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WHY?

Whatever I do, I always ask myself the question, "Why am I doing this?" Every time I want to know the reason why I decide to undertake a task. This now leads me to answer the reason why I write this book.

Why did I write this book?

Honestly, it is painful when a dedicated Christian who loves the Lord dearly gives money into a particular ministry and not blessed. This is a crime on the part of the pastor that receives such money. This is how I see it. Period!

See, if God said you are going to be blessed if you give, to me, you would surely be blessed according to His word. If God said He would rebuke devourer if you give your tithe, He is capable of doing just that the moment you fulfill your end of the bargain. If God said that He would open the windows of heaven if you

give your tithe regularly and faithfully, I am double sure He will do just as He said without any excuse. If God said that if you give your tithe faithfully without regret, He will pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it, I am so sure without an outer of doubt that He will release blessing on you that there will be no room to contain it. If God sai that if you give bountifully, He will reward you bountifully; I have no doubt in my mind that He will live up to His promises.

See! If this is not happening with you, I am sure the fault is not from God. God cannot be faulty! What you need to do is to look at yourself in the mirror and tell yourself the home truth, and THIS IS WHAT THIS BOOK IS ALL ABOUT.

Lastly, as I write, some words keep popping up my mind, which I call the golden gifts. This is my words to you, especially if you have some habits that destroy the gifts of God placed on your hands. This, you will see before you do your fasting and prayer.

Thanks so much for taking the time to read this book. I hope it is not boring for you and I firmly believe it will be of blessing to you.

DEDICATION

This book is to the Glory of God. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

I also want to dedicate it to my loving wife, Chistie Adeosun, who make me, me. To my children, who love not to bother me on sundry issues and, most especially, to all those who give generously to our ministry, without whom we cannot reach out to the world.

I thank you and pray that all your requests from God will receive a BIG YES from heaven in Jesus' name, Amen.

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INTRODUCTION

In this age where money means everything in the Church, I find it necessary to discuss with you how best to spend your money in the Church to be able to receive the attending blessing.

Most times, I hear pastors preach about giving, I always sense selfishness, greediness, and covetousness. Unfortunately, unsuspecting Christians will gladly be willing to part with their 'hard-earned' money.

Most, unfortunately, because these givings are laden with lack of wisdom of godly giving, such givings are not connected with heaven, which will result mostly in loss and curses instead of abundance and blessing from above.

If you desire good returns and a massive harvest for your givings, kindly read this book slowly and with clarity of heart, and I pray that God will open your eyes to a piece of new knowledge in Jesus' name, Amen.

CHAPTER ONE

BEFORE YOU GIVE

Before God, intention matters a lot! It is everything.

The Bible is clear when it comes to judging our actions and inactions. The book of 1 Samuel 16:7 says, *But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

Talking about giving, whenever you are in a Church setting, it is easy to part with your money, especially when the atmosphere is right. Soft music is playing in the background; your feeling is now full of uncontrolled zeal, the preacher composes his words well by quoting several verses of the Bible that inspires

you to give without conviction.

During this period, one person is right - YOU.

At these times, God is silently telling you that you are wrong, but you mistake it for the spirit of confusion that will not want you to be blessed by God at such a critical hour of blessing.

Behold! You are dead wrong!

Someone is just taking you for a ride, and your giving is making him/her more productive while leaving you more impoverished because God is not in such giving, and there is not going to be a return.

Therefore, before you give your tithe, offering, or for any other cause, consider the following:

a). Don't give because you see others give

Regrettably, most people give because someone in the congregation gives. Since false prophets and pastors understand the psychology of man, they exploit this void.

I remember many years ago in a church I served as pastor, my then General Overseer, having known that he will raise money in the service, will notify me beforehand what his intentions are. During the church service, he will ask for a special offering, say between 1,000 and 10,000. To exploit the congregation, he will call me and hand over 20,000 to me as his personal contribution to the work of the Lord. This huge offering will, therefore, inspire others to give whether they want to or not, and in no time, several hundreds of thousands of money will be collected.

While the congregation believed that the pastor is a giver, I know that he is not because he will surely collect back his donation immediately after the church service. His intention was wrong, and he has succeeded in making all giver do their giving in vain.

