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I dedicate this book solely to The Lord Jesus Christ, who by The Holy Spirit granted unto me access into certain spiritual truths and mysteries in the prophetic which I know were beyond my normal range of sight to be able to understand, comprehend and document for the benefit and edification of all. I also want to dedicate this book to everyone that so desire to function in the prophetic, and to those that care so much to have an understanding of how the prophetic functions and influence the earth from the heavens. The prophetic and vision have never been exclusive, preserved for a few elites, it is a realm that is open to all by God. The realm of vision is a manifestation that all are called into in God. May you not be excluded from the manifestation and functioning of the prophetic in our day and time!

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VISION





VISION

Vision is the ability to foresee and visualize a truth and a reality that existed in the past, present and a future. This is always done through the agency of The Holy Spirit. Vision is a divine vehicle God uses to communicate to His people. Vision has always been a normal realm of operation for prophetic people. Without vision, the people perish! There is never an organization or a united people and a body without a vision of what they want to achieve overtime.

You don't have to be a prophet to see visions because this is not exclusive to prophets. Vision is a spiritual reality that anyone can have. There are many people that have visions all the time and never realize that it is a vision, they take it to be their imagination. It always amazes them when what they see come to pass. In this life, people that achieve great success are people driven by a vision that motivates them to continue in their pursuit.

A spiritual prophetic individual always has visions from God. The summation of the vision of God in your life can reveal to you a portion of your assignment and the future. Vision is one of the prophetic manifestation of The Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. People that

pray always have visions as a scenery and a momentary imagination in the mind, heart and spirit, but this is far beyond imagination. It is the revelation of the intents of the heart of God to His beloved.

Have you ever prayed before and in the process it is like another layer of your eyes opened like a window revealing a reality and a truth to you? This occurs like a live broadcast of an event in a scenery form, but suddenly and fast. Most people miss the understanding because they were not active and focused enough to perceive such a movement of God. Vision of the past, present and future can be given by God. It always takes a heart that is opened and a spirit that is active to perceive what is shown in the vision.

When praying for an individual, be focused and open hearted because God may want you to counsel such an individual. Sometimes, He may not give you an inner witness of things to say, but rather an inspired vision of the person's past, present or future depending on what God wants you to see. That which you see and perceive will always edify the individual if it comes from God. Visions are given to us by God to help us address issues in life and have a glimpse of what and how to pray. With such an insight, we can align and adjust ourselves to the will of God.

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Habakkuk 2:23

When you have a glimpse of what the future holds, you can then align yourself for its fulfilment on earth. One common mistake that most people do is not writing their visions. 'There is no vision too small not to be written!' If it comes from God, then it can never be too small and if it is worth seeing, it is worth writing. Until you start writing your vision, you might not be propelled to attempt to fulfil it on earth. Visions that are written always challenge and edify. I personally have a notepad and a book dedicated to writing dreams, vision and inspired revelatory words I get from God momentarily. I

have bulky and enormous documentation of the speaking of God to me over the years. This documentation of the speaking of God gives me confidence and the assurance of what tomorrow holds for me. The only confidence and assurance you will have of the future lies in your dreams and visions of today given by God. ‘The dream and vision of today are the reality of tomorrow.’

A man with no vision lacks the confidence and assurance of the future. In achieving and working towards your purpose, your vision will be like a road map that guides you aright. Your vision will help you to be focused and things that are not captured within the pathway of your vision will not be attended to, it will be considered a distraction. Your vision is very vital in the discovery of your purpose and placement in life.

When in your vision you keep seeing yourself in a political office legislating on behalf of a people, and this kind of vision continues for years in diverse manner, then, you may be called to legislate on behalf of a people in the political arena and grace will be given to you according to the measure you need. There are lots of people that have several and diverse visions of them ministering to the sick and healing all kinds of terrible infirmities. Some of them see themselves as doctors, teachers or bankers. Such a people if they can be faithful to God overtime, that vision will be fulfilled in their lives. God doesn't do anything with men for fun, all that He does has a purpose and a function on the earth.

