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*To you and everyone who desires to have a deep  
intimacy with God and excel excellently in life for  
the Glory of God.*

*Grace and peace to you!*





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*God, the Creator,  
Predestined, moulded, created; me and you  
With His Divine Nature,  
For intimacy, for fellowship;  
To bright forth as light,  
To represent, to be His ambassadors  
All we have is God;  
All God has is us,  
We are to excel; to advance His Kingdom;  
But hey! Not without fellowship and intimacy with Him*

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ISAIAH 40:31

But they that wait upon the LORD, shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.





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### CONSIDER THIS!

Have we ever wondered why Jesus, the Christ will ask that we enter in our closet and pray or communicate to God which is in secret? (Matthew 6:6) Or have we also thought about why the Psalms teaches us to be still and know that God is God? (Psalms 46:10) Or probably why the Prophet Hosea, will admonish that we wait continually on the Lord? (Hosea 12:6) There is a degree of efficiency that the act of waiting on the Lord can bring to the life of the individual who diligently practice it. The success and effectiveness of everything pertaining to what God has ushered us to do on this earth is very much dependent on our ability to wait and seek His face on the matter. Our ability to wait perpetually on the Lord will produce a result that is filled with life, even God's own life. Paul the Apostle, said it gracefully in his letter to the Romans.

#### *Romans 2:7*

*To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life.*

Our ability to wait and seek the face of the Lord concerning matters of life will yield positive fruits and excellence on this earth. Have we also considered why some people after a long period of research into a matter will come out with something destructive that will not solve the world's needs but will rather deteriorate it? Such people did not seek







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and wait on the Lord for His divine direction and ideas concerning the matter. Simple!

God, the Creator, after making man, commanded them (Adam and Eve) to be fruitful and multiply on this earth (Genesis 1:28). A man cannot be fruitful and multiply in whatever he is doing unless he seeks and waits upon the Lord to strengthen him for that task. The lack of fruitfulness and multiplicity in the spheres of life in which God has placed us is because we lack the ability to continuously wait on Him, to strengthen us and renew us with His might and also enlighten us deeply into the task. We are not enjoying several good successes in some areas of our lives because we seek and wait for the Lord rarely in such areas. The benefits and the fruits that comes along with the simple act of waiting upon the Lord, can cause one to make a great and positive impact in what he is created to do.





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### WAITING?

What then is waiting? Waiting is simple. It is a **continual** effort of spending time with God. It is a continual process of staying in the Lord's presence and fellowshiping with Him through studying and meditating on the Word of God and engaging Him in prayer too. With a holy desire, we expect something relevant from Him when we engage Him in that way. It gives us an access and entry to behold the Lord's presence. We will only know that God is God when we are still in the act of waiting and beholding who He is.

You might be asking and thinking, how can I be still? How can I wait on the Lord just to know Him? Probably you might be saying you don't have much time to wait on God! Yeah, we all do have 24 hours in a day; it's just a matter of making time for God.

Let us consider it from these perspectives. Have we wondered about the number of times we sometimes spend waiting for our favorite television show to start? Or how we usually look intently on our phone expecting an important message. More accurately, have we also considered how we sometimes wait in line to get our favorite food from that food joint? You see! These are all act of waiting. In these scenarios, we expect something so we wait. We sometimes don't even care what time of the day it is. We just wait. These simple acts of waiting that we are mostly





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involved in, in our daily lives can also be channeled to the Creator; where we wait patiently on Him and have communion with Him.

There are many tremendous benefits that result from simply waiting on God. He said wait on Me, I will renew your strength (Isaiah 40:31), I will prosper your ways (Joshua 1:8) and many more. Don't you want to enjoy such benefits from your Lord? Can we together with David say to the Lord, one thing have we desired of the LORD, that we will seek after; that we will dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of our lives, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and enquire in His temple? [Psalm 27:4]

The additional benefit to this is that God rewards us with His presence (His secret place) just by waiting on Him. I know you will certainly want to enjoy and see these benefits from the Lord! Let us dive much more into this then. Shall we?





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### WAITING OR VISITING

Waiting is a **continuous** process of staying in the presence of the Lord. It should not be viewed as an emergency drug we search for when we are in need. The Creator's chief aim of creating man is for man to have a perpetual fellowship with Him. And how can we achieve this? By making a conscious effort to spend time with Him through prayer and reading the Bible. Simple! Well, I read my Bible often and I pray often too. These are some of the thoughts that might be going on through your mind right now. There's more to just doing all these acts.

