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"...THE LINES ARE FALLING UNTO ME IN PLEASANT PLACES; YEA I HAVE A GOODLY HERITAGE." (Ps. 16:6 (KJV))

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Thanking GOD



Genuine and deep-seated thanksgiving begins with a deep thought of who God is to us and His numerous acts in our lives. To think less is to thank less and to think more (about God and His faithful acts toward us) is to thank Him more. Thanksgiving is thanksgiving. Every day you are alive is an opportunity to give thanks to God. Nonetheless, a special time set aside for thanksgiving is to help us aggregate our thoughts and adequately prepare to give God quality praise and thanks.

Thanksgiving is the indebtedness of every living being to the Author and Sustainer of life. The dead cannot thank God anymore. When you are addicted to thanksgiving, God is perpetually delighted in doing more glorious things in your life. At thanksgiving, we demonstrate our attitude of gratitude towards God who has given us life and keeps sustaining what He has given to us. Someone said, "When you thank Him for His fingers, you see His hands. When you thank Him for what He has done, you remind Him of what remains."

When you give thanks to God, scarcity gives way to abundance, ridicule gives way to a miracle, and impossibility gives way to possibilities. Thanksgiving gives you access to God's presence and guarantees your access to God's audience. Thanksgiving or gratitude is the attitude you choose, not a reaction you exhibit toward life's circumstances. In the words of Melody Bestie, "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order and confusion into clarity! It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home and a stranger into a friend." It was thanksgiving that moved a leper from healing to wholeness, moved the woman with the issue of blood to peace and joy, moved a lunch pack into a banquet that fed five thousand and brought back Lazarus from the grave after four days!

Zig Ziglar said, "Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have more to express gratitude for." Little wonder the scripture says, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5: 18). True thanksgiving is not about what happens to you but your attitude towards what happens to you. It does not matter what you are going through in life, there will always be something you can thank God for. When you give thanks to God in everything, you are not just fulfilling the will of God, you are also positioned to move God's hand to intervene in the issues of your life. Each time you give thanks, you move God to perform wonders in your life. The enemy will always want you to doubt the love of God towards you but thanksgiving helps you to overcome his machinations. When you murmur and complain, you give the enemy of your life the weapon to use against you but when you give God thanks, despite the challenges you are facing, you bring the force of heaven to bear in your situation. It is time to give God thanks without any reservations.

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INSIDE THIS EDITION

Calvary greetings to our brethren world over in the mighty name of Jesus Christ who redeemed us by His precious blood at Cavalry.

This year 2022, God promised us His supernatural help according to Psalm 121:2, knowing that we humans need His help.

Our heavenly Father for whom nothing is impossible and who is true to His word, fulfilled His promises through the numerous testimonies of supernatural help shared on our testimonies@newheritagebaptist.org in interesting dimensions in the outgoing year 2022.

In this edition of the magazine, we present:

- The need as Christians to thank our Lord of Supernatural Help.
- Articles from the children's ministry.
- "Be Grateful" from the Music Ministry.
- The Teenagers' articles and Teens Week 2022 message.
- Photos of the year at a glance.

Happy Reading.
Editor-in-Chief.



Thanking THE GOD OF SUPERNATURAL HELP

Isaiah 12:4-5 (NASB)

And on that day you will say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted." Praise the LORD in song, for He has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth.

Most of us know that giving thanks is a good practice. But do we know just how good? The Bible shows the great power of gratitude.

While practicing daily gratitude may seem like a difficult task, I hope to convince you that the power of gratitude far outweighs the few minutes it takes to practice it. There are so many reasons to intentionally cultivate the attitude of gratitude!

Whenever thanksgiving rises up to God, He is stirred up into action to perform miracles. Be a person that gives thanks because thanksgiving releases the enormous power of God to do wonders in our lives. As the Children's Department Section of the church of New Heritage Baptist Church, we are totally full of thanksgiving to our almighty God that shows us His supernatural help during the trials and hardship in the world.

Gratitude is a spiritual force that empowers us as children to scale to higher heights. When you are a grateful and thankful Christian, powerful supernatural forces that cause things to work for you the way they should, are unleashed from heaven. We are not just little, but are little angels of Jesus Christ that are full of testimonies.