Therefore, don't give because you see someone else give. Only give because of personal conviction; that is, it is something you want to do now without any external interference.

Jeremiah 17:10 I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

b). Don't give because you are under pressure to give

When you look closely at the Church setting today, it is formulated in a way that will put pressure on worshipers to give at all costs. I was invited to a Church as a Guest Speaker during their convention some years ago, and I watched in horror how the host pastor coordinated the special offering just like an auction show.

I watched in awe as his members bidding for various items from the Bible to his private pen. I watched as people's names were mentioned one after the other, and most of them stepped out reluctantly to give.

Persuasive word is their trade, and they use it generously when it comes to collecting money from those who love to work for God.

Never be under any pressure when you want to give to God. Have a clear mind on what you want to do. Decide when you are convinced you are doing the

right thing or else you are wasting your hard-earned money.

Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. (Colosians 2:4)

c). Don't give to bribe your way through to God

After two decades of working in the vineyard of God, I can confirm it to you that most Christians give in order to bribe their way to God through the pastor. They believe that if they can make the pastor notice them through their giving, he will make their issue a priority.

If anyone gets through this and the pastor allows it, all the giving will be in vain. God cannot be bribed, and He only accepts offerings from us when we have a clear-willing heart of giving without any undertone.

God cannot be bribed for two reasons:

First, everything belongs to him

The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein (Psalm 24:1)

Secondly, God cannot sin

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone (James 1:13)

A wicked man accepts a bribe behind the back To pervert the ways of justice (Proverbs 17:23)

CHAPTER TWO

SOW ONLY INTO GOOD SOIL

If we are not all familiar with farming, I am sure we are all familiar with the Parable of the Sower narrated by Jesus Christ (Matthew 13:3-8). For clarity's sake, I will take us through the compelling story and explain to you how it is very relevant to giving to God.

Four Soils

There are two things I want you to keep remembering in this story. These two things are facts and so true until today concerning giving to the work of God. The first is that there are four types of soils: The Wayside, Stoney places, among Thorns, and Good ground, while the second thing is that the seed planted on all the soils are good and quality ones.

What is the implication of all these?

Good and Quality Seed

One assurance am giving you today is that all giving are good offerings! The reason why I said this is that it is always from your pocket. Some may argue that what if someone stole the offering money or pay tithe from an embezzled money. My response is simple! The offering is sinful, and such an offering is not in the category of this discussion. They are dirty money brought to God to bribe Him into taking His eyes away from their wickedness. My focus today is on the Children of God who love God and want to use their money to serve Him.

Therefore, I maintain that all offerings are of good quality. The only thing the owner of good and quality seed (that is, you) needs is good soil. This, is the only way that the seed can bring returns. If, for any reason, one chooses to do otherwise, the seed will be a waste permanently.

Now, let's check out all the available four soils.

Seed sowed by the wayside.

Matthew 13:4 *"And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.*

Have you been tricked into paying money to a pastor (with their many titles) before prayers can be offered? I tell you that the money you paid is a good and quality seed that fell by the wayside awaiting the devouring of hawks (birds).

They are the devourers explained in the Scriptures:

Malachi 3:11 *"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts;*

They have nothing to offer you but to eat out of you, and although your seed is a good and quality one, they are dead on arrival.

Seed sowed on Stoney ground

Some pastors are sincerely on the wrong side of God. Not that they are sinners or they have the wrong motive of serving the Lord, but because they lack wisdom, most of the things they do go to waste. These types of pastors don't really know why they are leading people. They lack the knowledge, and they did not ask for it.

Are you surprised?

Ok. Let me give you an example. While working as a Pastor in a ministry some years back, the General Overseer of the Church asked for financial assistance from the delegates who attended that year's Delegate Conference. This gathering comprised of all workers in all branches of the Church. That day, people gave more than what he asked for as the money was collected to buy a new Generator Set that will power the entire premises of the headquarters of the Church. Six months later, when another Delegate Conference takes place, I was shocked to learn that no generator was purchased. The excuse was that

the vehicle of the General Overseer developed a fault and they bought a new car for him with the money meant to buy a generator.

