You must awake to study; “*in all thy getting, get understanding, knowledge and wisdom*” (Proverbs 4:7).

Ephesians 4:11-20 teaches that we cannot continue to be “*children tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine*”. Wake up! The battle is tactical.

The Battle is Fierce and Brutal

There is no mercy for any man in this war. Do not think the devil is playing games with you. He really wants to steal, kill and destroy you, your destiny and life.

In Revelation 12:4, we are told that the dragon stood before the woman with child to devour the child immediately he is born. The devil walks around roaring like a lion, seeking whom he may devour. The battle is fierce and brutal.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

There is a release of demonic spirits who are fiercely and impatiently captivating as many souls and destinies as they can. In this book, I will be sharing with you the mysteries of defeating the main leader and the main force behind this enemy force - Satan.

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 6:12 that “*we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, rulers of darkness of this age, and spiritual wickedness in high*

places". You have no option than to win this battle. You must win this battle if you want to make headways in life. Without doubt you must win the battle which the old serpent (the dragon) has marshaled against you. You must fight and win this battle because there is an attack out there against every life.

John 10:9-10 teaches us that Jesus Christ is the door. He assures us that if any man enters in by Him, they shall be saved. They shall be saved from sin, pain, death, weakness, eternal corruption, etc. Jesus is the door. And as we know, doors open into places. A door cannot be an end. A door leads into a doorway that opens into a place. The Scriptures tells us that if any man, black or white, enters in by that door, he will go in and out and find pasture. There is however a thief who comes out purposely to steal, kill and to destroy.

John 10:9-10

(9) I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

(10) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might

have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Satan is the thief who comes not but for to steal, to kill and to destroy. He has sworn to fight you, your destiny and life until he has finally destroyed you. You do not have to be his victim. The Bible tells us that hell has enlarged her mouth and the multitudes, the pomp, and the pageant are descending unrestrained into it because of our lack of knowledge.

Isaiah 5:13-14

(13) Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

(14) Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

He has stolen, killed and destroyed millions and millions of people in every age. The stakes are high. As I share this message, may the Lord stir you up to arise and fight this age old fiend and enemy of humanity - Satan.

Your Real Enemy is Satan

There is a real enemy; don't fight the wind. You would be fighting a lost battle, if you go to the battle without knowing the enemy. Many people in this spiritual war are engaging the wrong enemy. They do not know that the real enemy against the peace, prosperity, and health of all humanity is Satan. He is a fallen and rebellious angel who has been condemned to the Lake of Fire (See Matthew 25:41).

It is only a matter of time and he shall be captured and confined to his prepared place - the Lake of Fire.

John 10:10 tells us what God wants for all men; he sent his son that all humanity would have life and have it more abundantly. The enemy of humanity-Satan-is the thief that comes to steal the life and abundance God has given us.

He used to live in heaven until he rebelled and other angels-Michael and his host cast him out of heaven. In Revelation 12:12, we read *“therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time”*

Who is the devil? How does he look like? Let me share his nature with you.

He is a Fallen Angel

He is a spirit but not omnipresent; he can be one place at a time.

He is powerful but not omnipotent (all powerful); his power is limited to the powers as possess by a cherub (Lucifer, who became Satan was a cherub - a high ranking angel, See Ezekiel 28:12-18, note verse 14).

He has knowledge but not omniscient (all knowing); he only knows in part, but has the capacity to learn more things.

He Represents Godlessness and Rebellion

This is referring to the fact that the devil is behind everything that is in rebellion against God - the Supreme Being, Creator of Heaven and Earth - the God of the Bible. You may differ in opinion but there is no God besides our God. He is the Only Wise and Omnipotent God.

He Represents Darkness but He Mimics Light

He is dark inside out, but tries to mimic godliness and light. This means he mimics the truth of God's word as revealed in the Scriptures. This is the true light that lights every man who comes to the earth.

He Represents Lies and is an Expert at Deception

He is a cunning liar and a brute beast. The devil is the father of darkness, lies, hypocrisy. Lies is his native language. By calling the devil

a liar, I mean anything contrary to the truth of Scripture rightly divided. Everything else is lies unless it conforms to the revealed truth of Scripture.

Your Mind is the Battlefield

In every battle there is an arena or territory you protect; that is where the enemy focuses his attack. That is the grounds the enemy seek to gain.

The battle field is your mind. Your mind is the greatest battlefield in this war.