Every time we give genuine thanksgiving, fresh oil for fresh impact comes on us. We always have a heart of thanksgiving (Psalms 89:20-24). When you thank God, you glorify His Name. (Psalm 50:23)

Thanksgiving has the power to bring encouragement to the testifier and helps to build more confidence in God (Lamentations 3:22-23). David was encouraged, when

he was testifying to Saul about how he fought the lion and the bear. He said Goliath would not be a problem.

Thanksgiving brings edification to the hearers. It builds up the faith of others. Romans 10:7 says, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. God is not a respecter of persons. What God did for someone, He can do for others.

Thanksgiving qualifies you for another act of favour from God. Testimony commits God to do more (Proverbs 3:9-10). It propels the testifier to a great height (Psalms 18:1-3). Strength and courage is released, when you thank God.

Nothing is little in the hands of a thanksgiver, because God will cause an increase.

Thanksgiving turns healing to wholeness.

Thanksgiving provokes the blessings of God upon our life. In 2 Chronicles 1:6-15, Solomon offered unto God a thousand burnt offering and went to bed. He got divine visitation. He got a blank cheque from God and he got divine overflow – more than he asked for, and he got divine overwhelming prosperity – silver became like stones. Look at verse 11 God told Solomon, you did not ask for riches, wealth, honour and long life. God added all these blessings as extra to Solomon. This is a real supernatural help from God.

Thanksgiving brings down the glory of God. when high praises and thanksgiving was rendered to God, His glory filled His house and the priests could not stand. Sickness, disease, sorrow and demons cannot stand, as you give God thanks in Jesus Name.

Thanksgiving precedes a new era, a new beginning. If you want a new era of miracles, signs and wonders, then begin with thanksgiving As we praise and thank God, may we continue to experience supernatural help from the Lord in Jesus mighty name. Amen.

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INSTILING AND IMBIBING CHANGELESS VALUES IN CHANGING TIMES AS CHRISTIAN PARENTS

We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders. 5 For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children, so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands. Then they will not be like their ancestors— stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God. Psalms 78:4-8

INTRODUCTION

Beloved, we live in very strange and critical moments. We are in the days where our sense of values has been eroded. We are in the days where the essential values of human societies have been thrown down the drain all in the name of civilization, globalization, relativism and every other excuse we give for our failures to be intentional about our lives as parents and those of our children. These are the days where parenting is seen more as a status than as a responsibility.

The very fabric of our human existence stands greatly challenged by the various expressions of breakdown of human codes of conduct which used to give meaning to life. Our societies are gradually becoming a direct opposite of what it used to be. Call it the signs of the end time and you will not be wrong but again, the signs of the end time are not a curse but an indication to be prepared for our heavenly home.

The Apostle Paul aptly describes these times in his second letter to Timothy, where he says;

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they

which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with diverse lusts. Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." — 2 Timothy 3:7-7

Parenting is not a status but a privilege, a providential responsibility and a duty. Parenting is all about the transmission of values. You are what you are as a result of the type of parenting you received.

It is sad and shocking that today, most parents are fond of saying "I do not want to raise my children the way I was raised". Sometimes I am tempted to ask if the way they were raised did not pay off. Truly, it is not as if they have a better strategy than what was used to raise them.

The text we read in Psalms 78:4-12 is a commitment of a generation to instilling and imbibing values across several other generations. The reason is simple. God's system and structure for humanity has not and will never change. Every man must be born and raised by parents. Each one will have a heart, a mind, eyes, hands and none of these will ever change. Human beings will keep learning by listening and observing. They will grow through care and nurture and they will always be great through discipline.

WHAT ARE VALUES?

Values are the principles and practices that determine how you live, speak, act and relate with what or who is important to you. They are the moral compass by which you navigate through life. Values are the content of every man's character. Values are what differentiates a well raised individual from a poorly raised individual. True wealth is not just the possession of the good things of life but the presence of a good sense of value. True wealth is the content of a man's character. Martin Luther King Jnr. said "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their character". Values are truly the fabric of character and any man who lacks character is a disaster waiting to happen.

Values are what makes an individual to be valued in life and destiny. A life without values will be devalued in life and destiny. Values are choices shaped by many competing forces, the strongest of which is

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undoubtedly the media. There are other ways that the media can influence our values. One of the most powerful is through repetition, by putting certain choices or life styles before us over and over again until we become desensitized and accept those choices and life styles as normal.