#### **Read and Behold It**

After reading the Bible, what do we do next? Do we just read and turn away without the Word having its impact in us? It is in waiting and beholding that we will have the effect of what we read just as the Apostle Paul described in 2 Corinthians 3:18: *But we all, with open face **beholding** as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

It is when we are still that we will know the God effect in what we read.

#### **Knock, Knock, Knock!**

The same thing applies to prayer. We ask, we seek, then we knock. These three elements should be in full effect when we approach God to pray in our





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closet. We sometimes eliminate the third aspect, which is sometimes understandable due to the activities we go through in a day. But wait, who will want to live on the outside of his father's house? That is what the third aspect of knocking does; it brings us into our Father's presence. When we knock on someone's door we wait that the person will come and open the door for us to go inside. Similarly, it is when we make that effort of knocking on the door to God's dwelling place that He will heed to us and open us and bring us into His presence. There is fullness of joy in that place. You find peace and harmony there. Glory and honour are in his presence; strength and gladness are in His place [1 Chronicles 16:27]. Start cultivating a habit of setting out time to wait on your Father.

### **His Presence; In Us**

God created us to function perfectly well in His presence always. Anything done outside of His presence is catastrophe. You might ask, what then is God's presence? God's presence is the place where God lives or dwells. Simple! It is what the Bible calls the Kingdom of God (Luke 17:21), the city of the Living God (Hebrews 12:22), the secret place of the Most High (Psalm 91:1). It is what Job described as the path where no fowl knows and no vulture's eye has seen (Job 28:7) and many more. Oh! how privileged are we now; that God has made His dwelling place in us by sending His Spirit to live in





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us! (John 14:17). You might be wondering, God is in heaven; He is invisible, so how can I be in His presence or better still how can He come to live in me forever? The key is to believe and have faith that He means what He says in His Word and He will accomplish it. If Jesus, the Son of God was able to humble Himself and dwell among us, won't He as He promised send His Holy Spirit to dwell in us? He has made His dwelling among us and in us. You remember we are the temple of the Lord; a place where the Spirit of God lives. You have God's presence in you! Just have faith in it.

### **A Constant Walk**

It is in waiting upon the Lord that we get to see His face shine so brighter in our lives that we cannot comprehend it anymore but to just worship Him and give Him the glory. The aim of waiting on the Lord is to get us to a place where we are closely intimate with Him at that moment. Waiting is a constant walk. It is not an emergency walk or once in a blue moon visit to our Creator. No! The constant and perpetual waiting and walking with God is a surprise and a delight enough for Him to unleash us to accomplish great and mighty works in our lives. It is the continual diligence of seeking and waiting on the Lord that produces the results and fruitfulness.





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It doesn't matter how small or insignificant the venture or task you are going in for might look like. All that is needed is to wait consistently on the Lord for Him to touch that little thing and make it into something tremendous. Hallelujah! You might have been given a task to carry out but you feel too small to accomplish that task; all you need to do is wait patiently on the Lord and seek His face. Just wait my friend and He will touch you in an awesome way to make your ways fruitful in that area.

I remember about a year ago, I was appointed by my campus church to be the PR and Head of the Artistry Team; which included everything that has to do with graphic designing and event branding and many more. I had little knowledge and idea into any of these. All I had in my skill set was my writing skills and nothing more. One time, a brother in the Christian faith, then the President of the Ghana Fellowship of Evangelical Students (GHAFES) on campus, told me I will be noted for arts during one service. That was one of the most surprising and shocking words I have ever heard; I was studying to be a Petroleum Engineer not to be noted for arts! But God was going to be faithful to His words. I hardly remember consulting any one to teach me more into arts which comprised of graphic designing, event branding and many more. All I chiefly did was to seek the Lord and surrender to the Holy Spirit to teach me and do His will concerning the matter. I





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downloaded some few PDFs and watched some few videos on arts. The effect was just tremendous; what could have taken me about some months to master took me about some few weeks. I began to receive creative ideas and insights in such an awesome way. The key was waiting on the Lord concerning the matter and He faithfully made it fruitful. Today, I design and brand events with ease and simplicity all to the Glory of the Most Precious God. He will do same for you in the area He has placed you in; wait on Him!

Oh! Isaiah said it so beautifully, that they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31). Simply wait consistently.







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### WAIT HERE

There are two areas in our lives where we can have fellowship with God and wait on Him; through the study of God's Word and prayer. It is from these two areas of fellowship with God that will lead us to worship Him from our inner man. We cannot live properly and fruitfully if we fail to do these continually with our walk with God. The enemy will overcome us. Our lives will constantly be a failure. We will achieve less in life and struggle most of the time in accomplishing some tasks in life. Even at large, the world will suffer bitterly if we decide to be unconcerned and care less about studying God's Word and praying fervently to God. It is our breath! We eliminate it and we begin to suffocate.