Everything outside a man gains access to his inner man through his senses. The senses are like input accessories of the human being. Your sense of sight, smell, taste, hearing, and touch are the main gates to the spirit or the real person in you.

The eyes, ears, nose, tongue, and skin are the main gates by which external forces have access to you. These organs however only send information to the mind which receives it, process and interprets it. The mind then sends the inference to the heart, and the heart which

finally generates the required actions.

The most important organs therefore are the senses, the mind and the heart. Your body members are only tools that carry out your heart desires. The battlefield is your mind. This is where the battle centres.

It is not enough to be born of God and take hold of faith; you must also learn how to soar through keeping yourself. *“The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that having denied ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live discreetly, righteously and godly, in this present world,”* (Titus 2:11-12 MKJV).

You may have been born with all the potential to win an Olympics gold medal in 100m sprint, you may have all the faith for that but until you learn the discipline of training and controlling the body through dieting, you cannot win. In much that same way, after being born again, taking hold of faith, you can win in the battle of life by practicing the following;

1. Direct Your Senses

Quit trying to do away with your senses, they are designed to give you information and they will always give you information. You must take a choice not to live by the senses. Remember that the principle is simple-GIGO (garbage-in-garbage-out). What you allow into you determines what might come out of you.

Direct your senses to focus on the right things as far as it is in your power. Focus your senses on the right things. Your senses will not change-even after born again, heat remains heat energy, sound and wave remains sound energies, light remains light energy, your senses will not change. Your senses were designed to help you relate with the natural world around you.

Your senses are like the key pad of a computer, your senses is the input device. Please, your senses are not the same as the flesh (evil nature); God gave each man sensory organs to relate with the world. The Bible tells us that, *“if the spirit of the One who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Jesus from the dead shall also make your mortal bodies alive*

by His Spirit who dwells in you.” (Romans 8:11 MKJV)

Your senses are the mechanism by which information gets to you. The things we see, hear, taste, smell, and feel get access to us. I am born again but my senses are not dead, yet I do not live by sight. My senses are rather quickened by the Spirit of God. My libido is rather quickened, yet I do not follow my libido.

Should the muscles in my eyes decide to grow weak, God will quicken them; if the muscles in my loins decide to grow weak, God will quicken them; yet my life will not be controlled by them, but rather I am going to yield them as instruments of righteousness.

Listen, your senses are gifts from God. If you lose one sensory function you begin to need help. Your senses are not the problem, and has never been . Your problem is your inability to renew your mind.

What things you allow into your spirit may affect your capacity to win, take care.

2. Renew Your Mind

You must have heard in many previous teachings that you need a sixth sense of faith, well that is quite misleading. All you need is the five senses God gave you. You must however renew your mind to affect how you process the information you receive.

Your mind generates the meaning. Your mind depends on what you put in there to generate interpretation to things you receive by your senses.

Information is nothing, what meanings you give it is all there is. What you see is nothing, what you hear is nothing, what you smell is nothing, what you feel is nothing, what you taste is nothing. What you see, smell, feel, hear, and taste is actually nothing at all, rather what meaning you give them, how you interpret them, what they indicate to you is what affects you.

One day Jesus told the scribes and Pharisees that what goes into a man does not defile him, but what comes out of that man as a result does. (See Matthew 15:1-20). How you process the things

that go into you is what impacts your life. This is the main difference between people - how they interpret information. There is therefore the need to renew your mind, so that you would be transformed. The Bible says *“do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is that good and pleasing and perfect will of God.”* (Romans 12:2 MKJV)

Until your mind is renewed, your life cannot be transformed. Both Peter and the Lord Jesus Christ saw the same storm but only Peter sank. How your mind works determines what you fill your heart.

Remember you will become how you are thinking. In this regard, you ought to put off the old man (according to your former way of living) who is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind (See Ephesians 4:22-23).

Inasmuch as your senses feed your mind, your mind feeds your heart, and your heart controls your tongue. Your mind rules your heart. That is why the Scriptures teach that, as a man thinks in his heart, so is he (See Proverbs 23:7)

3. Guard Your Heart

Remember, out of the heart flows all issues of life. Your heart gives you feeling. The preacher said his father taught him so many things. *“He also taught me, and said to me, let your heart hold fast my words, keep my commandments and live”* (Proverbs 4:4 MKJV).