There are four basic institutions for instilling values: family, church, school and community. Each one works in partnership with the other and all works for the good of all. That is why it is often said that "It takes a couple to give birth to a child but it takes a village to raise that child". Never think that as a parent you can raise your child alone and as such when people attempt to correct your child(ren) you pick up a quarrel with them or become their enemy.

There are two dimensions to this topic. One is becoming a teenager of great value. The second is becoming a teenager with great values. We will be looking at the second dimension today and the first dimension at the Teens Summit holding tomorrow.

What are the essential values we need to instil as parents, family members, mentors, teachers and most importantly as a church?

SPIRITUAL VALUES

- i. Every individual must be raised to know, accept and believe that the Lord is the only one true God and all other gods are false. Our children are growing up to contest and disbelieve the existence and supremacy of God and this is a function of their exposure to social media - Deut. 6:4 "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one [the only God]!"
- ii. The Bible is the word of God for all men and it is the greatest revelation of God Himself – 2 Tim 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: all scripture is inspired."
- iii. Prayer is the system for fellowship with God, growing spiritually meeting our needs – Be careful for nothing but in everything by Prayer and Supplication with Thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. - Philippians 4:5

- iv. Spiritual discipline of fasting.
- v. Children must be raised and introduced to Jesus by their family and the church (Salvation). It is often said that the best time for an individual to accept Jesus is in their teenage moments.
- vi. Have faith in God; trust in him, wait on Him and stay with Him. While it is natural for children to place their faith on their parents, that faith and trust for their earthly parents should not go beyond their trust in the Lord. Parents must teach their children to have faith in God by always reminding them that all good things come from God (James 1:17).
- vii. Christians must not forsake the gathering of believers. - Hebrews 10:25 – The church is the community of believers. Sadly, we have a number of our teens who are already skipping Sunday Services all in the name of work. The danger in it is the mindset it creates in them about worship and rest in the future.
- viii. We serve God with our resources (money, time, influences, etc.). Parents must teach their children to serve and volunteer for free as against the "What are you going to give me?" mindset our children have today

FAMILY VALUES

- i. Model and teach the principles and practices of a godly marriage. If our children do not learn what true godly marriage is from home and church, then we have failed God.
- ii. Provide affordable education and Intellectual development: reading, learning and discussing.
- iii.



Love and respect for all: Everyone must be respected irrespective of age or status. "Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor." – 1 Peter 2:17

- iv. Honour for parents (Ephesians 6:1), older ones and people in authority.
- v. Team work: Ability to work with others.



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- vi. Being polite or courteous: Learning to greet people, say thank you and say sorry.
- vii. Having family time or spending time with family as against the individualized life they live today. From school to room and from room to school. They only come out of their rooms when they want to eat and spend the rest of their time alone and on the phone, chatting.
- viii. Tolerance: Children must be raised to tolerate one another irrespective of their faults. This is what makes peace and love to thrive at home. The absence of this value is what breeds envy, hatred, stiff competition and bitterness amongst children.
- ix. Ability to perform house chores: No house chore is gender specific. Every child must be trained for the future of family life. They must all know how to cook, wash, clean and run errands with joy. This is part of what makes them relevant at home and everywhere they go.
- x. Avoidance of waste: Children must be taught the truth that nothing comes for free; somebody worked for it. Hence wastage is sinful and evil. Nothing must be wasted. They are people who do not have access to what some children waste.
- xi. Empathy; Understanding and sharing the feelings of others.

PERSONAL VALUES

- i. Personal leadership: Children must be raised to take responsibility for their actions and for the benefit of others. Today, our children shy away from leadership roles and this is giving impetus to people of other faith to dominate over us even in national politics, civil service and corporate world.
- ii. Excellence: Every child must be taught that whatever is worth doing, is what doing well. Laziness and mediocrity are the enemies of becoming a person of great value.
- iii. Time management: Each child must be taught at home to know the value of time and raised