Listen to what Charles Spurgeon had to say: when asked, 'what is more important: praying or reading the Bible?' I ask, 'what is more important: breathing in or breathing out?' We breathe in the Word of God and breathe it out through prayer. Both are essential and must be treated with urgency in our lives if we seek to have a fruitful walk with God.





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### WAITING ON THE LORD THROUGH STUDYING & MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

We probably remember God's instruction to Joshua, the son of Nun after the death of Moses. God told him to meditate on His Word; from there will he (Joshua) prosper and have good successes.

#### *Joshua 1:8*

*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.*

The simple act of reading the Word of God and meditating on it pushes us into an arena where we wait on the Lord to grant us an understanding into what we are reading. This is what the Apostle Paul described as beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:18). In Proverbs, we get to see that it is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search it out (Proverbs 25:2). By seeking to gain the understanding and getting to know the mysteries that surround the Word of God is simply an act of waiting on the Lord for Him to reveal Himself through that portion of scripture to you. We have the privilege to understand the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 13:11), and this is possible if the Spirit of the Living





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God who brings understanding from God's Word is active and working in us. And how does this Spirit of the Living God become active in our lives? By constantly relating to Him as we would to our mobile devices or our friends. Diligently and sincerely ask Him to be the Chief of your life!

Understanding the Word of the Lord and getting to have its effect in our lives hinges on waiting on the Lord through meditating on His Word. For us to have the God effect in our seeking of understanding through meditation on the Scriptures, we will need to have a holy desire that will cause us to separate ourselves from everything else and get to gain that understanding we seek. This desire will then spark in us that habit of wanting to spend time with our God by being still in silence and perceiving and seeking to know the kind of God He is (Psalms 46:10). It is from this that we will begin to see and experience the great exploits of the Lord making way in our lives just as it was described in Joshua 1:8. The people that know their God shall be strong, and do exploits! [Daniel 11:32]

I believe no one wants to read the Word of God without the Word having impact in their lives. Similarly, no individual on this earth will store up water in a reservoir tank and go about thirsting and pleading for more water while there is enough water in his tank needing probably wisdom and insight to draw it out. Moreover, do we just look at





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our face in a mirror and go away without seeing the spot in our face? I don't think so. Even when the spot is noticed we need the know-how to take away that spot or blemish right? This should be how complete the Word of God should be in our lives. But it is through meditation on the Word that we are ushered to a place where God reveals the knowledge behind what we read and also gives us the wisdom (the how-to-go-about-it idea) to use that Word effectively in our lives. James, the Apostle wrote it so perfectly this way;

### *James 1:22-25*

*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightaway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

You might ask, how do I start this and get the full effect of the Word in my life? You start by reading and meditating on God's Word daily. Likewise, for this to be effective, you don't read the Bible just like any other textbook or newspaper; you read it with carefulness, quietness and gentleness. You read with the intention of gaining understanding from the





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Word. Read it with diligence! Mind you, don't eliminate the Spirit of God in this task; invite Him to teach you and illumine to you the Blessed Word of the Lord. Consistently engage God in this way, and you will begin to witness some change and effect in your life. The Lord will enlighten you and give you more insights into His Word that will blow your mind off in a special way. You will receive wisdom, thoughts, ideas, imaginations and knowledge that are breathed out from the inspired word of God to you in an awesome way. Just wait on Him through studying and meditating on His Word constantly.

This can be hard sometimes considering some of the activities we usually go through in a day, but I believe it will take desire, diligence and consistency on our part to achieve this. The beginning might be difficult and you might sometimes be on the verge of quitting, but let the desire to receive God's best and participate in His presence encourage you to move on. He is faithful and merciful; He will help and strengthen you for such task.





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### Practical Way of Doing This

- First, create an atmosphere of God's presence around you. You can do this by praying with the Holy Spirit. You can also listen to some worship songs to keep your mind focused and relaxed.
- Proceed to invite the Precious Spirit of God to come and teach you His Blessed Word. Ask Him to open the eyes of your understanding. Surrender your mind and heart to Him so that He reveals Himself to you. Remember, the Word is a person; the more you yield to Him, the more He reveals more of Himself to you.
- Start reading the portion of Scripture you have chosen to read. Read it carefully and gently. Don't rush over the words as you would with a textbook or newspaper. Make sure you understand what you are reading.
- Pause periodically, and meditate on some words that needs attention. Ask the Holy Spirit to illumine the eternal Word to you. Pay close attention to what He will be telling you and drawing your attention to.
- Focus your attention on what He is showing you and ask Him to give you more understanding and revelation into Him. You will begin to experience an amazing intimacy with the Lord as He reveals to you His mind and mysteries.
- Practice this consistently and diligently. Daily practice is very key.