There are people that keep having recurrent vision of themselves in different parastatals and sectors in life, all this can be a glimpse of what their future entails and the spirit is trying to capture it into time. We must realize that all we will ever be has already been written in heaven. We have books and scrolls containing the volumes of our lives on earth. Sometimes, our spirit have glimpses into these scrolls, books and volumes that lies in the heaven and we see it through a vision, dream and/or a revelation.

Most visions are quick and simple. They come either in picture, symbols or in a momentary scenery. These scenes can carry some depth of revelation, insights and truths in your heart and spirit. Some

visions can be complicated and confusing when given to you, but surely nothing is ever complicated with God except if not revealed to you. Most visions look big and complicated to us because it is a future we have not yet reached in time. An average individual seems to be afraid of his future because he has not yet submitted to God in all.

In most visions, the person having the vision does not participate in it, he just observes and sees the event and scene, then given the revelation as it transits. Nevertheless, there are times when you find yourself doing an action in a vision, like laying on of hands on a sick individual or even seeing yourself flying a plane. Have you been to a place and suddenly realize you have been there before but not in the physical? Or you met someone and realized that you have met the person before somehow because he looks familiar to you?

All these are prophetic experiences that are reserved in God which plays out in our lives by the guidance of The Holy Spirit. There are times when you have a vision of a person before you get to meet him, even though you were not that sensitive to realize the vision, but your spirit had a glimpse of it and reserves it within you. Vision is a spiritual reality and its timing of manifestation in the physical always differs from our normal chronological time. You can see a vision today and it manifests after many years, but sometimes, they occur immediately depending on God's timing.

Visions can be in diverse manners. There are many categories of visions according to the perspective and revelation given to an individual as inspired by The Holy Spirit to write. All are true as long as they don't contradict the scripture. It also needs to give us a better and simpler explanation of the prophetic experience as given by God. There are many books on vision of which I have read quite a number of them. These books will give you knowledge which forms a structure and a framework within you to be able to comprehend the dealing of God as you progress in the prophetic.

There is such a thing as 'the vision of the night' and 'the vision of the day.' These are all visions given by God, but have little differences worthy of note.

Vision of the Night

As the name implies, 'vision of the night' is not really a vision that occurs in the night time, but a vision that occur as a result of an issue or a situation taken to bed at night or day to get immediate response and reply from God. Vision of the night can sometimes be mistaken for a dream because they both mostly occur when asleep. Dreams are not initiated by the individual, but vision of the night comes from a request made by a prophetic individual to God. You don't have influence over your dreams given to you by God, it just occurs as God so wishes. But in the vision of the night, you have an intention, situation, challenge and an issue you are presenting to God in optimism and high hope that when you lay to rest by night or day you will get a response and an answer from Him with regards to that situation, challenge, intention and issue you presented.

In dreams, God just relates an issue from His heart to you demanding you fulfil it, but in the vision of the night, you take a request to God demanding an answer from Him. This may sound strange to some religious individuals, but it is true that you can bring a petition before God as you lay to rest day or night so that He can attend to it. I have done this most times and realize that it works effectively even without knowing until I began to see through scriptures that men and women that walked with God make request to God as they lay to rest and God attended to it.

If you have prayed and have not heard any voice nor receive any answer from God, then as you go to rest ask God specifically to talk to you concerning that which troubles your heart. You will be surprise that you will have a vision of the night from God revealing to you the answer and solution to your dilemma. This vision of the night, most people see it as a dream, but it is not. That kind of a dream is what is called the vision of the night. Most people have such experiences without realizing it. They go to bed to rest with a burden in their heart. As they keep pondering on the issue, they sleep off, then God puts the understanding of that which troubles them in their heart, they receive it as a vision of the night. This happens to people and they may not realize that God heard them in their pondering and meditation. Most

people choose to call it a dream of the night, they never see it as a vision of the night.

There are times when God addresses a present situation that needs urgent attention in your night time. Maybe you have been praying for a place to settle and as you ponder on which city God will have you settle in, you became confused and demand an understanding. As you lay to rest, you have it as a burden at heart and suddenly God releases the understanding to you of which city He wants you to dwell in. He may show you the city name, a major area in the city or a statue in the city that He has chosen for you. This understanding came by the vision of the night, it doesn't matter whether it is through a vision, spoken word or a dream as long as you are asleep when the revelation came to you.