Never forget that your heart controls your tongue and life. Your speech reflects who you are. The Lord Jesus Christ says *“either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree corrupt and its fruit corrupt; for the tree is known by its fruit. Offspring of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart brings out good things; and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings out evil things.”* (Matthew 12:33-35 MKJV)

Luke 6:43-45 MKJV

(43) For a good tree does not bring forth corrupt fruit, neither does a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

(44) For every tree is known by its own fruit. For

*men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they
gather grapes from a bramble bush.*

*(45) A good man out of the good treasure of his
heart brings forth the good. And an evil man out
of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth the
evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his
mouth speaks.*

Until your thought pattern is changed, you
cannot change your words and attitudes.

4. Bridle Your Tongue

Your tongue gives your life direction.

James 3:2-5 BBE

*(2) For we all go wrong in a number of things. If
a man never makes a slip in his talk, then he is
a complete man and able to keep all his body in
control.*

*(3) Now if we put bits of iron into horses' mouths
so that they may be guided by us, we have
complete control of their bodies.*

*(4) And again ships, though they are so great and
are moved by violent winds, are turned by a very
small guiding-blade, at the impulse of the man
who is using it.*

(5) *Even so the tongue is a small part of the body, but it takes credit for great things. How much wood may be lighted by a very little fire!*

Always remember, Romans 10:9-10 teaches that with the mouth confession is made for the release of the power that saves and empowers a man for life. Indeed, a wholesome tongue is a tree of life. Have you not read that *“the tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness. The eyes of Jehovah are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, but crookedness in it is a break in the spirit”* (Proverbs 15:2-4 MKJV).

Remember, it is not so much of what you know but how you speak what you know. The tongue of the wise or the learned uses knowledge. Do not just pour out what you know, that is foolishness. Use what you know rightly.

5. Yield Your Members

Your members bring in the results. Yield your strengths to the task. *“Do not give your bodies to sin as the instruments of wrongdoing, but*

give yourselves to God, as those who are living from the dead, and your bodies as instruments of righteousness to God. I am using words in the way of men, because your flesh is feeble: as your bodies as servants to what is unclean, and to evil to do evil, so now give them as servants to righteousness to do what is holy” (Romans 6:13, 19 BBE).

This summarizes the statement *“Faith without works is dead”*. Understand that God blesses the works of our hands. The wisdom of God teaches that hands that have no works have no results. *“Keep the feast to the Lord your God for seven days, in the marked out by the Lord: because the blessing of the Lord your God will be all the produce of your land and all the works of your hands, and you will have nothing but joy” (Deuteronomy 16:15 BBE).* Have you not read Psalm 126;

Psalms 126:1-6 BBE

(1) *A Song of the going up. When the Lord made a change in Zion’s fate, we were like men in a dream.*

(2) *Then our mouths were full of laughing, and our tongues gave a glad cry; they said among the*

nations, The Lord has done great things for them.

(3) The Lord has done great things for us; because of which we are glad.

(4) Let our fate be changed, O Lord, like the streams in the South.

(5) Those who put in seed with weeping will get in the grain with cries of joy.

(6) Though a man may go out weeping, taking his vessel of seed with him; he will come again in joy, with the corded stems of grain in his arms.

Indeed, it is the Lord, who filled our mouths with laughter, but we had to sow first in tears, then at last we reaped in joy.

You are Authorized to Subdue

Authority connotes the legality or right to act on one's own behalf or another's behalf.

Discussing the Believer's authority therefore is discussing the right or the legality for the child of God to act on his behalf in rebuking the devil and crashing him under foot daily.

1. Your Authority is Grounded in Your Revelation of Jesus as the Christ

Until you know and believe that Jesus Christ is the only Messiah, you have no authority whatsoever to rebuke the devil.

Remember the story of the sons of Sceva, they were seven sons of Sceva, a priest, who tried to cast out devils from a man by the name of Jesus as they had seen the Apostle Paul doing. We all

know the outcome; the demon possessed man empowered by the demons pounced on them and beat them up (See Acts 19:11-20).

The demon said *“Jesus I know, Paul I know but who are you?”*.

Your authority is grounded in your revelation of Jesus as the Christ.

2. Your Authority is Grounded in Your Faith in the Word of God

The word of God is the covenant, the testament, or will we have as a proof of the legality of our claim. The word of God is the testament sealed by the blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

The word is the proof of our authority. You hear, you believe, and you speak it. *“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God”* (Romans 10:17).

Your authority is grounded in your faith.