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### WAITING ON THE LORD THROUGH PRAYER

Prayer is another form of fellowship that brings an individual to an intimate relationship with God. Jesus Christ upon teaching His disciples and the multitude on prayer in the Sermon on the Mount, told them to pray to their God which is in secret after they have entered into their closet and had their door shut. Jesus was trying to communicate to us a form of prayer devoid of distractions but filled with a reverence and a deep intimacy with God who is in secret. It is in this place of fellowship through prayer with our Father that these three elements of prayer; ask, seek and knock should be made in full effect.

#### *Luke 11:9-10*

*And I say unto you, Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*

It is not enough to only ask God for our needs or daily bread. It is good; He asked us to do so. It is also not just enough to seek the Lord for help or for a miracle or to know His ways. It is very relevant. But a combined effect after these two acts (asking and seeking) coupled with knocking on God's door makes the whole prayer life very effective. It is knocking on God's door (the portal to His presence) and waiting for Him to call us into His Holy presence that makes it effectual.





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This is the place where we begin to experience God in a tremendous way that everything around us doesn't matter anymore. This is the place where He touches our lives in an awesome way and transforms our weakness into strength for His glory.

This is the place where great mysteries and revelations are revealed to men to change and cause a shift in the universe. We experience tremendous power being deposited in us by God in this place; beyond the door. This is where we receive might to overcome; ideas to transform lives; knowledge to impact lives and many more goodness of the Lord. He is very merciful that He gives good gifts to them that seek Him wholeheartedly.

### *Hebrews 11:6*

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

If we need to have power for a task and accomplish extraordinary works for God's Kingdom; this is the place where He fills us with power and might. We get to experience His love in a marvelous way. Just as Apostle James said, the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man makes tremendous power available [James 5:16]. Rivers of living waters begin to flow out of our bellies because we have contacted the Source of the living waters and have sought Him







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and waited for God in our inner man; the place where He dwells fully.

This place of deep intimacy with God, where He is so much revealed to us really doesn't occur in the place of asking God for our needs or at an instance of rushing over our prayer early in the morning neither will it happen when we are weary at night and yawning over our prayers. God needs the best and special hours of our time when we are at full wake to relate with Him effectively. Moreover, it is the consistency of this constant waiting on the Lord that will unleash us to that place of deep intimacy with God. Patiently wait consistently. A wonderful Christian friend will say, consistency over time.

The act of waiting on the Lord through prayer must take place in the inner man; our spirit: where the Spirit of God dwells. And as such it should take more than the mind and intellect to get us there; it will require the heart (the part that faith proceeds to the Father).

### *Psalms 27:8*

*When thou saidst, seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face (presence), LORD, will I seek, Psalm 27:8 [emphasis mine].*

While waiting for the Lord in prayer, our heart should be focused on the Lord, as we concentrate deeply on the inner man, where the presence of the





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Lord is. You remember what Jesus told the Samaritan woman, that there will be a point in time where we are to worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth (John 4:23)? Focusing our heart (imagination, thoughts, reasoning, intellect) on the inner man (where the Spirit of God dwells) creates an awareness of the presence of God in that moment. We then begin to worship Him just as foretold. The mind will try to wander around and cause us to be distracted, but we just need to gently turn it back on the Lord. We can read some portion of Scripture and contemplate on it as we wait on the Lord. Listen to some cool worship song while intently focusing on God in our inner man. The aim is to draw our mind to be in alignment with our heart to focus on the reverence of God within our inner man. God dwells in us. Jesus told the multitude in Luke 17:21, “Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you”.

### **More Than They That Watch For The Morning**

This act of waiting on the Lord should be backed up with a willing desire to keep us going. It should go beyond the normal trend of waiting that was described earlier which we go through in our daily lives, but it should be yet in its basic and simplest form just as it is described in the Psalms.





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### ***Psalm 130:5-6***

*I wait on the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.*

This is a powerful verse of Scripture! We should be willing to wait on the Lord from there will He show us His ways, teach us His paths and also lead us into His truth [Psalm 25:4-5]. There is an extraordinary amazement for us beyond the door to the presence of the Lord. As it is written; draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you [James 4:8a]. We just need to ask and He will bring us in to His presence and He will empower us and enlighten us. Be ready to go further with God!