A man was about to launch into ministry and was wondering what to call the name of the ministry. It is true that God speaks to people in dreams, visions or speak to their heart about the name of the commission He wants them to execute, but others hear or see nothing until they get to inquire from Him. This minister had to inquire from God, but as he continued to pray, he heard nothing. When he went to rest at night, he saw the name of the ministry in a dream written in bold. When that was settled, he needed to have an understanding of the venue and place to begin because our calling and ministry is also dependent upon a particular geographical location. He decided to pray and ask God again. As he prayed and went to rest at night, God came and revealed to him the place and venue to use for the ministry. This may look like a dream, but it is the vision of the night. You can get divine guidance through vision of the night. Many people never see it fit to ask God for answers and solutions as they go to bed, they only limit their asking to a particular time of prayer. God is your father, ask Him for things even at bedtime, He will come to you with the answer and solution.

A dream is described to be when God awakens you with a revelation whether at night or day putting the instruction and commandment into your heart in times you never asked for it. He shows and reveals it to you in the dream because it is vital for the fulfilment of your destiny in life. There are many ministers that never

imagined themselves venturing into certain ministerial function in God, but as they sleep, God give them a dream containing the instruction and commandment to go to a place and start a function. He may tell you in a dream to go to so and so company and say so and so to a particular person, for he will employ you after you are done talking. Such guidance was not as a result of an immediate request by the individual. It might be a prayer point that the individual prayed for long, not knowing what he prayed for because as you pray in the spirit, The Holy Spirit does the prayer and the time for the fulfilment may be hidden from you. There are times when am supposed to go to a place of which I don't know what to say in that place, in my confusion I ask God for wisdom of what to say. As I sleep, God reveals to me what to say and do and how to do it in a dream. Sometimes, I see the event suddenly and fast. Such a vision of the night comforts me and gives me a foreknowledge of the meeting.

A lot of times before I go to see people who demand my counsel, I take out time to pray and ask God for what to say and do. That will position me for the vision of the night or a revelation and a dream before the day's schedule for the meeting. Most times, insights and revelations through dream, vision and the vision of the night are given to me so that when I meet the people, it becomes easy for me to proffer solution as I counsel.

There was a time a family called me for counsel, there was a challenge that I was to come proffer a solution to. I had to schedule the meeting for another day so that I will have time to ask God about the issue demanding His wisdom because a man can't solve spiritual problems, it takes God and only Him to solve such problems. Sometimes, He uses a human vessel to deliver the solution. Most times when we are called upon to counsel during a crisis, we are as clueless of the situation as the person needing the counsel. This is why you must pray and ask God for His wisdom. God will counsel you so that you can counsel others, just as God can comfort you so that in the same manner you can comfort others. It is possible to just depend upon The Holy Spirit for revelation and insight to counsel others without taking out time to seek The Father. But it will be good if we take out time to fellowship with The Holy Spirit beforehand, so that He can counsel us

with His wisdom before we go to counsel others. I prayed and received no revelation from God, but as I slept at night pondering over the issue, God revealed to me by the vision of the night what to do and how to do it as I go to see the family. I even saw another assignment to execute in the same place which I didn't ask God for. The first came as a dream, but the other came as the vision of the night.

These realities are common among ministers and prophetic people, although, many people that have such experience refer to it generally as a dream. It is amazing how even prophetic people can't differentiate the encounters they do have on a consistent basis, whether it is a vision [close or open], dream, trance, daydreaming, vision of the night, vision of the day, and many more. Nevertheless, this is not an issue as long as the purpose is achieved and fulfilled. For the purpose of reference and knowledge it has to be explained to as many prophetic individuals who are confused after having such encounters. Many people neglect the prophetic dealing and discipline of God simply because they don't have the knowledge and understanding of its operation in relating to their lives. Maybe, if it is explained to them in a simpler form and with the help of The Holy Spirit, they can comprehend and respond to God aright to fulfil their purpose.