- to turn up early and not be tardy. It is an insult and total disrespect for people when you shown up late for an agreed meeting.
- iv. Delayed gratification: There is pressure to get it now and use it all now. Our children must be taught that life is a process and whatever will be good and long lasting, takes time. Parents must allow children to be children. Do not pressure them out of childhood. Stop putting on make-up, making sophisticated hairstyles, and making them wear too-mature dresses and all that for them which makes them look like adults in their tender ages. Let children be children.
- v. Handling hard situations like grief, loss and failure: Our children have not seen most of us deal with hard moments like lack, conflict, distrust, forgiveness and the likes which is why they falter in the face of these issues. We must raise our children to be brave but real. Failure is not the end of life. We do not condemn failures but encourage them to rise up and try again. The incidence of suicide is becoming alarming simply because people do not know how to deal with failure, grief and loses.
- vi. Honesty and hard work: The idea is that if parents do not teach their children important principles like honesty, hard work and responsibility, they are likely not going to learn them anywhere else.
- vii. Sexual purity: The right sexual orientation. Today our children are beginning to nurse thoughts about being gay, lesbians, transgender and other perverted sexual inclinations. We must teach them that God made them in the gender they are born for a purpose and every act of perversion will be judged and punished by God.
- viii. A good dress sense: This is one of the most talked about issue in our society. People, young and old, no longer dress well and they do so even to church. Please note that no matter how old you are, when you come to church, you have come to meet with God and His children in His sacred holy temple and this is not the place where people should be distracted by the temptations of your outfit, make up, multiple piercings and coloured hair. You know what you are wearing and how it fits you; so stop pretending or play ignorance of how skimpy, tight or revealing it is. The moment you have to pull your dress down, know that you are have the wrong clothes on. The church is not a party hall or a beach. If that dress is not good for the

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Rev. Dr. Julius Omomola, the Lead Pastor,
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Evang. Gboyega Shitta, Rev. Dr. Siloko and the Church
Leadership at the 21 days of prayer and fasting.
Themed Supernatural Help (Psalm 121:2)



NHBC 2022 Easter Concert



MMU Breakfast Fellowship
MEN Needs Help



Lydia Auxiliary
Week 2022

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NHBC 2022 Teenagers Week



The Youths Week 2022



Glorious Thanksgiving 2022



Rev. Samson Ajetomobi
at the Word and Prayer
Conference 2022

Stewardship
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Rev. T. Olu
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church, it is not good for anywhere else. Allow women to concentrate in church and not spend their time guarding their husbands just because of what you are wearing. Why do we dress in outrageous outfits to church when we cannot dress that way to the embassy, to work or defend a contract?

FINANCIAL VALUES

- i. Parents must teach their children what money truly is else they will develop a faulty understanding of money as an item that must be spent by all means.
- ii. Build savings and investment: Every child must be taught to save intentionally. Every money earned should not be spent. Some should be



set asides for future use.

- iii. Generosity and compassion: That which we have must profit others because we are not blessed until we have become blessings. Be deliberate to teach your children how to give to God and people. "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." – Proverbs 22:9

RELATIONAL VALUES

- i. Friendship is by choice and not by force. Any friendship built by force is a cult. Friends are chosen by identifying similarities in value systems. Friends should be selected wisely..
- ii. Mutual respect: What makes friendship last is mutual respect. Respect for one another.

- iii. Commitment: We must train our children to live up to their word. Commitment is a lifelong subject whether in marriage or platonic friendship
- iv. Endurance: Pain, delay and patience are inevitable for a life of great worth. We must raise our children to endure with themselves and others as well as the eventualities of life.
- v. Forbearance: This is the ability to develop a system and intelligence that accommodates the weaknesses of people in a relationship while they also take the responsibility to improve on themselves. Tolerance is what makes marriages, businesses, friendships, etc. last through time and tough moments.
- vi. Honesty: Honesty remains the best policy. Wealth gotten through illegal means will haunt a man down. We must train our children to be happy and confident to tell the truth in all situations even when there is a consequence for it.
- vii. Value for people: Nobody is less important than anyone. We are all made in the image of God. Violence or abuse is not the way to go.

SOCIAL VALUES

- viii. Healthy Self-esteem is the courage to present yourself in a way that makes others want to associate with you. It begins with accepting yourself for who you are. This too must be taught to our children. They do not feel less of themselves than what God has made them and that through Christ, they can do all things.
- ix. Attention to details: Most of our children are becoming forgetful and careless. They misplace items at home and school. Every child must be trained to be present in every moment and know what they are doing every time.
- x. Security consciousness: We are in the days of extreme insecurity. Our children must be trained to lock doors, switch off power, observe people and things happening around them.
- xi. Conflict resolution: Offences will come as we live and move with people. We must learn how to humbly and lovingly confront matters. Separating issues from personalities means dealing with issues when necessary and helping to shape personalities as the need arises.
- xii. Independence: Sometimes release your children so they can spend time with trusted

The roles of **TEENS** IN CHURCH GROWTH



The development stage of the teen age is very fundamental. It can make or destroy their lives as well as their world. Research reports has shown that this category of people within the society can get involved in all sorts of social vices, if their energy is not properly managed. Considering the role of teens in church growth is of great importance because they are the future of the church in the household of faith. As people often say, the children are the future of tomorrow. Also "the children are the heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward" according to Psalms 127 verse 3. The book of Proverbs 20 verse 29 says "the glory of young men is their (physical) strength, and the honour of aged men is their gray head (representing wisdom and experience)."