3. Your Authority is Grounded in Your Spirituality

The word of God is spiritually discerned. You must be spiritual to discern the word. You

cannot continue to be carnal, if you want to win the war. The devil's strategy is to keep us carnal so that we would be mere men.

The carnal man is a mere man and lacks the capacity to effectively deal with Satan. Satan does this by keeping you from obeying the word of God, so that he can control you with sin. The extent of your spirituality is determined by your ability to control yourself from doing the works of flesh and as taught in Galatians 5:15-22; and to what extent your mind, heart, and being are focused on things that are of God and heavenly.

Galatians 5:15-22

(15) But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

(16) This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

(17) For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

(18) But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

(19) Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication,

uncleanness, lasciviousness,

*(20) Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance,
emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*

*(21) Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings,
and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I
have also told you in time past, that they which do
such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*(22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

Your authority is grounded in your spirituality.

4. Your Authority is Grounded in Your Maturity

Galatians 4:1-3 teaches that a child, though the heir of all things, differs not from a servant as long as he remains a child. As children, we continue to be subject to the beggarly elements of the world.

Your authority is grounded in your level of maturity.

5. Your Authority is Grounded in Your Obedience

2 Corinthians 10:1-6 teaches that we are ready
“to punish all forms of disobedience when our

obedience is complete”.

The Scriptures tell us in James 4 that, we should submit to God, then we can resist the devil and he would flee. He that seeks equity must come with clean hands. You cannot punish a rebellion when you are a rebel.

Your authority is grounded in your level of obedience.

6. Your Authority is Grounded in Your Fellowship with God

Your authority is grounded in your fellowship with God. You have to observe quiet times, prayer times, fasting seasons, fellowshiping times and communion times.

7. Your Authority is Grounded in Your Unity with Other Saints in the Bond of Peace

United we stand, divided we fall. A house divided against itself shall not stand.

8. Your Authority is Grounded in Your Understanding and Knowledge of the Devices of the Enemy

What you don't know will kill you. You cannot continue to be ignorant of the devices of the devil. You must awake to watch and pray. Through watching and praying God will show you great and unsearchable things which you do not know. (See Jeremiah 33:3)

You can Win over Darkness Everyday

It is not enough to know all these. You can win every day by simply

1. Feeding right
2. Thinking right
3. Believing right
4. Speaking right
5. Acting right

What you feed on tells what you will be thinking about; and what you think about is a seed for what you will believe, which will determine what you speak and eventually how you act.

Feeding Right

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”
(Matthew 4:4).

1 Peter 2:1

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

You ought to feed your mind on the right stuff. If you have watched and possess a library of Hollywood movies without possessing and studying a library of your pastor's messages, you are not feeding right.

You must have a daily dose of the word. Feed your mind with the truth of God daily. This is the first step towards winning over darkness every day.

Thinking Right

Joshua 1:5-9, Psalm 1:1-6, Philippians 4:8 are all Scriptures that emphasize the value of thinking right.

Joshua 1:5-9

(5) There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

(6) Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance

the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

(7) Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

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

(9) Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Psalms 1:1-6

(1) Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

(2) But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

(3) And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he

doeth shall prosper.

(4) The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

(5) Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

(6) For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Philippians 4:8 KJV

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.

Romans 12:1-2 teaches that until we change what, how and why we think about what we think about, we cannot transform our lives.

Romans 12:1-2

(1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

(2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye

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may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Believing Right

1. Your faith must be word based

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2. Your faith must dedicate your actions or works

James 2:26

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

3. Your faith must remain unwavering through the changing scenes of life

Romans 4:18

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

Speak Right

For the child of God, speaking is actually the fullness of prayer. When we learn to speak right

knowing that our words carry creative power, our lives would change. This is the simple secret to Pray without ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV

Pray without ceasing.

Indeed, prayer is the simple mystery of life that solves the most complex life conditions. Prayer is the act of making one's requests known to God with thanksgiving. In learning to speak right, the child of God must approach talking as prayer. In that case, there are at least three things every man should know about prayer:

1. Everybody at one time or the other would be moved by both impulse and situations to pray (speak)

Ingrained in everyman is the impulse to speak, just as the eye blinks at a speck of dust. We may not call it prayer but we know we are speaking with impulse

2. Everybody should make prayer (speaking) a business

Speaking is the single force and action that has great power to keep our minds and

hearts. When offered in the form of prayer, it releases the peace of God that surpasses all understanding to guard our hearts (See Philippians 4:6-7)

The Scriptures admonish us to keep our hearts with all diligence, for out of it flows all issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Sometimes however, the circumstances and the issues of life can cause our hearts to wander from the Lord; the Lord would however keep a man whose mind is stayed on Him in perfect peace.