The dealing and speaking of God can be complicated and confusing to many, but if understanding is given to them, it will become interesting and easy to relate with. There are many manifestations of vision as seen through scripture in regards to how God dealt with His servants and ministers overtime. I will consider and highlight a few for reference purposes to the above subject matter.

All Prophets and Apostles in the scripture had various kinds of vision from God inspired by The Holy Spirit. They received revelations and insight from God to predict the future and reveal what is to come. Jeremiah, a prophet called by God in Israel had various visions of the people of Israel being taken to captivity by the Assyrians. He was never believed by anyone in the land until it came to pass as he prophesied.

Isaiah, a prophet of The LORD also saw numerous visions of the future. He saw the birth of Christ Jesus and prophesied it that *“unto us a child is born and to us a son is given and the government will*

be upon His shoulder, He will be called wonderful counsellor, mighty God, everlasting father and prince of peace” (Isaiah 9:6-7). Most of his visions and prophecies were captured in the book of Isaiah. He was not believed in his days, but it came to pass that Christ Jesus The Messiah was born according to prophecy.

David, a king and a prophet in Israel saw in a visions the future of Israel, the birth and death of The Messiah. Most of his visions and prophecies are captured in the book of Psalms. What he saw and spoke came to pass because the word of God must be fulfilled. God has spoken in time passed through visions to His people and He is still speaking to us today through visions also and that which He reveals and speaks to us will surely come to pass as long as The LORD lives.

Visions have been a primitive spiritual means of communication and is it is still not obsolete. You are not the first to have a vision and you will not be the last to have one. Many people, if not your close neighbours are also having and seeing some kind of vision or the other. This spiritual reality is personal, and no one gets to know until you tell them. God speaks to all in a language they can understand and comprehend. It may differ among individuals but the same God, Spirit and Lord that is the source of the speaking.

For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction.

Job 33:14 -16

God is always speaking and finding a better means to talk to us, but we don't always give Him the chance to communicate effectively with us. So, He waits until we all asleep and our conscience is at rest, then He opens our heart and puts His instruction and commandment. We wake up with them in our heart as a revelation or see them as a dream and a vision.

If you are serious about God speaking to you through the vision of the night, then you must begin to keep a journal by your bed side and always request and ask God for answers concerning things that trouble your heart. It will amaze you how God will speak to you and put His

instructions in your heart. Many people make the mistake of going to bed at night with anger, bitterness, obsession, lust and unforgiveness in their heart. This alone can limit God from speaking to you and even if He does, the devil you permitted into your heart will steal it away from you.

Always calm yourself and be at peace with yourself before you rest at day or at night because with such a clean and open heart and mind, God will speak to you giving you a vision of the night as long as you ask and request from Him in humility of heart. Even if you are hurt and broken hearted by a friend, husband or sibling, ask The Holy Spirit to come heal your heart as you sleep. When you write your visions it seems to flow the more, the more you pick the interest to write your vision the more you get more visions and understanding you get of the visions.

Daniel was a prophetic intercessor that utilized the speaking of God in his days in Babylon. There was a time when the king had a dream and forgot it. He demanded for its interpretation and no one was able to tell the dream and interpret it. He was willing to kill his oracles, magicians and all the mouthpiece of their gods if he does not get an answer. It was concluded that such task can only be executed by the gods and they don't live among mortal men. They never realized that a god dwelt among them in the person of Daniel!

When Daniel came as summoned by the king, he demanded for just a night to go inquire and ask from God the dream and its interpretation. As he prayed at night and rested, God revealed to him the dream and its revelation in a vision of the night. Notice that Daniel didn't just have a dream, but he took a petition to God because his life was also at stake in the hands of the king of Babylon. When he related the situation at hand to God, God revealed to him the dream of the king and its interpretation in the vision of the night.

This was able to save all the wise men, oracles and magicians who were supposed to be killed at the king's demand. Daniel came and related the dream and its interpretation to the king, and this was a surprise to all and that led to the decree of The LORD as the sovereign ruler over all in the land of Babylon.