Church growth is a movement within the evangelical christianity which aims to build churches based on research, sociology and analysis. The church growth started with a passion for the Great commission, and seeing people come to the knowledge of Christ. It entails biblical teaching, an outward focus, and a strong vision or mission. It focuses on developing methods to grow churches based on business marketing strategies. It cannot be disputed that teenagers play a vital role in the life of a church as they are the leaders of tomorrow and future of the church. The older and elderly ones stand out but the contributions of the teenagers are very useful and helpful to the church and society at large. For any tangible growth to occur or take place in any christian community, the ideas of teenagers must be significant in the process of growth.

A teenager is someone between the ages of thirteen to nineteen. They give ideas to the church as they deem fit on matters arising. They can also provide easier methods or improvise and create some specific tools, machines or a way by which problems and activities can be carried out. Teenagers are also useful in the area of bringing innovations, creativity and visionary outlook on things. They have innovations and creativity because they like to explore their world. This is a technology age and publicity of evangelising the word of God. For instance, we emphasize on the media unit. The media unit know everything about computers, how they operate, basic e-fliers to make for a special program, organizations of particular videos and broadcasting of church programs like annual revivals, thanksgiving and so on. You'll find most young people in this field. They are technologically inclined in the natural sense because of this age and time. Teenagers help the church's publicity by gaining social media followers for the church through their various social media handles. We see teenagers making videos of themselves in churches and writing comments like "Happy Sunday" to appreciate the faithfulness of God in their lives on that holy and sabbath day.

Furthermore, we look into the music and mission arm. In the music ministry, you will notice young people always desires to sing for God, thirst after him, have a knowledge about him and making him the Lord and supreme being over their lives. They sing to appreciate His works and goodness in their lives by using their talents. They could go as far as having studio sessions to release songs and then receive many streams and worldwide publicity of their particular song. In the book of Matthew 25 verse 16, it says, "Let your light so shine," so if we do not give glory to God for how He created us and use the talents He has given to us, He will not be happy with us because all the glory belongs to Him. Focusing on the mission ministry when leaders and older members of the church are embarking on a journey for village outreach. It has been observed in recent times, teenagers tend to be eager to get themselves involved in such programs. They voluntarily look after the safety of everyone because they are vibrant and agile. They help in back-breaking works and run errands. Teenagers have also begun to use their resources to glorify and help in the work of God. They give their old clothes and money from their savings to help the mission work.

In addition, the ushering unit is where teenagers show some level of vibrancy. Their impact in mission is same as that of ushering, but this is done in the church during worship services and organization of activities and works before the service. They also play relevant roles in the church by giving assistance to the various ministries or particular small groups. They help the older ones, work hand-in-hand with them to achieve some particular projects and also assist the senior citizens of the church in some way. Teenagers are also involved in prayer groups, evangelism and winning souls for the body of Christ. They also join the adult or grown up ones in the ministry of winning souls for Christ. They can also talk and preach to their fellow friends who are unsaved and not brought into the kingdom. After attaining salvation, these new converts get to join the body of Christ in doing the good work of Jesus Christ who loved us and gave himself for us.

In conclusion, apart from being in control of things like planning, teenagers are also willing to act as helping hands. They should be involved in the role of cleaning duties in the church because they keep the church clean, tidy and kept in orderly manner. The time has come to entrust the teenagers with the growth of the local church, hence impacting on the global church.

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friends and family members, and be part of camps and social gatherings. This is the only time you can truly test the quality of your parenting. You never know what they have learnt to do and not do until they are away from you.