I have seen and experienced a lot of tremendous happenings from what I'm sharing with you. Just recently, I published a book titled 'The Sure Way', which dealt with the issue of the Covid-19 pandemic: how God has promised to keep us safe and secured from this pandemic if we abide under His presence. Surprisingly, I completed the writing of this book in just one sitting one awesome morning. Oh that moment was awesome! The words from the Spirit of Christ that was running through me was like an unquenchable fire. I was experiencing the mind of God in an extraordinary way, that I was so much empowered to complete the





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book at one sitting. Time flew by without me really realizing it, because I was in an arena that time didn't matter! In fact, there was an unexplainable joy when the thoughts came to go about His work. Just by waiting on the Lord through reading, meditating, seeking and praying fervently to Him, He revealed Himself in an incredible way to accomplish that task He has set before me to glorify His Precious Name. See, it won't take you long to experience God and all the goodness and the presence He brings. Just wait patiently and consistently on Him.

### **Practical Way of Doing This**

This form of prayer is to bring you close to God and have an awesome intimacy with Him. The aim is to experience His presence and touch in a wonderful way. Make sure you are not distracted by anything as you begin this form of prayer. As you proceed with this for a long period of time, you will begin to realise you can practice this even in the midst of distractions.

- First, approach God with all humility; with reverence. Relax your body members and be gentle and calm with yourself. Just be simple as possible!
- No matter how conducive and quiet your surrounding might be, your mind might still be a distractive force to make you fidget and wander around and even make you feel anxious.





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- I will suggest this; calm your mind by reading some scriptures that draws your attention easily to God and His presence. Contemplate about what you read. A clear example will include; Hebrews 12:22-24, Isaiah 6:1-4 etc. Don't forget to leave some awesome worship song on to calm your mind and help you focus on the Lord.
- Once you have been able to calm your mind down to a certain degree or completely, begin to perceive by faith the presence of the Lord around you. Have faith that you are in the Glorious presence of God. You don't necessarily need to feel anything. Just have faith.
- Gently, proceed to focus all your imaginations and thoughts on the inner man; the place where the Spirit of God dwells. You do this also by faith.
- If the mind tries to distract the process, which will probably happen, gently refocus it to align with your heart and focus on the Lord again in your inner man.
- Continue with this gently. When in this state, you can perceive God to be the Great Shepherd, Teacher, Lover and many more. Decide on one that will work perfectly for you.
- From time to time, offer Him some words of worship that are pleasant to His sight. As you do this, recognise how much you need Him. Recognise how He is your everything; that you cannot survive a moment without Him.
- Pause for a while and contemplate on His Majesty within you. Repeat this process over and over until you begin to feel His blessed touch. His





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blessed touch is tremendous and overwhelming; beyond anything you can perceive. Always approach this with faith.

There will be a moment in time when you will just have to approach Him in faith without reading a portion of Scripture or even needing a music as you master this diligently over a certain period. It takes consistency and daily practice to experience what is being described above.





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### WHY WAIT?

I believe we might have had a foretaste of how beneficial just a simple act of waiting upon the Lord will be in our lives. Let us add more layers of light on the matter. Shall we?

Imagine an athlete on a track waiting for a command to start the race or a surfer on a sea waiting for a wave to surf on. Let's consider the latter. The surfer diligently waits, and in patience access all possible waves that will enable him have a great surf on the sea. Just as his success is dependent on the high frequency of the wave, it is due to his determined act of waiting that enabled him to have the best of the wave thereby leading to a great surf. Does this speak something to you?

In a more defined perspective, God is an endless and unquantifiable Being full of billions of goodness we can't comprehend (the sea). God wants us to receive His best and goodness (knowledge, wisdom, ideas, empowerment, strength, enlightenment and many more), but to a specific frequency that He has apportioned for us at various instances in our lives (the waves). It is when we seek and wait on the Lord through intimate fellowship, that He will enlighten us to know the waves we should surf on and even how we should go about it. Just by waiting.

I'm beginning to imagine the number of times I have failed to wait on the Lord to catch His goodness in





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its requisite frequency and power. Maybe you have a similar experience. But there is still time for us to make up through the mercy, power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Hallelujah!

We see the relevance of this act of waiting in many important areas in the Bible and also in the lives of many personalities in the Bible such as Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus Christ, the Apostles and many more. We also see how costly it sometimes is when we ignore it and do everything with our might just as was seen in the life of King Saul when he did not wait on the Prophet Samuel for the offering of sacrifice to the Lord (1 Samuel 15). In the passages ahead we will look at some key areas in our lives where we need to wait patiently on the Lord and how beneficial it is.

### **EMPOWERED AND FILLED FOR EXPLOITS**

Jesus promised His disciples that He will pray the Father to send forth the Holy Spirit (John 14:16) after His glorification. But He likewise told His disciples to wait for the Promise of the Father, Luke 24:49 & Acts 1:4.