Vision of the Day

This is one of the common manifestations of vision as seen both in the Old and New Testament. Prophetic people perceive events and predict its occurrence as inspired by God. Have you been praying in a group before and suddenly someone said that he saw something and demanded that he be given time to relate what he saw to all for edification. He may be seeing things that none of you are seeing. Some may even wonder if what he saw is true.

Vision of the day as the name implies is the visualization of a glimpse of the past, present or future event. This is common in worship and prayer meetings as well as during meditation. This normally comes to many as an imagination of a scenery shown on something that looks like a screen in the physical reality. Some always believe this to be their imagination, but what they saw is real and will come to pass.

Vision is a word common among the fivefold offices. If you have been to a church or ministry, you will be familiar with the statement, 'I saw in a vision.' This is used by ministers mostly to relate to the congregation what they saw in the vision of The Lord. A critic may wonder if it is true what they claim to see. God does speak through visions and those short clips seen are real. They may be addressing things in the present, past or future depending on the leadership of The Holy Spirit.

The vision of the day can be open or close vision. Open visions are very real. They look like a live broadcast of an event presented for you to watch and observe by God. It is like a scenery of a scenario happening in the moment. It is very easy to comprehend and interpret to another. This type of vision seems to last longer than the close vision. This vision is more visible that even a novice in the prophetic can understand and relate it to others when shown to him by God.

A close vision is more of a parable than a vision. It is not necessarily seen in a scenario occurring at the moment, it is like an imagination, intuition or a perception that is real and living in your heart. The heart is believed to have an eye in the spirit. That eye and gate of the heart can be looked through to see the hidden truths revealed to the heart by

God through perception and imagination.

A close vision comes from the imagination of the mind. It is like a mental painted picture which looks too true to be false. Nonetheless, whether open or close vision, they all have the same ability to manifest as all come from the same Spirit of Truth. These two types of vision differ from each other, but most people miss out when God speaks to them through a close vision. This is because it requires some degree of focus and spiritual sensitivity. To comprehend a close vision, your mind needs to be renewed to become like the mind of Christ while an open vision, even the worse among the unbelievers can comprehend and understand an open vision because, it is vivid. Saul who became Paul was a persecutor of believers. He was on his way to Damascus when Jesus Christ encountered him in an open vision. He was able to comprehend and understand that it was Jesus Christ talking to him. This kind of experience of open vision is still prominent today.

I heard of people in the Middle East who have been having open vision encounters with Jesus Christ, although they are not believers. Kenneth E. Hagin of blessed memory, in his book, "I Believe in Vision", shared several open vision encounters he had and most of them were with Jesus Christ. The depth of truth and revelations he communicated from those visions cannot be denied.

Whether with your eyes close or open you can still have an open vision, vision is a realm of reality that the flesh cannot attain unto. I have watched tapes of William Mario Branham as he prophesied over people. With his eyes closed or opened, he was able to see and perceive the vision of The Lord concerning their lives. He told them many of the secrets in their hearts and of course this is a manifestation of the gift of the prophetic.

I believe God has no favourites, but he has men that are given special privileges. These men have won a place in His heart. They are permanently going to remain there as long as they keep on with His requirements and demands. God always honour them that honour Him! Anyone who dares to pay the price of obedience will attend and access that height in God's heart overtime.

William Mario Branham said that, he always felt as though Jesus Christ is standing by him. He also spoke of an angels sent to work with him helping him in ministering to the sick. Kenneth E. Hagin also said that he believes that Jesus Christ is standing by his side and talking to him in his heart. Oral Robert said that, he believes that Jesus Christ is with him and when he lays his hands on the sick, He also lays His hands to heal the people. These are but a few confessions of these men of faith. You may not believe them, but you cannot deny the fact that they produce the result of their confession. People can question the process, but they cannot question the answer because the answer solves the question. Until your life begins to produce the result of your confession, people will always question you. The realm of open vision is so real that some find it hard to believe. Nevertheless, like Saul who became Paul the Apostle, the day you have an open vision encounter and a visitation from God you will never forever doubt or deny the reality.