HEALTH VALUES

– We must teach our children to:

- i. Exercise: Learn to exercise from time to time.
- ii. Rest: Rest as often as possible
- iii. Healthy eating and eating habits: Eat well and avoid bad eating habits like loud chewing and gluttony.
- iv. Personal hygiene: Be clean at all times. Learn to bath at least twice a day. Brush your teeth and use deodorants. Take care of your body so that it will not have an odour.
- v. Never abuse drugs

We must teach our children to have hope in life and be humble no matter how highly placed they become because it is a privilege to be persons of integrity,

CONCLUSION

There are two kinds of pain in life; the pain of discipline and the pain of regret. At every point of our lives, we are always faced with the choice of one at the expense of the other. If you chose one, you forfeit the other.

We cannot give what we do not have.

Values, particularly godly values, are like treasures of gold. They do not change over time no matter the level and intensity of civilization. They are consistent from generation to generation since their foundation is found in God's Word, the Bible.

Everybody has values; the problem is that not everybody agrees on what those values should be, much less where they should come from.

If you do not know your foundational values, you will not have a basis by which to make decisions that will determine the direction and destiny of your life and that is why those who stand for nothing fall for anything.

Proverbs 29:1 TPT

As I think about my own life and the core principles that have formed me, I remember the role that my family, my schools and the churches I have attended played. While growing up there were many times, when my parents would be careful to instruct me on how to make good choices in life by saying "This is how we do things in this house." Every home must have that structure.

Let me use the words of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr in an inspiring sermon he delivered in Detroit in 1954 - "Rediscovering Lost Values":

"My friends, all I'm trying to say is that if we are to go forward today, we've got to go back and rediscover some mighty precious values that we've left behind. That's the only way that we would be able to make of our world a better world, and to make of this world what God wants it to be and the real purpose and meaning of it. The only way we can do it is to go back and rediscover some mighty precious values that we've left behind."

His message then, is just as relevant for us today.

Psalms 78:4-8

4 We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.

5 For he issued his laws to Jacob; he gave his instructions to Israel. He commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children,

6 so the next generation might know them— even the children not yet born— and they in turn will teach their own children.

7 So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.

8 Then they will not be like their ancestors— stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God.

ALTAR CALL FOR FAMILIES –

A rededication to instilling values, family altar, prayer for children.

1. Every altar sustaining the propensity to embrace wrong values, collapse in the name of Jesus
2. Power and strange influences over my children, enough is enough
3. I guard the hearts of my children with the word of God and the Holy Spirit

Prayer for children.

The message preached for Teenagers Week 2022.

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TEENAGERS:

THE SEEDS OF CONTINUITY



Every extra day I spend on earth has shown me new things about how the world works. Out of all of them, one thing has always showed up over and over again to the extent that I can't push it aside any longer. It is the principle that separates continuity from extinction. It makes a clear distinction between systems that would last and those that will not move beyond a particular generation. It is the concept of the seed of continuity.

Any organization or institution that will not push its young ones into responsibility is writing its conclusion with its own hands. Quite right you might be asking in your mind, "won't everything come to its end?" Yes, everything must have its end but that end can be hastened if the principle of the continuity is not applied.

God made every human to be mortal and have a day of "expiration", but a very important institution such as the church should never be subjected to such "laws". The church was instituted by our Saviour and was made to remain till the day he comes and then continue in Heaven. But if that mission of the continuity must be fulfilled in such a volatile world, then we must engage the teenagers.

Looking beyond the four walls of the church outside, it is projected that by the year 2100, 1 in 3 people on this planet would be black (African). The statistics look unimaginable as you try to project the global population at that time from now. Why is this so? It is because the African society is more committed to "bringing forth" the teens than the rest of the world. The birth rate of the average African society is many times more than that of the European/American society.

When Pharaoh wanted to bring a halt to the ever growing Israelite population that made him feel insecure as a king, he didn't go to attack the daddies and mummies, he didn't even go for the leaders of the Israelites. He went directly for the babies. He besieged the young ones who have not even had a chance to

live. Why was that? This was because the continuity of this growing nation rested on the fragile shoulders of the infants that were been hurled in the waters of the Nile every day back then.

The most paid footballer at the moment in the world is not yet 25 years of age. For those who follow tennis, we know that the winner of this year's version of one of the most prestigious tennis tournament (the US Open) is 19 years old. Leaving the world of sports, a 14-year old girl hacked into the US voting website and changed the results in a hacking competition. Every day the world is more interested in the "youngest person to break a particular record" and you think all these are just mere coincidence?