#### ***Luke 24:49***

*And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you:  
but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued  
with power from on high.*







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### **Acts 1:4**

*And, being assembled with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, **but wait** for the promise of the Father, which saith he, ye have heard of me.*

Why would Jesus Christ ask them to tarry or wait? Was their waiting going to cause the Father to send the Holy Spirit and His empowerment? We really don't believe that, because it was a promise which is independent on human actions; He would have come regardless. The waiting was for the benefit of the disciples. It was to keep them aware of what was coming. It was a separation from the noise of the outside world to commune and have fellowship with the Father. Peter together with some of the disciples went fishing after the death of Jesus Christ in John 21; causing them to be distracted. Waiting on the Lord through reading the Bible and intimate prayer, keep us away from the noise that surrounds us and set our minds and hearts to focus on the Lord. This was clearly evident after the command of Jesus to the disciples to wait.

### **Acts 1:12-14**

*Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey. And when they were come in, they went up into the upper room, where they abode both Peter and.....  
these all continued with **one accord in prayer and supplication....***





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The disciples didn't quiet themselves in the Upper Room. They didn't sit there aimlessly. Their waiting was defined by prayer and supplication and reading of the Scriptures also just as it was seen when Peter stood up to address the other disciples in the same chapter, vs 16. They read the Scripture and prayed continually while they waited.

Our pursuit in waiting on the Lord should be characterized by these two important activities; studying the Word and praying. We receive empowerment from the Precious Holy Spirit in this arena; the place of waiting. *But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth,* [Acts 1:8]. We receive continual infilling of the Holy Spirit in this place of waiting as seen again in the lives of the Apostles in Acts 4:31 when they had a fellowship through prayer with the Lord.

### **Acts 4:31**

*And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

We need this empowerment of the Lord to keep us going in every area of life we find ourselves. Our human abilities will fail completely as we have been witnessing even in our lives and in the world at





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large. Our human wisdom, knowledge, ideas, imaginations will lead this world to total failure and darkness if we being the light of this world fail to wait on the Lord to empower and enlighten us for His task. When a light's brightness is dimming, we recharge it for it to receive power and ability. This applies to our lives as well.

We constantly need God and His knowledge, ideas and strength in whatever thing we are doing no matter how small we might think it is. We just need to wait on the Lord and he will transform our lives and cause us to turn this world upside down for His glory. It was said of the early fathers that, these that turned the world upside down are come here also, Acts 17:6. They were walking with empowered abilities, knowledge, imaginations and wisdom that placed them in the forefront of transforming lives and nations for God. This can be said of us also! We shall renew our strength; we shall mount up with wings as eagles. We shall run and not be weary and shall walk and not faint just by waiting on the Lord! Glory Hallelujah!

### **REVELATION & THRIVING POWER**

Saul of Tarsus, the persecutor of the early Believers, later Paul the Apostle is a tremendous figure in the Bible who has really imparted upon the Church. He proclaimed in his letter to the Ephesians and among





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several Scriptures his purpose in the body of Christ. He wrote it this way;

### *Ephesians 3:2-4, 8-9*

*If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to youward: How that by **revelation** he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) .... Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.*

God in His own wisdom has given to each one of us an ability, a strength, a gift or talent and also a task that we are to accomplish here on earth. There is no single individual on this earth that does not have anything doing especially in the Body of Christ; the Church. We all have been given something in a perfect measure which we are to accomplish on this earth to the glory of God and to establish His divine purposes on this earth. Just as our early fathers through the power of God accomplished a special and unique purpose for God, so are we in this dispensation called to do likewise. We are all significantly made, but it will be more glorious if we are in the best of God's purpose for us and causing





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change and making the needed impact wherever we find ourselves.

The Apostle Paul said he received his purpose by revelation into the mystery or unseen plans of God. That speaks boldly, isn't it? God conceals a matter and we as kings search it out. Paul couldn't have been able to live up to the task God had for him without the revelation he received from God concerning the things he was to do. He waxed great and extremely marvelous because there was a revealed knowledge, wisdom, idea and some mysteries that gave him the thriving power to accomplish the task set before him. Did he receive this by sleeping and snoring day and night? Did he receive it by chance too? It is hard to think so. How did he receive this revelation to his purpose then? In Jeremiah 33:3, God commands us to *call unto Him, and He will answer us, and show us great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*

Paul said he **immediately** did not consult any man; neither did he go up to meet the apostles after Christ was revealed in him that he should preach the message of Christ, but rather he went to a place where he could have an encounter with God. Whom did he consult then, knowing he didn't consult any man? He consulted God first. He waited and communed with the Lord for about three years. Who certainly gave him the revelation into the things he





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was created to do: to thrive marvelously and accomplish his purpose.