I remember that I berated those in charge of the money and told my then General Overseer he was wrong to allow it to happen. I said to them that honesty and accountability are what drives the offering of people. If they could sow with good and quality seed, we should be able to water it with honesty and accountability, or else, we are making them sow in vain.

Unfortunately, those who sowed into the generator set fund will not be rewarded.

Seed sowed among Thorns.

Unrighteousness and ungodliness are the order of the day in some ministries, and their leaders promote sin. Such Churches don't see anything wrong in engaging in diabolical works of darkness, and they celebrate filthiness.

Whoever sows into such ministry has wasted a precious seed.

Such ministries are thorns to the financial capabilities of people that are trapped within them. That is why the experiences of those who have once been trapped in such ministries are painful. When you hold your seed, make sure you don't drop it among the thorns. Note that I have met many people who joined such ministries in plenty and left in misery.

Proverbs 1:19 *So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain; It takes away the life of its owners.*

Seed sowed on Good Soil

Good soils are easily identified. The leaders of such Churches never request money for personal gains. They don't celebrate money or live in a way that intimidates others. The leadership of such Churches remembers the poor, and their passion is to elevate the name of Jesus Christ. All things they do is to the glory of God, and they don't focus their mind on collecting money always. If you see a faithful servant of God and you sow into his/her ministry, you can never regret it as God will make it a seed that will yield a huge harvest always.

For me, I am careful before I sow into any cause. I want to be sure that I am not wasting my seed as I must have tested the integrity of the ministry I am sowing into. This is the key to a massive harvest always.

The book of Matthew 13:8 testifies to this fact: *"But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."*

From this moment, as you hold your good and quality seed, observe closely the very soil you will drop it on. Doing this always will guarantee massive harvest always.

CHAPTER THREE

THE ART OF GIVING

To many Christians, giving to God is a necessary mechanical action entrenched in all worship services. They never realize that giving to God is a serious part of our worship.

Who can blame them?

When most Church leaders on their part believe that collecting money from their members is a way of personal enrichment, they will likely distort the message of the Scriptures and formulate it in a way that will confuse the giver.

However, let me tell you with all sense of seriousness, when you can master the art of giving, you will have access to divine blessing, not the one touted by false prophets and fake pastors.

The question now is, How can you master the art of giving?

1. Think of God first

Acts 3:26 "To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

Our family has a daily focus-phrase, "To You FIRST, GOD!"

It is our way of starting each day, starting new things, or making a new decision. We strongly believe that God is first in everything, including our finance. It is never about how much we have but how much can advance the work of God. We sow always, and we can't explain how our needs are met. Therefore, when your day is profitable, think about God before other things, Satan will always show you why you cannot pay your tithe now. He will always divert your attention to why your offering should be small. He will remind you

how you have so many bills to pay that it will barely remain to help the work of God.

All these tricks are to rob you of sowing your seed on good soil.

2. Never regret your Gifting

Before the year 2010, I allow Satan to robbed me of massive harvest until I came to the realization that I must have been giving wrongly. What happened was that one day, I was reading a book about giving and still don't understand why I was yet to experience all the promises highlighted in the book. After I finished reading the book, I started pondering why my giving was not returning any blessing. I was sure I planted my seed on good soil at that time, and I know I did it with a good heart, then I started looking for all references to Satan in the Bible.

Puff!! I got to the book of 2 Corinthians 2:11 which reads, *lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

Devices!!! "So, Satan has more than one tool?" I asked myself

That day, I realized that most times I gave to the work of God, be it my tithe, offering or give to a godly cause, things become hard at home, and I will be blaming myself for giving so much not minding the situation at home.

What a powerful device Satan used against me?

Ever since I refused Satan to take advantage of me and I am free totally from his grasp

3. Be consistent in Giving

From my experience, most Christians are not consistent in giving to God. For reasons best known to them, they don't give their tithe consistently. They fail to give offering consistently and even fail to fulfill their promises to advance a godly cause.