Isaiah 26:3

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Prayer of the righteous avails much:

Prayer moves mountains; Prayer shuts and opens heavens; Prayer uncovers the unsearchable; Prayer moves things that def many powers; Prayer of the righteous avails

much.

Prayer keeps men from fainting;

Prayer rejuvenates men; Prayer stirs up a man from within; Prayer build up the most holy faith of a man; Prayer edifies; Prayer builds up the spirit

3. Everybody can pray (speak) right

Matthew 6:5-14

(5) And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

(6) But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

(7) But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

(8) Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

*(9) After this manner therefore pray ye: **Our***

Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

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

(11) Give us this day our daily bread.

(12) And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

(13) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

(14) For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

Prayer should be effectual and fervent and not hypocritical.

James 5:16-17

(16) Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(17) Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

Prayer must have a plan or manner; not with

vain repetition

Luke 18:1

*And he spake a parable unto them to this end,
that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;*

Prayer must be an expression of faith and not
fear-

Mark 11:24 KJV

*Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye
desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them,
and ye shall have them.*

Acting Right

Your action must align with what you think on,
what you believe, and what you speak.

Remember that although all things are lawful
for you, all things are not expedient; all things
are not profitable and nothing should control
you.

1 Corinthians 6:12

*All things are lawful unto me, but all things are
not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I
will not be brought under the power of any.*

You Must Engage the Weapons of War

Every battle is fought with specific tactics or strategy; this battle is no different. There are specific tactics that win in the war. You can win this battle by the following tactics;

Discover the Weapons of War

Weapons are missiles, artilleries, armaments, and munitions. In every war there are weapons that are useful and necessary. There are weapons for jungle warfare, much as there are weapons for spiritual warfare. We shall be sharing truths about our armaments and that of the devil, as well as how they relate in terms of strategy.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 teaches that though we walk in the flesh we do not war after the flesh but the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. They are mighty through God to the pulling

down of strongholds...

Our victory over Satan consist of three elements:

1. The blood of Jesus Christ
2. Our word of testimony
3. Our willingness to die

Clearly the blood of Jesus Christ Our Lord is constant. It comes from the perfect sacrifice on the cross. It is irrefutably the finest and stainless blood. The blood that speaks; in fact, it speaks better words than that of Abel.

Hebrews 12:24

*And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,
and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better
things than that of Abel.*

However, our testimony and willingness to die is not constant. This is why Satan's main strategy is to constantly bombard and attack our testimony and willingness to die. Revelation 12:11 teaches that they overcame by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and willingness to die.

Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb,

*and by the word of their testimony; and they loved
not their lives unto the death.*

No man or woman can ever win the battle against Satan without the blood of Jesus. The blood is the covering and shield against the devil. Any victory against Satan independent of the blood of Jesus Christ is a cheap compromise.

You must be covered by the blood. A practical expression of your faith in the cross and the blood of the Lamb is so so important. Even Israel could not crossover from Egypt to takeover Canaan unless by the blood of Passover. You must crossover by Passover if you want to takeover. The blood is fundamental to your victory over Satan.

Don't be Ignorant of Satan's Ploy

Satan's weapons have three main elements. He uses them to counter the three elements of our victory;

1. Sin - an active weapon

Matthew 4:3 calls him the tempter. He uses lust,

seduction, and appeals to draw the sons and daughters of the kingdom into sin. Sin is deadly; its wages is death. The devil tempts, seduces, allures, and appeals.

2. Accusations - a passive weapon

When the enemy's temptations fail, he often resorts to accusation. Revelation 12:10 and Zechariah 3:1 paints a perfect portrait of this; he is a state of the art accuser.

Revelation 12:10

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

Against the believer this is one of his most effective weapons. It is both passive and effective. He uses accusation to distract and engage us, to keep us from doing what we are called to do. He tries everything possible to misrepresent our motives, malign us, and libel us just to make us look evil. Accusation is the work of the devil. Though passive, it is very active.