What is the world seeing that the church has clearly refused to see or permit me to say, rejected? If the church will not wake up to this reality now, I'm afraid the world that the church is meant to outlive will outlive the church. I am here to declare to the church that the church stands a huge risk of extinction if they continue to move on the path of ignoring the teenagers. The teenagers are not just "the future of tomorrow" but the seeds of continuity that will set the pace in the body of Christ in this volatile and ever-changing world.

I am not here to say the role of the teenager is to have their own worship tailored towards youthfulness or they should have their own service. No! I am here to say that if the church sees a future beyond now then it must engage these seeds of continuity at the forefront. Put on them the garlands of responsibility, dress them with the robes of leadership and disciple them in the way of Christ. Let them lead!

The only way to avoid a future without the Church is to stop viewing the teenagers as just "leaders of tomorrow" but the "leaders of today" and our last card against the devil to have a lasting Church.

Oreoluwa Oluwatosin
NHBC Teenagers Renewed Unto Eternity (TRUE)

Be Grateful.

But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, 'Salvation comes from the LORD.' (Jonah 2:9, NIV)

In today's Scripture, the prophet Jonah tried to run away from God and ended up getting swallowed by a great fish. It was dark and smelly, no way out in the natural. He had plenty to complain about, but instead he was thanking God that he was still alive. He wasn't delivered, but at least he was spared. As he thanked God for the partial victory, God went to work and had that fish spit him out on dry ground.

It's easy to complain about what's not working out. "God, it stinks where I work. The people aren't treating me right. Get me out of here." Complaining will only get you stuck. If you want God to turn it around, do as Jonah did and find some good things to thank Him for. Thank Him for the partial. Thank Him for where He's brought you, thank Him for fighting your battles, thank Him for His favour on your life. If you keep celebrating partial victories, God is going to finish what He started.

Let's declare together:

Father, thank You for Your faithfulness and love and mercy in my life. Thank You for the partial victories that You have given me, and I know that You are working to bring them to completion. I believe that as I celebrate the good, I will see every promise fulfilled in Jesus' name. Amen.

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NEW BORN BABIES		
S/N	NAMES	DATE
1	Nethaniah IranwoOluwasimi Okanlawon(M)	20th January
2	Oluwadara Oladipupo (F)	7th March
3	Nathan Alabi (M)	11th April
4	Oluwasemilore Adio (F)	18th April
5	Anabel TiaraoIwanimi Olufemi-Williams (F)	15th July
6	Ireoluwa Iwayemi(F)	8th September
7	AraOluwanimi Bamimore (M)	15th September
8	AyanfeOluwa Atilola(M)	6th November
9	TireniOluwa Kolawole (M)	14th December
10	Shine Palmer-Conference (F)	15th November
11	IseOluwanimi Akinola (F)	21st December

NHBC, SHOMOLU 2022 EVENTS		
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S/N	NAMES	DATE
1	Bro. Seun Ogunlade* & Sis Kikelomo Popoola	26th February
2	Bro. Oluwaseyi Kumuyi & Sis. Ibukun Ezekiel*	5th March
3	Bro. Peter Ehwareme* & Sis. Clementina Akpomiemie	16th April
4	Bro. David Atilola* & Sis. Kehinde Oyeku	26th May
5	Bro. Temitayo Ojo & Sis. Ayomikun Fatoki*	25th June
6	Bro. Nubechukwu Anohue* & Sis. Oghenekome Edosio*	7th July
7	Bro. Oluwadamilola Oladeji & Sis. Ronke Ogunjimi*	23rd July
8	Bro. Olutoye Akinola & Sis. Funmilayo Kolawole*	3rd September
9	Bro. Ifedayo Abidoye* & Sis. Olajumoke Oladeji	17th September
10	Bro. Babatunde Ajayi* & Sis. Adenike Olusipe*	12th November
11	Bro. Alaba Moses & Sis. Maria Egbedoyin*	8th December
12	Bro. Kenneth Oyewo & Sis. Jesujuwon Aremu*	17th December
13	Bro. Oluwasunkanmi Akinolas & Sis. Ayo Bangbose*	24th December

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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The Bola-Feyisetans	20-Dec
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The Durojaiyes	23-Dec
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The Osibemekuns	26-Dec
The Adedejis	27-Dec
The Aderibigbes	27-Dec
The Egbes	27-Dec
The Obayomis	27-Dec
The Lalas	30-Dec

DEATHS		
S/N	NAMES	DATE
1	Mrs. Abisola Odufuwa	26th March