### *Galatians 1:16-18*

*But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; **immediately** I conferred not with flesh and blood: neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.*

Likewise, just as the Apostle Paul, before we could go into what God has called us to do, we need a period of waiting on the Lord where we consult Him to receive His divine plans concerning what He has set up for us. The purpose of a man should not be overruled. Everything that has happened or yet to happen is dependent on the idea that there is a purpose behind it. The purpose of a man; his/her divine calling on this earth should be treated with urgency. It is the purpose of God for our lives that drive us to do and make choices that are in alignment with God's plan towards us. Imagine a life with no purpose; it will be filled with no joy, impossibilities and unnecessary competitions.

Just as so, we as human will not be able to function properly if our lives are not driven by God's





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ordained purpose for us. *For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them,* [Ephesians 2:10]. Imagine how great is the darkness and how devoid of beauty the world is, because there are a lot of ordained individuals who are not living in God's purpose or who have not made the decision to even seek God and wait on Him for His revelation about what He called us to do.

If there is no God-given revelation behind whatever thing He has called or asked us to do, then whatever we are doing is completely on the edge of failure. It is setting time to wait on the Lord in a continual fashion that places us in the arena where we can connect with Him and receive His best for our lives. This is the place where we consult Him to teach us and know His ways concerning what He has planned for us. This is where we contact the Source of the Living water in us and become intimate with Him that His goodness begins to flow in our lives. We receive a thriving power to do exploits in such intimacy with the Lord because He has revealed to us a knowledge, an idea or a mystery that will keep us going, regardless.

### **Glorify God!**

Everything that we do should glorify God (1 Corinthians 10:31). The Apostle Peter adds more





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layers of light on this when he wrote: *if any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.* [1 Peter 4:11]. This is an awesome verse of scripture! We are to do everything to the best of the capability to which God has given us even as we glorify His Mighty Name. But how can what we are doing or the lives we are living glorify God if we haven't received enlightenment into His wisdom that will guide us to do what will glorify Him. We achieve this by continual diligence of waiting on the Lord.







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### HOW BENEFICIAL IS WAITING?

You might be contemplating about the matter; whether to seek the face of God and wait continually on Him in everything you find yourself in. You might be thinking what you are going to pursue is small or insignificant and requires no action such as this. I believe everything that we set out to do based on the purposes of God require an act such as this; waiting for empowerment, enlightenment, renewal of strength and many more. You might be a singer, a minister, a preacher, an usher, or even a drummer etc. in the Body of Christ, it will be of great significance if you could seek his face, empowerment and enlightenment even before you go out to perform or accomplish a specific task. This will lead to a great flow of God's power and glory in what we are doing. It applies to other areas of our lives; whether we are students, graphic designers, entrepreneurs, fashion designers and many others.

Let's read what David has to say on how beneficial waiting is to an individual in Psalms 1 & 52 when he gave a contrast on those who engage themselves in this and those who really don't engage in it.

#### *Psalm 1:2-3*

*But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law do he **meditate** day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that **bringeth forth his***





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*fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither;  
and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

Just a simple act of waiting on the Lord through meditation can spring up these necessary benefits in an individual's life as oppose to the person who do not seek the Lord in whatever he does as seen in Psalm 1:4-5.

Let's consider another verse of Scripture in Psalm 52:7-9 where David gives another sharp contrast on the matter.

Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength  
(*speaking of the man who doesn't engage in this activity*); but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness. But I (*the one who waits on the Lord*) am like a **green olive tree in the house of God**: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. I will praise thee forever, because thou hast done it: and I will **wait** on thy name; for **it is good before thy saints**.

Kindly read it carefully; there is an amazing truth in there! David even considers this act of waiting as something good in the presence of God's saints, according to the Amplified Version of the Bible: *I will thank You and confide in You forever, because You have done it [delivered me and kept me safe]. I will wait on, hope in and expect in Your name, for it is good, in the presence of Your saints (Your kind and pious ones).*





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So before we consider it as something irrelevant that should be forgone, let's rather look at how beneficial it will be when acted upon.

I have never let this go when I got to know the relevance of it. I apply this even during my graphic designing. I have received on countless number of times amazing and strange insights on designing a flyer or working on a design in just a split moment when I sought the face of the Lord. The amazing aspect is that I get to accomplish the design in few minutes rather than using probably an hour or sometimes days to complete it. The same principle is applied in relation to the weekly broadcast of Calligraphy Inspirational Quotes. The results and the fruits that proceed from it turns out to be more beneficial and spirit-inspired, because I sought the Creator who placed the knowledge, idea and wisdom in me. At that moment you feel like a pair of gloves with the Creator's hands in it; accomplishing His plans and will for His Glorious Majesty. He is willing to do likewise with you. Are you willing?