3. Intimidation - a subtle weapon

The devil's last weapon is intimidation. Though he is just a dog, he roars like a lion. He knows how much our victory depends on our willingness to die for the cause of Christ. Therefore, he tries to intimidate us with death, pain, poverty and reproach to cause us to fear until we become timid.

Intimidation is Satan's state of the art manifestation of deceit. He uses intimidation to create a mind-set impregnated with a feeling of hopelessness, helplessness, isolation and eminent failure.

- **Satan uses sin to punch our covering - the blood**

Satan knows that the child of God cannot be cursed or hurt but he equally knows that the way of a transgressor is hard. So he uses seduction, allurements and entrapments to get you to sin. He knows that the sting of death is sin, so he moves men to sin so they would die.

1 Corinthians 15:56

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

- **He uses accusation to dent or mar our word of testimony**

Satan knows the timeless power of testimony. Therefore he tries all he can to find an accusation against you to make your testimony weak and ineffective. When it was time to consecrate the high priest Joshua, Satan came to accuse him.

He is trying all he can to mar your testimony, keep him out. You can make his accusations foolish through living right, and confessing your sins one to another, that you may pray for one another and be healed.

James 5:16

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

- **He uses intimidation to foil our willingness to die for the cause of Christ**

Our archenemy, the devil, use intimidation to make us yield to his threats. You must determine never to surrender to him. You have the victory.

Satan knows that he has no power over the child of God. Secondly, he knows that many of God's children do not know this truth. And thirdly, he knows that many of those who know this truth do not even believe it. He has therefore devised a subtle strategy to keep the church in captivity.

- **Satan uses deception, dominance, and destruction to incapacitate his prey.**

Firstly, the devil tries to deceive his prey. Then he tries to dominate, or oppress, or possess his prey through continued ignorance and delusions. Then finally, he destroys his prey through deprivation, poverty, and indulgence.

How to Dispel the Devil's Weapons

You Must Be Grounded in the Truth

John 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

What you don't know is what is keeping you

in captivity. You can overcome the devil in everyday life through knowledge.

You Must Be Strong in the Lord and in the Power of His Might

You can be strong in the Lord through maintaining a wholesome thought, heart, and tongue.

1. Be united with other saints.

Philippians 4:2-3

(2) I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

(3) And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.

2. Be filled with the joy of the Holy Ghost.

Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

3. Be moderate in thought and lifestyle

Philippians 4:5

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The

Lord is at hand.

4. Be anxious for nothing, but by prayer, supplication, thanksgiving let your request be made known.

Philippians 4:6-7 KJV

(6) Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

(7) And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

5. Meditate on wholesome things

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.

6. Learn and do the things your apostle does

Philippians 4:9

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Put on the Whole Armour of God

This begins with a decision to live an authentic Christian life.

Withstand in an Evil Day

You can withstand in an evil day when you engage in ceaseless watching, praying, and persevering both for yourself and other saints.

You Must Stay on the Lord's Side

James 4:4-5, and verse 7-10 teaches that friendship with the world is enmity with God; that is why Satan's most active weapon is sin.

James 4:4-5

(4) Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

(5) Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

James 4:7-10

(7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

(8) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

(9) Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your

*laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to
heaviness.*

*(10) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,
and he shall lift you up.*

He knows that once you fall for his allurements, seduction, enticement, and schemes, you make yourself an enemy of God. Well, remember that God still loves His enemies, and even gave His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, for us. You can win the battle in everyday life as long as you can decide to forsake the world, believe God and follow Him. This is all it takes.

Forsaking the World

The Lord said in the garden of Gethsemane that, “*the prince of this world is come, but he has nothing in me*” (See John 14:30). Having the world set in your heart makes you vulnerable and an easy prey to the devil.

Faith in God’s Word

Faith is the practical expression of your confidence and trust in God - His person,

promises, and power.

Hebrews 11:1 NLT

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.

Hebrews 4:2 teaches that we can be productive only if we can mix what we hear with faith.

Why? The following reasons tell us why this is so;

1. Without faith no man can please God

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

2. Our faith is the victory that overcomes the world

1 John 4:5-6

(5) They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

(6) We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

3. All things are possible to him that believes

Following God's Leading

You can stay on God's side in this spiritual warfare by following His leading by doing the following;

1. Submit to God, that you may receive grace
2. Resist the devil, and he will flee.
3. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
4. Cleanse your hands to rid you of sin.
5. Purify your hearts to rid you of double-mindedness.
6. Humble yourself in the sight of God, so He will lift you up.