I remember when I pastored a church in Lagos State, Nigeria, three elders of the Church came to me and said that they are poor, and despite their prayers, they can't make ends meet. I was quick to reply that they should examine themselves. I told them that we have over one hundred men in the Church,

and no one except these three friends who unfortunately are members of the Church Elders' Counsel told me that they are not blessed under my pastorate. That day, it was revealed that for the past eight months that year, none of the three paid his tithe thrice. They never gave offering more than N50! Yes!! N50. One important thing you should know is that God always works with consistencies, not a one-off thing.

CHAPTER FOUR

THE GOLDEN GIFTS



A. Don't, for any reason, engage in any Gambling.

There are all sorts of gambling out there, Poker, Cards, Wheel of Fortune, Dice, Lottery, Roulette, Bingo, Horse Races, Forex, Slot Machines, Sports Betting, etc.

To gamblers, they believe that they are winning, and they cannot see their foolishness. Work hard and plan for tomorrow. This is the secret of those who make money.



B. Don't discard the coins.

Most of us, coins, or small denominations are discardable things, but I never see it that way. If you can keep little things, you will be able to manage big things. I had a worn-out tin when I was young and kept coins in it from January till December. It was a tradition I followed even till

adulthood, and it is amazing how I can accomplish big things because I know how to save small things.

C. Plan ahead of spending

I have met so many people who are unable to complete a project only because a pastor asked them to start in faith. Because so many Christians did not understand the word of God, they did not know that when it comes to plan spending money, Christians need to hands first. Please, don't just dip your how in your hard-earned money, plan on you best to spend it, and don't buy what don't need. Don't buy because a sweet-tongue salesman or a too-good advert entices you. Buy it because you need it to buy it. When you know how to plan, all things will work well financially.



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CHAPTER FIVE

MONTHLY PRAYER PLAN FOR OUR TITHERS AND GIDEONITES

Though I specifically made this book for faithful tithers and Gideonites (This is a word denoting those who financially support our Television project), I also believe it can be useful to anyone who has read this book and wants to implement all the teachings.

See! My joy is seeing that God well blesses you and make you a blessing to others. It is always true that there will always be the poor among us, but I never want you to be among the poor.

Therefore, if you fall into these two categories of people mentioned above, please use some or all the prayers in this section at least once a month, preferably on the last day of each month.

Note that is you are not sick, on drugs, pregnant or nursing mother, you can fast on this day as it is a day I set aside privately to pray for all those who give into our ministry.

1. Psa. 36:12 There the workers of iniquity have fallen; They have been cast down and are not able to rise.

*Oh Lord, every iniquity in my life that make me rise and fall are forgotten through the blood of the lamb today in Jesus name.

2. *Psa. 32:1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.*

*Oh Lord, let your mercy forgive and cover my sins in Jesus name.

3. *1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*Oh Lord, I confess my sins of failed tithes and offering which is a total disobedient to your command.

4. *Job 11:14 If iniquity were in your hand, and you put it far away, And would not let wickedness dwell in your tents*

*Oh Lord, have mercy on me today. Forgive all the iniquity of my hand in Jesus' name

5. Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful

*Oh Lord, forgive me of all ungodly association with sinners that robbed me of my blessings in Jesus' name

6. Mal 3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

*Oh Lord, teach me the way of tithe so that my life will be a reference point of blessing in Jesus' name

7. Mal 3:11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts;

**Oh Lord, use the authority of tithing for me so that I will live above devourers in Jesus' name*

8. Neh 13:12 Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the storehouse.

**Oh Lord, give me the grace that is always able to pay tithe faithfully in Jesus' name*

9. Pro 3:9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

*Oh Lord, I have honored you with my possessions, honor me with yours in Jesus' name

10. Pro 3:10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

*Oh Lord, as long as I am faithful to my giving this month, fill my barn and make it overflow in Jesus name

11. 1 Chro. 26:20 Of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasuries of the house of God and over the treasuries of the dedicated things.

*Oh Lord, as I advance your kingdom in this world, make me the head of treasuries of my family in Jesus' name

12. Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

*Oh Lord, this month, let me experience a good measure of blessing, pressed down, shaken together and running over in Jesus' name

13. Gen 14:16 So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.

*From this moment, I take back what belongs to me, and my blessings will reside with me henceforth in Jesus' name.



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