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### OTHER RELEVANCE OF WAITING

Aside the benefit that we receive empowerment, renewal of strength, enlightenment and also get to go beyond the door and deeply fellowship in the presence of the Lord, there are a lot of tremendous benefits that arise from this act of waiting.

Have you ever tried pursuing a task, or going for an interview or probably setting up a business but you feel that sector is already occupied even though you're acting on God's plans and purpose for you? Listen to this verse of Scripture: **Wait** on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: **wait**, I say, on the LORD, [Psalm 27:14]. Let us couple it with this verse of scripture in Psalm 37:34: **Wait** on the LORD, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to **inherit** the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

*Inherit* as used in this passage of Scripture signifies a lot of meaning but some definition derived from it include; **to possess, magistrate, succeed over something**. It doesn't matter who might be occupying that area God's plans directs you to; you will simply take charge over that place and possess it for the glory of God just by waiting on Him. This is an overtaking power God delivers to them that wait on Him.





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This among many other benefits and goodness emanate from God to us just by waiting on Him. Listed below are some other benefits.

- The simple act of waiting upon the Lord for His empowerment and enlightenment can spark in us an intensity and strength that will propel us to excel in the areas of life we are involved in.
- Waiting on the Lord places us in a place where God reveals to us His thoughts and ways and ideas that can cause a tremendous transformation in our lives and nation.
- It doesn't matter how little that task might be or how small that idea might be; God can fill that little thing with might and strength that will produce magnificent results at the end, just by waiting on Him.
- Well refined ideas more precious than gold that are capable of prevailing over situations and creating a pathway of life, peace and light for the benefit of mankind are breathed out from God to us by our waiting on Him.

These wonderful benefits and many more goodness can be received from God when we engage Him in the act of waiting. Even though these great and amazing goodness are there for our benefits and God wants us to enjoy this goodness from His hand, it will take people who are bold and willing enough and diligent and faithful that can partake of this. God has laid up everything we need for our holy fulfillment and the solving of the world's needs. We





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are called to partake in this, but not for our selfish needs and wants. We are therefore to build a godly structure of attitude and virtue that will be the guiding principle even as we pursue and engage God in this area. Listen to the words of the Apostle Peter:

*For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue). By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature. For this very reason, adding your diligence [to the divine promises], employ every effort in exercising your faith to develop virtue (excellence, resolution, Christian energy), and in [exercising] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence), And in [exercising] knowledge [develop] self-control, and in [exercising] self-control [develop] steadfastness (patience, endurance), and in [exercising] steadfastness [develop] godliness (piety), And in [exercising] godliness [develop] brotherly affection, and in [exercising] brotherly affection [develop] Christian love. For as these qualities are yours and increasingly abound in you, they will keep*





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*[you] from being idle or unfruitful unto [full personal] knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). 1 Peter 1:3-8 (Amplified Bible).*

### IN CONCLUSION

God created us to have a perpetual fellowship with Him in our lives. God in His own knowledge and wisdom has carefully designed this life in a way that we can have this fellowship with Him even to a greater intimacy through studying God's Word and praying fervently. But these two acts of waiting should go beyond the norm and superficial act if it is to be effective and bless our lives. There are vast number of outcomes and benefits that result from this. We receive empowerment and enlightenment in God's Word through this fellowship. We get to know that God is really God when we wait in His presence. He rewards us with His presence and engulfs us with His great love when we go beyond the door to His presence as we wait on Him. God's words in Isaiah 40:31 is so true that it accomplishes what He says when we wait on Him: we shall mount up with wings as eagles, we shall run, and not be weary, we shall walk and not faint. Indeed, there is power in waiting!





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Our lives become effective, fruitful and productive when we wait on the Lord and also through our consistent walk with Him. Everything will start working out well in our lives and the world will begin to experience a tremendous impact when we wait on the Lord for His well-defined ideas, knowledge, wisdom, empowerment and a touch of His presence.

Do you want to experience a great and tremendous change in your life? Do you want to experience God's plan for you and accomplish great and mighty works in your life? Do you with a holy desire, yearn to see a massive change and impact on this world? Or probably you want to take over a specific area of life for the kingdom of God? Possibly, you will want to enjoy a fruitful Christian walk with your Father. Simply wait on Him! There is power in waiting.







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