I have had several open vision encounters that I can't put all into writing. I do have open vision encounters of events, angels, celestial realm and heavenly glory in general. The most important is having an open vision encounter of Jesus Christ for such an encounter is life changing because it takes you to another realm of glory in God. Let me share a recent encounter that occurred years ago. It was close to Yom Kippur exactly before Rosh Hashanah (October 2) in preparation for the Jewish New Year. In this open vision encounter, Jesus Christ came to me, He walked towards me as He entered through the door of my room with angels and other beings, He spoke words to me and laid His hands on me to pray for me. He spoke words that may be consider strange by many and unbelievable by others.

Prior to the aforementioned encounter, I had one on the 23rd of September. I was waiting on God in fasting, praying and studying when a friend called me. While as I was on phone with this friend from another city, the atmosphere in my room changed suddenly; it was like heaven on earth. I was fully aware of where I am and what was going on but I was overwhelmed by the presence and glory of God in my room. I saw two mighty angels in the glory of light and three living creatures with the faces of a calf, eagle and a lion. Immediately,

wisdom and my spirit tried to educate me that there are supposed to be four faces on the living creatures as recorded in the scripture before I discredited the encounter, I saw a man come out from between the three faces of the living creatures; it was like the living creatures opened themselves to reveal a man that was within them. When He came out, He walked toward me. Immediately I saw Him, I fell down on the floor like a dead man crying uncontrollable. When He approached me, He stretched forth His right hand towards me, life and strength came to me to be able to kneel down as He spoke to me. He said, *“Today is the Day of Atonement, for I have come to atone men of their sins, but these angels you see here will also be numbering a few people that will hold the influences of the earth for a time, but before I go, I will pray for you and increase your authority and power.”* After speaking this, He prayed for me and left me drunk in the glory atmosphere and presence of His power.

From that day, I realized some manifestations of The Spirit in my life increased to another level, new angelic princes began to walk with me each with its function. Some of these angelic princes are the Sky Blue Angel which is the angel of the constellation; he influences the power of the heavenly. The Red Angel, this angel is in charge of impartation and deliverance, then the White Angel, this angel is in charge of the presence. He carries some degree of the holiness of the presence of God. Before then, I had only two Light Angels that carry some degree of light and revelation, they helped strengthen me in prayer and releases strength to me like rays of light. I got these two angels from an open vision encounter that lasted close to a month many years ago.

All these were visions, but the reality of it still remains with me after many years. Sometimes, I wake up with the euphoria of the encounters of many years ago. The angels and resources given by God still remains and works with me as long as there is a demand for their function. Vision is as powerful as a dream or any revelation you can have from God. When you read the book “I believe in vision” by Kenneth E. Hagin you will have more understanding on vision and how true and real they are.

There are many people that have visions of terrible events and disaster occurring without being serious with it until it occurs and when it happens they cry with the guilt of not being serious about the vision they saw. People can see a vision that reveals the death of a loved one and eventually, those people get to die because the vision was not acted upon when it was revealed by God. When God gives you a vision, it may be an instruction or a warning about a disaster yet to occur, you are to pray against the ones that are evil and pray for the fulfilment of the good ones.

Don't trivialize your vision!

The spiritual realm is superior to the physical realm and visions and other prophetic manifestation come from the spiritual realm and it must be taken seriously. In Acts of the Apostles, Agabus had a vision of how Paul will be bound in Jerusalem, but even though he told Paul, Paul said that God has already shown him the vision and he is willing to go to Jerusalem even if it will cause him his life. What was spoken by Agabus of which he saw in a vision came to pass.

Stephen was a deacon in the early church, he was a man filled with The Holy Spirit. It was recorded that when he was being stoned by the enemies of the gospel, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and saw in an open vision Jesus Christ standing as the heaven opened. He was a deacon, but at his death as a man of faith, Jesus gave him a standing ovation.

I have related with certain spiritual people that are considered common in their society by many, but it will amaze you to know the various means God uses to speak to them and some of them never took it serious at all. There are many people that are hearing God communicating to them through visions, but they don't care to give it attention while some people will tell you their visions don't make sense; who says it has to make sense? You are the one that is supposed to find the sense in it. Everything has a foundation and a building pattern. When you look at the foundation or skeletal structure of the building, it never makes sense to everybody.