You Must Develop Stamina

Stamina is the ability to endure

Romans 11:19-22 teaches that unless we abide in faith basking in the goodness of the Lord, He may cut us off.

Romans 11:19-22

(19) Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

(20) Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

(21) For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

(22) Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

Steps to Developing Stamina

Romans 12-13 teaches on how to remain grafted in the vine to consolidating your authority to beat the devil.

1. Be yielded to God

Romans 12:1-2

(1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

(2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2. Be useful in the Body of Christ

1. Don't think too highly of yourself, but think soberly

Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

2. Be at peace with yourself- we are not the same but our difference bring strength

Romans 12:4-5

(4) For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

(5) So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

3. Discover your gift

Romans 12:6

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

4. Wait on your gift

Romans 12:7

Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

5. Use your gifts to serve others

Romans 12:8

Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

3. Be affectionate one to another

Romans 13:8-10 teaches us the following secrets to be affectionate towards others;

1. Love without hypocrisy
2. Abhor evil, and cling to good; though love covers multitudes of wrong

Romans 12:9-10

(9) Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

(10) Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

3. Give honour to others

Romans 13:7

Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

4. Owe no man nothing but love

Romans 13:8-9

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

(9) For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery,

Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

5. To learn not to hurt others

Romans 13:10

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

4. Be productive in the house

Romans 12:11

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

1. Be diligent
2. Be fervent in spirit
3. Be serving the Lord

5. Be steadfast in faith

Romans 12:12

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

1. Rejoice in hope

2. Be patient in tribulation

3. Be steadfast in prayer

6. Be Generous

Romans 12:13

Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

1. Distribute to the needs of the saint

2. Be hospitable

7. Be humble

Romans 12:14-16

(14) Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

(15) Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

(16) Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

1. Bless those who persecute you. You are not greater than the Lord.

2. Identify with all kinds and manner of people

3. Understand others in the context of Scripture
4. Don't be wise in your own eyes

8. Be peaceful

1. Forgive all

Romans 12:17

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

2. Have regards for good things in the sight of all men
3. Live peacefully with all men as far as is possible; he did not say do the impossible when it comes to living with others in peace.

Romans 12:18

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

4. Don't avenge yourself; give place to wrath.

Romans 12:19-20

(19) Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

(20) Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt

heap coals of fire on his head.

5. Overcome evil with good

Romans 12:21

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

9. Be submissive to governments

Romans 13:1-7

1. Acknowledge and submit to all governments; this is because they are instituted by God. Never resist any government.

Romans 13:1-4

- (1) *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*
- (2) *Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.*
- (3) *For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:*
- (4) *For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for*

he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

2. Do what is good for your conscience sake and not for wrath sake. Serving God and imitating the character of Christ is not resisting governments.

Romans 13:5-6

(5) Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

(6) For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

3. Render to whom it is due- taxes, honour, fear, and custom

Romans 13:7

Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

10. Be clothed with Christ

Romans 13:11-14

(11) And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

(12) *The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*

(13) *Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.*

(14) *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

11. Be responsible with liberty

See Romans 14:1-13

12. Edifying others with your actions

Romans 14:19

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

13. Bear other peoples' burdens

See Romans 15:1-6

14. Be praising God together

Romans 15:7-13

(7) *Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ*

also received us to the glory of God.

(8) Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

(9) And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

(10) And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

(11) And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people.

(12) And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.

(13) Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

15. Bewaring of divisive persons and avoid them

Romans 16:17-20

(17) Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

(18) For they that are such serve not our Lord

Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

(19) For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

*(20) **And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

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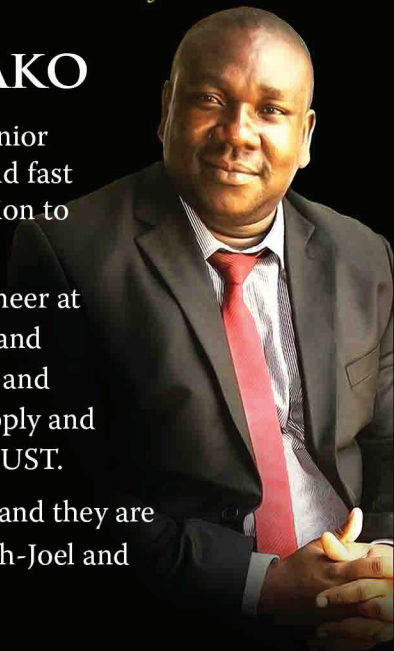
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