There are other people that do have visions, but because they never

cared to write them down and take the speaking of God seriously and God decided not to give them visions again. God does not do things for fun. If He continues to give you visions and you do nothing about them, time will come when He stops giving them to you except otherwise. If vision is a means God uses to communicate to us, then if He tries severally to speak to us by that means and we don't respond, He will try another means. Just pray you discern the new means He will use to communicate to you in time before you miss out of His blessings.

When you see ministers who have gone ahead in the prophetic, functioning in graces and gifting of the prophetic, the way they do it with ease might intimidate people who are new in the prophetic. Know that as successful as they are, they didn't start like that, what you see is the result not the process. They also had a first time and a season when they were learning. They didn't get it all good and right at once, surely they made some mistakes and errors, but all the summation of the processes led to the result of competence and accuracy been displayed.

God must have to train you to understand the basis and foundation before you become an authority in that realm of operation. Every great leader you see and admire today had a time when no one ever admired them. Those times, he was undergoing his process in God and no one likes process, everyone loves the result of great men without the pains and failures they have been through.

I believe that every great leader must have made some mistakes in life as well as done some foolish things once upon a time, but by many experiences they mastered their profession, and now people love and admire them. It doesn't matter what stage you are now spiritually in God, just be faithful and continue to master the process, you will soon produce results that will amaze people and the world at large, but most importantly, it will give glory to God.

It is my desire that as you begin to take serious your vision and pray about them, it will give you a road map and a glimpse of what your future entails. Take out time to study the scriptures to get an understanding of how God related with people via vision and know how to respond to Him as He encounters you. Learn to study

other literatures also on the subject matter to get more knowledge, understanding and revelation. I believe that knowledge is power and wisdom in the hand of a wise man. An investment in knowledge can cost you, but it is worth it. It will deliver you from the bondage of ignorance and elevate you above the average, putting you upon a pedestal above your fellows. Every true leader is a reader and all leaders are moved and motivated by their visions. If you must achieve something in this life, you need a vision and it is already in our DNA to fulfil a dream and vision.

Vision is a tool of the prophetic that God uses to foretell and reveals to us the plans of heaven concerning the earth and our lives. The essence is to bring us to collaborate with Him so that He can mirror heaven on earth using His true sons. If heaven must invade earth, then it has to be through the agency of man and God gave man that invitation by giving him a vision of things to do for the kingdom.

I pray that God will find you worthy to receive a vision from Him so that you can reveal a pattern of heaven on earth and may He cause you to have a life changing encounter that will set you upon the cause of your destiny fulfilling purpose. Amen.

Shalom!!!

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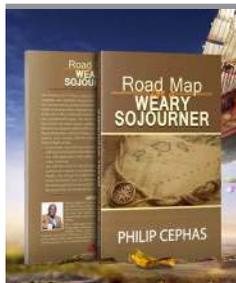
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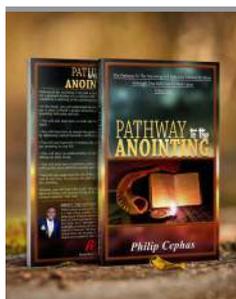
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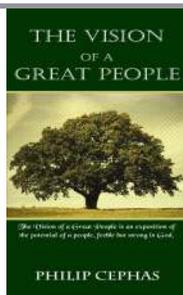
This manuscript is likened to a compass employed by a spiritual sojourner to journey to the desire destination without being weary and tired, lacking the strength, passion, zeal, courage, and the understanding to press further into the realm of light and life.

PATHWAY TO THE ANOINTING



Pathway to the anointing is not just a product of a research done in the flesh, but a personal dealing of walking with The Holy Spirit over time which has resulted to a smearing of the anointing upon my life by God.

VISION OF A GREAT PEOPLE



The vision of a great people is a lile story and a fiction of a family who has been helped by God and still being helped by Him. Among many systems of God expansion upon the face of the earth, a man is pivotal.

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My heart bursts its banks, spilling beauty and goodness. I pour it out in a poem to the king, shaping the river into words:

Ps 45:1 MSG

The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

Ps 68:11 KJV

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